



**State of California – The Resources Agency**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
Diablo Range District  
15751 Tesla Road  
Livermore, CA 94550

**PROJECT TITLE:** Brannan Island State Recreation Area GVCC Nature Based Funding Project

**LOCATION:** Brannan Island State Recreation Area **COUNTY:** Sacramento

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** The purpose of this project is to identify, map, and treat invasive species, reduce wildfire fuel loads, and improve habitat for protected species at Brannan Island State Recreation Area. Under direction of State Parks staff, the Greater Valley Conservation Corps (GVCC) team and intern will:

- Identify, map and monitor invasive and protected species via GIS;
- Plan for, and use hand tools and qualified applicators under an active license to, execute manual thinning and chemical treatment of invasive species throughout the park, including along 2.3 miles of shoreline;
- Propagate native species within the onsite nursery to assist in future planting efforts;
- Create a minimum of 30ft of defensible space around structures and a maximum of 100ft;
- Limb vegetation in high traffic areas up to 12ft for increased vehicle clearance;
- Reduce wildfire fuel load and create fuel breaks among the existing ornamental eucalyptus wind break (approx. 9,000 trees);
- Reduce erosion along shoreline;
- Improve access to ADA trails; and
- Dispose of material via pile and air curtain burner or at an offsite facility.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT:** California Department of Parks and Recreation

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Diablo Range District

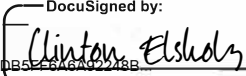
**EXEMPT STATUS:**

Categorical Exemption *Class: 1, 3 & 4* *Section: 15301, 15303 & 15304*

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of the maintenance or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities or topographical features involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels; construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; and minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees, and is included as "Resource management projects" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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