



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: Hollister Hills State Vehicular Recreation Area Bird Creek Emergency Repair

LOCATION: Hollister Hills State Vehicular Recreation Area **COUNTY:** San Benito

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: The purpose of this project was to repair storm damage to the creek and associated small infrastructure in the Bird Creek riparian area in Hollister Hills State Vehicular Recreation Area to allow for public use of the area. Significant bank erosion occurred due to high water flows during the winter of 2022, and similar flows without repair could have caused further, more significant damage. Work used heavy equipment and State Parks staff to:

- Remove all man-made materials from bridge, concrete retaining wall, and trash from creek;
- Trim back vegetation and clear logs and natural material clogging the creek channel;
- Bring in native soil from existing stockpiles to fill in eroded creek banks;
- Use equipment to establish smooth sloping creek channel sides;
- Lay down filter fabric; and
- Armor creek sides with granite rip-rap rocks no larger than 3-ft in diameter.

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:

Emergency Exemption *Section: 15269(a) and (b)*

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: *Projects to maintain, repair, restore, demolish, or replace property or facilities damaged or destroyed as a result of a disaster in a disaster stricken area in which a state of emergency has been proclaimed by the Governor pursuant to the California Emergency Services Act, commencing with Section 8550 of the Government Code. Emergency repairs to publicly or privately owned service facilities necessary to maintain service essential to the public health, safety or welfare. Emergency repairs include those that require a reasonable amount of planning to address an anticipated emergency.*

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