



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

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**TO:** Office Land Use and Climate Innovation  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

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

**PROJECT TITLE:** Kickham Ranch Training Burn

**LOCATION:** Henry W. Coe State Park

**COUNTY:** Santa Clara

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** The purpose of this project is to conduct a live fire training exercise within a 47 acre area at Henry W. Coe State Park to provide training for State Parks staff fire-trained personnel. This training will aid in vegetation removal to reduce fuel load and promote native vegetation growth. Work will:

Utilize existing roads for fire containment lines;

Use hand tools to practice cutting new line, no more than 1 foot deep to bare mineral soil, within the 47 acre fire training plot; and

Use trained fuels crews, under the direction of a certified prescribed fire Burn Boss, to implement the broadcast prescribed fire work, in accordance with the signed Burn Plan.

Burn prescription plans will be written, and burn plots will be mapped, in coordination with natural and cultural resource specialists in such a way to avoid impacts to resources. Rare plant populations observed within the plot will be mapped and monitored closely for responses to guide future treatments.

**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 & 4      *Section:* 15301 & 15304

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of the operation, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities and/or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels; and consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land and/or vegetation which do not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees and is included as Prescribed burns to maintain native vegetation, reduce fuel loads, and control invasive exotic or alien species in the Department of Parks and Recreation’s list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4

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