Notice of Determination

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Subject: Filing of <u>Notice of Determination</u> in Compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resource Code.

State Clearinghouse Number: 2019012052

Project Title: Mount Diablo State Park Vegetation Treatment Project

Project Location: Contra Costa County

Project Description: California Department of Parks and Recreation, also known as California State Parks (CSP), proposes to implement vegetation treatments on up to 7,510 acres within the 20,124-acre Mount Diablo State Park (SP) complex in Contra Costa County. CSP has prepared a Project-Specific Analysis (PSA) and Addendum to the Program Environmental Impact Report (Program EIR) for the California Vegetation Treatment Program (CalVTP) to evaluate if the proposed project is within the scope of the CalVTP Program EIR, consider the expansion of treatments outside the treatable landscape analyzed in the CalVTP Program EIR, and provide environmental information to CSP in compliance with CEQA. Proposed treatment types are fuel breaks and ecological restoration. Proposed treatment activities are manual treatments, mechanical treatments, prescribed burning, and herbicide application. The Mount Diablo SP Vegetation Treatment Project PSA/Addendum was prepared to evaluate the project as a later activity covered by the CalVTP Program EIR.

This Notice of Determination is to advise that CSP (Lead Agency) approved the above-described project on October 31, 2023 and has made the following determinations:

For a PSA/Addendum to an EIR:

- 1. The project will have a significant effect on the environment.
- 2. Mount Diablo SP Vegetation Treatment Project PSA/Addendum to the CalVTP Program EIR (SCH# 2019012052) was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
- 3. The CalVTP Program EIR sufficiently analyzes and addresses potential environmental impacts from the project, and the project will not trigger any of the criteria requiring additional CEQA review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15162. The project will not result in new significant impacts or a substantial increase in the severity of the significant environmental impacts identified in the CalVTP Program EIR.
 - a. The elements of the proposed project that would be implemented in treatment areas within the CalVTP treatable landscape are within the scope of the CalVTP Program EIR consistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15168(c)(2), as documented in the PSA.
 - b. The elements of the proposed project that would be implemented in areas outside the CalVTP treatable landscape would not result in the occurrence of any of the conditions described in State CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 calling for preparation of a subsequent EIR; therefore, an Addendum has been adopted to address the project areas outside the geographic extent presented in the Program EIR.
- 4. Mitigation measures and standard project requirements from the CalVTP Program EIR were made a condition of the approval of the project; no new project-specific mitigation measures are required.
- 5. A mitigation monitoring and reporting program was adopted by CSP for this project.
- 6. A statement of overriding considerations was adopted by CSP for this project, which reaffirmed the previous statement of overriding considerations in the CalVTP Program EIR.
- 7. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of State CEQA Guidelines Section 15091.

This is to certify that the Mount Diablo SP Vegetation Treatment Project PSA/Addendum to the CalVTP Program EIR and record of project approval is available to the general public at: <u>https://bof.fire.ca.gov/projects-and-programs/calvtp/environmental-documentation-for-approved-projects/</u>.

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Signature:	Clinton Elsholz
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Title: District Superintendent (Acting) ate: October 31, 2023

Clinton Elsholz, District Superintendent (Acting)

Dated Received for filing at OPR:

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21087, Public Resources Code. Reference: Sections 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.