



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

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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: Ponderosa Forest Enhancement Project

LOCATION: Henry Coe State Park

COUNTY: Santa Clara

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Project will implement vegetation management activities in ponderosa pine population zones at Henry Coe State Park to improve forest health and resiliency. Vegetation work will occur at three (3) ridgetop locations with a cumulative total of 210 acres of treatment. Treatment activities include:

- The thinning of ponderosa pine seedlings that are too close together;
- The removal of grey pines or other competing vegetation;
- The removal of brush within the dripline of heritage trees;
- The removal of ladder fuels that pose fire risk to ponderosa pines larger than 18" diameter at breast height; and
- The staging of removed vegetation into piles for future on site burning or chipping.

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: 4* *Section: 15304*

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes, 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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