



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:** Fremont Peak Observatory Gate

**LOCATION:** Fremont Peak State Park

**COUNTY:** San Benito

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Project will replace an existing galvanized pipe swing gate at the entrance to Fremont Peak Observatory in Fremont Peak State Park with a custom-designed steel gate to secure the maintenance yard and residence areas and welcome visitors to the observatory. Work will:

- Remove existing galvanized pipe swing gate;
- Use hand tools or a gas auger to excavate four (4) 18" wide x 36" deep holes and feather excavated material into surrounding area;
- Install four (4) 4" x 4" steel posts in concrete; and
- Install the new approximately 16' 3" wide by 7' 2" tall arched gate, flanked on one side by a 5' 8" tall by 2' 6 3/4" wide person gate and a 5' 8" tall by 2' 10 1/4" stationary panel on the other side.

**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, 2, 3 & 4      Section: 15301, 15302, 15303 & 15304


**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of the operation, maintenance and minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities or topographical features involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels; the replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced; construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures included as "fencing and gates" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.54; and the minor public or private alterations in the condition of land and/or vegetation which do not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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