

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research 1400 Tenth Street Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation

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PROJECT TITLE: Southampton Bay Wetland State Natural Preserve - Split Rail Fence

LOCATION: Benicia State Recreation Area **COUNTY:** Solano County

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Project will extend the existing split rail fencing at 2 different sections along Southampton Bay Wetland Natural Preserve to discourage the potential expansion of, and unauthorized public use of unpermitted trails into the protected salt marsh habitat. Work will:

- Use a hand auger to excavate a total of up to thirty-six (36), 3 foot deep by 10 inch diameter holes; 12 holes to extend the northeastern section by 90 feet and 11 holes to extend the southeastern section by 80 feet
- Install a 3.5-inch by 3.5-inch wooden fence post in each hole;
- Backfill around each post with excavated soils to secure;
- · Attach split rails to the posts; and
- Spread any remaining excavated soils on site.

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, 3 & 4 Section: 15301, 15303 & 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the minor alteration of an existing public or private structure involving negligible or no expansion use beyond current levels, construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures and is included as "fencing" in the Department of Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR § 15300.4, and minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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