

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: Beginner Track Remodel

LOCATION: Hollister Hills State Vehicular Recreation Area **COUNTY:** San Benito

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Remodel the beginner track at Hollister Hills State Vehicular Recreation Area to address safety and improve interpretation. Overall the project proposes to improve visibility into the track, construct a shade ramada for bleacher seating, repair and replace broken split rail fencing, re-assign directions of travel on the track via signs to reduce unsafe traffic flow, and improve interpretation of the area through signs noting rider etiquette, safety, and park flora and fauna. Work will:

- Use hand tools to thin native vegetation and remove non-native vegetation;
- Use a mechanical grader to level a 12 foot by 12 foot area for a shade ramada;
- Use a mechanical auger to excavate 4 holes to accommodate 12 inch by 6 inch concrete piers
- Construct a 12 foot by 12 foot redwood shade ramada and attach to the piers;
- Excavate for and install thirty (30) 6 foot long posts, 2 foot deep into the ground for a total of 240 feet of split rail fencing; and
- Excavate for and install one (1) 8-foot post, 2 feet deep into ground and attach one 18 inch x 24 inch one way sign.

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 operation or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities or topographical features involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels; the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures, listed as "Construction and installation of park facilities such as fencing and gates" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4, and the minor public or private alterations in the condition of land and/or vegetation which do not include the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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