



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

### 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:** Marsh Creek State Park Defensible Space  
**LOCATION:** Marsh Creek State Park      **COUNTY:** Contra Costa

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** The purpose of this project is to conduct vegetation modification within defensible space zones at Marsh Creek State Park to protect structures and other high priority facilities or resources from potential wildfire damage. State Park staff and youth corps crews will use hand and/or power tools to:

- Remove all live and/or dead branches touching or overhanging roof structures and all branches within 10-ft of chimneys or stovepipes;
- Remove all ignitable material within 5-ft of any structure and flushcut stumps;
- Remove dead and/or live trees with poor vigor or structure within a 130-foot radius of structures;
- Prune limbs from all retained vegetation up to 10-ft above ground level;
- Cut grass to 4 inches high or less;
- Lop and scatter, broadcast chip, pile burn and/or burn in an air curtain burner all downed woody fuel, twigs, and material generated from work; and
- Use licensed pesticide applicators to treat and prevent regrowth of cut invasive vegetation.

Pile burning and/or air curtain burner operation will occur on approved burn days by qualified fire-trained crews in accordance with approved burn plan. No mature trees will be removed unless determined necessary by Senior Environmental Scientist and determined not to be historic by District Historian.

**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 & 4      *Section:* 15301 & 15304

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of the maintenance or minor alteration of existing public or private facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels and the minor private or public alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry and 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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