CEQA # 13623 Project # 22-15



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: SRI Crossing Geotechnical Investigation

LOCATION: Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area COUNTY: San Joaquin

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** The purpose of this project is to conduct geotechnical investigations where SRI Road crosses Corral Hollow Creek in Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area to characterize substrate conditions. The information learned about the substrate conditions will provide guidance for a future SRI Road Crossing Improvement Project. Work will use a backhoe-mounted auger to drill up to five (5) 3-6 foot deep holes located upstream, downstream, and/or along the SRI Road crossing at Corral Hollow Creek. Sample site excavations will be back filled with excavated materials and any excess material will be removed from the waterway.

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 and 6

Section: 15304 and 15306

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of 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, and consists of basic data collection, research and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource, and is included as "soils and structural engineering tests" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4. No exceptions to the exemptions apply.

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