

## **NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**TO:** Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation 1400 Tenth Street Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation Diablo Range District 15751 Tesla Road Livermore, CA 94550

**PROJECT TITLE:** Interpretive Stay On Trails Panels

LOCATION: Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area COUNTY: San Joaquin

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT**: The purpose of this project is replace old interpretive panels and install new panels in seven (7) separate locations throughout Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area to educate the public on the importance of staying on trails to protect vegetation and decrease erosion. Three (3) panels will be installed using the same post holes as previous panels and will not require new excavation. To install four (4) new panels, work will:

Use a gas-powered auger to excavate two (2), 8-inch diameter holes 6-inches below the frost line;

Pour concrete into holes, filling to no more than 3-inches below surface grade;

Insert one (1) post into each hole and backfill with excavated material; and

Attach one (1) interpretive sign to each post.

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

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