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CEQA # 25-36
District Project # 14364

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

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: Marsh Creek State Park Rhone Village Trilogy Boundary Fuel Modification

LOCATION: Marsh Creek State Park **COUNTY:** Contra Costa

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: The purpose of this project is to issue a Fuel Modification Right of Entry (ROE) permit to property owners adjacent to Marsh Creek State Park to allow the permittee's contractor to perform necessary vegetation modifications that are consistent with all Department guidelines and policies. All activities will adhere to the following standard conditions:

- No trees above 12-inches diameter at breast height (DBH) will be removed unless doing so meets forest management goals for the park as determined by the Senior Environmental Scientist in advance;
- Pruning will follow techniques outlined in the Department's "Vegetation Management Guidelines for Trails and Roads in Units of the California State Park System" (January 8, 2002);
- Heavy equipment shall not operate or stage within the root health zone of retained trees, defined as an area five (5) times the DBH;
- Dispose of debris from vegetation management/brushing activities as follows (listed in order of preferred method):
    - Remove offsite
    - Chip and broadcast (away from all drainages and tree trunks and not exceed 4 inches deep in any given area) scatter away from public view; and
- Develop a site-specific strategy to ensure resource management goals are met and to address existing invasive plant species, including monitoring and follow-up treatments as necessary.

Further details regarding the work proposed as well as measures to be implemented to avoid impacts to the environment may be obtained by submitting a request to the project Environmental Coordinator listed below.

Work will comply with all State and Federal environmental laws, including but not limited to the Endangered Species Act, California Environmental Quality Act, Section 5024 of the Public Resources Code, and all conditions identified in the Right of Entry Permit; and be coordinated with the Diablo Range District's staff as identified in the Right of Entry Permit.

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: 5* *Section:* 15305

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of minor alterations in land use limitations in areas with an average slope of less than 20%, which do not result in any changes in land use or density, and is included as "Issuance of easements and permits" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4.

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