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CEQA # 25-47
District Project #14412

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: Brannan Island SRA ADEP Enhancement and Wallflower Introduction

LOCATION: Brannan Island State Recreation Area **COUNTY:** Sacramento

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: The purpose of this project is to remove and control non-native plant species at Brannan Island State Recreation Area while enhancing the existing population of Antioch Dunes evening primrose (ADEP) and introducing a new population of Contra Costa wallflower (CCW), both federally endangered plants. The creation of multiple spatially distinct populations will preserve the long-term biological diversity of both species. On an annual basis, State Parks staff will:

Use hand tools and chainsaws to remove all non-native vegetation and selectively thin native vegetation within 5 feet of either ADEP or CCW for a maximum plot of 1.7 acres;

Treat cut stump woody vegetation and foliar application of herbicide up to three times to observe regrowth;

Use a string trimmer or walk-behind mower in spring and summer to create a disturbance regime;

After mowing use hand tools to scrape a maximum of 2 inches of soil; and

Dispose of removed vegetation by either chipping onsite, as directed by Environmental Scientist, or haul offsite to a local green-waste facility for disposal.

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 operation, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels; and minor public or private alterations in the condition of land and vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees, 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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