



State of California – Natural 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
Bay Area District
845 Casa Grande Road
Petaluma, CA 94954

PROJECT TITLE: Lower Rock City Steps and Split Rail Fence

LOCATION: Mount Diablo State Park

COUNTY: Contra Costa

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Improve constructed trail facilities in the Lower Rock City Day Use Area at Mount Diablo State Park to reduce off-trail use, improve visitor safety and protect resources. Work will:

- Excavate 80 post holes, approximately 8" diameter and 24" deep, install cedar posts, and backfill with soil;
- Install three sections of approximately 630 feet of cedar split rail fence that parallels the downhill edge of South Gate Road that divides the day use area;
- Excavate 2 to 4 cubic feet of soil to construct 35 feet of 4" x 8" redwood steps (to match existing in vicinity) on section of the Rock City Trail and fill in the 7 steps with 2 cubic yards of soil;
- Paint a crosswalk on South Gate Road where the trail crosses the road;
- Remove unstable user created paths by breaking up the existing compacted soil, filling and reshaping soil to match natural grades.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Bay Area District

EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption

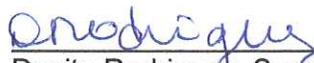
Class: 1, 3 & 4

Section: 15301, 15303 & 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of maintenance and minor alterations of existing public facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing; construction and locating limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; and the minor alteration in the condition of land and vegetation which does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry purposes and is included as "fencing" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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