

**State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation**

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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Sacramento, CA 94296-0001

PROJECT TITLE: Geary Ranch Road Removal/Road to Trail Conversion

LOCATION: Annadel State Park

COUNTY: Sonoma

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Remove approximately two miles of degraded, non-historic Geary Ranch Road in Annadel State Park and restore natural or effective drainage patterns to correct drainage problems contributing to severe erosion and protect salmonid resources by reducing sediment into Matanzas Creek. Remove modern grazing infrastructure (plastic water lines and water troughs). Construct a new, barrier-free, ADA-accessible trail in the general vicinity of the existing roadbed and incorporate portions of the original road alignment where practicable. No known cultural resources or significant plant populations will be impacted by road removal or trail construction. However, if unexpected archeological remains are unearthed, all work within 30 feet will be temporarily halted or diverted until identification and proper treatment are determined and implemented by a DPR-qualified archaeologist.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Diablo Vista District

EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption

Class: 1, 4

Section: 15301, 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of the repair and minor alteration of existing public facilities and topographical features, involving no expansion of use beyond current levels, and minor alterations in the condition of land, water, and vegetation which will not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees, included as "trail or road repairs" and "trail removal, construction, or realignment" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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