



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

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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: Construction of Trails and Support Facilities at the Native Plant Garden

LOCATION: Benicia State Recreation Area COUNTY: Solano

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Construct three trails totaling approximately 3000 linear feet an open-sided garden shelter an outdoor education assembly area with bench seating, and expand the existing propagation facilities and shade structure at Benicia State Recreation Area to facilitate the interpretation of California’s native plants and habitats at the following areas.

- Native Plant Garden; construct three new 5ft wide trails by excavating approximately 6 inches of soil and replacing with decomposed granite; remove non-native grasses and brush during construction; install approximately six new interpretative signs along the new trails by digging 12in wide by 18in deep holes and securing the sign posts with concrete; excavate approximately 12 holes up to 10 inches wide by 2ft deep for the bench posts; and excavate approximately a 14ft long by 1.5ft deep trench to install the assembly area retaining wall which will be 1.5ft high above soil surface upon completion. Maintenance Shop: excavate four 2 ft wide by 1.5 ft deep concrete footing holes to install an approximately 400 square ft., 2ft high garden shelter; excavate an approximately 75 foot long by 12in wide by 12in deep trench to extend a water line between the maintenance shop and the new garden shelter; and enlarge the shade structure by 130 square ft, and the greenhouse by 414 square ft to expand the existing facilities; and install a new 10ft by 8ft by 8ft storage shed.

DPR-approved standard project requirements have been incorporated into the Secondary Trails and Support Facilities Project. A list of project-specific project requirements can be viewed by contacting the environmental coordinator listed below.

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:

[X] Categorical Exemption

Class: 1, 3, 4 Section: 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of minor alteration of public structures involving negligible expansion of use beyond current levels; construction and location of limited numbers of new small structures, included as “construction or installation of park facilities” in the Department of Parks and Recreation’s list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4 and the minor public alteration in the condition of land and or vegetation which does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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