

**CEQA # 14325**  
**District Project # 25-32**



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

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**TO:** Office 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:** Mount Diablo State Park Auto Gate Openers

**LOCATION:** Mount Diablo State Park

**COUNTY:** Contra Costa County

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** The purpose of this project is to install automatic gate openers at 3 visitor entrances at Mount Diablo State Park to ensure public access during park open hours regardless of staff availability. Work will:

At the Mitchell Canyon Day Use and Sector Entrances:

- Use a gas-powered auger to dig 36-inch-deep x 8-inch in diameter holes;
- Set 12-foot x 1.5-inch poles 36-inches below grade and backfill with concrete;
- Use heavy equipment to excavate a 16-inch-wide x 36-inch-deep x up to 30 foot long trench at Mitchell Canyon Sector Office entrance gate and install an exit probe, then backfill with native material; and
- Use hand-held power tools to cut the current gate from its post and re-weld to a 90-degree inbound swing.

At the Macedo Ranch Entrance:

- Use a gas-powered auger to dig 36-inch-deep x 8-inch diameter holes;
- Set 12-foot x 1.5-inch poles 36 inches below grade and backfill with concrete;
- Use heavy equipment to excavate a 16-inch-wide x 36-inch deep x up to 30 foot long trench from swing post to swing post; and
- Install a 1-inch diameter PVC power conduit and backfill with native material.

At North Gate Day Use Entrance and Exit:

- Use a gas-powered auger to dig 36-inch-deep x 8-inch diameter holes;
- Set 12-foot x 1.5-inch poles 36 inches below grade and backfill with concrete; and
- Re-connect gates.

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

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