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Creative Collaboration between Save Mount Diablo and State Parks to Better Protect Mt. Diablo State Park

Walnut Creek, CA –A creative collaboration between Save Mount Diablo, a local non-profit land conservation organization, and California State Parks has been established to help address a lack in funding to support routine natural resource stewardship and maintenance projects within Mount Diablo State Park. These projects can be accomplished through coordinated volunteer efforts supplementing the work of existing staff at the park.

Recognizing this, Save Mount Diablo and State Parks recently signed a creative agreement where the local land conservation organization provided \$25,000 so that State Parks can hire a Mt. Diablo State Park Field Projects Volunteer Coordinator in the next few months to oversee an organized volunteer effort focused on helping existing staff with stewardship and maintenance needs at Mt. Diablo State Park.

“Protecting the natural resources of the Mount Diablo area for the lasting benefit of the millions and millions of people in the Bay Area is core to our mission so we are very pleased to support our long-time partner, State Parks, in the hiring of a Mt. Diablo State Park Field Projects Volunteer Coordinator. After the first year, it is our hope that State Parks will see the full value of this position so that they will fund it going forward. We also want to express our gratitude to the California State Parks Foundation for a grant that will later help us provide additional funds for supplies and tools that the Volunteer Coordinator and volunteers will need,” said Ted Clement, Save Mount Diablo Executive Director.

Ryen Goering, the State Parks Superintendent who oversees Mt. Diablo State Park, stated, “Save Mount Diablo’s generous support of this position will help the park to catch up on much needed natural resource and trail projects that have been deferred over the years due to budget cuts and lack of staffing. Utilizing volunteers has been vital in the ongoing support of Mount Diablo State Park and keeping the community involved in an iconic mountain they so much adore. We are actively looking to hire a highly motivated and energetic individual to fill this position. Information about the position and how to apply can be found by calling (925) 673-2891 or going on the Mount Diablo State Park website at http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=517.”

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To preserve Mount Diablo's peaks, surrounding foothills, and watersheds through land acquisition and preservation strategies designed to protect the mountain's natural beauty, biological diversity, and historic and agricultural heritage; enhance our area's quality of life; and provide recreational opportunities consistent with the protection of natural resources. Learn more at www.savemountdiablo.org

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