

State of California  
Department of Parks and Recreation

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO:** State Clearinghouse  
Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 222  
Sacramento, CA 95814-3044

**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
Central Valley District  
22708 Broadway Street  
Columbia, CA 95310

**PROJECT TITLE:** Wilson-McConnell Residence ADA Ramp Improvements

**LOCATION:** Columbia State Historic Park, Wilson-McConnell House **COUNTY:** Tuolumne

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Complete improvements at the Wilson-McConnell Residence in Columbia State Historic Park, to allow for installation of an accessible ramp on the southern side of the residence to provide access for park visitors with mobility issues. This work is an amendment to the Wilson-McConnell Residence project (SCH# 2014108441) to add additional ADA considerations. Work will:

- Remove some landscape shrubs and a small existing woodshed to prepare space for accessibility ramp installation;
- Use #1 grade or better redwood decking, posts, guardrails, and top rail, and painted steel pipe handrails to construct an ADA ramp that maintains a maximum 1:12 slope with a 5' diameter clearance for turning radius on the top and bottom of the ramp; and;
- Install ISA wayfinding signs at the main (west) porch, accessible ramp entry, and existing compliant restroom structure.

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

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Central Valley District


**EXEMPT STATUS:**

Categorical Exemption Class: 1, 3 & 4 Section: 15301, 15303, & 15304

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of the repair, maintenance or minor alteration of existing public or private structures or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels, included as "Modifications of existing facilities for disabled access", in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4; construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities; and the minor public or private alterations in the condition of land which do not involve the removal of healthy, mature scenic trees.

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