



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

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
Northern Service Center  
One Capitol Mall, Suite 410  
Sacramento, CA 95840

**PROJECT TITLE:** Carpenter Shop and D Block Repairs

**LOCATION:** Columbia State Historic Park      **COUNTY:** Tuolumne

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Perform interior & exterior renovations to the historic Carpenter's Shop (Justice Court) and "D"-Block Buildings at Columbia SHP, to preserve the historic buildings for the education and enjoyment of park visitors. Work Will:

*Carpenter's Shop:*

- Remove and replace in-kind, existing roof assembly;
- Refurbish and repaint iron shutters;
- Inspect, repair and replace in-kind where necessary, wood windows, doors, & jambs;
- Remove/demolish interior partition walls and re-construct partition walls in place;
- Remove, reinforce, reinstall salvaged interior wooden floors and replace in-kind where necessary;
- Repair gypsum/plaster walls where necessary repair, finish to match existing texture and re-paint all interior walls. Existing historic graffiti will be preserved in place;
- Remove/replace in-kind, existing cracked masonry wall bricks and brick jamb and lintel plate and repoint mortar joints in-kind;
- Remove existing evaporative cooler and install new interior wall mounted mini-split fan unit and exterior pad mounted condenser unit;

*Photo Studio:*

- Construct accessibility improvements at entryway including modifying door threshold, installing automatic door operating mechanism and ADA signage;
- Repair and repaint plaster ceilings to match existing paint color;
- Construct interior build out, including new accessible restroom, service spaces, HVAC system, electrical and complete interior painting, flooring construction and wood floors refinishing;

*Drug Store*

- Demolish, remove and replace exterior stairs and second floor balcony wood decking;
- Convert the Rear Shed restroom building to a storage shed building, including repair of deteriorated exterior siding and re-roofing in-kind;
- Repair and repaint plaster ceilings to match existing paint color.
- Repair wood windows and doors as/where necessary and repaint in-kind.
- Install new ceiling mounted light fixtures.

*City Hotel*

- Repair/replace in-kind, exterior siding where required;
- Repair wood windows and repaint frames in-kind;
- Repair and replace in-kind where necessary, wood siding and repaint.

*Tuolumne Engine Company*

- Replace in-kind, deteriorated wood elements in the Bell Tower and repaint; Remove existing roof assembly, reinforce and replace with new membrane type roofing system;
- Remove and replace in-kind, existing deteriorated wood shakes at awnings;
- Perform brick masonry repair;
- Prep, scrape and repaint existing painted metal surfaces (shutters, awnings, balcony railings).
- Repair and repaint all plaster ceilings to match existing paint color.

*Dentist Office*

- Repair and repaint all plaster ceilings to match existing paint color;

*Book Store*

- Repair and repaint all plaster ceilings to match existing paint color;

All work will be performed consistent with the Secretary of Interior's Standards.

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

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Northern Service Center


**EXEMPT STATUS:**

Categorical Exemption    *Class: 1 & 31*                      *Section: 15301 & 15331*

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** : This project consists of the repair and maintenance of an existing public structure involving no expansion of use beyond current levels and work limited to the maintenance, repair, and stabilization of historical resources in a manner consistent with the Secretary of Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring, and Reconstructing Historic Buildings (1995), Weeks and Grimmer, as enumerated in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4.

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