

**State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation**

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: State Clearinghouse
Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 222
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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
Central Valley District
22708 Broadway Street
Columbia, CA 95310

PROJECT TITLE: Columbia SHP Interpretive Mining Panels

LOCATION: [Columbia State Historic Park](#)

COUNTY: Tuolumne

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: California State Parks proposes to improve the visitor experience by installing three interpretive panels along the ADA pathway at Columbia State Historic Park. The panels are designed in a National Park System Style frame with in-ground mount and surface mount. All three panel frames will be installed and located in previously disturbed soil from recent trail construction along the trail edge. Project work is as follows:

- Excavate up to 2.5' deep x 1' diameter to install frame post; each frame is supported by two posts;
- Backfill excavation with a base layer of gravel, followed by setting the posts in concrete and finishing with a small layer of backfill;
- Install three 48" wide x 24" high panels on exhibit frames.

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: 4 & 11 Section: 15304 & 15311

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural resources; and construction, or placement of minor structures accessory to existing institutional facilities included as "Installation of signs" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4.

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