

State of California  
Department of Parks and Recreation

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: State Clearinghouse  
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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:** Columbia Clothiers & Emporium Basement

**LOCATION:** [Columbia State Historic Park](#)

**COUNTY:** Tuolumne

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Repair any water damage and wood rot and stabilize the foundation in the basement of the Clothiers & Emporium Building located in Columbia State Historic Park to protect and preserve the historic building, protect public health, and improve the visitor experience. Work will:

- Replace the existing damaged post & piers with 6in. x 6in. DF and increase the size of concrete footings to 24in. x 24in. with at least 12 in. below grade;
- Stabilize any loose rock piers by restacking the rock pile properly so that rocks are staggered and held tightly in place by weight distribution and type-M mortar; and
- Install three (3) wall hangers to the existing concrete perimeter foundation wall to support new beams;
- Install three (3) additional 6in x 10in x 14ft DF beams and four (4) to six (6) additional 6in. x 6in. posts & piers to support two (2) existing beams;
- Install one (1) new sump pump and drain line to discharge into existing ABS sewer line.

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

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

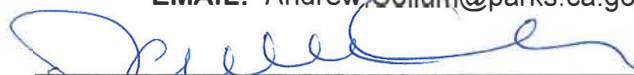
**EXEMPT STATUS:**

Categorical Exemption      Class:1, 2, 3 & 31      Section: 15301, 15302, 15303 & 15331

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of the operation, repair, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities and topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels; replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced; the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures and is included as "Utility repairs or minor upgrades" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR § 15300.4; and consist of projects limited to maintenance, repair, restoration of historical resources, in a manner consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring, and Reconstructing Historic Buildings (1995), Weeks and Grimmer.

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