

**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:** Columbia Winterfest Special Event

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

**COUNTY:** Tuolumne

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Place period appropriate banners and tents within Columbia State Historic Park in preparation of the Columbia Winterfest, a private six-week long event in January, led by the Columbia Chamber of Commerce, to generate business for both the town and local economy during a traditionally slow period of visitation to the park. Work will:

- Erect three (3) canvas tents (two (2) 35-ft x 24-ft) and one (1) 44-ft x 38-ft) on pre-selected flat, dirt surfaces in the park, securing each corner with 18-inch hand forged tent stakes driven into the ground approximately 6 to 8-inches; and
- Use black paint to write the name of a theater on a 12-inch high canvas banner (same material as the tent) and hang one (1) banner above the entrance to each tent.

**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: 3 & 4                      Section: 15303 & 15334

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures included as "Construction or installation of park facilities, such as concessionaire structures" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4; and minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural resources.

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