

State of California  
Department of Parks and Recreation

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
1400 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**FROM:** Capital District  
101 J Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**LOCATION:** Railroad Track Improvement

**COUNTY:** Sacramento

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Replace and improve drainage along a 900-foot portion of the railroad track, located along the California State Railroad Museum's excursion line in Old Sacramento State Historic Park. The improvements will provide safe facilities for the park visitors who partake in Park's provided train rides.

The project will:

- Use a backhoe to excavate up to 42-in. to remove existing rail, ties, ballast rock and sub-ballast earthen substrate and to dig a 70-ft-long x 6-ft deep utility trench parallel to the tracks, to an adjacent storm drain;
- Install a perforated sub-drain into the excavated utility trench and connect to the adjacent storm drain;
- Use previously excavated soils to refill the utility trench; and
- Install new sub sub-ballast, ballast and install new railroad ties and track

Existing ADA tactile domes impacted by excavation will be replaced in conformance with current applicable code requirements.

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

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

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

Categorical Exemption                      Class: 1, 2, 3 & 4 Section: 15301, 15302, 15303 & 15304

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:**

Project consists of the operation, repair, maintenance or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities or topographical features involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels 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' 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; construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; and consists of minor public or private alteration in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve the removal of mature, scenic trees.

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