

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:** Mercantile & St Charles Awning Repairs

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

**COUNTY:** Tuolumne

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** The Department of Parks and Recreation would like to make repairs and alterations to the cedar shake awnings located above the sidewalks outside the Columbia Mercantile and St. Charles Saloon inside Columbia State Historic Park to repair existing damage caused by prior vehicle collisions and prevent future vehicle collisions by travelers on Jackson Street in both the east and west bound directions.

Work will repair and/or replace only the damaged or missing awning components and remove 6 inches off the last row of shakes to bring the overhang flush with the iron support rod so that decorative banners can be attached to the edge of the awning. The banners will draw attention to the structure and reduce the likelihood of future vehicle collisions.

**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 & 31      Section: 15301, 15302 & 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; 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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