

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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

PROJECT TITLE: Railtown Blacksmith Shop Repairs

LOCATION: [Railtown 1897 State Historic Park](#)

COUNTY: Tuolumne

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Complete repairs to the rotted siding on the Blacksmith shop in Railtown 1897 State Historic Park to both repair the damage as well as help protect the larger Railtown property from wildfires due to frequent drought and increasingly dry conditions. A key component of the historic Sierra Railway Jamestown shop complex, the shop was built in 1899 for the forging of tools and parts for the maintenance of steam locomotives and rail cars. Work will:

- Replace the 6-inch x 7.5-inch x 150" hoist post in kind with the old mounting hardware used to secure to the building and the post will sit on small rock/brick pad that held the original post and painted red to match existing color and the building;
- Replace the building corner post 4"x4"x96" in kind from the outside of the building once the rot siding has been removed, the same type of nail fastening hardware will be used to secure the post back to the original bracing, post will be paint black to match existing color;
- Replaced the West wall sugar pine siding boards measuring 11.5"x 7/8" x 113", in kind and painted to match building;
- Replace the North wall rotten siding boards measuring 11.5x7/8 from 115" up to 144", in kind using sugar pine and painted to match the building;

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

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

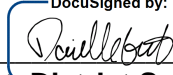
EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption Class: 1, 4, 31 Section: 15301, 15304 & 15331

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the minor alteration of existing public or private facilities or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels 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, the 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 purposes; and consists of projects limited to maintenance, repair, stabilization, rehabilitation, restoration, preservation, conservation, or reconstruction 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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