

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: Railtown 1897 Water Tank

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

COUNTY: Tuolumne

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Repair the water tank in Railtown 1897 State Historic Park to stop leaks currently occurring. The repairs will follow recommendations by State Water Resources Control Board for use on Potable water tanks. Work will;

- o Use a flat shovel to remove weeds from tank base that sit on platform;
- o Pressure wash the tank and frame to remove existing moss and debris;
- o Push oakum or cotton stringers in between staves to seal leak;
- o To repair holes: round out the holes and push in a tapered redwood plug and allow the water to swell the plug; and
- o Apply a 50/50 boiled linseed oil and mineral spirits mix to the exterior of the tank to help preserve the wood.

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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