



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
Santa Cruz District
303 Big Trees Park Road
Felton, CA 95018

PROJECT TITLE: Castro Adobe Interpretive Exhibits

LOCATION: Ranch San Andres Castro Adobe Park Property

COUNTY: Santa Cruz

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Install new interpretive exhibits at the historic Castro Adobe at the Rancho San Andres Castro Adobe State Park Property to educate visitors to the history of the property and enhance the visitor experience. Work in following areas of the adobe will be as follows:

- On the 1st floor:
 - Install metal glass railing clamps to the floor and ceiling to hold protective glass panels in place over sections of the unrestored/unrepaired historic adobe walls. The panels will be etched with information pertaining to the history of the site and construction of the adobe walls;
 - Attach a shadow box display case to the newly constructed staircase wall;
 - Hand-paint interpretive information on walls in areas where any wall attachment is not desired;
 - Install an historically compatible cabinet to hold multi-media equipment; and
 - Install two (2) free-standing interpretive panels.
- On the 2nd floor:
 - Install metal glass railing clamps to the floor and ceiling to hold protective non-etched glass panels over historic graffiti on two (2) walls in one (1) room;
 - Install multi-media equipment enclosed within a newly constructed ceiling;
 - Hand-paint interpretive information on walls in areas where any wall attachment is not desired;
 - Attach display cases, where desired, to non-historic walls; and
 - Install interactive monitors.
- On the Balcony:
 - Attach interpretive signs to the newly constructed railing.
- In the Cocina:
 - Attach a cooking rack to the newly constructed ceiling; and
 - Use existing shelves and wall nails to place/hang interpretive graphics and panels interpreting the foods and food preparation of the adobe's historic era.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Santa Cruz District

EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption

Class: 1, 3 & 31

Section: 15301, 15303 & 15331

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of the operation, repair, maintenance or minor alteration of existing public or private structures or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels; construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures, included as "Construction or installation of park facilities, such as interpretive signing or panels" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR§15300.4; 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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