

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: Columbia Greenhouse Project

LOCATION: [Columbia State Historic Park](#)

COUNTY: Tuolumne

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Install a greenhouse in Columbia State Historic Park to support the park’s ongoing natural resource program to preserve and protect existing environmentally significant plants, flowers, and trees and to propagate new plants by using locally sourced seeds to replace decaying ones. The new greenhouse will be located inside the maintenance service yard, out of the public viewshed. This greenhouse is self-ventilating and will not require electrical connection. Work will:

- Excavate a 3-in. deep x 10-in. wide area for the structure;
- Set the prefabricated 8-ft x 15-ft x 8-ft Solar Gem greenhouse onto the cleared area and backfill with gravel to secure structure; and
- Add 2-inches of drain rock to the surface area to provide proper drainage.

**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, 3 & 4      Section: 15301, 15303 & 15334

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of the operation, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels; construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; and 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 resources.

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