


**Notice of Exemption****Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research  
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From: (Public Agency): California Natural Resources Agency  
715 P Street, 20<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

  
11/28/2023

Construction of a Modern, Energy Efficient, ADA Compliant and Secure Collections Storage  
Project Title: Facility

Project Applicant: Northern Mariposa County History Center

Project Location - Specific:  
10303/10307 CA-49, Coulterville, CA 95311

Project Location – City: Coulterville Project Location – County: Mariposa

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Project to construct an ADA compliant, 2-story, climate-controlled Collections Storage Facility on a 2.4-acre parcel adjacent to the museum including the installation of utilities, structural components, and an accessible path of travel. The storage facility is part of the phased conceptual development plan to convert property to an event and teaching center for the community.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Natural Resources Agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Northern Mariposa County History Center

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 15304 (a) – Minor Alterations to Land
- Statutory Exemptions. State Code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is exempt from environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act per Section 15304 (a), CEQA Guidelines, Minor Alterations to Land. Grading on land with a slope of less than 10 percent, except that grading shall not be exempt in a waterway, in any wetland, in an officially designated (by federal, state or local government action) scenic area, or in officially mapped areas of severe geological hazard such as an Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zone or within an official Seismic Hazard Zone, as delineated by the State Geologists. The current proposed grading for phase 1 does not involve the grading of land with a slope of more than 10%.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Nicole Ingot Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-902-5564

**If filed by applicant:**

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?  Yes  No

Signature: Andrea Scharffer Date: 11/28/2023 Title: Deputy Assistant Secretary

Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code