

**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:** Historic Brick Repairs Multiple Locations - Columbia SHP

**LOCATION:** Columbia State Historic Park

**COUNTY:** Tuolumne

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** The purpose of this project is to repoint loose or missing mortar and reset or replace bricks that have shifted, cracked or spalled, on several historic buildings located in Columbia State Historic Park to ensure the continued use of these historic buildings for visitor education and experiences. The following buildings being worked on are: the D.O. Mills building, San Francisco Store, Columbia Museum, Jail Exhibit, Fallon Ice Cream Parlor, Eblers Leather Store, D-Block Buildings, Candle Courtyard, and the Ranger Station. Work will:

- Use only hand tools to clean and remove any loose mortar and debris from the brick masonry walls. Restorative cleaning methods will be applied using plain water and a stiff natural bristle or nylon brush;
- Where the brick has disintegrated beyond 50% of the depth, mechanically cut out the brick and remove;
- Replace removed bricks with bricks that match type in size, texture, color, and/or physical properties; and
- Use hand tools to repoint mortar joints with mortar mixes based on the results of lab analysis of mortar samples taken from project locations.

**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

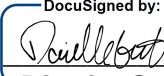
**Class:** 31

**Section:** 15331

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project 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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