

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:** Park Office Auxiliary Room & Hitching Post Replacement

**LOCATION:** Columbia State Historic Park

**COUNTY:** Tuolumne

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** The project proposes to complete two (2) projects in/adjacent to the Park Office located on Jackson St. in Columbia State Historic Park. The first project will convert one existing restroom to an auxiliary room for staff use and the second project will relocate a previously existing hitching to between the office's awning posts. Work will;

For the restroom conversion:

- Install a new ceiling vent/light;
- Remove the toilet and cap the sewer connection so it's flush with floor;
- Replace the existing sink and under-sink hot water heater;
- Install one (1) GFI plug on back wall; and
- Replace one (1) existing outlet with a GFI outlet.

For the hitching post relocation:

- At the north-west corner of the front porch, cut two (2) notches to fit around relocated posts;
- Install two (2) 5-in. iron pipes, set with concrete 14-in. into ground and filled with concrete, and painted brown; and
- Install an approx. 5-in. diameter cedar log between the new posts and secure at each end with a one (1) rusted metal bolt and nut per side.

**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 & 31

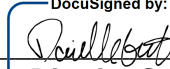
**Section:** 15301, 15303, 15304 & 15331

**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; minor public or private alterations in the condition of land and/or vegetation which do not involve removal; of mature, scenic trees; 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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