

**State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation**

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: State Clearinghouse
Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
Central Valley District
22708 Broadway Street
Columbia, CA 95310

PROJECT TITLE: Columbia Booksellers HVAC

LOCATION: Columbia State Historic Park

COUNTY: Tuolumne

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: The purpose of this project is to remove the old heating and cooling components in the Franklin-Wolfe Variety Store Building in Columbia State Historic Park and replace them with a smaller, more efficient "mini split" unit for the comfort of the concessionaire and park visitors. Work will;

Interior work:

- Remove the old heater unit and all accompanying duct work and/or piping;
- Use in kind materials to repair all holes resulting from the removal of the old heater, duct work and piping/vents;
- Cap off and seal vent opening; and
- Dead end any unnecessary wiring and gas lines, and;

Roof and Ceiling:

- Remove evaporative cooler and heater vent from roof;
- Dead end electrical and water tube; and
- Cap off and seal duct opening with similar sheet metal.

New Installation:

- Add a 30-amp 240-V breaker to the existing breaker panel and run wiring through new ¾-in. or 1-in. metal electrical tubing from the sub panel to the new outdoor HVAC unit;
- At the rear exterior of the building, install a service disconnect, a pre-poured concrete pad and the new outdoor HVAC unit;
- Install/connect all necessary electrical wiring and tubing from the exterior to along the top of the interior wall in the back room;
- Install a 4-in. by 4-in. wooden chase/cover, attached to the wall to cover the electrical tubing, and paint to match the existing interior wall color;
- Use a vented, wooden box, resting on a loose brick perimeter wall, but attached to the building exterior with slide bolts, to cover the outdoor unit to disguise it from view;
- Install new mini split unit in the interior; and
- Install white fan coil unit to back wall above the bookshelf in the main room;

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, 2, 3 & 4

Section: 15301, 15302, 15303, 15304, & 15331

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels and is listed as "Utility repairs or minor upgrades" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR § 15300.4; the replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced; installation of small, new equipment and facilities in small structures; minor public or private alterations in the condition of land and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic tree, 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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