

**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:** Wilson/McConnell Residence Awning Repair

**LOCATION:** Columbia State Historic Park

**COUNTY:** Tuolumne

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** The purpose of this project is to repair and preserve a failing vertical awning at the Wilson-McConnell residence on Main Street in Columbia State Historic Park to prevent the awning from failing and to protect the historic property from further damage. The work area is closed to the public, yet is visible from the common viewing area. Work will:

- Install a temporary structural brace to the underside of the awning;
- Remove the compromised wood and replace in kind;
- Remove any structural and/or decorative wood elements that demonstrate compromised integrity and replace with either in-kind materials or compatible substitutes of the same dimensions and characteristics;
- Use fastening methods that are structurally reliable and match the original fastener design;
- Paint replaced materials with like kind paint; and
- Remove temporary bracing.

**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:**

X Categorical Exemption      Class:1, 2 & 31      Section: 15301, 15302 & 15331

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of the operation, repair, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities and topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels; 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; and consist of projects limited to maintenance, repair, restoration 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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