



**State of California – The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
Central Valley District
22708 Broadway Street
Columbia, CA 95310

PROJECT TITLE: Koch Cabin (Residence 28) Stabilization

LOCATION: Columbia State Historic Park

COUNTY: Tuolumne

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: The purpose of this project is to stabilize the Koch Cabin (Residence 28) in Columbia State Historic Park to preserve this historic building that is visible to visitors. There are no plans for this building to be used as a residence or office space and work is being done to keep the building from deteriorating further and falling into ruin. Work will:

To Restore and stabilize the west wall:

- Raise the west wall to a level position;
- Construct a new 2-in. x 4-in. framed wall that will rest on the floor at base of the wall;
- Reattach siding to new framing; and
- Install a metal rod tension tie brace to interior of back wall.

Under the house, in the proposed stabilization areas:

- Inspect and amend earth to wood contact under the building;
- Level soil for piers; and
- Install concrete piers between wood and earth contact areas where accessible.

On the Exterior:

- As needed, replace the rotted board and batten siding with like kind materials secured with "restoration" nails;
- Remove the rear porch and overhang and reconstruct the structures, reusing original materials where possible and new like kind materials where necessary and fasten with like kind fasteners;
- Install sheet metal at the base of exterior walls;
- Place rocks around the perimeter of the building to reduce splashing from rain runoff; and
- Regrade around the perimeter of the building to prevent water from contacting siding.

To Repair the Chimney:

- Remove stump and roots from the base of the chimney;
- Fill voids with stone masonry foundation;
- Replace damaged bricks with historic brick; and
- Refill chimney mortar with lime mortar.

To Repair the front double doors:

- Remove front doors;
- Replace broken wood members with like material;
- Replace broken glass with restoration glass and reglaze; and
- Reinstall doors and replace the existing doorknob with an ADA compliant door handle lever with lock.

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 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; and 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; 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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