



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: Brainard Brick and Masonry Wall Repair

LOCATION: Columbia State Historic Park

COUNTY: Tuolumne

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Project proposes to rebuild the lower portion of the exterior wall of the Brainard building in Columbia State Historic Park to preserve the building as an important historical and interpretive feature of the park and to ensure the safety of park visitors and staff. Work will:

- Install protection for sensitive plants located near building;
- Cover the ground with a layer of protective plastic;
- Erect scaffolding and temporary structural shoring;
- Remove all bricks/stones and extant organic matter from the compromised section and salvage and store materials for reuse;
- Retain an existing metal pipe at the base of the wall that serves as a pass through;
- Rebuild the wall using the salvaged brick/stones and apply a concrete top cap; and
- Remove all scaffolding and protection materials.

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 & 31 *Section:* 15301, 15302 & 15331

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