



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: Schwartz/New York Dry

Goods LOCATION: Columbia State Historic Park

COUNTY: Tuolumne

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Repair and address the existing water leaks and associated brick deterioration at the, currently unoccupied, Schwartz/New York Dry Goods building on Main Street in Columbia State Historic Park to make it safe and functional for the public. While the water issues are being addressed, the park will also take this opportunity to make additional improvements to the building. Work will:

On the exterior

- Repair or replace the existing damaged/rotted asphalt torch down roof, or replace roof with TPO membrane material to match the surrounding buildings;
- Repair/replace expansion joint mortar in the brick located above the entrance to stop the decay of the brick and damage to the interior of building;
- Remove old roof mounted evaporative cooler as well as all ductwork and vents;
- Use 3/4-in. plywood to patch the resulting 3-ft x 3-ft. hole in the roof. repair all related roof penetrations, and patch with asphalt torch down roof, or TPO roof membrane to match surrounding materials;
- Install a Ductless air conditioning and heating system on the roof, out of visitor's line of sight;
- Install new electrical needed for the new air conditioning and heating system; and
- Install new thermostat and thermostat wire for the new system.

In the Interior

For the walls, ceilings and floors:

- Use gypsum/sand plaster to repair damage to the walls/ceilings throughout the building's interior;
- Remove an existing furnace and patch/repair the 3-ft x 3-ft wall hole with materials to match existing;
- Prime and paint all walls and ceiling to match existing paint color and scheme; and
- Sand, joint, and refinish the existing wood flooring with materials matching the existing flooring throughout.

In the Bathroom:

- Use copper or Aqua PEX to replace existing galvanized pipe waterlines;
- Replace old water supply shut off valves to sink and toilet;
- Replace old supply lines with stainless steel braided lines;
- Use ABS to replace the existing cast iron drain, waste lines, and vents; and
- Repair/Replace the water damaged wood flooring in the bathroom.

At the Entrance:

- On both inward swinging main entrance doors, install ADA dual door openers for accessibility; and

- Surface mount four (4) new ADA openers (two (2) each inside and outside), utilizing wireless receivers to open the door.

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, 3 & 31 *Section:* 15301, 15302, 15303 & 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; 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 as the structure replaced; construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; 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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