

District Project # 730-335-20240903
CEQA # 14146



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Land Use & Climate Innovation
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

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

PROJECT TITLE: Sierra Railway Shops Storage Tracks

LOCATION: Railtown 1879 State Historic Park

COUNTY: Tuolumne

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: The purpose of this project is to rebuild historical track alignments within Railtown 1897 State Historic Park to accommodate the park’s rolling stock collection, provide improved interpretative opportunities for the collection and reduce interference with existing freight operations through the park. The proposed rail alignments are as follows: Maintenance of Way Spur (MOW Spur), Oil Spur, Lakeside 2 and the Ramp track, from which three (3) additional alignments will branch off. In total, railroad trackage will increase by up to 1,000 linear feet. For the proposed alignments, work will widen proposed alignments and remove vegetation, including up to eleven (11) mature trees, as needed and install sub-ballast, ballast, railroad ties, and rails, along with all necessary fasteners.

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 & 31 *Section:* 15301 & 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 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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