



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Land Use and 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: Columbia House Restaurant / Bella Union Building

LOCATION: Columbia State Historic Park

COUNTY: Tuolumne

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Project proposes to replace and/or improve the roof and air conditioning system Columbia House Restaurant / Bella Union Building in Columbia State Historic Park to allow for continued use of the facility for visitor services. The work will be as follows:

For the Cedar Shingled Roof:

- Remove and dispose of all existing cedar shake roofing materials down to the roof decking;
- Replace any damaged, rotted, or compromised sections with new decking material;
- Install ice and water shield underlayment along the roof edges, valleys, and other vulnerable areas for enhanced water resistance and cover the remaining roof area with an standard underlayment;
- Install an additional ventilated underlayment layer to facilitate airflow and prevent moisture accumulation;
- Install Class A fire-rated shingles; and
- Install new metal drip edges along all eaves and rakes and flash all roof penetrations.

For the Flat Roof Replacement:

- Remove the existing flat roofing materials, down to the deck;
- Replace any damaged or structurally deficient decking, as necessary;
- If needed install appropriate underlayment and insulation to ensure waterproofing and energy efficiency, per the manufacturer’s specifications;
- Install a PVC membrane roofing system with welded seams for a watertight finish; and
- Install all necessary edge treatments, including drip edge flashing and curb flashing, to secure the membrane at transitions and maintain water resistance.

For the Captive Air Replacement:

- Remove the existing captive air make-up air unit, and preserve the existing ductwork connections;
- Install a new (identical or equivalent) captive air make-up air unit to the existing system, to integrate with the existing ductwork;
- Ensure all connections are secure, and the unit is properly seated to prevent water and air infiltration;
- Install curb flashing around the new unit’s base to create a watertight seal at the roof;
- Flash all ductwork penetrations to maintain the roof’s integrity and prevent leaks; and
- Clean the site, removing all debris and construction 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, mechanical equipment, or 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 is included as "Reroofing" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR § 15300.4; 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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