

**State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation**

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: Stockade Wall Repairs

LOCATION: Fort Ross State Historic Park

COUNTY: Sonoma

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Replace approximately 270 linear feet of badly deteriorated, existing stockade wall and sally port (gate) at Fort Ross State Historic Park. Work will:

- Remove the timbers of the existing south-side stockade wall. Wood timbers will be salvaged and turned over to the district;
- Bore approximately 2' diameter x 8' deep holes, approximately 13 feet on center (approximately 22 total) for installation of cast in place concrete pile/footings with steel posts embedded;
- Construct a concrete grade beam approximately 270 linear feet long, within the void left by removal of the existing timbers. Two culverts and one sleeve where future utilities will be installed through the wall foundation;
- Install 3" tube steel to connect the steel posts and attach hand hewn redwood material to the steel structure to simulate the historic wood timber stockade wall;
- Backfill and compact excess soil from the trench around the new concrete structure;
- Install 2, 48"-wide rock lined drainage swales between 6 and 12" in depth at the southwest corner and adjacent to the sally port;
- Install new sally port at the midpoint of the south wall of the stockade;
- Scarify an approximately 130' x 3' area feet along the interior side of the south wall and remove approximately 20 cubic yards of excess soil that has migrated to this area.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Northern Service Center

EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption Class: 4, and 31 Section: 15304, and 15331

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of the minor alteration in the condition of land that does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees; and 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; in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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