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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
Bay Area District
845 Casa Grande Road
Petaluma, CA 94954

PROJECT TITLE: Petaluma Adobe Preservation Project

LOCATION: Petaluma Adobe State Historic Park **COUNTY:** Sonoma

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Complete repair and maintenance work at the historic Petaluma Adobe structure in Petaluma Adobe State Historic Park to maintain and protect the integrity of the historic resource and address safety concerns. Work will:

- Fill cracks and holes in historic adobe bricks and mud plaster;
- Plaster the northeast wall of the Petaluma Adobe to test plaster as a pest deterrent;
- Stabilize all adobe walls that have been identified as potentially dangerous using methods prescribed by a qualified structural engineer and approved by a fully qualified California State Parks cultural resource specialist;
- Use insecticides, trapping, and exclusion to eliminate structure damaging pests including but not limited to wood boring insects, rodents, ground squirrels, and non-native birds;
- Repair existing damage caused by ground squirrels;
- Patch and repair or replace in kind damaged and rotted wood throughout the structure; and
- Fill openings behind and among non-historic wood blocks above the Fandango and Married Servants Quarters after humane exclusion of bats that roost in the openings.

All work will meet Secretary of Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Bay Area District

EXEMPT STATUS:
Categorical Exemption *Class: 31* *Section: 15331*

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of maintenance, repair, and rehabilitation of historic 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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