

State of California
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
1416 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 94296-0001

PROJECT TITLE: Malakoff Diggins State Historic Park Barber Shop Electric Line Installation

LOCATION: Malakoff Diggins State Historic Park **COUNTY:** Nevada

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Install an underground electric line from the Park Museum (Cummins Hall) to serve the Barbershop at Malakoff Diggins State Historic Park. Currently the Barbershop has an electric panel with wiring, but is not connected to the main generator in North Bloomfield.

Phase I : Conduct preconstruction archaeological testing along proposed location for new electric line to determine the presence/absence of subsurface cultural resources, significance of potential construction impacts, and acceptable locations for electric line installation. Testing will be conducted by or under the immediate supervision of a DPR-qualified archaeologist, using both mechanical trenching and hand excavation in a manner consistent with professional standards and DPR policies. If results of these evaluations determine that certain actions proposed as part of this project could result in a potentially significant environmental impact that cannot be avoided, that work will not be performed under this Notice of Exemption. Such actions will be evaluated separately and, if proposed for implementation, will be addressed in an appropriate separate environmental document.

Phase II : Excavate a trench 55-foot long x 1 foot wide x 3 feet in depth below present ground surface using a Cat Mini Excavator trencher and hand tools. Install conduit and electric cable in trench and backfill with excavated materials, restoring surface to original condition.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Sierra District

EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption Class: 1,4,6 Section: 15301, 15304, 15306

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of basic (archaeological) data collection and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource; minor alteration of an existing public structure, included as "minor utility upgrade" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR § 15300.4; and minor alteration in the condition of land and/or vegetation (minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored) which does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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