

**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: Archaeological Testing at Fort Tejon State Historic Park

LOCATION: Fort Tejon State Historic Park

COUNTY: Kern

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Excavate up to three 1x2 meter test units to 20cm below cultural strata or 6-10 shovel test samples in and around the historic garrison hospital feature at Fort Tejon State Historic Park. A California State University, Bakersfield Anthropology graduate student proposes the investigation and would supervise professional and archaeology student volunteers. The objectives are to "ground truth" a magnetometer survey of the area, provide contextual information for historic period artifacts recovered in a previous investigation, and gather data about the hospital building and life at the fort during the historic period. No Native American resources or human remains are anticipated, but appropriate measures will be taken in case of accidental discovery, including pre-excavation consultation and notification. Conditions for approval include a DPR Archaeology Permit with an approved research design and at least four copies of a completed report with artifact analysis and references. Recovered artifacts will be cataloged by the investigator and curated at Fort Tejon State Historic Park.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: South Valley Sector, DPR
Central Valley District

EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption

Class: 6 Section: 15306

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of data collection, research and resource evaluation with sampling or collection conducted by trained university-supervised volunteers for information gathering purposes.

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