



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: Blacksmith's Display Replacement Project
LOCATION: San Juan Bautista State Historic Park, Second and Franklin Streets, San Juan Bautista
COUNTY: San Benito

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

The Blacksmith's Display is a single story open-faced structure located at San Juan Bautista State Historic Park where period tools are displayed and blacksmithing demonstrations are conducted. The structure is approximately 75 feet long and 16 feet wide and was constructed in 1948. While the structure is over 50 years old, it was identified as an ancillary building that neither relates to the standard Post War development nor contributes to the adjacent historic district. Recent attempts to support the unsafe and collapsing roof failed when it was discovered that the majority of the structure was deteriorated and rotted. This project will replace all the rotted material in kind wherever feasible. In areas where structural integrity is compromised, slightly larger diameter lumber may be used or an extra support post added. Where possible, lumber will be salvaged and re-used. The Display will be re-constructed in the same footprint as the original structure, but will be slightly shorter in length on the northern side to prevent it from being attached to an adjacent structure. Existing utilities and accoutrements (electrical wiring and receptacles, lighting, horseshoes, etc.) will be removed and reinstalled on the replacement structure. While all posts and post footings will be placed in the existing holes, some holes may need to be widened and deepened slightly to accommodate larger posts. A DPR-qualified archaeologist will monitor excavation of the post holes/footings. If potentially significant resources are unearthed, work in the immediate area of the find will be temporarily halted or diverted until the archaeologist has evaluated the find and implemented appropriate treatment and disposition. The District Archaeologist will be notified a minimum of three weeks prior to the start of work to schedule monitoring, unless other arrangements are made in advance. This project will not impact or extend beyond park property and will not be done in conjunction with, or as part of, other projects.

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

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

EXEMPT STATUS: Categorical Exemption *Class: 2 Section: 15302*

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of 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 the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced, and is consistent with the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, according to CCR §15300.4.

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