

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: Locke Boarding House Rehabilitation, Locke Boarding House Property

LOCATION: In the Town of Locke along River Road COUNTY: Sacramento

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

This project will completely rehabilitate the two-story Locke Boarding House building for mixed uses including a visitor center, interpretive displays, office, research, and administrative functions. This work will include: developing a small paved parking area (17 by 22 feet) on an adjacent levee and construction of a footbridge to access the building; repairing and rehabilitating the exterior of the building including the foundation, exterior walls, porches, windows, doors and roof; repair and rehabilitation of the interior of the building including installing structural columns and beams to support the second floor, plumbing, electrical, heating system, lighting, flooring, interior walls and finishes. The rehabilitation work will save and repair historic features and fabric wherever possible. Where materials are damaged beyond repair, they will be replaced in-kind. Some portions of the building which are being modified for re-use are not part of the original building and were installed after the period of significance. The first floor will be used as office space, a research and archive space and work area, and some artifact storage. The second floor will be used as a visitor center/reception area and exhibit space utilizing the existing boarding house rooms. The project will be 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* and will comply with the California Building Code 2001 and the California State Historic Building Code 2001, and will conform to applicable accessibility codes and regulations by incorporating specific guidance provided by the DPR Accessibility Section. Guidance for the plans to rehabilitate and preserve the Locke Boarding House were developed in the *Locke Boarding House Historic Structures Report (ARG, March 2006)*. A DPR historian will monitor the rehabilitation of the structure as needed and a DPR archaeologist will monitor any excavation work as needed. In the event that birds, bats, occupied nests or other wildlife are observed in the building or in any trees that are to be trimmed, the project manager will contact the District Environmental Scientist and the District Superintendent who will determine how to minimize impacts.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Gold Fields District

EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption Class: 31 Section: 15331

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project will rehabilitate and preserve an historic structure and is included as "activities affecting historic resources consistent with the Secretary of Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR §15300.4.

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