

**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: Historic Catholic Cemetery Fence Construction

LOCATION: Shasta State Historic Park

COUNTY: Shasta

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Encircle existing fence that currently surrounds the historic Catholic cemetery. The existing fence consists of a wrought iron fence and gate bordering the south side of the cemetery and a wire fence stabilized with metal posts running along the other three sides. The fence is 4 feet high and it encloses an area 0.67 acre in size. Install a 7 foot high, welded iron rail fence with gate around the entire cemetery to protect it from vandalism. The new black fence has a traditional ornamental look of wrought iron with pickets extending above the top rail and ending in a safe pressed spear point with an approximately 1/2 inch rounded tip. Space post holes about every 10 linear feet and excavate holes to approximately one_ foot wide and 3 feet deep. Set posts in holes filled with hand-mixed concrete and backfill soil to natural grade where possible. Remove excess soil from the site as needed. The original fence materials will be left in place during new fence construction. New fencing along the wire fence will follow the existing alignment as close as possible. Along the south side of the cemetery, new fencing will follow an alignment 2-3 feet outside the existing iron fence to avoid impacts.

During construction work, a qualified archaeologist will monitor all subsurface work including trenching, grading, and excavations to ensure avoidance of significant impacts to cultural resources. In the event that previously undocumented cultural resources are encountered during project construction, work will cease at the location of the find until a DPR-qualified archaeologist has evaluated the find and implemented appropriate treatment and disposition of the artifact(s). Subsequent work on the cemetery, such as tombstone repair, will be evaluated in separate environmental document.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation
DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Northern Buttes District

EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption Classes: 3, 4, 31 Sections: 15303, 15304, 15331

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of construction and location of new small structure involving negligible expansion of use beyond current levels; minor alteration in the condition of land and vegetation that does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry purposes; the maintenance and repair of historic resources in a manner consistent with the Secretary of Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring, and Reconstructing Historic Buildings (1995), Weeks and Grimmer; and is included as " fence construction," and "activities affecting historic resources" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR 15300.4

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