

**State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation**

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: Replace Russian Style Brick oven/stove

LOCATION: Fort Ross State Historic Park

COUNTY: Sonoma

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Replacebuild the non-historic reconstructed Russian style oven/stove in the Official's Officer's Barracks at of Fort Ross State Historic Park to enhance visitor experience. This oven, pechka, will be rebuilt in the existing stove footprint. The existing oven and Official's Barracks are reconstructions of historic facilities. A Russian Architect has developed plans of the pechka that are more appropriate to the time period so that the oven more correctly depicts a stove of this time period. The work will be done using the architectural draws by a licensed mason & crew and with the help of volunteers. The work will be done in January, 2010. This reconstruction will enhance the special park unit's features and qualities. This Work will remove the 1472 bricks sizes 5x2x10 & 4x23x8 of the brick oven and flue and then build a more historically accurate oven and flue that will improve the visitor services functions of education and interpretation. It is designed for seismic code compliance.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Russian River District

EXEMPT STATUS:

- Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
- Statutory Exemption (Section: _____)
- Categorical Exemption Class: 1, 31 Section: 15301, 15331

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

This project applies reconstructing an existing non-historic consists of the minor alteration of an existing public structure involving negligible expansion of use-beyond current levels and the repair and reconstruction of historical resources in oven in a historic district. The replacement will be on the same site as the current oven. The footprint and size will remain the same (Class 1, Section 15301). It will be used for the same educational and interpretive purposes. It is designed for seismic code compliance. All work will be conducted in a manner 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 (1195), Weeks and Grimmer. The reconstructed oven will more accurately depict ovens of the Fort's time period (Class 31, Section 15331).

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