

State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
Central Valley District
22708 Broadway Street
Columbia, CA 95310

PROJECT TITLE: Issue Right of Entry Permit to Tuolumne County to Install Underground Utilities

LOCATION: Columbia State Historic Park

COUNTY: Tuolumne

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Issue a Right of Entry permit to Tuolumne County to excavate five approximately 1'wide x 2' deep x 60' long trenches and install underground lateral utility conduits at Columbia State Historic Park. Work will excavate five 1'W X 24"D X 60 linear feet trenches, install the conduits, and fill with dirt. Work is being done under the California Public Utilities Commission Rule 20A to replace the overhead communication and electrical facilities with underground conduits.

All work will comply with all State and Federal environmental laws, including but not limited to the Endangered Species Act, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and Section 5024 of the Public Resources Code. DPR will advise Tuolumne County and Tuolumne County will advise DPR if any new historical resources (including archaeological sites), special status species, Threatened/Endangered Species, or other resource issues are identified within the project area.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Central Valley District

EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption

Class: 5

Section: 15305

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: This project consists of minor alterations in land use limitations in areas with an average slope of less than 20%, which do not result in any changes in land use or density and is included as 'issuance of easements or permits' in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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