



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

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
Angeles District  
1925 Las Virgenes Road  
Calabasas, CA 91302-1909

**PROJECT TITLE:** Gatehouse Chimney Rehabilitation  
**LOCATION:** Will Rogers State Historic Park      **COUNTY:** Los Angeles  
**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:**

The Gatehouse was built in 1931 by Will Rogers as an employee residence. The mortar of the original stone fireplace has decayed to the point where it is unsafe to use, and falling apart. Work would involve rehabilitation of the existing fireplace structure to arrest the decay and ensure the safety of the historic building if someone were to use the fireplace. Work would entail stabilizing existing stones, replacement of fallen stones with new mortar, and installation of a sleeve or liner inside the flue to permit fires or installation of wood burning stove insert to fireplace. The exterior appearance of the fireplace would be rehabilitated to its replicate original state. Repairs will consist of preserving and/or replacing historic materials in kind. Project will comply with the Secretary of the Interior's Standard and Guidelines for the Rehabilitation of a historic structure associated with a historic landscape district.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT:** California Department of Parks and Recreation  
**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Angeles

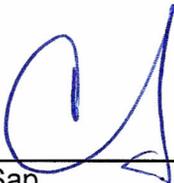
**EXEMPT STATUS:**

- Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
- Statutory Exemption (Section            )
- Categorical Exemption**  
Class: 31 Section(s): 15331

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** No potential for significant impact to the environment is anticipated in compliance with CEQA §15300.2. If the project is implemented as indicated within the project description including conditions provided by CDPR specialists, then it is exempt under CEQA §15331 – Historical Resource Restoration/Rehabilitation. The action falls under the Departmental List of Exempt activities according to CEQA §15300.4 as:

- "Activities affecting historic resources consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties" (Class 31, Section 15331)

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