



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
One Capitol Mall, Suite 410 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

PROJECT TITLE: Columbia State Historic Park Accessibility Improvements

LOCATION: Columbia State Historic Park

COUNTY: Tuolumne County

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: The project proposes to provide accessibility upgrades in Columbia State Historic Park to improve access for park visitors and to bring facilities in compliance with California State Parks accessibility guidelines and associated legal mandates. Work will:

In the South Parking Lot:

- Excavate approximately 10" to install one (1) 20' long x 17' wide concrete accessible parking stall with an access aisle adjacent to the existing bathroom building, four (4) accessible concrete parking stalls (approx. 20' long x 65' wide) in the northeast corner of the lot; and a new concrete walkway in front of the accessible parking stalls.

In the South Parking Lot and Existing Picnic Area:

- Excavate approx. 15" and install a timber-edged aggregate base for a reconfigured picnic area with three (3) ADA complaint picnic tables; and
- Construct a 5' wide x 65' long concrete walkway from the new (South Lot) parking stalls to the reconfigured picnic area. If handrails are required, handrail footings will require 2' and 6' of excavation and will have an approximate dimension of 8" x 30".

Between the South Parking Lot and Main Street:

- Construct a new 5' wide concrete path of travel with a 12" to 18" compacted aggregate base;
- Construct a 15' long x 5' wide concrete road crossing where the new path intersects Main Street; and
- Construct concrete steps to allow access to an existing non-accessible restroom.

On Main Street:

- Excavate approx. 15" deep to construct a new timber-edged, asphalt paved access path from Main Street to the rock out-cropping;
- Excavate an approx. 200ft² area up to 10" in depth, pour a new 12' x 17' concrete pad along the path and relocate the existing kiosk shelter onto the pad;
- Excavate an approx. 150ft² area up to 10" in depth and pour a 30" long x 5' wide concrete pad to create wheelchair access at two (2) gold panning troughs near the Miner's cabin;
- Construct a series of adjoining ADA compliant wood boardwalk sections with intermediate concrete landings to provide access to the north of the panning area, through the rock outcropping area and to Main Street, with a spur leading to the demonstration area at the Matelot Building.
 - Excavate 36" to install 30" high x 18" long x 6'6" wide concrete footings to elevate the boardwalk sections a minimum of 2" with three (3) concrete footings per section; and
 - Excavate an approx. 200ft² area up to 10" in depth, pour a 20' x 10' concrete landing pad and install bench seating at the top of the ramp/boardwalk.

Parking and Route behind Jack Douglass Saloon:

- Excavate an approx. 160ft² area up to 10" in depth and pour a 4' wide x 40' long stained and textured concrete walkway between the restrooms and the sidewalk adjacent to the Douglass Saloon;

- Relocate existing parking stops; and
- Excavate an approximately 400ft² area up to 10" in depth and pour a 5' wide x 80' long concrete path between parking stalls.

Intersection at Jackson and Columbia Street:

- Sawcut and remove existing asphalt concrete and concrete paving, excavate an additional 6", and install 5' x 5' truncated dome tiles.

Franco Cabin and Street Crossing at Jackson and Main Street:

- Excavate an approx. 130ft² area up to 10" in depth and pour a 6'6" wide x 20' long colored and textured concrete walkway in front of the Cabin;
- Excavate an approx. 250ft² area up to 10" in depth and pour a 5' wide x 40' long concrete accessible path at the northwest corner of Jackson and Main Street and pour a separate 10' long x 5' walkway to the street; and
- Excavate seven (7) 12" diameter x 30" deep holes to install seven (7) 6" x 6" redwood bollards spaced approx. 36" apart.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Northern Service Center

EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption *Class:* 1, 3 and 4 *Section:* 15301, 15303 and 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of the maintenance and minor alteration of existing public facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels; the construction and location of limited numbers of small new facilities and structures; and the minor public alterations in the conditions of land and vegetation, included as "Modifications of existing facilities for disabled access" and "Construction or installation of park facilities such as interpretive signing or panels" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4.

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