

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

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**TO:** State Clearinghouse  
Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 222  
Sacramento, CA 95814-3044

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

**PROJECT TITLE:** State Street Firehouse

**LOCATION:** Columbia State Historic Park

**COUNTY:** Tuolumne

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** The purpose of this project is to make minor repairs to the State Street Firehouse at Columbia State Historic Park so it can be safely utilized to provide living history programs to students and visitors. Work will take place on the interior and exterior of the structure as follows:

On the interior:

- Remove the 1.5-in. x 11-in. wooden ‘tire treads’ that run the length of the “engine bay”;
- Fill nail holes in the floor and, if needed, stain newly exposed area to match the surrounding flooring;
- Use hand tools to remove the viewing cage barrier and stem wall that runs the length of the building;
- Remove and properly dead end electrical and alarm system wiring from lower wall; and
- Stain the floor where stem wall was removed to match existing flooring if needed.

On the exterior:

- Replace a missing windowpane from rear exterior door;
- Restore front engine bay double doors by replacing warped and/or damaged doors, scraping existing painted doors and painting new wood to match existing, and stencil “Engine Tuolumne” lettering;
- Install five (5) sconce lights where wiring exists but fixtures are missing with time period appropriate fixtures;
- Test current hanging light fixtures and bring non-operational lights to operating condition;
- Relocate security and fire alarm system components and install controls and components in the back office where they’ll be out of the public’s view; and
- Scrape and repaint the front walkthrough door to match the existing exterior color.

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

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

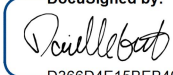
**EXEMPT STATUS:**

X Categorical Exemption      Class:1, 2 & 31      Section: 15301, 15302 & 15331

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of the operation, repair, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities and topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels; replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced; and consist of projects limited to maintenance, repair, restoration of historical resources, 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 (1995), Weeks and Grimmer.

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