

State of California  
Department of Parks and Recreation

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

**PROJECT TITLE:** Residence #8 Deck Replacement

**LOCATION:** Columbia State Historic Park

**COUNTY:** Tuolumne

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Repair and/or replace the deck at Residence #8 in Columbia State Historic Park to provide a safe outdoor space for park staff or resident. Work will:

- Remove and dispose of the failed components of the existing deck;
- Install temporary bracing to stabilize the existing awning structure;
- Grade the ground to level and excavate to install fifteen (15) 12" x 12" x 12" precast concrete piers set in concrete;
- Use pressure treated douglas fir lumber for installation of new girder and joist framing;
- At south and west sides of the existing cement foundation attach a new 2"x 6" pressure treated ledger;
- Attach 2"x 6" pressure treated douglas fir joists every 16";
- Replace decking planks with full dimension rough sawn 1"x12" ponderosa pine;
- Replace the 4"x4" posts supporting the porch roof structure;
- Reconstruct the collapsed railing with in kind materials;
- At front west side of the building, use 2"x12" pressure treated douglas fir and 1" x 12" rough sawn ponderosa pine to reconstruct the 4' wide staircase and rebuild the stair railings in kind; and
- Paint the stairs and railing with exterior white paint and stain the deck treads or surface with Armstrong rustic brown semi-transparent stain.

**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: 1, 2 & 4      Section: 15301, 15302 & 15304

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of the repair and minor alteration of existing public or private structures involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels; the 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 the minor public or private alteration in land, water and/or vegetation which does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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