

**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: School Group Meeting Building

LOCATION: Columbia State Historic Park ([Franco Cabin](#)) **COUNTY:** Tuolumne

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Construct a new structure at Columbia State Historic Park to serve as a welcome/introduction and presentation space for our visiting schools. This new structure will be located on the same location as the existing South Franco Cabin Exhibit. Work will:

- Demolish and dispose of existing South Franco Cabin Exhibit;
- Construct a continuous 12" wide X 12" deep X 155' long perimeter foundation with linear footings with a ramp stemwall foundation for accessible ramp;
- Form and pour a continuous 8" wide reinforced concrete foundation wall on the perimeter footers, and install 4" x 8" deep PTDF across the pier bases;
- Install continuous 12" wide X 12" deep X 13.6' long monolithic concrete footings for the ramp;
- Install five (5) 21" square x 12" deep piers to support the building floor framing, and seven (7) 18" square x 12" deep piers to support the ramp & stairs;
- Construct a 4" wide x 7' - 4" long x 8" deep back stair landing pad/slab;
- Use 2" x 4" rough sawn wood to construct board and batten clad walls;
- Install seven (7) single pane windows with operable wooden shutters;
- Install two (2) doors (front and back);
- Use redwood or douglas fir to construct a deck, accessible ramp and stairs;
- Install a 60-amp main distribution panel on the north side-building exterior;
- Excavate an approximately 42' long x 12" wide x 18" deep trench to accommodate 4" schedule 80 nonmetallic conduit to route new electrical conductors from the existing adjacent building's 200 amp main distribution panel and use excavated spoils to backfill the trench;
- Install a 40 amp ductless heating and cooling HVAC system with the refrigeration line-sets installed within the wall framing and the fan coil cassette will be boxed in by a valance to disguise it from view; and
- Install period lighting, and necessary AV equipment.

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: 3 & 4

Section: 15303 & 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures 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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