



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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

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

PROJECT TITLE: Fallon Garden Irrigation

LOCATION: Columbia State Historic Park

COUNTY: Tuolumne

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Project proposes to replace the existing failed irrigation system at the Fallon Garden in Columbia State Historic Park to enable continuous and timely watering that will allow for continued use of the garden for recreation and special events. Proposed work in the garden will include the following:

- Assess the existing irrigation layout and identify all broken components;
- Map the current system to understand the trenching required and avoid disrupting historical elements;
- Remove the existing broken valves, sprinkler heads, and drip lines while preserving surrounding vegetation and garden features, and properly dispose of all removed components;
- Excavate, as needed to a depth of no more than 10-inches, to install new valves, sprinkler heads and drip lines suited to the needs of the garden;
- Install programmable controllers, if needed, for efficient water scheduling;
- Refill and restore any trenches after pipework is completed to maintain the appearance of the historic landscape;
- Test and adjust spray and drip settings as necessary; and
- Clean up and restore the site to its original appearance.

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 & 4 *Section:* 15301 & 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels, minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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