

District Project # 730-307-20250402
CEQA # 14292



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: Towle and Leavett HVAC Upgrade

LOCATION: Columbia State Historic Park

COUNTY: Tuolumne

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: The project proposes to replace the existing outdated HVAC system in the historic Towle and Leavett building in Columbia State Historic Park to allow for the continued use of the building as a concessionaire establishment. Work will:

- Remove the existing swamp cooler from the building’s roof and cap any openings;
- Install two (2) new HVAC condensers on the roof near the location of an existing swamp cooler;
- Run necessary refrigerant tubing and electrical wiring down existing swamp cooler’s ducting to avoid new penetrations in the roof;
- Install condensate pumps to get drains through ducts to roof;
- Install two (2) wall hung indoor fan coils near old existing cooler ducts;
- Cover any visible tubing on interior walls and ceiling with tubing covers; and
- At each indoor air handler mount location, construct box covers that match the historic trim and walls to conceal the air handlers. The box covers will open at the top and bottom to allow for proper airflow and be removable for maintenance servicing.

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:* 31 *Section:* 15331

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of projects limited to maintenance, repair, stabilization, rehabilitation, restoration, preservation, conservation or reconstruction 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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