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District Project # 730-307-20250411
CEQA # 14361

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: St Charles Saloon HVAC Installation

LOCATION: Columbia State Historic Park **COUNTY:** Tuolumne

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: The project proposes to upgrade the existing HVAC system serving the dining room and bar in the St. Charles Saloon at Columbia State Historic Park to provide sufficient cooling and heating to allow for continued use of the building for visitor services. Work will:

- Remove the existing evaporative cooler from the roof;
- Modify the ducting used for the old unit to serve as a chase for the new system's wires and line sets;
- Install 6-inch rubber risers on the roof and set the new condenser unit on the risers;
- Connect the existing electrical to the new condenser;
- Inside the building, mount a new ductless air handler on the south interior wall of the dining room;
- Construct a removeable box cover to match the historic walls and trim;
- Cover any visible tubing on the interior walls with tubing covers; and
- On the exterior, use Cover Guard covers to conceal power and set lines.

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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