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District Project # 730-335-20250905
CEQA # 14383

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: West Pass Track Switch Retaining Wall Repair

LOCATION: Railtown 1897 State Historic Park **COUNTY:** Tuolumne

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Repair the failing retaining wall the West Pass Track Switch at Railtown 1897 State Historic Park to bring the walkways along the tracks into compliance and improve safety in the area train crews. Work will:

- Stabilize the remains of the existing retaining wall;
- Replace switch ties/headblocks as necessary;
- Use non-serviceable railroad ties to create a new retaining wall;
- Drive old boiler tubes into the ground to secure the rebuilt retaining wall; and
- Install tamped and compacted ballast between the retaining wall and switch ties.

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:
X 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, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels and is listed as "Utility repairs or minor upgrades" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4; and 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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