

CEQA # 14445
District Project #26-01



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
Diablo Range District
15751 Tesla Road
Livermore, CA 94550

PROJECT TITLE: San Juan Bautista State Historic Park Ramada area enhancement

LOCATION: San Juan Bautista State Historic Park

COUNTY: San Benito

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: The project proposes improvements to the ramada area of San Juan Bautista State Historic Park to improve interpretative space for park programming, school tours, park visitor tours, and special events. The proposed project will include: reroofing the existing ramada, a new ramada expansion, removal of the water fountain located on the north side of the current ramada, and improving pathways from 2nd Street between the Castro Breen Adobe and the Plaza Hotel to the ramada area. State Parks staff will:

Use a skid steer and 47-inch drum roller to spread and compact 75 tons of decomposed granite on top of the existing grade to minimize subsurface ground disturbance;

Use equipment and hand tools to remove the water fountain on the north side of the existing ramada; and

Use heavy machinery to level the courtyard from behind the hotel and Castro Breen.

Excavate to pour concrete footings in an area no larger than 25-ft x 35-feet;

Use hand tools to attach six (6) structural redwood-clad posts to the concrete footings, approximately 8-inches below grade;

Use hand tools to remove the roof of the existing ramada;

Use hand tools to install new roofs of rough sawn plywood (sawn side down) on top of 2-in x 4-in skip sheathing, and install Class "B" fire retardant treated cedar shake roofing on the existing ramada and new ramada expansion;

Paint the undersides of the plywood sheathing on each structure to simulate weathered cedar shakes;

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Diablo Range District

EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption

Class: 1, 2

Section: 15301 & 15302

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; replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have

substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced, included as “reroofing” in the Department of Parks and Recreation’s list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4.

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