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## State of California Department of Parks and Recreation

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: State Clearinghouse Office of Planning and Research 1400 Tenth Street, Room 222 Sacramento, CA 95814-3044 FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation Central Valley District 22708 Broadway Street Columbia, CA 95310

**COUNTY:** Tuolumne

**PROJECT TITLE:** Columbia Mercantile Paint Removal

**LOCATION:** Columbia State Historic Park

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT**: Remove the existing non-historic painted signage on the historic mercantile building at Columbia State Historic Park to restore the building to its historic appearance. Work will use "Smart Strip" paint stripper to remove two (2) 44" W x 34" L and one (1) 18" W x 102" L painted signs, from the historic masonry building. Project will follow guidelines outlined in "Technical Preservation Services Presentation Brief 38: Removing graffiti from Historic Masonry".

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 & 31

Section: 15301 & 15331

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REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the minor alteration of existing public or private structures, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels; and the maintenance, restoration, and preservation 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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