

District Project # 730-335-20260210
CEQA #14468



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: Railtown Oil Pit Fence Repairs

LOCATION: Railtown 1897 State Historic Park

COUNTY: Tuolumne

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: The project proposes the installation and/or reinstallation of fence alignments along the east and north faces of the Oil Pit at Railtown 1897 State Historic Park to improve safety and allow for safe access for park staff. All work will be confined to an existing stairway area and utilize holes, and targeted repairs will adhere to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. The proposed work will do the following:

On the East Face:

- Install three (3) vertical boiler tubes sourced from on-site piles, and cut each tube so that the top of each tube will be 43-inches above the surface;
- Impact-drive vertical posts into existing holes without further excavation or concrete encasement.
- Cut four (4) boiler tubes to approx. 12-ft in length to serve as top and lower rails;
- Use threaded “T”s and elbows to affix a top rail and weld the lower rails to the vertical posts; and
- Backfill any remaining open earth with surrounding soil and rocks to restore the previous ground appearance.

On the North Face:

- Cut two (2) boiler tubes to approx. 10-ft in length and use threaded “T”s and elbows to affix the top rail and weld the lower rails to the vertical posts. No additional vertical posts are needed for this alignment as the north-most vertical posts of the east and west faces will be utilized.

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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