



**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
Northern Buttes District
400 Glen Drive
Oroville, CA 95966

PROJECT TITLE: Joss House FIPP Structure Hardening

LOCATION: Weaverville Joss House State Historic Park

COUNTY: Shasta

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: This project will combine the Facility Ignition Prevention Program (FIPP) scope of work with implementation of the Chinese Cultural Garden Master Plan at Weaverville Joss House State Historic Park to improve staff and visitor safety, reduce wildfire ignition potential, enhance cultural interpretation, and preserve historic resources through aligned structure hardening, defensible space, and landscape improvements. The project work focuses on the Weaverville Joss House Temple and Visitor Center and the surrounding grounds. Work will:

- Use Class A fire-rated roofing to reroof and fire harden the Visitor Center, repair associated structural elements, and treat the Joss House Temple roof with fire-retardant sealant;
- Upgrade the existing fire protection systems, including a fully functional and monitored deluge system;
- Replace wood fencing with non-combustible materials to eliminate direct ignition pathways to structures;
- Upgrade monitoring and control systems to improve emergency response readiness and early detection capabilities;
- Establish and maintain defensible zones in compliance with State and Department guidelines;
- Reduce hazardous vegetation and fuel continuity across developed areas of the park;
- Install a culturally significant, fire-resistant landscape design consistent with Facility Ignition Prevention Program standards and the Master Gardener's Plan; and
- Implementing fire-resilient landscaping that reduces recurring vegetation management needs.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Northern Buttes District

EXEMPT STATUS:

☒ Categorical Exemption *Class:* 1, 2, 4 & 31 *Section:* 15301, 15302, 15304 & 15331

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 and the structure replaced and is listed as "Reroofing" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4; minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, and/or vegetation which do not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees, except for forestry or agricultural purposes; and 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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