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District Project # 730-335-20251117
CEQA # 14431

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 1906 Section House (Residence)

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

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Project proposes to restore and preserve the historic 1906 Section house at Railtown 1897 State Historic Park to protect and honor the historical and cultural value of the property and ensure the residence meets modern safety and habitability standards as well as complete improvements to, and around, the exterior of the house. Work on the interior and exterior will be as follows:

On the interior

- Remove existing carpet throughout designated areas and repair and level the subfloor;
- Install new laminate flooring (or similar material) and install baseboards and transitions where necessary;
- Remove existing wood-burning fireplace and associated components;
- Update surround and mantle and install new pellet-burning fireplace unit;
- Surface prep and paint all interior walls and doors (including trim);
- In the mud room, sheetrock over two (2) existing windows and cover with pine siding to match surrounding walls and paint to match surrounding color;
- In the bathroom, remove and replace the existing fixtures and update the existing plumbing;
- Install new flooring, lighting, and ventilation and install new toilet, shower, and sink;
- Paint and finish surfaces to match design plan;
- Replace the existing furnace with a new unit and connect to existing gas supply, electrical and flue;
- Install a new AC unit with a new line set, 220v electrical and low voltage control wire to outdoor unit;
- Level ground and install new preform pad, install condenser and run new condensate drain line;
- Update ductwork and thermostat as needed;
- Remove and replace failed sheetrock ceilings, repair and retain historic wood paneling; and
- Install new insulation in the attic and repair additional damages as needed.

On the exterior,

- Use in-kind material to repair/replace deteriorated wood siding, prioritizing repair over replacement and repaint with color matching paint;
- Repair or replace the front porch decking, front porch screen and framing and rear patio handrails;
- Remove the existing deteriorated roof and underlayment and replace materials as needed;
- Install felt paper underlayment and ice and water shield; and
- Install a metal drip edge, flashing and CeDUR brand shingles

In addition to the house, work will remove the existing wire fence and install a wood picket fence to match the design of the house. The top and bottom fence cords will be redwood 2x4s and pickets will be cedar. Posts will be pressure treated 4x4s, painted white to match the existing color and design.

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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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District Superintendent
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