

**CITY OF FRESNO
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTIONS
Environmental Assessment for Installation of Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Canopies at Fresno
Fire Department Headquarters**

THE PROJECT DESCRIBED HEREIN IS DETERMINED TO BE CATEGORICALLY
EXEMPT FROM THE PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS
PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 19 OF THE STATE CEQA GUIDELINES.

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PROJECT LOCATION: 911 H Street, Fresno (APN 467-040-25ST)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Construction of multiple solar photovoltaic (PV) canopies and associated electrical components over the existing parking lot at the Fresno Fire Department Headquarters. The proposed canopy photovoltaic system is intended to provide a portion of the site's energy needs, and to generate savings in energy costs.

This project is exempt under Sections 15303/Class 3; 15304/Class 4; and 15332/Class 11 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines as follows:

15303/Class 3 **New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures;** consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures:

(e) Accessory (appurtenant) structures – a canopy photovoltaic system over existing parking lot.

15304/Class 4 **Minor Alterations to Land;** consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve the removal of mature, scenic trees.

(f) Minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored

15311/Class 11 **Accessory Structures;** consists of construction or placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities:

(b) Small parking lots – a canopy photovoltaic system installed on a parking lot as an accessory use to the existing Fire Department Headquarters

The proposed project meets the criteria noted above. There is no substantial evidence in the record that any of the exceptions to these Categorical Exemptions, set forth in CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 apply to this project. Therefore, no adverse environmental impacts will occur as a result of the proposed project.

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