

**CITY OF FRESNO
EXEMPTION
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. TA-17-002**

APPLICANT: Fresno City Council
2600 Fresno Street
Fresno, CA 93721

PROJECT LOCATION: Citywide

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant proposes to amend zoning and use regulations for California Redemption Value (CRV) Recycling Centers within the City of Fresno

This project is exempt under Section 15061 (b) (3) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

EXPLANATION:

The State Guidelines for the implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act provide for the exemption of projects which will have no potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. More specifically, Section 15061 (b) (3) of the CEQA Guidelines states: "...CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA."

The proposed text amendment changes include, but are not limited to the following: limit CRV Recycling Centers to within the permitted footprint of a business subject to California Public Resources Code section and requires that existing CRV Recycling Centers come into compliance with the Fresno Municipal Code within six months if located within a temporary structure, and within a year if the facility is located within a permanent building.

The City of Fresno has determined that a Finding of No Possibility that the project will have impacts on the environment pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines is appropriate for the proposed text amendment. Given that the proposed text amendment will only modify locational restrictions and operational requirements of new and existing establishments, and further refine the already limited locations where new CRV Recycling Centers may locate, the revisions will not result in a significant change to the physical environment. In addition to this, enforcing these code regulations on existing facilities will only result in fewer impacts to the physical environment, not more. It will reduce noise and aesthetic concerns within existing neighborhoods, thus it is clear that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment. Individual establishments that require a new Conditional Use Permit are subject to CEQA review at the time of application submittal.

It has been determined that the subject application falls within the purview of Section 15061 (b) (3) and is, therefore, exempt from CEQA.

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