

CITY OF FRESNO
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. TC00185

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: From The Fresno-Clovis Regional Wastewater Reclamation
Facility at 5607 W Jensen Ave To The City Hall Data Center

(City of Fresno Council District 3)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of Fresno, Capital Projects Department is proposing installation of fiber optic cable through an *existing conduit* that runs from the existing City communication infrastructure at the Fresno-Clovis Regional Wastewater Reclamation Facility to the City Hall Data Center. It includes inspecting, validating, and performing repair work to the existing conduit as necessary; installing 144 ct. fiber optics cable and terminating fiber optics at both ends.

This project is exempt under Sections §15301/Class 1, §15303/Class 3 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines. None of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in the CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 apply to this project.

EXPLANATION:

15301/Class 1(a), (e)

Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

(a) Interior or exterior alterations involving such things as interior partitions, plumbing, and electrical conveyances.

(b) Existing facilities of both investor and publicly owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services.

15303/Class 3 (d)

Staff have performed a preliminary environmental assessment of this project and determined

that it falls within the Categorical Exemption set forth in CEQA Guidelines Section 15303/Class 3 (d) which exempts projects with the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. Examples include:

(d) Water main, sewage, electrical, gas, and other utility extensions, including street improvements, of reasonable length to serve such construction.

The proposed project involves installation of fiber optics cable in an '*existing conduit*' which runs from the Fresno-Clovis Regional Wastewater Reclamation Facility (RWRF) at 5607 W Jensen Ave to the City Hall Data Center. It includes inspecting, validating, and performing repair work to the existing conduit as necessary; installing 144 ct. fiber optics cable and terminating fiber optics at both ends. These minor alterations would have no impact on the existing surrounding, underground or overhead utilities.

None of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in the CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply to this project.

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| (a) Location | The Project is not located in a sensitive environment or an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern as designated by federal, state, or local agencies. The work is entirely located at the RWRF. |
| (b) Cumulative Impact | The Project will not have a cumulative negative impact over time that is significant. |
| (c) Significant Effect | The Project will not have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances. All work will be limited to the existing facility at the RWRF. |
| (d) Scenic Highways | The Project will not result in damage to scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway. The Project is not located near scenic highways. |
| (e) Hazardous Waste Sites | The Project is not located on a hazardous waste site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code. |
| (f) Historical Resources | The Project will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. The existing facilities at the RWRF are not considered historical resources. |

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