

Exhibit E

**CITY OF FRESNO
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. P26-00103**

THE PROJECT DESCRIBED HEREIN IS DETERMINED TO BE
EXEMPT FROM THE PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS
PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 5 OF THE STATE CEQA GUIDELINES.

APPLICANT: City of Fresno
Planning and Development Department
2600 Fresno Street
Fresno, CA 93721

PROJECT LOCATION: North Lanes Road right-of-way, west of North Rice Road

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The City of Fresno has filed Annexation Application No. P26-00103 pertaining to approximately 2.40 acres of North Lanes Road right-of-way west of North Rice Road.

Annexation Application No. P26-00103 proposes to initiate annexation proceedings for the Copper-Friant No. 3 Reorganization proposing incorporation of right-of-way within the City of Fresno, and detachment from the Kings River Conservation District and Fresno County Fire Protection District. Additionally, there will be an approximately 1.06-acre portion of North Lanes Road to be vacated extending approximately 787 linear feet south from the northern point of where the North Lanes Road public right-of-way ends to allow for the construction of a privately maintained gate. Based on review of the proposed project by other City of Fresno Departments and outside reviewing agencies, the vacation is subject to the approval and recordation of the proposed annexation and shall be consistent with feasibility conditions noted in the letter from the City of Fresno Public Works Department dated March 25, 2026.

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

Staff has determined that the proposed Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) under the common sense exemption that 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 Project involves the annexation of approximately 2.40 total acres of existing public street right-of-way. There will be no physical change to the environment as a result of the approval of the annexation or vacation as they only involve annexation of existing public street right-of-way into the City limits and subsequent vacation of the public right-of-way by the City. The proposed vacation involves the vacation of approximately 1.06 total acres of future public street right-of-way. The vacation will allow for the construction of a privately

maintained gate that will make negligible alterations to the area.

Conclusion:

The Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to the common sense exemption set forth in Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because the project involves the annexation of approximately 2.40 total acres of existing public street right-of-way and vacation of a 1.06-acre portion of the public street right-of-way to allow for the construction of a privately maintained gate.

Therefore, Annexation Application No. P26-00103 is exempt from CEQA pursuant to the common sense exemption set forth in Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines.

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