

**CITY OF FRESNO
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

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.

APPLICANT: City of Fresno
Capital Projects Department
747 R Street, 2nd Floor
Fresno, CA 93721

PROJECT LOCATION: Area bounded by S. Orange, E. Church, S. Cedar and E. Jensen Avenues

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The City of Fresno Capital Projects Department proposes the replacement of existing facilities by furnishing and installing approximately ten thousand nine hundred and twenty-three (10,923) lineal feet of 8" water main, and ninety eight (98) lineal feet of 6" water main. In addition, replacing existing water services to 342 lots (315 contractor + 27 City installed) and service transfers will be performed at all those locations. Construction will also include the replacement or installation of 21 fire hydrants with 6 additional hydrants to be installed by City forces. Expansion of utilities by the construction of new fire hydrant installation will be negligible. The work will be performed in the vicinity of S. Orange, E. Church, S. Cedar and E. Jensen Avenues. The 8" and 6" water mains will replace 50± year old mains. A portion of work is within the County of Fresno.

This project is exempt under Section(s) 15301(b)/Class 1 and 15302(c)/Class 2 of the State of California CEQA Guidelines.

EXPLANATION:

Class 1 exemptions, for projects pertaining to Existing Facilities, consist 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 use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. Examples include but are not limited to: Existing facilities of publicly owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services; existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities (this includes road grading for the purpose of public safety); Rehabilitation of existing facilities to meet current standards of public health and safety; and, the Addition of safety or health protection devices for use in conjunction with existing facilities, including navigational devices.

Class 2 exemptions, for projects involving Replacement or Reconstruction, consist of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. Examples include but are not limited to: Replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

The proposed project is consistent with the Class 1 and Class 2 exemptions because it will make improvements to existing underground water facilities. The improvements do not expand any existing facilities. Existing water mains are being abandoned in-place. Existing water mains will be replaced, and water service connections re-established between existing water service lead lines, meter boxes and replacement water mains. Existing water mains within alley drives will be replaced with new water mains installed within existing road rights of way.

None of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in the CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 apply to this project. Furthermore, the proposed project is not expected to have a significant effect on the environment. Accordingly, a categorical exemption, as noted above, has been prepared for the project.

No adverse environmental impacts will occur as a result of the proposed project.

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