

**CITY OF FRESNO  
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR  
DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION NO. P19-06102**

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(S):** Lito Bucu  
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**PROJECT LOCATION:** 4554 North Wishon Avenue, PS

Generally located on the east side of North Wishon Avenue between East Gettysburg and East Indianapolis Avenues in the County of Fresno, California. (APN: 426-072-17T)

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Development Permit Application No. P19-06102 pertains to approximately  $\pm 0.29$  acres of property located within an unincorporated island of Fresno County. The subject property is owned by the City of Fresno and zoned R-1-B/NB (*Single Family Residential District/Neighborhood Beautification - County of Fresno*) which is consistent with the RS-4 (*Residential Single Family, Medium Density – City of Fresno*) zone district. The RS-4 zone district is consistent with the Medium Low Density Residential planned land use designation.

The proposed project will be completed in three (3) phases and will provide needed improvements to the existing Water Well Pump Station No. 208 (PS 208) located at the property noted above.

Phase I will include the demolition and removal of the existing water well and pump equipment (PS 208-1), the drilling of a new water well, and installation of new pumping equipment (PS 208-2). The new pumping equipment will include a vertical turbine pump, column, shaft and electrical motor.

Phase II will provide additional on-site improvements including but not limited to a concrete block wall and access gates, landscaping, an equipment building to house electrical panels and chlorination equipment, a transformer and control panel, and an iron and manganese filtration system. In addition, development under Phase II will include off-site improvements which includes curbs, gutters, and sidewalks. The improved well site will be operational following completion of Phase II.

Future Phase III will include the installation of granular activated

carbon (GAC) water treatment vessels, or other suitable treatment system should it be required to address future water contamination.

**This project is exempt under Section 15301/Class 1, Section 15302/Class 2, Section 15303/Class 3, and Section 15311/Class 11 of the State of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines as follows:**

Section 15301/Class 1 (Existing Facilities) of the CEQA Guidelines exempts from the provisions of CEQA, projects consisting of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, or minor alteration of existing public facilities that involve 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 both investor and publicly owned facilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services (including water); and the restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment to meet current standards of public health and safety, unless it is determined that the damage was substantial and resulted from an environmental hazard such as earthquake, landslide, or flood.

Section 15302/Class 2 (Replacement or Reconstruction) of the CEQA Guidelines exempts from the provisions of CEQA, projects consisting of the 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 including but are not limited to: Replacement or reconstruction existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

Section 15303/Class 3 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Facilities) of the CEQA Guidelines exempts from the provisions of CEQA, projects consisting of 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 but are not limited to: Water main, sewage, electrical, gas, and other utility extensions, including street improvements of reasonable length to serve such construction.

Section 15311/Class 11 (Accessory Structures) the CEQA Guidelines exempts from the provisions of CEQA, projects consisting of construction, or placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities.

The project complies with all conditions listed 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. Accordingly, a Categorical Exemption, as noted above, has been prepared for the project.

**Date: May 6, 2020**

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