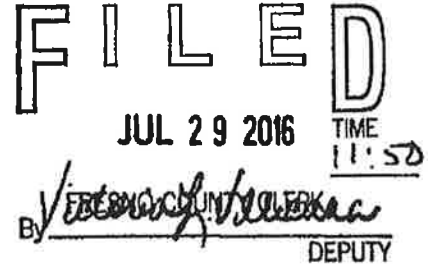


NOTICE OF EXEMPTION PLEASE POST FOR 30 DAYS

FROM: City of Fresno Development and Resource Management Dept.
2600 Fresno Street
Fresno, California 93721-3604

TO: X Fresno County Clerk
2221 Kern Street
Fresno, California 93721

Office of Planning & Research SCH NO.: N/A
P.O. Box 3044, Room 212
Sacramento, California 95812-3044



Project Title: Environmental Assessment No. EA-16-016

Project Location: San Benito Street west of 'G' Street to the 'G' and 'F' Street alley; including, the 'G' and 'F' Street alley in Downtown Fresno (See Exhibit)

Project Location – city: City of Fresno

Project Location- county: County of Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: The scope of work for the proposed project includes the vacation of San Benito Street, west of the San Benito and 'G' Street intersection to the 'G' and 'F' Street alley. The vacation also includes the 'G' and 'F' Street alley between Santa Clara and San Benito Streets. Based on a review of the proposed project by other City of Fresno Departments and outside reviewing agencies, the vacation is approved with conditions as noted in the letter from the City of Fresno Public Works Department, dated June 30, 2016.

Beneficiaries of the project would be: Fresno Rescue Mission
310 'G' Street
Fresno, CA 93706

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Fresno

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Fresno Rescue Mission
310 'G' Street
Fresno, CA 93706

Exempt Status: (check one)

- ☐ Ministerial - PRC § 21080(b)(1); CEQA Guidelines §15268
- ☐ Declared Emergency - PRC § 21080(b)(3); CEQA Guidelines §15269(a)
- ☐ Emergency Project - PRC § 21080(b)(4); CEQA Guidelines §15269(b) and (c)
- ☒ Categorical Exemption – Class 1/CEQA Guidelines §15301
- ☐ Statutory Exemption – PRC § _____

Reasons why project is exempt: Section 15301 (Class 1/Existing Facilities) of the CEQA Guidelines exempts from the provisions of CEQA, projects consisting of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, 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. Example include but are not limited to: Existing facilities of both investor and publicly owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services; and, Existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities (this includes road grading for the purpose of public safety).

The proposed vacation of the above-described land meets the criteria noted 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.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Phillip Siegrist, Planner II
City of Fresno Development & Resource Management Department

Full Telephone No. (559) 621-8061

If filed/signed by applicant:

Attach certified document of exemption finding ☐ (check if attached)

Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Signature:  **Date:** 7.29.14

Printed Name and Title: McKencie Contreras, Supervising Planner
City of Fresno Development and Resource Management Department

☒ **Signed by Lead Agency** ☐ **Signed by applicant**

Attachments: Exhibit A
Exemption Finding

**CITY OF FRESNO
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. EA-16-016**

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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: Fresno Rescue Mission
310 'G' Street
Fresno, CA 93706

PROJECT LOCATION: San Benito Street west of 'G' Street to the 'G' and 'F' Street alley;
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attached Feasibility Study Exhibit)

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Departments and outside reviewing agencies, the vacation is
approved with conditions as noted in the letter from the City of
Fresno Public Works Department, dated June 30, 2016.

**This project is exempt under Sections 15301/Class 1 (Existing Facilities) 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: Section 15301 (Class 1/Existing Facilities) of the CEQA Guidelines
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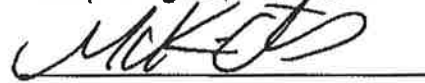
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Date: July 29, 2016

Prepared By: Phillip Siegrist, Planner II

Submitted By:



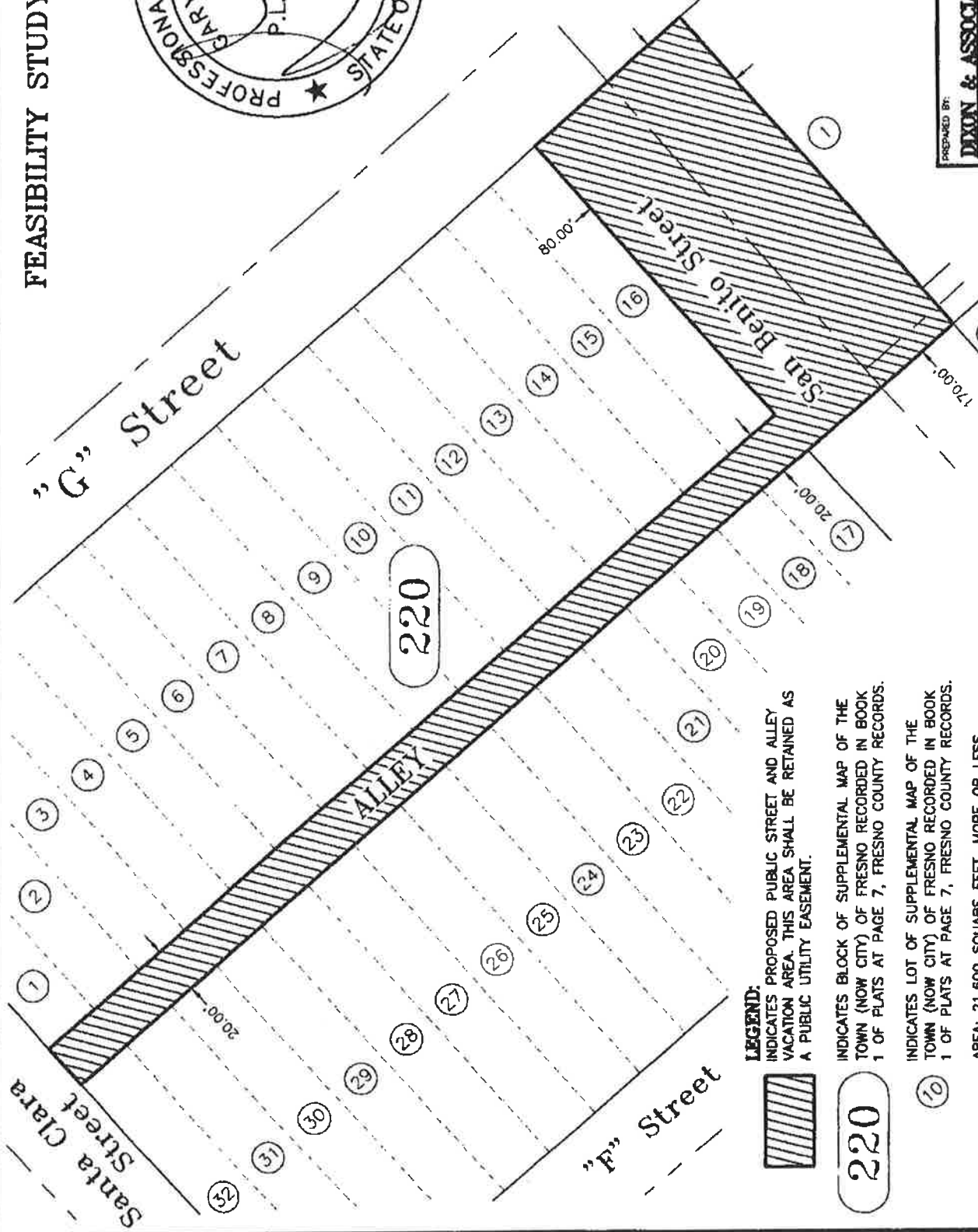
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FEASIBILITY STUDY EXHIBIT



7-05-16



SCALE: 1" = 60'

DATE: July 3, 2016
SCALE: 1"=60'
DRAWN BY: GJD
CHECKED BY: NED

REVISIONS:

DRAWING NO. 1
OF 1 SHEETS

PREPARED BY:
DIXON & ASSOCIATES, INC.
LAND SURVEYING
620 DEWITT, #101
CLOVIS, CALIFORNIA, 93612
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LEGEND:
INDICATES PROPOSED PUBLIC STREET AND ALLEY
VACATION AREA. THIS AREA SHALL BE RETAINED AS
A PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT.



INDICATES BLOCK OF SUPPLEMENTAL MAP OF THE
TOWN (NOW CITY) OF FRESNO RECORDED IN BOOK
1 OF PLATS AT PAGE 7, FRESNO COUNTY RECORDS.

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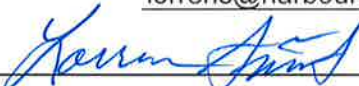
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AREA: 21,600 SQUARE FEET, MORE OR LESS.



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Environmental Assessment Application

1. APPLICANT'S NAME: <u>Fresno Rescue Mission</u> ADDRESS: <u>310 G St.</u> CITY & ZIP: <u>Fresno, CA. 93706</u> TELEPHONE: <u>559-618-1636</u> EMAIL: <u>rcravy@fresnorm.org</u> SIGNATURE: 	2. CONSULTANT'S NAME: <u>Harbour & Associates</u> ADDRESS: <u>389 Clovis Ave., Ste. 300</u> CITY & ZIP: <u>Clovis, CA. 93612</u> TELEPHONE: <u>559-325-7676</u> EMAIL: <u>lorrens@harbour-engineeri</u> SIGNATURE: 
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Applicant's Consultant (if any) will only be sent a copy of the completed environmental findings. If box is checked, the applicant will also be sent a copy ☒

3. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROJECT:

3a. Narrative Description – Describe outstanding characteristics, including architectural characteristics, type of construction, number of stories, activities resulting from the proposed project and other major features:

Proposed alley and street abandonment.

3b. Area of Parcel: 6.25 Acres or Square Feet 272,137

3c. Proposed Project is located on the: southwest (side of) G St.

between Santa Clara St. and San Benito St.

Street Address: 315 G St.

3d. Existing Zoning: C-M 3e. Assessor's Parcel Number: 467-092-34

3f. Related entitlement (indicate by ☐)

- ☐ Rezoning: Proposed Zone(s) _____
- ☐ Tentative Tract Map; if known, TT Map No. _____
- ☐ Site Plan Review _____
- ☐ Conditional Use Permit _____
- ☐ Parcel Map _____
- ☒ Other, Identify: Proposed alley and street abandonment

4. IF RESIDENTIAL USE is proposed, number of dwelling units: N/A

5. IF NON-RESIDENTIAL USE is proposed, identity: N/A

5a. Non-residential Floor area: _____

5b. Estimated total number of employees: _____

5c. Total Number of off-street parking spaces provided: _____

FOR STAFF USE ONLY

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT – CITY OF FRESNO

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6. If this project involves a Site Plan Review and/or rezoning for an industrial use, describe in detail the use intended (such as sheet metal fabrication, auto body painting, warehouse, meat packing, frozen food processing, truck trailer assembly, etc.):

N/A

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7. Identify probable sources of noise generated by the proposed project that affect the surrounding area. If noise is considered moderate or severe, describe measures to be taken to reduce the effect.

Construction equipment only during demolition and construction.

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8. Describe known sources of noise in the vicinity that may impinge upon the proposed project site:

Freeway 41, railroads and High Speed Rail in the future.

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9. Describe other characteristics of the proposed project that will cause smoke, odors, or gases:

Construction Equipment

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10. Describe existing structures on the site and other site characteristics:

N/A

11. Describe the existing use of the site and other site characteristics:

Commercial

12. Adjoining Land Uses: (Example: North – new single story apartments)

North Christian based care facility

South Christian based care facility

East Industrial and railroad

West Christian based care facility

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13. Is the proposed project site within 200 yards of an existing or proposed freeway? ☒ Yes ☐ No;
Within 200 yards of a railroad? ☒ Yes ☐ No

14. It is the applicant's opinion that significant adverse effects on the environment ☐ will ☒ will not result from the proposed project.

15. Other comments or information. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

June 30, 2016

Fresno Rescue Mission
310 "G" Street
Fresno, CA 93706

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED VACATION OF SAN BENITO STREET BETWEEN "G" STREET
AND "G" AND "F" STREET ALLEY**

The vacation feasibility study you requested has been completed. Findings indicate the vacation proposal is feasible subject to the following conditions:

1. Louise Gilio of the City's Traffic Management Division requires that this vacation not proceed until the following concerns be addressed.
 - a) The applicant shall be responsible for the removal of all existing street improvements from the area proposed to be vacated;
 - b) The applicant shall be responsible for the installation of concrete curb, gutter, sidewalk and asphaltic paving as necessary across the vacated area to block public access to the vacated area.
- If you have any questions, please contact Louise at (559) 621-8678.
2. The City's Public Utilities Department requires that an unobstructed Public Utility Easement be reserved over the entire proposed vacation area to have access to the existing sewer and water facilities. If you have any questions or concerns about the requirements please contact Tony Sanchez at (559) 621-8688.
3. PG&E has facilities within the area proposed to be vacated and requests that a public utility easement be reserved over the entire area proposed to be vacated to provide for their facilities. If you have any questions about this condition, please contact Mr. Chris Woods of PG&E at 263-5215. Public Works must receive written notification from PG&E if there is any change to this requirement.
4. AT&T requires that you provide an easement for their facilities as shown on their enclosed exhibit. This can be done by the dedication of a specific easement to them or by reserving a public utility easement from the vacation. If you have any questions, please contact Geneva McJunkin at A.T.&T. (559) 454-4697.
5. The Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District (FMFCD) requires that you provide an easement for their facilities as shown on their enclosed exhibit. This can be done by the dedication of an exclusive easement to them or by reserving a public utility easement from the vacation. If you have any questions, please contact Gary Chapman of FMFCD at (559) 456-3292.

6. Sarah Aguila of Fresno's Wastewater Management Division requires that a 20 foot wide easement be reserved for maintenance of their facilities. Please see attached exhibit. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Aguila at (559) 621-5267.
7. The City's Water Division has several requirements regarding the proposed vacation. Please see the attached letter. If you have any questions or concerns about the requirements please contact Robert Diaz at (559) 621-1623.
8. Comcast Cable requires that you provide an easement for their facilities within the area and access to their facilities in the alley adjacent to the subject area. This can be done by the dedication of a specific easement to them or by reserving a public utility easement allowing 24 hour access from the vacation. If you have any questions, please contact Michael Sue at (559) 455-4221.

We will also need: an 8.5" X 11" vicinity map for the City Council Staff Report showing the vacation area relative to the nearest main streets within a half mile with the title of: Attachment 1 Vicinity Map, an additional Exhibit "B" showing the reservation of a public utility easement, if not reserving the entire area

A processing fee in the amount of \$1,555.00 is required to cover the cost of administration and legal notices prior to continuing this process for City Council action. An Environmental Assessment (EA) for the entire project that accurately addresses the vacation is required to proceed with the vacation. If you do not have one, the EA application and fee should be submitted to the City of Fresno's Development & Resource Management Department (DARM). Mike Sanchez of DARM at 621-8040 can provide you with further information about the environmental assessment. Once the EA has been completed, please provide a copy to us.

For your information, the City of Fresno has only an easement interest in the subject area and the City has no legal authority to make a determination as to what portion of the underlying fee title to the vacated area may be added to adjacent properties.

The study done for this proposed vacation will expire in one year. Therefore, please notify this office by June 30, 2016 of your intention regarding the pursuit of this vacation.

Please contact me at 621-8681 or by email at Jason.Camit@fresno.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Jason A. Camit, PLS
Chief Surveyor

Attachments: A.T.&T. Exhibit
 FMFCD Exhibit
 Water Division Exhibit

Legal Description

All that portion of San Benito Street as shown on the Supplemental Map of the Town (now City) of Fresno, in the City of Fresno, County of Fresno, according to the map thereof recorded June 9, 1884 in Book 1 of Plats at Page 7, Fresno County Records, lying Northeasterly of the Southeasterly prolongation of the Northeasterly line of lots 17 through 32 of Block 220 and Southwesterly of G Street as shown on said Supplemental Map of the Town (now City) of Fresno.

TOGETHER WITH the Alley lying within said Block 220.

Containing 21,600 square feet, more or less.

