

**CITY OF FRESNO
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PW00940**

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
Department of Public Works 2600 Fresno Street
Fresno, CA 93721

PROJECT LOCATION: The proposed project is located on the southeast corner of South Armstrong Avenue and East Hamilton Avenue within the existing park at 6565 East Hamilton Avenue, Fresno.

(Council District 5)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project includes construction of a new tot lot play area. The project scope shall include landscaping, installation of fence, concrete path of travel with ADA Accessibility, shade sail structure, play structures and site amenities including picnic tables, benches, and trash receptacles.

This project is exempt under Section(s) 15301/Class1, 15303/Class3, and 15311/Class11 of the State of California CEQA Guidelines. None of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in the CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 apply to this project.

EXPLANATION:

Class 1 exemption, for projects pertaining to existing facilities, 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 use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. Examples include but are not limited to, addition of safety or health protection devices for use during construction of or in conjunction with existing structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment, or topographical features including navigational devices.

Class 3 exemption, for projects pertaining to new construction or conversion of small structures, consists of 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, accessory (appurtenant) structures including garages, carports, patios, swimming pools, and fences.

Class 11 exemption, for projects pertaining to accessory structures, consists of construction or placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities, including but not limited to the following: on-premises signs; small parking lots; placement of seasonal or temporary use items such as lifeguard towers, mobile food units, portable restrooms, or similar items in generally the same locations from time to time in publicly owned parks, stadiums, or other facilities designed for public use. Examples include but are not limited to, appurtenant signs, landscaped public or private parking, if no more than four spaces.

The construction site is an existing park facility, and the project includes addition of play structures a shade structure, a picnic table, two benches, trash receptacles, metal fencing, a concrete path of travel with ADA accessibility, landscaping that includes the installation of trees and shrubs, and a wood fiber play surface, all of which will not negatively impact the existing characteristics of the area or the condition of land.

The proposed project complies with all the conditions described in 15301/Class1, 15303/Class3 and 15311/Class11 of the California CEQA Guidelines. Based on staff analysis, it was determined that no adverse environmental impacts would occur as a result of the proposed project and none of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in the CEQA guidelines Section 15300.2 apply to this project. Therefore, 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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