

**CITY OF FRESNO
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR
THE CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION DETERMINATION FOR THE LEASE AGREEMENT
WITH LOPERENA ANTENNA SITES**

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
2600 Fresno Street
Fresno, CA 93721

PROJECT LOCATION: 19720 Auberry Rd. Clovis, California 93619

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project involves the lease of a portion of real property to continue the operation of a radio and wireless communications site.

This project is exempt under Section 15301/Class 1 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines as follows:

Under Section 15301/Class 1, the proposed project is exempt from CEQA requirements when the project 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 existing or former use. The key consideration is whether the project involves negligible or no expansion of use.

Section 15301/Class 1 applies because the proposed project includes the lease of existing facilities for the purpose of the continued operation of a radio and wireless communications site which has been under continuous lease agreement since 2007. The lease will enable the City to upgrade its communication equipment, maintain its current equipment, and install additional antennas on the existing tower. The lease also provides the City with an option to install an emergency back-up power generator within the existing footprint. The project does not involve new construction, ground disturbance, or increased capacity beyond existing facilities and previous use. Accordingly, the project will not have a significant impact on the environment.

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

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