

**CITY OF FRESNO**  
STATUTORY AND CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION  
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. TC00176-HC003

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.

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**PROJECT LOCATION:** Fresno-Clovis Regional Wastewater Reclamation Facility,  
Headworks Building; 5607 W Jensen Ave, Fresno, CA 93706.  
City of Fresno Council District 3

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The City of Fresno, Public Utilities Department is proposing to replace aged units with equivalent units that meet current development codes and no change in capacity. The proposed units are: one makeup air unit and two air handling units.

**This project is exempt under sections 15301 and 15302 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, which covers Class 1 and Class 2 projects. None of the applicable exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in the CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply to this project.**

**EXPLANATION:**

Class 1 projects are those that 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 existing or former use. Examples include existing facilities of publicly owned utilities used to provide public utility services.

Class 2 projects 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, including but not limited to replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

The proposed project involves the replacing of aged units with equivalent units that meet current development codes, with no change in capacity. These units are critical to the functioning of the Regional Wastewater Reclamation Facility, controlling temperature for electronic equipment and hazardous gas control within the headworks building of the facility. The Project will replace

critical ventilation units in the Fresno-Clovis Regional Wastewater Reclamation Facility (RWRF) Headworks Building that are original to construction in 1993. These units maintain temperature in electrical rooms and control the ventilation of toxic gases in the Headworks Building. The scope of work includes removal of existing units, furnishing and installing replacement units, and temporary units during construction. The first stage of treatment for wastewater occurs in the Headworks Building, which was constructed in 1993. The building houses the initial stages of the wastewater treatment stream including bar screens, chemical injection, and the addition of hydraulic head prior to proceeding through the treatment process. Ventilation in the building is critical and is provided by four makeup air units (MAU) and two air-handling units (AHU). The units are susceptible to shortened service lives based on the highly corrosive environment at the RWRF. Units MAU-002, AHU-001 and AHU-002 have reached end of life and replacement is necessary. Therefore, Classes 1 and 2 apply to this Project because the repairs and replacements will take place within the footprint of the existing facility, with negligible expansion of use

None of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in the State CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply to this project. The proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment through cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place. There are no unusual circumstances that would create a significant effect on the environment from this project. The project site is not located in or near a state scenic highway, nor is it included in any list of hazardous waste sites compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code. There are no historical resources located on or adjacent to the project site.

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