

**CITY OF FRESNO
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. PWEDMA-01**

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: Public Works Department
City of Fresno
2600 Fresno Street, Room 4016
Fresno, CA 93721

PROJECT LOCATION: Caltrans right-of-way in Fresno, CA
State Routes 41, 99, 168 and 180

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The City of Fresno proposes to perform encampment abatement and maintenance services within Caltrans right-of-way along State freeways within the City of Fresno. The Agreement authorizes the City to conduct removal of encampments, hazardous debris and associated waste materials in compliance with Caltrans Maintenance Policy Directives.

This project is exempt under Section 15301 Class 1 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

Staff has performed a preliminary environmental assessment of this project and determined that it falls within the Categorical Exemption set forth in CEQA Guidelines Class 1 exemption Section 15301 for Existing Facilities which exempts projects from repair and maintenance of existing public structure, and facilities, Staff found that the following conditions are met:

Section 15301 Class 1 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. The types of "existing facilities" itemized below are not intended to be all-inclusive of the types of projects which might fall within Class 1. The key consideration is whether the project involves negligible or no expansion of an existing use.

Specifically included in this class of exemption are: (c) Existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities (this includes road grading for the purpose of public safety, and other alterations such as the addition of bicycle facilities, including but not limited to bicycle parking, bicycle-share facilities and

bicycle lanes, transit improvements such as bus lanes, pedestrian crossings, street trees, and other similar alterations that do not create additional automobile lanes).

The proposed project will perform encampment abatement and maintenance services within Caltrans right-of-way along State freeways within the City of Fresno. The Agreement authorizes the City to conduct removal of encampments, hazardous debris and associated waste materials in compliance with Caltrans Maintenance Policy Directives. The project is consistent with the Fresno General Plan and complies with all conditions described in Section 15301 Class 1 of the California CEQA Guidelines.

This project is exempt from CEQA under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301.

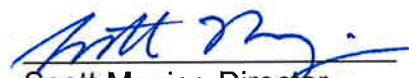
None of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in the CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 apply to this project. Furthermore, the proposed project is not expected to have a significant effect on the environment. Accordingly, a categorical exemption, as noted above, has been prepared for the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

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