

**CITY OF FRESNO
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

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 TITLE: Sewer rehabilitation improvements in the area bound by
Blackstone, Maroa, McKinley and Clinton Avenues

PROJECT LOCATIONS: Sewers bound by Blackstone, Maroa, McKinley and
Clinton Avenues

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The purpose of the project is to remove and replace a
portions of existing sewer mains, the removal and
replacement of entire existing sewer mains, point repairs,
the installation of cured-in-place pipe liners in existing
sewer mains, reconfiguration of exiting manholes, and
the removal and replacement of existing manholes,
including all associated facilities, appurtenances, and
incidentals.

**The Project is exempt under Section 15301(b)&(d)/Class 1 and Section
15302(c)/Class 2 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.**

The proposed project is consistent with the Class 1 and 2 exemptions. All sewer conveyance facilities involved in the Project are publicly owned utilities, consistent with a Section 15301(b) exemption. The Project is necessary to correct sewer system structural deficiencies within the area, which involves restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, in order to meet public health standards for sewer conveyance facilities, as is consistent with a Section 15301(b) exemption. Lastly, the replacement of the existing facility with similar sized conveyance pipe represents a negligible or no net expansion of current capacity, as is consistent with a Section 15302(c) exemption.

**None of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in the CEQA
Guidelines, Section 15300.2, apply:**

- (a) Location** The Project is not located in a sensitive environment or an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern as designated by federal, state, or local agencies.
- (b) Cumulative Impact** The Project will not have a cumulative negative impact over time that is significant. A well is rehabilitated once every 10 or more years and the impacts are beneficial to the operation of the well and surrounding aquifer.
- (c) Significant Effect** The Project will not have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances. The well rehabilitations are routine maintenance following industry standards.
- (d) Scenic Highways** The Project will not result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway. The Project is not located near scenic highways.
- (e) Hazardous Waste Sites** The Project is not located on a hazardous waste site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.
- (f) Historical Resources** The Project will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. The Project is limited to rehabilitation of public water supply wells, which are not historical resources.

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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