

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Project Title: Environmental Assessment No. EA-16-031-HSR

Project Location: Rescue the Children, 2141 North Parkway Drive

Project Location – City: City of Fresno

Project Location - County: County of Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: Redesign and reconstruction of the southern and eastern portions of the facility with three new access entry's along the new West Weldon Avenue roadway that connects North Pleasant Avenue to North Woodson Avenue; vacating of a portion of North Parkway Drive for service access to the facility; new security access gates, including iron fencing, masonry walls, additional parking spaces, landscaping and other minor site improvements. The remainder of North Parkway Drive from West Vassar Avenue to North Woodson Avenue will be eliminated to accommodate the realignment of State Route 99 for the High Speed Rail project. The project, as a major revised exhibit, is not subject to CEQA; however, the portion of North Parkway Drive that is being vacated for specific use by the facility as a service access drive from West Weldon Avenue is subject to CEQA.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Fresno Development Services

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Ralph Kachadourian, Supervising Planner

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial - PRC § 21080(b)(1); CEQA Guidelines §15268
- Declared Emergency - PRC § 21080(b)(3); CEQA Guidelines §15269(a)
- Emergency Project - PRC § 21080(b)(4); CEQA Guidelines §15269(b) and (c)
- Categorical Exemption - CEQA Guidelines §15301/Class 1
- Statutory Exemption – PRC § _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

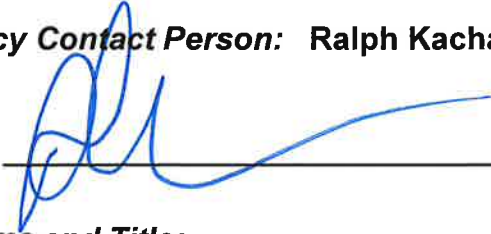
Section 15301/Class 1 (b, c) Existing Facilities consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. Example include but are not limited to: Existing facilities of both investor and publicly owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services; and, existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities (this includes road grading for the purpose of public safety).

Furthermore, none of the exceptions to the Categorical Exemptions set forth in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply to the project.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Ralph Kachadourian

Telephone No. (559) 621-8172

Signature:



Date:

7/18/16

Printed Name and Title:

Ralph Kachadourian, Supervising Planner, Development Services Division, High Speed Rail Impacted Business Assistance Program

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by applicant

Attachments: Exhibit A Site Plan, stamped approved on 7/21/2016
Categorical Exemption Memorandum

**CITY OF FRESNO
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. EA-16-031-HSR**

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: Lorren Smith
Harbour & Associates

PROJECT LOCATION: Rescue the Children
2141 North Parkway Drive
(APN: 442-090-18 and 442-090-56) within the City of Fresno

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Redesign and reconstruction of the southern and eastern portions of the facility with three new access entry's along the new West Weldon Avenue roadway that connects North Pleasant Avenue to North Woodson Avenue; vacating of a portion of North Parkway Drive for service access to the facility; new security access gates, including iron fencing, masonry walls, additional parking spaces, landscaping and other minor site improvements. The remainder of North Parkway Drive from West Vassar Avenue to North Woodson Avenue will be eliminated to accommodate the realignment of State Route 99 for the High Speed Rail project. The project, as a major revised exhibit, is not subject to CEQA; however, the portion of North Parkway Drive that is being vacated for specific use by the facility as a service access drive from West Weldon Avenue is subject to CEQA.

This project is exempt under Sections 15301 Class 1(b, c) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

EXPLANATION: Section 15301. Class 1 (b, c) 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. Example include but are not limited to: Existing facilities of both investor and publicly owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services; and, existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities (this includes road grading for the purpose of public safety). None of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in the CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 apply to this project.

Date: July 18, 2016

Prepared and Submitted By:
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