

**CITY OF FRESNO
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. P20-00543**

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: Congo Alley south of Fulton Street located between Merced Street and Fresno Street.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Environmental Assessment Application No. P20-00543 was filed by Robert Diaz of The City of Fresno - Public Utilities Department and pertains to Congo Alley located between Merced Street and Fresno Street. The applicant proposes to construct approximately 500 feet of replacement water distribution mains in existing City streets.

This project is exempt under Section 15301/Class 1 and Section 15302/Class 2 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

EXPLANATION:

Under Section 15301/Class 1, the proposed project is exempt from CEQA requirements.

Section 15301/Class 1 (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. Examples include existing facilities of both investor and publicly owned utilities to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services.

Under Section 15302/Class 2, the proposed project is exempt from CEQA requirements.

Section 15302/Class 2 (Replacement or Reconstruction) of the CEQA Guidelines exempts from the provisions of CEQA, projects consisting 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 replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

The proposed project consists of the replacement of approximately 500 feet of water

distribution mains in Congo Alley between Merced and Fresno Streets. New water and fire services will be constructed from the new 12-inch water main to the adjacent structures. The proposed construction is consistent with the Fresno General Plan, will not negatively impact the characteristics of the area, and complies with all conditions described in Section 15301/Class 1 and 15302/Class 2, California CEQA Guidelines. 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, as the area is not environmentally sensitive, as noted above, a categorical exemption has been prepared for the project.

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