

CITY OF FRESNO
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. WC00005-J6044

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:** N. First Street between E. Shields Avenue and E. Princeton Avenue, Fresno, California

(City of Fresno Council District 4 & 7)
- PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The proposed Project consists of replacing approximately 1400 linear feet of substandard 12-inch Steel pipe with 16-inch Class 350 Ductile Iron Pipe (DIP), replacing approximately 120 linear feet of existing 12-inch Cast Iron Pipe (CIP) with 12-inch DR 18 C900 Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) pipe, and replacing approximately 50 linear feet of substandard 6-inch steel pipe with 8-inch DR 18 C900 Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) pipe as well as the transfer of approximately nine water services. This includes mainline construction water service transfers, trenching, excavation, pavement restoration, reconstruction of existing improvements affected by the Project, and incidentals for complete construction. An encroachment permit is anticipated from Fresno Irrigation District (FID) to cross the limits of the FID Herndon Canal.

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

EXPLANATION:

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 former use. The key consideration is whether the project involves negligible or no expansion of use. Examples include existing facilities of both investor and publicly owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or public utility services. Class 2 consists 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. Examples include replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

The proposed Project consists of replacing approximately 1400 linear feet of substandard 12-inch ODP pipe with 16-inch Class 350 DIP, replacing approximately 120 linear feet of existing 12-inch CIP with 12-inch DR 18 C900 PVC pipe, and replacing approximately 50 linear feet of substandard 6-inch OPD pipe with 8-inch DR 18 C900 PVC pipe as well as the transfer of approximately nine water services. The Project will bring water facilities to current standards and will provide more reliable water service. This includes mainline construction water service transfers, trenching, excavation, pavement restoration, reconstruction of existing improvements affected by the Project, and incidentals for complete construction. An encroachment permit is anticipated from FID to cross the limits of the FID Herndon Canal. This water main replacement Project includes the City's existing water utility system, will be located on the same site as the structure replaced, and it is anticipated that the Project will not increase capacity.

None of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in the CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply to this project.

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