

**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: Access Structures Rehabilitation in Fruit Avenue from
North Avenue to Jensen Avenue

PROJECT LOCATIONS: Fruit Avenue between North and Jensen Avenues

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The purpose of the project is to rehabilitate seven existing sewer access structures, which includes the removal and replacement of failing coating and installation of polymer concrete inserts, as well as all associated facilities, appurtenances, and incidentals.

The Project is exempt under Section 15301(d)/Class 1 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

The proposed project is consistent with the Class 1 exemption. All sewer facilities involved in the project are publicly owned utilities. The project is necessary to correct sewer access structures 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(d) exemption. There is no expansion of capacity.

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

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| (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 sewer access |

structure is rehabilitated once every 10 or more years and the impacts are beneficial to the operation of the sewer system

- (c) Significant Effect** The Project will not have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances. The sewer access structure 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 sewer access structures, 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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