

**CITY OF FRESNO  
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION  
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION  
DETERMINATION FOR THE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT AND TRANSPORTATION  
MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION**

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:** City of Fresno  
2600 Fresno Street  
Fresno, CA 93721

**PROJECT LOCATION:** 2743 East McKinley Avenue, located within the State Highway right of way in the area bounded by the Highway 41 southbound ramp and McKinley Avenue at post mile 25.28 in Fresno, California

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The City of Fresno and the California Department of California are entering into a maintenance agreement and art maintenance agreement for a community garden project.

**This project is exempt under Section 15301/Class 1 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines as follows:**

Under Section 15301/Class 1, the proposed project is exempt from CEQA requirements when the project 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 existing or former use. The key consideration is whether the project involves negligible or no expansion of use.

The project is exempt from CEQA because the City of Fresno is providing maintenance to an existing facility. The project does not involve new construction, ground disturbance, or increased capacity beyond existing facilities and previously approved operations. Accordingly, the project will not have a significant impact on the environment, as it involves minor repairs of the existing McKinley Community Garden facility with negligible or no expansion of the existing use.

None of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions outlined in the CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 apply to the project. Furthermore, the proposed project is not expected to have a significant effect on the environment. A categorical exemption, as noted above, has been prepared for the project and the area is not environmentally sensitive.

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