

**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.

APPLICANT: City of Fresno
Capital Projects Department
747 R Street, 2nd Floor
Fresno, CA 93721

**PROJECT
LOCATION:** Area bound by West Clinton, West University, North West and North
Teilman Avenues.

**PROJECT
DESCRIPTION:** The City of Fresno Capital Projects Department proposes the replacement of 7,845 linear feet of 6-inch and 8-inch water mains and approximately 3,255 linear feet of 10-inch water mains with 8,199 linear feet of 8-inch polyvinyl chloride and ductile iron water mains and 3,476 linear feet of 16-inch ductile iron water mains as well as the transfer of approximately 232 water services for providing more reliable water service and fire protection.

Construction will also include the replacement or installation of 13 fire hydrants. The work will be performed in the vicinity of West Clinton, West University, North West and North Teilman Avenues.

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

EXPLANATION:

Class 1 exemptions, for projects pertaining to Existing Facilities, consist 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 but are not limited to: Existing facilities of publicly owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services; existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities (this includes road grading for the purpose of public safety); Rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures to meet current standards of public health and safety.

Class 2 exemptions, for projects involving Replacement or Reconstruction, consist 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 but are not limited to: Replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

The proposed project is consistent with the Class 1 and Class 2 exemptions because it will make improvements to existing underground water facilities. The improvements do not expand any existing facilities. Existing water mains will be replaced, and water service connections re-established between existing water service lead lines, meter boxes and replacement water mains. Due to confined spacing within alley ways, existing water mains will be replaced with new water mains installed in adjacent existing road rights of way to meet State Water Resources Control Board separation requirements from sanitary sewer mains. These facilities will be located on the same site as the structures being replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced and will involve negligible expansion of existing use.

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, a categorical exemption, as noted above, has been prepared for the project.

No adverse environmental impacts will occur as a result of the proposed project.

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