

**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: Rehabilitation of Public Water Supply Wells in the South
Quadrant of the City of Fresno

PROJECT LOCATIONS:	Site	Address	APN
	Well 3A	1430 Santa Clara St Fresno, CA 93706	467-083-50T
	Well 27A	105 W Chandler Ave Fresno, CA 93706	464-030-28T
	Well 33A	2061 S Hazelwood Blvd Fresno, CA 93702	471-265-05T
	Well 49A	3905 E Mono St Fresno, CA 93702	461-263-17T
	Well 77	489 S Adler Ave Fresno, CA 93727	463-050-31 463-050-40T
	Well 88-2	2363 S West Ave Fresno, CA 93706	477-053-02T 477-053-20T
	Well 170	1084 E Annadale Ave Fresno, CA 93706	328-140-24T
	Well 223-3	5671 E Columbia Dr Fresno, CA 93727	474-160-06T

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Project entails the physical and chemical rehabilitation of public water supply wells in the south quadrant of the City of Fresno, including removing debris from the well, brushing the screened sections of the well, injecting and mixing chemicals into the well for chemical rehabilitation, utilizing high energy to remove obstructions from screened sections of the well, disinfecting the well, developing the well, and performing pump testing. The south quadrant of the City of Fresno is defined as those areas south of State Route 180, not

including the Fresno-Clovis Regional Wastewater Reclamation Facility. DPU staff have assembled a priority list for those wells in most need of rehabilitation in the south quadrant, including Wells 3A, 27A, 33A, 49A, 77, 88-2, 170, & 223-3. The order of rehabilitation will depend on the needs and status of the water system over the course of Project.

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

Under Section 15301/Class 1, projects are exempt from CEQA requirements when they consist of 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 Project described herein represents the regular, recommended maintenance activity of existing public water supply wells within the City of Fresno. Maintenance activities will include removing debris from the well, brushing the screened sections of the well, injecting and mixing chemicals to dissolve mineral buildup, utilizing high energy to remove obstructions from screened sections of the well, and disinfecting the well. The maintenance activities are recommended by the American Water Works Association to optimize the operable life of a public water supply well.

The Project will not expand the use of these existing well facilities.

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 well is rehabilitated once every 10 or more years and the impacts are beneficial to the operation of the well and surrounding aquifer. |
| (c) Significant Effect | The Project will not have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances. The well 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 public water supply wells, 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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