

**CITY OF FRESNO – ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

<p>The project described below is not exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); however it will not have a significant effect on the environment and is prepared in accordance with Sections 15070 to 15075 of the CEQA Guidelines.</p>	<p>DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING: Filed with the Fresno County Clerk's office on August 24, 2018</p>
<p>Applicant: Cathy Rodriguez City of Fresno 2600 Fresno Street Fresno, CA 93721-3604</p>	<p>Initial Study Prepared By: Jarred Olsen, Planner August 24, 2018</p>
<p>Environmental Assessment Number: EA No. P18-01212</p>	<p>Project Location (including APN): 6351 East Clinton Avenue; located south of the southwest corner of East Clinton and North Armstrong Avenues Fresno, CA 93727 APN: 310-041-20 (portion)</p>


Project Description: Upon obtaining the requisite approvals and permits, the proposed project would acquire approximately 67,200 square feet of land and develop the project site, currently served by existing utility and roadway infrastructure, with a new 11,000-square-foot (35-foot maximum height) single-story Fire Station No. 10, which would replace the existing fire station located at 5545 East Aircorp Way. The project site's topography is flat. Farmland is located to the north, west, and south of the project site. The east side of the project site consists of a landscape nursery. The project would include native, drought tolerant landscaping and new curb, gutter and sidewalk along the frontage of the proposed Fire Station No. 10. The parcel may be held by the City or deemed surplus property and sold. No development plans have yet to be proposed. A prezone to RS-5 (*Residential, Single-Family, Medium Density*), annexation, and a Conditional Use Permit would be required for the development of a Fire Station in an RS-5 zone district.

The Development and Resource Management Department staff has prepared an Initial Study (See Attached "Appendix G/Initial Study for a Negative Declaration") to evaluate the project in accordance with the land use and environmental policies and provisions of the City of Fresno's General Plan adopted by the Fresno City Council on December 18, 2014 and the related Master Environmental Impact Report (MEIR) SCH No. 2012111015. The project is determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and is prepared in accordance with Sections 15070 to 15075 of the CEQA Guidelines. The project is partially within the scope of MEIR SCH No. 2012111015.

Pursuant to Section 21157.1 of the California Public Resources Code (CEQA Provisions), it may be determined that a subsequent project falls within the scope of the MEIR, provided that the project does not cause additional significant impacts on the environment that were not previously examined by the MEIR. Based on this Initial Study, the following findings are made: (1) The proposed project implements water conservation goals set forth in the Fresno General Plan; (2) The proposed project is partially within the scope of the MEIR because it will not generate additional significant effects on the environment not previously examined and analyzed by the MEIR for the reasons set forth in the Initial Study; and, (3) there are no additional mitigation measures or alternatives required.

The Development and Resource Management Department, as lead agency, finds that no substantial changes have occurred with respect to the circumstances under which the MEIR was certified and that no new information, which was not known and could not have been known at the time that the MEIR was certified as complete, has become available. Moreover, as lead agency for this project, the Development and Resource Management Department, in accordance with Sections 15070 to 15075 of the CEQA Guidelines has determined that all feasible mitigation measures from the MEIR shall be applied to the project as set forth in the attached MEIR Mitigation Measure Monitoring Checklist.

Public notice has been provided regarding staff's finding in the manner prescribed by Section 15072 of the CEQA Guidelines and by Section 21092 of the California Public Resources Code (CEQA provisions).


Jarred Olsen, Planner
City of Fresno

August 24, 2018
Date

- Attachments:
- Exhibit A: Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration
 - Exhibit B: Appendix G/Initial Study for a Negative Declaration for Environmental Assessment No. P18-01212
 - Exhibit C: MEIR Mitigation Measure Monitoring Checklist for Environmental Assessment No. P18-01212
 - Exhibit D: Draft City Council Resolution and Ordinance Bill