

**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: Installation of a 16-inch Water Main in Polk Avenue
from Gettysburg Avenue to Acacia Avenue

PROJECT LOCATIONS: Polk Avenue between Gettysburg and Acacia Avenues

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The purpose of the project is to replace the existing
14-inch Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) DR25 water main with
a 16-inch ductile iron water main, as well as associated
fire hydrants, valves, and service transfers

**The Project is exempt under Section 15302(c)/Class 2 of the California
Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.**

The proposed project is consistent with the Class 2 exemption. This Project entails the replacement of an existing water main and associated existing fire hydrants, valves, and services. All water facilities involved in the Project are publicly owned utilities. The Project is necessary to prevent further expensive failures from occurring, ensure consistent levels of service, and meet public health standards for water facilities. This Project entails a negligible 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 water main is replaced once every 60 or more years and the |

impacts are beneficial to the operation of the water system

- (c) Significant Effect** The Project will not have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances. The water main replacement is to maintain 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 water main replacement, 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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