

**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: Reclamation Well Power Poles Replacement

PROJECT LOCATIONS: 5607 W. Jensen Ave Fresno, CA 93706

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The purpose of the project is to remove and replace forty-one (41) existing electrical power supply poles at the wastewater facility including replacing the 10-foot copper clad ground rods, ground rod conductor clamps and the #6 solid copper ground conductors.

The Project is exempt under Section 15301(b)&(d)/Class 1 and Section 15302(c)/Class 2 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

The proposed project is consistent with the Class 1 and 2 exemptions. All existing electrical power supply poles to be replaced are publicly owned utilities, consistent with a Section 15301(b) exemption. The Project is necessary to provide electrical service to the pond pumping system within the area, which involves replacing the deteriorated electrical power supply poles that are at close to the end of service life, as is consistent with a Section 15301(b) exemption. Lastly, the replacement of the existing facility with similar sized power poles represents a negligible or no net expansion of current capacity, as is consistent with a Section 15302(c) exemption.

None of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in the CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2, apply:

(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. Electrical power supply polls are replaced approximately every 25 years and the impacts are beneficial to the operation of the reclamation well and surrounding pond.
- (c) Significant Effect** The Project will not have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances. The electrical power supply pole replacement is 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 remove and replace existing electrical power supply poles, which are not historical resources.

Overall, 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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