

**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: Secondary Treatment Process Rehabilitation at the
Fresno-Clovis Regional Wastewater Reclamation
Facility (RWRF)

PROJECT LOCATIONS: 5607 W. Jensen Avenue Fresno, CA 93706
Fresno-Clovis Regional Water Reclamation Facility

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Project involves conducting a comprehensive
condition assessment of the RWRF B- and C-Side
secondary treatment systems and Dissolved Air Flotation
Thickeners (DAFTs), located at the City of Fresno’s
Regional Water Reclamation Facility (RWRF), followed
by a rehabilitation of the existing infrastructure.

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

Section 15301 applies to projects involving the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting,
leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities,
mechanical equipment, or topographical features, where the work results in negligible or
no expansion of existing or former use. The subsections applicable to this Project are:

(b) Existing facilities of publicly-owned utilities used to provide sewerage or other public
utility services.

(d) Restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities, or
mechanical equipment to meet current standards of public health and safety, provided
the damage did not result from a major environmental hazard.

The Project consists of conducting structural and mechanical condition assessment
inspections, design, and thereafter, rehabilitation of the existing B- and C-Side aeration

basins, secondary clarifiers, and DAFTs. These activities restore deteriorated infrastructure necessary for continued wastewater treatment operations and public health protection, consistent with subsections (b) and (d).

All work will occur entirely within the existing RWRF footprint and involves the repair, restoration, or replacement of existing equipment with no expansion of footprint, capacity or change in use. The project is limited to improving the condition and reliability of existing facilities and does not result in any changes that would increase environmental impacts. As such, the Project qualifies for a Class 1 exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(b) and (d).

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. All work will occur entirely within the boundaries of the Fresno-Clovis RWRF site. |
| (b) Cumulative Impact | The Project will not have a cumulative negative impact over time that is significant. The Project merely entails the assessment and rehabilitation of existing wastewater treatment facilities with no expansion of capacity or change in use. |
| (c) Significant Effect | The Project will not have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances. All work will be limited within the existing RWRF structures and will not introduce new or unusual environmental risks. |
| (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 RWRF facilities subject to the Project are not identified as 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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