

**CITY OF FRESNO
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. P18-02226**

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.

APPLICANT: Lito Bucu
City of Fresno
Department of Public Utilities, Water Division
2101 'G' Street, Building A
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PROJECT LOCATION: 2529 North Barton Avenue located on the west side of North Barton Avenue between East Terrace and East Brown Avenues adjacent to State Route 168. The property is owned by the City of Fresno and is within an unincorporated island of Fresno County, California (APN: 447-154-17T)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Site improvements are proposed to existing City Water Well Pump Station No. 241 located on approximately 0.31 acre of City-owned property that is within an unincorporated island of Fresno County and zoned R-1 (*Single Family Residential District – Fresno County*). The proposed project will provide needed improvements to the existing water well pump station, and a replacement well has been drilled and developed (Well 241-2) to replace the original well that had to be destroyed due to its age, deteriorating condition, and inefficiency. City Water Well 241-2 will be a replacement well to replenish water supply lost when the old well was destroyed.

The site improvements that are proposed will include replacement of existing perimeter chain link and wood fencing material with a 6-foot 8-inch high masonry block wall along the sides and rear of the property and a 6-foot 8-inch high wrought iron fence along the front of the property facing North Barton Avenue; new equipment building for electrical panels; chemical injection; sidewalk and additional landscaping. Treatment facilities, if needed in the future, will also be constructed, primarily an iron and manganese filtration system and/or granulated activated carbon (GAC) treatment system. An emergency generator set may also be installed in the future if deemed appropriate for the location to ensure water system reliability during power outages.

The subject property is planned for Residential - Medium Low Density planned land uses in the Fresno General Plan and McLane Community Plan.

This project is exempt under Section 15301/Class 1, Section 15303/Class 3, and Section 15332/Class 32 of the State of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines. None of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in the CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 apply to this project.

EXPLANATION:

Under Section 15301(b & d)/Class 1 of the CEQA Guidelines, projects consisting of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, or minor alteration of existing public facilities (including existing publicly owned facilities used to provide public utility services and the restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated facilities or mechanical equipment to meet current standards of public health and safety) that involve negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination are exempt from CEQA requirements.

Under Section 15303/Class 3 of the CEQA Guidelines, projects consisting of the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure are exempt from CEQA requirements.

Under Section 15332/Class 32 of the CEQA Guidelines, construction of projects characterized as in-fill development are exempt from CEQA requirements if they meet the following conditions: (a) the project is consistent with the applicable general plan designation and all applicable general plan policies as well as with applicable zoning designation and regulations; (b) the proposed development occurs within city limits on a project site of no more than five acres substantially surrounded by urban uses; (c) the project site has no value as habitat for endangered, rare or threatened species; (d) approval of the project would not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality; and (e) the site can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services.

By current standards, the subject site and surrounding areas are identified as "in-fill" within an urban setting. The project is consistent with the Fresno General Plan and the McLane Community Plan planned land use designation of Residential – Medium-Low Density. The project is located on a 0.31 acre site that is owned by the City of Fresno and located within the County of Fresno. The subject property is substantially surrounded by urban uses. The project site has no value as habitat for endangered, rare or threatened species. The proposed project would not result in any significant effects given that the project involves negligible expansion of the existing public facility use. The project site also has access to and can be adequately served by required utilities and public services.

The project complies with all conditions listed above. There is no substantial evidence in the record that any of the exceptions to these Categorical Exemptions, set forth in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2, apply to this project. Therefore, no adverse environmental impacts will occur as a result of the proposed project. Accordingly, the Categorical Exemptions, as noted above, have been prepared for the project.

Date: February 11, 2019

Prepared By: Joann Zuniga, Planner

Submitted By:


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Subject Property
APN: 447-154-17T

VICINITY MAP

FRESNO CITY WATER WELL PUMP STATION 241 (241-2)

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

FROM: City of Fresno Development & Resource Management Department
2600 Fresno Street, Third Floor, Room 3043
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Project Title: Environmental Assessment No. P18-02226

Project Location: 2529 North Barton Avenue, located on the west side of North Barton Avenue between East Terrace and East Brown Avenues adjacent to State Route 168 within an unincorporated island of Fresno County that is owned by the City of Fresno

Project Location-City: City of Fresno

Project Location-County: County of Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Site improvements are proposed to existing City Water Well Pump Station No. 241 located on approximately 0.31 acre of City-owned property that is within an unincorporated island of Fresno County and zoned R-1 (*Single Family Residential District – Fresno County*). The proposed project will provide needed improvements to the existing water well pump station, and a replacement well has been drilled and developed (Well 241-2) to replace the original well that had to be destroyed due to its age, deteriorating condition, and inefficiency. City Water Well 241-2 will be a replacement well to replenish water supply lost when the old well was destroyed. The site improvements that are proposed will include replacement of existing perimeter chain link and wood fencing material with a 6-foot 8-inch high masonry block wall along the sides and rear of the property and a 6-foot 8-inch high wrought iron fence along the front of the property facing North Barton Avenue; new equipment building for electrical panels; chemical injection; sidewalk and additional landscaping. Treatment facilities, if needed in the future, will also be constructed, primarily an iron and manganese filtration system and/or granulated activated carbon (GAC) treatment system. An emergency generator set may also be installed in the future if deemed appropriate for the location to ensure water system reliability during power outages.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Fresno

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Department of Public Utilities/Water Division

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial - PRC § 21080(b)(1); CEQA Guidelines §15268
- Declared Emergency - PRC § 21080(b)(3); CEQA Guidelines §15269(a)
- Emergency Project - PRC § 21080(b)(4); CEQA Guidelines §15269(b) and (c)
- Categorical Exemption – CEQA Guidelines §15301/Class 1, §15303/Class 3, §15332/Class 32
- Statutory Exemption – PRC § _____

Reasons why project is exempt: Minor alterations of existing public facilities involving negligible or no expansion of an existing use; Construction of a limited number of new, small facilities or structures, installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; Construction of projects characterized as in-fill development meeting CEQA conditions.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Supervising Engineering Tech Lito Bucu **Telephone No.** 559-621-1621

Signature: [Signature] **Date:** March 6, 2019

Printed Name and Title: Planner I, Development and Resource Management Department.

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by applicant

If filed/signed by applicant: Attach certified document of exemption finding (check if attached)

Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Attachments: Vicinity Map and Finding Memorandum



VICINITY MAP

FRESNO CITY WATER WELL PUMP STATION 241 (241-2)