

**CITY OF FRESNO
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. EA-16-010**

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: City of Fresno
Department of Public Utilities
2600 Fresno Street
Fresno, CA 93721

PROJECT LOCATION: City-wide, as needed.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Scope of work includes permanent asphalt concrete paving repair associated with operation and maintenance of city water system. Maintenance, repairs, and capital improvements to the existing utility infrastructure will not result in the expansion of capacity of existing uses.

This project is exempt under Sections 15301 (Class 1/Existing Facilities), 15302 (Class 2/Replacement or Reconstruction), 15303 (Class 3/New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) and 15304 (Class 4/Minor Alterations to Land) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

EXPLANATION:

Section 15301 (Class 1/Existing Facilities) of the CEQA Guidelines exempts from the provisions of CEQA, projects consisting of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. Example include but are not limited to: Existing facilities of both investor and publicly owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services; and, Existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities (this includes road grading for the purpose of public safety).

Section 15302 (Class 2/Replacement or Reconstruction) of the CEQA Guidelines exempts from the provisions of CEQA, projects consisting of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. Examples include but are not limited to replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

Section 15303 (Class 3/New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) of the CEQA Guidelines exempts from the provisions of CEQA, projects consisting of 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 a structure. Examples include but are not limited to water main, sewerage, electrical, gas, and other utility extensions, including street improvements, of reasonable length to serve such construction.

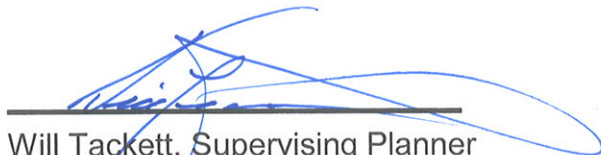
Section 15304 (Class 4/Minor Alterations to Land) of the CEQA Guidelines exempts from the provisions of CEQA, projects consisting of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. Examples include but are not limited to: Grading on land with a slope of less than ten percent; filling of earth into previously excavated land with material compatible with the natural features of the site; and, minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored.

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