

**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: Digester Centrifugal Pump Replacement

PROJECT LOCATIONS: Regional Wastewater Reclamation Facility
5607 W. Jensen Ave.
Fresno, CA 93706

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: To furnish and install of seven (7) replacement digester centrifugal pumps.

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

Under Section 15302/Class 2, projects are exempt from CEQA requirements when they consist of the 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.

The Project described herein represents the recommended replacement of the seven existing digester centrifugal pumps at the Regional Wastewater Reclamation Facility (RWRf) that are no longer supported by the original manufacture or aftermarket supplies and for which Department of Public Utilities staff can no longer purchase replacements parts when the pumps are out of service. As such, replacement of the digester centrifugal pumps is exempt under Section 15302/Class 2.

The Project will not expand the use of the existing facility, nor will it relocate any existing facilities or structures.

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. The work is entirely located at the RWRF.
(b) Cumulative Impact	The Project will not have a cumulative negative impact over time that is significant. The Project merely entails replacement work at an existing facility.
(c) Significant Effect	The Project will not have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances. All work will be limited to an existing facility at the RWRF.
(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 existing facilities at the RWRF are not considered 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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