

CITY OF FRESNO
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PC00413 and PC00302

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
Capital Projects Department
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PROJECT LOCATION: The proposed Orchid and Logan Park Improvements Project is located at Logan Park at the southeast corner of North Santa Fe Avenue and West Wrenwood Avenue, and at Orchid Park at the northeast corner of West Herndon Avenue and North Prospect Avenue. (Council District 2)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed Project includes removal of the existing wood mulch play surface, and installation of new soft-fall safety surfacing, existing play equipment refurbishment and accessibility improvements.

This project is exempt under Sections 15301/Class 1 and 15302/Class 2 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:

Class 1 exemptions, for projects pertaining to Existing Facilities, consist of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use. The key consideration is whether the project involves negligible or no expansion of use.

Class 2 exemptions, for projects involving Replacement or Reconstruction, consist 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.

The proposed Project includes construction under one contract and will only involve replacing existing park amenities which will not negatively impact the existing characteristics of the area or the condition of land. This includes the removal of the existing wood mulch play surfaces at both parks, which will be replaced by new soft-fall safety surfacing. Logan Park will include refurbishment of the existing play structures. Orchid Park will have new waste receptacles and a shade sail structure installed. Accessibility improvements will be installed at both parks. The Project will provide enhancements for public health and safety purposed within the park. No vegetation will be removed. As such, the Project will be limited the repair and maintenance of existing public facilities, with no anticipated expansion of use. The installation of the new structures will be located on the same site as those replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replace.

The proposed project complies with all conditions described in Sections 15301/Class 1, and 15302/Class 2 of the California CEQA Guidelines. Based on staff analysis, it was determined that no adverse environmental impacts would occur as a result of the proposed project and none of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in the CEQA guidelines Section 15300.2 apply to this project. Therefore, a categorical exemption, as noted above, has been prepared for the project.

No adverse environmental impacts will occur as a result of the proposed project.

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