

CITY OF FRESNO  
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION  
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PC00219

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  
747 R Street, Fresno, CA 93721

PROJECT LOCATION: The proposed project is located northeast corner of West Alluvial Avenue and North Milburn Avenue – 5598 North Milburn Avenue  
  
(Council District 2)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project includes removal of existing parking lot infrastructure and installation of new hardscape, site lighting, irrigation, xeriscape, park benches, picnic tables, waste receptacles, bike racks, educational boards, binoculars, concrete masonry unit (CMU) perimeter wall, perimeter fencing, drinking fountain, shade sail, shade pergola, accessible on-street parking stall, concrete curb and gutter, pedestrian barricade and other accessibility improvement.

This project is exempt under Section 15301/Class 1 of the State of 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 beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. Examples include but are not limited to: Existing facilities of publicly owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services; existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities (this includes road grading for the purpose of public safety); Restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment to meet current standards of public health and safety; and, the Addition of safety or health protection devices for use during construction of or in conjunction with existing structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment, or topographical features including navigational devices.

Milburn Overlook is 0.69 acres (existing parcel size 29,847 square feet), with minimal existing amenities that are complimentary to the bluff overlook nature of the site, the residential character of the neighborhood, and includes connectivity for future regional recreational opportunities within the larger San Joaquin River Parkway. Existing onsite uses include a network of developed and undeveloped pedestrian paths intermixed with native trees and decorative landscaping. Hardscape areas focus on park access points and existing parking area (approximately 6,568 square feet). The proposed project includes alterations to the existing site facilities including, but not limited to, new trees and shrubs, irrigation improvements, drinking fountain, binocular stations, bike racks, site lighting, educational boards, park benches, picnic tables, waste receptacles, shade structure, and a pergola. In addition, accessibility improvements through concrete flatwork improvements (i.e., sidewalk) and

an accessible on-street parking stall. Improvements mentioned above would not expand or include incompatible uses or changes to the existing purpose of the community park site. Therefore, the proposed project would focus on minor site alterations and repairs to the existing site facilities that would involve only negligible expansion of an existing use.

The proposed project complies with all conditions described in 15301/Class 1 of the 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.

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