

**CITY OF FRESNO
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. EA-17-040 (WC00017)**

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
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PROJECT LOCATION: Well 44A, 6224 N. Cornelia Avenue.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The rehabilitation of Well 44A to improve its pumping capacity includes pulling the pump for access; chemically treating to loosen iron bacteria and calcium deposits; brushed and surged; airlifted to remove rust, mud and slime; and pump testing to determine capacity. The rehabilitation process will take approximately 6-weeks. The project does not involve construction of any new structures or physical changes to the pump station and will not result in the expansion of the existing facility.

This project is exempt under Sections 15301 (Class 1/Existing Facilities 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).

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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