

CITY OF FRESNO
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT APPLICATION NO. P20-04854

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

PROJECT LOCATION: North Polk Avenue between West Herndon and West Palo Alto
Avenues as outlined in Exhibit A.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Environmental Assessment Application No. P20-04854 was filed by Robert Diaz of the City of Fresno Department of Public Utilities, UP&E Division, on behalf of the City of Fresno. The project proposes to replace approximately 1,300 linear feet of 14-inch DR-25 water main, fire hydrants, and water service transfers with a 16-inch DR-18 water main, fire hydrants and water service transfers.

This project is exempt under Section 15301/Class 1 and Section 15302/Class 2 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines as follows:

Under Section 15301/Class 1, the proposed project is exempt from CEQA requirements when the project consists 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 existing or former use. The key consideration is whether the project involves negligible or no expansion of use.

Under Section 15302/Class 2, the proposed project is exempt from CEQA requirements when the project consists 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 is consistent with the Class 1 and Class 2 exemptions because the project is requesting to replace existing fire hydrants and an existing water distribution main in North Polk Avenue between West Herndon and West Palo Alto Avenues. Existing water services will serve the same purpose and be provided from the replacement 16-inch DR-18 water main. The proposed project involves negligible expansion of the existing use and will have substantially the same purpose.

None of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in the CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 apply to the project. Furthermore, the proposed project is not expected to have a significant effect on the environment. A categorical exemption, as noted above, has been prepared for the project and the area is not environmentally sensitive.

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LEGEND

- PROP 16" WM
- EXIST 14" WM

1,275' 16" DI WATER MAIN
4 WET-TIES, 4 CUT/CAPS
\$750,000 CONSTRUCTION

