

**CITY OF FRESNO
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. P20-01589**

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 LOCATION: 5747 N PALM AVE (APN: 41608326)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Conditional Use Permit Application No. P20-01589 proposes to construct an 80ft new mono-eucalyptus telecommunications tower and facility with associated ground equipment.

This project is exempt under Section 15303/Class 3 and Section 15303/Class 32 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines as follows:

Under Section 15303/Class 3, the proposed project is exempt from CEQA requirements when the project consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. This includes:

(c) A store, motel, office, restaurant or similar structure not involving the use of significant amounts of hazardous substances, and not exceeding 2500 square feet in floor area. In urbanized areas, the exemption also applies to up to four such commercial buildings not exceeding 10,000 square feet in floor area on sites zoned for such use if not involving the use of significant amounts of hazardous substances where all necessary public services and facilities are available and the surrounding area is not environmentally sensitive.

The wireless telecommunication facility comprises of 600-square-feet and has shown to comply with the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) guidelines through a Radio Frequency study. The telecommunication facility is not involved with the use of significant amounts of hazardous substances and is not located in an environmentally sensitive area, therefore it is categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15303/Class 3.

Under Section 15332/Class 32, the proposed project is exempt from CEQA requirements when the project is characterized as in-fill development meeting the following conditions:

- a) The project is consistent with the applicable general plan designation and all applicable general plan policies as well as with applicable zoning designation and regulations.

The proposed project is consistent with the Fresno General Plan, Bullard Community Plan, Community Commercial) zone district, and the Policies and Procedures Issue No. 33 – Wireless Telecommunication Facilities.

- b) The proposed development occurs within city limits on a project site of no more than five acres substantially surrounded by urban uses.

The project is located within the city limits on a total of 2.89 acres, which is surrounded by other urban (residential and commercial) uses.

- c) The project has no value as habitat for endangered, rare or threatened species.

The project site and surrounding area is developed and would have no value as habitat for endangered, rare, or threatened species.

- d) Approval of the project would not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality.

A Radio Frequency study was conducted to show that the proposed project is in compliance with the FCC guidelines for wireless telecommunication facilities. There will not be significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water as this facility is self-operating and does not generate vehicular traffic, foot traffic or noise from the proposed project. The project is in compliance with the noise level.

- e) The site can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services.

The proposed project has been reviewed and conditioned by the Department of Public Utilities, Public Works, and Fire Departments to comply with city requirements to provide adequate ingress and egress to the wireless telecommunication facility.

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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