

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Sacramento

From: (Public Agency): City of Folsom

50 Natoma Street

Folsom, CA 95630

(Address)

Project Title: City of Folsom Water Treatment Plant Generator Replacement

Project Applicant: City of Folsom

Project Location - Specific:

194 Randall Drive

Project Location - City: Folsom

Project Location - County: Sacramento

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed improvements are for the City's Water Treatment Plant (WTP). The location of the work is in the general vicinity of the Natoma Street and Randall Drive intersection. The work is generally described as the removal and disposal of the existing generator, generator procurement, and generator installation to provide a fully functioning emergency backup generator for the city's WTP.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Folsom

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Folsom, Environmental & Water Resources

Exempt Status: (check one):

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1; 15301(b)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project consists of replacing existing, mechanical items at the city's water treatment plant. The project will not change or alter the purpose or the footprint of the previous infrastructure. See attached exhibits for additional details.

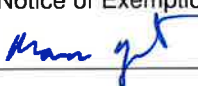
Lead Agency

Contact Person: Marcus Yasutake

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If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature:  Date: 7/29/2024 Title: EWR Director

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____



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The City finds that this project is Categorically Exempt under Guidelines Section 15301 Class 1, Existing Facilities, of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Per Section 15301 “Class 1 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”. Class 1(b) applies to the proposed project and specifically refers to “existing facilities of both investor and publicly owned utilities to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services”. The City’s exemption finding is based on:

1. The project consists of replacing the existing backup generator at the city’s water treatment plant (WTP) that has reached the end of its service life.
2. The project would not expand existing use because it would not expand the City’s current WTP capacity or alter any existing infrastructure.
3. The project does not have the potential to trigger any of the exceptions identified the Guidelines Section 15300.2.
 - a. The project is located entirely within the city’s WTP in existing infrastructure and would not result in a significant impact on the environment. The project would also not induce growth. As stated above, the project would not increase the City’s current WTP capacity.
 - b. Because the Project would not significantly affect environmental resources, the Project would not contribute to a cumulative impact.
 - c. All work would occur within paved or interior, existing infrastructure and no tree or shrub removal would occur. According to the Framework for Assessing Impacts to the VELB (USFWS 2017), no further actions regarding VELB are required. Additionally, since no work would occur on trees or buildings in the project area, no additional surveys for nesting birds or bats is required.

- d. As stated, the project would occur within existing City infrastructure, which is not eligible for placement on the National Register of Historic Places (USGS 1978; USGS 1980). Therefore, no impacts to known historical or cultural resources would occur.