Notice of Exemption

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From: City of Clovis
1033 Fifth Street
Clovis, CA 93612

Project Title: Environmental Assessment- Acquisition of 3778 East Behymer, Clovis, CA

Project Location - Specific: 3778 East Behymer, Clovis, CA

Project Location - City: City of Clovis

Project Location: County: County of Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed action is limited to the acquisition of approximately 20 acres at 3778 East Behymer, Clovis, CA for potential future use as a water treatment facility. At this time, there is no approved project, no proposed facility design, and no commitment to develop the site. Accordingly, the acquisition qualifies for exemption from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as detailed below.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Clovis

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Clovis, Engineering Division

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:
☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:
☒ Other. State code number: §15061(b)(3) and §15004(b)(2)(A)

Reasons why project is exempt:

The California Code of Regulations includes guidelines for implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Article 19 of the Guidelines addresses Categorical Exemptions for certain types of projects. These guidelines contain a list of classes of projects which have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and which may be exempt from the provisions of CEQA.

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption), this activity is exempt because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the acquisition itself will have a significant effect on the environment. The land purchase will not cause any physical change in the environment, nor does it include any approval of development or construction. Additionally, in accordance with CEQA Guidelines §15004(b)(2)(A), land acquisition prior to CEQA review of a proposed project is appropriate where no formal commitment is made to a definite course of action. Any future project involving development or construction on the site will be subject to full CEQA compliance, including environmental review and public disclosure, before any approval or implementation.

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Signature: _____ Date: August 20, 2025
☒ Signed by Lead Agency