NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

FROM: City of Fresno
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***Project Title*:** Butler and Eighth Trunk Sewer Repair (RC00183/J6026)

***Project Location*:** Intersection of Butler Avenue and Eighth Street

Project Location – City: City of Fresno ***Project Location – County:*** County of Fresno

***Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project*:**
The proposed project will make improvements to existing underground sewer facilities. Existing sewer mains and access structures will be replaced. A significant void was discovered in the upper portion of the pipeline, which poses a risk to the structural integrity of the sewer main. Additionally, the surrounding pipeline along the Project site shows signs of advanced deterioration, necessitating more extensive repairs to prevent further structural failures. Due to the void in the pipe and two radii, the existing sewer mains will be replaced with new sewer mains and new access structures will be constructed just upstream and downstream of the portion to be removed and replaced. The Project entails removing and replacing 211 linear feet of 36-inch reinforced concrete pipe with 36-inch fiberglass reinforced polymer pipe, removing and replacing 20 linear feet of 12-inch vitrified clay pipe with polyvinyl chloride pipe, removing four access structures and installing six new access structures. These facilities will be located on the same site as the structures being replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced and will involve negligible expansion of existing use.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Fresno – Capital Projects Department

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Patricia Diep, Project Manager
City of Fresno – Capital Projects Department
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Exempt Status: *(check one)*
☐ Ministerial: PRC § 21080(b)(1); CEQA Guidelines §15268
☐ Declared Emergency: PRC § 21080(b)(3); CEQA Guidelines §15269(a)
☐ Emergency Project: PRC § 21080(b)(4); CEQA Guidelines §15269(b) and (c)
☒ Categorical Exemption: CEQA Guidelines §15301/Class 1, §15302/Class 2
☐ Statutory Exemption: PRC §_____

Reasons why project is exempt: Staff has performed a preliminary environmental assessment of this project and determined that it falls within the Categorical Exemption set forth in CEQA Guidelines Section 15301/Class 1 and Section 15302/Class 2 as follows:

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Class 1 exemptions, for projects pertaining to Existing Facilities, consist 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. Examples include but are not limited to: Existing facilities of publicly owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services; existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities (this includes road grading for the purpose of public safety); restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment to meet current standards of public health and safety; and, the Addition of safety or health protection devices for use during construction of or in conjunction with existing structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment, or topographical features including navigational devices.

Class 2 exemptions, for projects involving Replacement or Reconstruction, consist 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. Examples include but are not limited to: Replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

Furthermore, Staff has determined that none of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in the CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 apply to this project.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Patricia Diep ***Telephone No.*** *(559) 621-8836*

Signature: _____ **Date:** 9/25/2025

Printed Name and Title:
Patricia Diep, Project Manager
Department of Capital Projects,

☒ **Signed by Lead Agency** ☐ **Signed by applicant**

Attachments: Categorical Exemption Determination