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Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of: Monterey

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From: (Public Agency): City of Monterey
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Project Title: Downtown Assessment District Maintenance & Cleaning

Project Applicant: City of Monterey

Project Location - Specific:

Attachment A

Project Location - City: Monterey Project Location - County: Monterey

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project consists of standard maintenance and cleaning of the Downtown Assessment Districts, including tree light maintenance, sidewalk cleaning, liter removal, and trash can cleaning.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Monterey

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Public Works

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: Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

See Attachment B.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Christy Sabdo Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 831-646-3758

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: Christy Sabdo Date: 1/27/2026 Title: Principal Planner

▪ 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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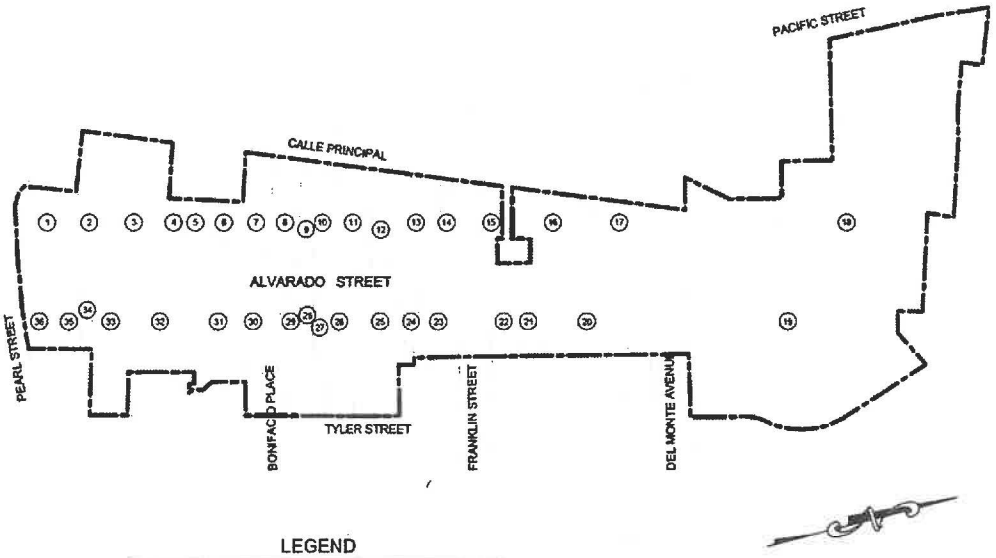
Attachment A - Downtown Assessment Districts



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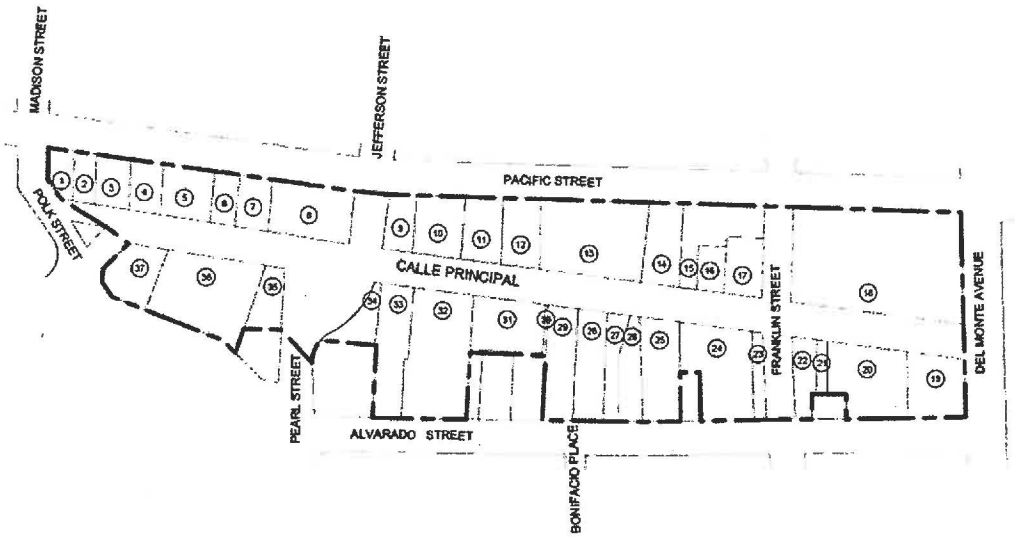
ASSESSMENT DISTRICT BOUNDARY

PROPERTY BOUNDARY

(#) ASSESSMENT NUMBER



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Exemption:

The City of Monterey Planning Office determined the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines [Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1 (c)] because the project consists of standard maintenance and cleaning of the Downtown Assessment Districts, including tree light maintenance, sidewalk cleaning, liter removal, and trash can cleaning. All work will be conducted within the public right-of-way. Furthermore, the project does not qualify for any of the exceptions to the categorical exemptions found at CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2.

Exception a - Location. Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11 are qualified by consideration of where the project is to be located -a project that is ordinarily insignificant in its impact on the environment may in a particularly sensitive environment be significant. Therefore, these classes are considered to apply in all instances, except where the project may have an impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies. Exception a – Location – does not apply to projects which are exempt under Class 1.

Exception b - Cumulative Impact. All exemptions for these classes are inapplicable when the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time is significant. There would be no cumulative impact because the project involves improvements to the existing public right-of-way.

Exception c - Significant Effect. A categorical exemption shall not be used for an activity where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances. No unusual circumstances are anticipated due to the limited scope and distinct locations of the improvement.

Exception d - Scenic Highways. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway. This does not apply to improvements which are required as mitigation by an adopted negative declaration or certified Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The project would not be visible from a scenic highway.

Exception e - Hazardous Waste Sites. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code. No impact to sites included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government code would occur.

Exception f - Historical Resources. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. The project would not impact historic or archeological resources as no digging will occur.