

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Madera

200 W. 4th Street

Madera, CA 93637

From: (Public Agency): State Center Community College District
1171 Fulton Street, 6th floor
Fresno, CA 93721

(Address)

Project Title: Westlake Drive Water Main Improvements

Project Applicant: State Center Community College District

Project Location - Specific:

An approximately 1,100-foot section of Westlake Dr. extending North from Liberty Dr.

Project Location - City: Unincorporated Madera County Project Location - County: Madera

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Installation of a new 12-inch PVC water main in an existing utility corridor beneath the paved surface of Westlake Drive extending approximately 1,100 feet north on Westlake Drive from its intersection with Liberty Drive. Partial laterals at three existing properties are also proposed. The new main would connect to an existing water main at Liberty Drive. The purpose of the project is to provide water service to planned users including existing fire hydrants and the State Center Community College District's Oakhurst campus, which is nearing completion of construction.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: State Center Community College District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: State Center Community College District

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 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures, Section 15303
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:


Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15303, Class 3 includes construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities and installation of small new equipment and facilities, including water mains (Section 15303(d)). The limited length of new pipeline, which is intended to serve existing and planned water users, is consistent with this criterion. The project site - an existing paved utility corridor and small adjacent areas for laterals and meters - is not environmentally sensitive, and the nature of the project would not trigger the exceptions to a categorical exemption listed in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Christine Miktarian Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 559-243-7200

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: Feb 6, 2026 Title: Vice Chancellor, SCCCD Operations

▪ 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: _____