

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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**FROM:** City of Fresno  
Department of CAPITAL PROJECTS  
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**TO:**  Fresno County Clerk  
2220 Tulare Street  
Fresno, California 93721

Office of Planning & Research      SCH NO.: N/A  
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**Project Title:** Sunnyside between Church & Jensen Water Main Replacement, WC00005

**Project Location:** S. Sunnyside Ave between E. Church Avenue and E. Jensen Ave

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

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:** The City of Fresno, Capital Project Department, Utilities and On-Site Project Management Division is proposing to perform the replacement of approximately 35 Linear Feet (LF) of substandard 14-inch DR-25 Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) water main with 12-inch Class 350 Ductile Iron (DI) water main and approximately 2,700-LF of substandard 14-inch DR-25 PVC water main with 16-inch Class 250 DI water main, as well as fire hydrants, and water service transfers in South Sunnyside Avenue between East Church Avenue and East Jensen Avenue to improve water service and fire protection

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** City of Fresno – Capital Project Department, Utilities and On-Site Project Management Division.

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Anthony Aquino Engineer II

**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 which exempts projects that relate to the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures and facilities involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. 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, unless it is determined that the damage was substantial and resulted from an environmental hazard such as earthquake, landslide, or flood.

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 15302/Class 2 which exempts 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.

This water main replacement Project includes replacement of portions of the City's existing water utility system on the same site as the existing facilities, and the Project will not increase 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:** Anthony Aquino, Engineer II      **Telephone No.** (559) 621-8863

**Signature:** Anthony Aquino      **Date:** 02/18/2026

**Printed Name and Title:**

Anthony Aquino, Engineer II  
Department of Capital Projects, Utilities & On-Site Project Management Division

**Signed by Lead Agency**

**Signed by applicant**

**Attachments:** Categorical Exemption Determination