STANISLAUS COUNTY CLERK
CEQA FILING COVER SHEET

50-2026-121

FILED
June 24, 2026
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STANISLAUS COUNTY
CLERK-RECORDER

By: Malita Cpa
Deputy Clerk

Mail to: City of Modesto, Utilities Dept., ESD

Name: Mary Ogas

Address: 1010 Tenth Street, Suite 4600

City, State, Zip: Modesto, CA 95354

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Complete and attach this form to each CEQA Notice filed with the County Clerk

TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Project Title

Empire Strengthen & Replace Water Mains
Phase 1 Project

Check Document being Filed:

- [ ] Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
- [ ] Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) or Negative Declaration (ND)
- [X] Notice of Exemption (NOE)
- [ ] Other (Please fill in type): Notice of Determination

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE STANISLAUS
COUNTY CLERK ON 06/24/2026
Posted 06/24/2026 Removed 07/29/2026
Returned to agency on _____
DEPUTY Malita Cpa

Filing fees are due at the time a Notice of Determination/Exemption is filed with our office. For more information on filing fees and No Effect Determinations, please refer to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 753.5.

STATEMENT OF EXEMPTION

To: ☐ **Office of Planning and Research**
1400 Tenth St., Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

Project Applicant: **City of Modesto**
1010 Tenth St., Suite 4600
Modesto, CA 95354

☑ **County Clerk**
County of Stanislaus

E.A./UTL No: 202604

Project Title:

Empire Strengthen & Replace Water Mains Phase 1 Project

Project Location – Specific:

The project includes work along the Southeast streets in Empire, CA. The work is generally bounded by 3rd Street to the North, Sunshine Court to the South, E Street to the West, and I Street to the East.

Project Location – City: Project Location – County:

Modesto Stanislaus

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project will replace water mains and appurtenances in the specified are of Modesto and increase the service reliability and fire flow of the City of Modesto's water system.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project:

City of Modesto

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

City of Modesto

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 Sections 15301 Class 1 (b)(c); 15303 (d)
- ☐ Other

Reason Why Project is Exempt:

The project description is in accordance to the Categorical Exemption criteria for Sections 15301 Class 1 (b); 15301 (c); 15303 (d) pertaining the repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing water mains and services involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that was existing; the replacement or reconstruction of existing water mains and services involving negligible or no expansion of capacity; and new construction of water main extensions and services of reasonable length to serve such construction.

Contact Person: Area Code/Telephone:

Christopher Meneo (209) 571-5860

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

Date Received for Filing:

Signature: _____ Title: Eng Assistant

Christopher Meneo

State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife

2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT

DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/26) Previously DFG 753.5a

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RECEIPT NUMBER:
50-06/24/2026-102

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER *(If applicable)*

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE
CITY OF MODESTO		06/24/2026

COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING	DOCUMENT NUMBER
STANISLAUS COUNTY	50-2026-121

PROJECT TITLE

EMPIRE STRENGTHEN & REPLACE WATER MAINS PHASE 1 PROJECT

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL		PHONE NUMBER
CITY OF MODESTO			(209) 571-5860
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	**CITY**	**STATE**	**ZIP CODE**
1010 TENTH ST, SUITE 4600	MODESTO	CA	95354

PROJECT APPLICANT *(Check appropriate box)*

☒ Local Public Agency ☐ School District ☐ Other Special District ☐ State Agency ☐ Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	$ 4,227.50	$
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	$ 3,043.75	$
☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	$ 1,437.25	$

☒ Exempt from fee

- ☒ Notice of Exemption (attach)
- ☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)

☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

☐ Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	$ 850.00	$
☒ County documentary handling fee	$ 57.00	$ 57.00
☐ Other		$

PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ Cash ☐ Credit ☒ Check ☐ Other 633676 **TOTAL RECEIVED** $ 57.00

SIGNATURE	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE
X Malita Suwansupa	Malita Suwansupa Deputy Clerk

State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife

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NOTICE

Each project applicant shall remit to the county clerk the environmental document filing fee before or at the time of filing a Notice of Determination (Pub. Resources Code, § 21152; Fish & G. Code, § 711.4, subdivision (d); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 753.5). Without the appropriate fee, statutory or categorical exemption, or a valid No Effect Determination issued by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), the Notice of Determination is not operative, vested, or final, and shall not be accepted by the county clerk.

COUNTY DOCUMENTARY HANDLING FEE

The county clerk may charge a documentary handling fee of fifty dollars ($50) per filing in addition to the environmental document filing fee (Fish & G. Code, § 711.4, subd. (e); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 753.5, subd. (g)(1)). A county board of supervisors shall have the authority to increase or decrease the fee or charge, that is otherwise authorized to be levied by another provision of law, in the amount reasonably necessary to recover the cost of providing any product or service or the cost of enforcing any regulation for which the fee or charge is levied (Gov. Code, § 54985, subd. (a)).

COLLECTION PROCEDURES FOR COUNTY GOVERNMENTS

Filing Notice of Determination (NOD):

- ☐ Collect environmental document filing fee or copy of previously issued cash receipt. *(Do not collect fee if project applicant presents a No Effect Determination signed by CDFW. An additional fee is required for each separate environmental document. An addendum is not considered a separate environmental document. Checks should be made payable to the county.)*
- ☐ Issue environmental document filing fee cash receipt to project applicant.
- ☐ Attach copy of environmental document filing fee cash receipt and, if applicable, previously issued cash receipt, to NOD.
- ☐ Mail environmental document filing fee for **CRP** document to CDFW prior to filing the NOD or equivalent final approval (Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 14, § 753.5 (b)(5)). The CRP should request receipt from CDFW to show proof of payment for filing the NOD or equivalent approval. Mail payment to address below made attention to the Cash Receipts Unit of the Accounting Services Branch.

If the project applicant presents a **No Effect Determination** signed by CDFW, also:

- ☐ Attach No Effect Determination to NOD *(no environmental document filing fee is due)*.

Filing Notice of Exemption (NOE) *(Statutorily or categorically exempt project (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §§ 15260-15285, 15300-15333))*

- ☐ Issue environmental document filing fee cash receipt to project applicant.
- ☐ Attach copy of environmental document filing fee cash receipt to NOE *(no environmental document filing fee is due)*.

Within 30 days after the end of each month in which the environmental document filing fees are collected, each county shall summarize and record the amount collected on the monthly State of California Form No. CA25 (TC31) and remit the amount collected to the State Treasurer. Identify the remittance on Form No. CA25 as "Environmental Document Filing Fees" per Fish and Game Code section 711.4.

The county clerk shall submit the documents below to CDFW on a monthly basis by mail or CDFW's File Transfer Portal (see below):

A photocopy of the monthly State of California Form No. CA25 (TC31)
CDFW/ASB copies of all cash environmental document filing fee cash receipts (including all voided receipts)
A copy of all CDFW No Effect Determinations filed in lieu of fee payment
A copy of all NODs and NOEs filed with the county during the preceding month
A list of the name, address and telephone number of all project applicants for which an NOD and NOE has been filed. If this information is contained on the environmental document filing fee cash receipt filed with CDFW under California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 753.5, subdivision (e)(6), no additional information is required.

DOCUMENT RETENTION

The county shall retain a copy of the environmental document filing fee cash receipt and all documents described above for at least 12 months.

RECEIPT NUMBER

The first two digits automatically populate by making the appropriate selection in the County/State Agency of Filing drop down menu.
The next eight digits automatically populate when a date is entered.
The last three digits correspond with the sequential order of issuance for each calendar year. For example, the first receipt number issued on January 1 should end in 001. If a county issued 252 receipts for the year ending on December 31, the last receipt number should end in 252. CDFW recommends that counties and state agencies 1) save a local copy of this form, and 2) track receipt numbers on a spreadsheet tabbed by month to ensure accuracy.

DO NOT COMBINE THE ENVIRONMENTAL FEES WITH THE STATE SHARE OF FISH AND WILDLIFE FEES.

For access to CDFW's File Transfer Portal, submit email to CEQA@wildlife.ca.gov (Subject line: [County name] FTP account).

Mail to:

California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Accounting Services Branch
P.O. Box 944209
Sacramento, California 94244-2090

Donna Linder
Stanislaus
County Clerk-Recorder
1021 "I" Street
Modesto, CA 95354
(209) 525-5279

Public

Receipt No.: RPT20260000037035
Finalization No.: 2026360684
Cashier: MTS
Register: CR-H127284-W2
Date/Time: 06/24/2026 09:32 AM

Description	Fee
Notice of Exemption	
Filing Time:	09:32 AM
Filing Total:	$0.00
Administration Fee	
Filing Time:	09:32 AM
Filing Fee:	$57.00
Filing Total:	$57.00
Total Amount Due:	$57.00
Total Paid	
Check Tendered: #633676	$57.00
Amount Due:	$0.00

THANK YOU
PLEASE KEEP FOR REFERENCE

Mary Ogas

CITY OF MODESTO PHONE (209) 577-5383

VENDOR	VENDOR CODE	DATE	CHECK NO.
CLERK-RECORDER	3105	06-18-2026	633676

P.O.NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	INVOICE NO	AMOUNT
UNMATCHED		06162026	57.00

▼ REMOVE DOCUMENT ALONG THIS PERFORATION ▼

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VOID AFTER 180 DAYS

633676

DATE : 06-18-2026

AMOUNT

PAY : FIFTY-SEVEN DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS*****

*****57.00

TO THE ORDER OF
CLERK-RECORDER
STANISLAUS COUNTY
1021 I STREET
MODESTO,CA 95354

City Clerk

DOCUMENT CONTAINS BLUE PANTOGRAPH & MICROPRINTING. BACK HAS THERMOCHROMIC INK & A WATERMARK. HOLD AT AN ANGLE TO VIEW. VOID IF NOT PRESENT.

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