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Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk
County of: _____
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From: (Public Agency): California Department of Transportation
2015 E Shields Avenue, Suite 200
Fresno, CA 93726
(Address)

Project Title: North Avenue 66-Inch Trunk Sewer Main

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:

On State Route 99 at the North Avenue Interchange

Project Location - City: Fresno Project Location - County: Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The projects propose to construct a 66-inch trunk sewer across State Route 99 along the north side of North Avenue. Within the State Route 99 right-of-way, install the new trunk sewer inside an 84-inch steel casing pipe extending from the west side of the southbound off-ramp, beneath the southbound off-ramp, the southbound and northbound mainline travel lanes, and the northbound on-ramp, terminating east of the northbound on-ramp. Install the steel casing pipe by bore and jack. Outside the State Route 99 right-of-way, continue the trunk sewer east and west along North Avenue. Construct the trunk sewer using 66-inch fiberglass reinforced polymer mortar pipe. This is an oversight project for which the City of Fresno has applied to Caltrans for an encroachment permit to perform work within Caltrans right of way.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Fresno

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: 15303, Class 3
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is exempt because it consists of installing utility infrastructure within an existing State highway right-of-way.

Lead Agency Contact Person: John Thomas Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (559) 408-4496

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: 7/21/2026 Title: Senior Environmental 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: _____