

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

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

From: (Public Agency): Capitol Area Development Authority
1522 14th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

County Clerk

County of: Sacramento

(Address)

Project Title: Envision O Street Urban Greening Project - 1400, 1500 and 1600 blocks

Project Applicant: Capitol Area Development Authority

Project Location - Specific:

1400, 1500 and 1600 blocks of O Street and adjacent half-blocks, as described below.

Project Location - City: Sacramento

Project Location - County: Sacramento

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Through the Envision O Street Urban Greening Project, we will transform three contiguous blocks of public right-of-way in downtown Sacramento (the 1400, 1500, and 1600 blocks of O Street) into a continuous nature-based cool corridor. Four half-block faces on 15th Street, Neighbors Alley, and 17th Street will also be included because they are contiguous with O Street. We will convert heat-absorbing conventional turf, concrete hardscape, and compacted decomposed granite to climate-adapted landscape, add 12 new street trees, replace a section of asphalt with permeable concrete to capture stormwater and feed adjacent tree roots, and modernize irrigation to perform efficiently with native and climate-adapted plantings.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Capitol Area Development Authority

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Capitol Area Development Authority

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: 14 CCR 15301 (Class 1), 15304 (Class 4)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

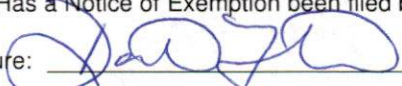
The project involves improvements to the existing landscaping, including replacing turf, concrete and decomposed granite with mulch, and climate-adapted plants and planting ten trees. The project will reduce irrigation water consumption and storm water runoff. The project does not alter the existing street grid or functionality.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Marc de la Vergne Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 508-2609

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: 7-29-26 Title: Executive Director

☒ 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: _____

**CAPITOL AREA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

RESOLUTION NO. 26 - 23

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CAPITOL AREA DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA NATURAL RESOURCES
AGENCY PROPOSITION 4 URBAN GREENING GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE ENVISION O STREET
URBAN GREENING PROJECT, DESIGNATING AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE, AND MAKING
RELATED FINDINGS UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT**

WHEREAS, the Capitol Area Development Authority (CADA) is a joint powers authority organized under the laws of the State of California, with responsibility for development and stewardship of the Capitol Area in downtown Sacramento;

WHEREAS, the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) administers the Proposition 4 Urban Greening Grant Program, funded by the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024, to fund projects that use nature-based solutions to mitigate the urban heat island effect, rising temperatures, and extreme heat impacts in urban areas;

WHEREAS, CADA's adopted Envision O Street Plan establishes a long-range vision to transform the O Street corridor into a greener, cooler, safer, and more walkable public realm through climate-appropriate planting, improved walkability, and durable, well-maintained improvements;

WHEREAS, CADA proposes to implement the Envision O Street Urban Greening Project on the 1400, 1500, and 1600 blocks of O Street, including new and replacement of climate-appropriate street trees, landscaping, conversion of a section of asphalt to permeable surfacing, water-efficient irrigation, and related green street improvements (the Project);

WHEREAS, CADA wishes to apply to the Urban Greening Grant Program for grant funds in the amount of approximately \$579,634 to support implementation of the Project;

WHEREAS, the Project is located in an urban area, provides public benefit, and provides public access, consistent with the program's threshold requirements;

WHEREAS, if the Project is awarded funding, CADA will be required to enter into a grant agreement with CNRA, and to operate and maintain the Project for the period required by that agreement following completion;

WHEREAS, CADA, acting as lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has determined that the Project is categorically exempt from CEQA under Class 1 (Existing Facilities, 14 California Code of Regulations Section 15301) and Class 4 (Minor Alterations to Land, 14 California Code of Regulations Section 15304), that none of the exceptions in 14 California Code of Regulations Section 15300.2 applies, and that a Notice of Exemption should be filed; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered this resolution at a duly noticed public meeting at which all interested persons had an opportunity to be heard.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Capitol Area Development Authority as follows:

Attachment 1

1. The Board approves and authorizes the submission of a Full Proposal and application to the California Natural Resources Agency Proposition 4 Urban Greening Grant Program for the Envision O Street Urban Greening Project, in a grant amount of approximately \$579,634.
2. The Board certifies that CADA will operate and maintain the Project and use it for the purposes for which the grant is awarded, for at least [20 / 25] years following completion, as required by the grant agreement.
3. The Board certifies that CADA understands and agrees to the requirements of the grant program, including the obligation to enter into and comply with the grant agreement, to provide any funds beyond the grant amount necessary to complete the Project, to maintain records, and to be subject to audit.
4. The Board finds that the Project is categorically exempt from CEQA under Class 1 (14 California Code of Regulations Section 15301) and Class 4 (14 California Code of Regulations Section 15304), and finds that none of the exceptions in 14 California Code of Regulations Section 15300.2 applies.
5. The Board designates the Executive Director, Danielle Foster, or their designee, as the Authorized Representative, with authority to execute, on behalf of CADA, the application, the grant agreement and any amendments, payment requests, and all other documents necessary to apply for, accept, and administer the grant.
6. This resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

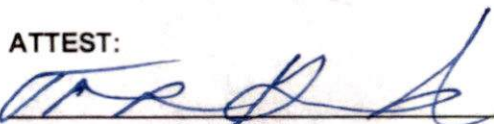
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Capitol Area Development Authority at a regular meeting held on June 26, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: Ardis, Schenirer, Bailey
NOES: None
ABSENT: Bodipo-Memba
ABSTAIN: None



Ann Bailey, Chair of the Board of Directors

ATTEST:



Tara Gandara, Board Secretary

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATION

I, Tara Gandara, Board Secretary of the Capitol Area Development Authority, certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 26-23, duly adopted by the Board of Directors at a regular meeting held on June 26, 2026.



Tara Gandara, Board Secretary