

Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

6/13/2022

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

From: (Public Agency): California Natural Resources Agency
715 P Street, 20th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814
 (Address)

Project Title: City of Mendota Stormwater Improvement Project

Project Applicant: City of Mendota

Project Location - Specific:
 Naples Street from 8th to 10th and 1073 Naples Street

Project Location – City: Mendota Project Location – County: Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The City of Mendota Stormwater Improvement Project (Project) includes Low Impact Development (LID) and conventional storm drainage infrastructure to mitigate severe flooding along Naples Street that is a significant risk to public safety and property. The Project includes construction of approximately 1,030 linear feet of storm drain pipe and inlets along two blocks of Naples Street, between 8th and 10th Streets and approximately one-acre of street reconstruction. Flows within the project area will be routed through 21 LID "tree sponges" that will capture storm water for treatment and infiltration. The majority of runoff captured along Naples Street will be routed to a new 2.13-acre extended dry detention basin. Excess runoff volumes from the basin will be discharged via a lift station to the existing drainage course. The Project also includes utility relocations, new power supply, new landscaping, and pedestrian facilities.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Natural Resources Agency

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

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: 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction); 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land)
- Statutory Exemptions.** State Code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15302 of the CEQA Guidelines, because the Project proposes to replace the existing undersized and/or destroyed storm drain pipe system in essentially the same alignment. The proposed basin will be replacing the ad-hoc existing detention on currently undeveloped land at 1073 Naples Street. The new landscaping constitutes a minor alteration in the condition of the land and does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, or scenic trees.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Jennifer Thomas

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-902-6392

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: Andrea Scharffer Date: 6/13/2022 Title: Deputy Assistant Secretary

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date received for filing at OPR: _____

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code