

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: County Clerk  
County of Fresno  
2220 Tulare Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Fresno, CA 93721

THE PROJECT DESCRIBED HEREIN IS DETERMINED TO BE CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM THE PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 19 OF THE STATE CEQA GUIDELINES.

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**APPLICANT:** Kings Canyon Unified School District  
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**PROJECT TITLE:** Consideration of Environmental Assessment No. 2023-05 and Conditional Use Permit Application No. 2023-04 (addition of communications equipment to existing 120-foot-tall tower located at C.F. Mueller Park)

**PROJECT LOCATION:** 219 Sunset Avenue, Reedley, CA 93654, located on less than one acre of land at the northeastern portion of the parcel (APN: 370-131-01T). Site is west of Sunset Avenue, and towards the northern end of the street, portion on an abandoned City well site.

**EXEMPT STATUS:** Categorical Exemption

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Conditional Use Permit Application No. 2023-04 pertains to the installation of communication equipment on an existing 120-foot-tall tower located at C.F. Mueller Park (219 North Sunset Avenue). The equipment purposed to be installed would support Kings Canyon Unified School District's (the District) transportation operations, which utilizes radio equipment for communication among buses and the District's offices. The equipment proposed to be installed on the tower would include a DB224 antenna. The antenna would be installed on the north tower leg at the 100 ft. mark. Also proposed is a repeater to be installed in Rack 2 of the tower room. There would be no increase to the height of the existing tower.

This project is exempt under **Section 15301 (Class 1/Existing Facilities)** and **Section 15332 (Class 32/Infill Development Projects)** of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

**EXPLANATION:** **Section 15301 (Existing Facilities)** exempt projects that consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features. Specifically, the addition of safety or health protection devices for use in conjunction with existing structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment. In the instant, the applicant proposes to install communication equipment to support essential transportation

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**Categorical Exemption**  
**Environmental Assessment No. 2023-05**  
**Conditional Use Permit Application No. 2023-04**

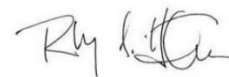
operations, which utilizes radio equipment for communication among buses and the District's office.

**Section 15332 (In-Fill Development Projects)** of the CEQA Guidelines exempts projects that are consistent with the General Plan and zoning; occur within the city limits on a site less than five acres; contain no habitat for endangered species; would not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality or water quality; and can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services.

The project occurs in the city limits of Reedley and would be constructed on less than one acre of land within C.F. Mueller Park mostly on an abandoned well site. The abandoned well site is entirely paved and surrounded by urban uses. The existing tower, where the communication equipment is proposed to be located, is an unmanned facility run on electricity centered within the City so will not create any vehicle trips and will not generate operational noise or air emissions and is not adding impervious surfaces or otherwise impacting water quality. There is no identified habitat for endangered, rare or threatened species within the project site or surrounding urban lands and is not affecting the existing environment. The project would also be required to comply with general plan policies and mitigation measures addressed in the Reedley General Plan 2030 Program EIR (SCH# 2010031106), which would ensure that the project would not result in any significant effects related to traffic, noise, air quality or water quality. Water and sewer service is not required, and the site can be adequately served by PG&E utilities.

Section 15300.2 of the CEQA guidelines outlines exceptions to the applicability of a Categorical Exemption, including cumulative impacts, significant effects due to unusual circumstances, scenic highways, hazardous waste sites, and historical resources. There are no unusual circumstances associated with the site or project that would cause a significant effect. As noted above, the project would not result in significant effects to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality, and as such would not contribute to significant cumulative effects. The project site is not near a scenic highway and is not on list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code. The site does not contain a historic resource. Therefore, none of the exceptions to the use of the Categorical Exemption apply to the proposed project or project site.

The proposed project will involve the installation of communication equipment to an existing unmanned telecommunication wireless facility, which is an exemption characterized under Section 15332 (Class 32/Infill Development Projects) of the CEQA Guidelines.



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Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

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