



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2023 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE
CASH RECEIPT
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RECEIPT NUMBER: E202310000248
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (if applicable)

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LEAD AGENCY STATE CENTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 09/07/2023
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING FRESNO COUNTY	DOCUMENT NUMBER E202310000248	
PROJECT TITLE PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY PROJECT		

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME STATE CENTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (559) 243-7200
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 1171 FULTON STREET	CITY FRESNO	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 93721

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

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

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$3,839.25	\$	<u>0.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,764.00	\$	<u>0.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,305.25	\$	<u>0.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Exempt from fee			
<input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption (attach)			
<input type="checkbox"/> CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)			
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<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$	<u>0.00</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee	\$50.00	\$	<u>50.00</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION		\$	<u>0.00</u>

PAYMENT METHOD:

Cash
 Credit
 Check
 Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE X <i>Cyan Edmisten</i> Cyan Edmisten	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Cyan Edmisten Deputy Clerk
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County of Fresno
Clerk's Office
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Finalization 2023017368
9/7/2023 09:46 AM
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Description	Fee
EIR Administrative Fee	
Time Recorded: 9:46 AM	
Recording Fee:	\$50.00
Total Amount Due	\$50.00
Total Paid	
Credit Card #237112380	\$50.00
Amount Due	\$0.00

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THANK YOU
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SEP 07 2023

TIME 9:46am

State Center Community College District
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: [X] County Clerk
Fresno County
2220 Tulare Street
Fresno, CA 93721

[X] Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

FRESNO COUNTY CLERK
Cyan Edmisten DEPUTY

From: State Center Community College District, 1171 Fulton Street, Fresno, CA 93721

Project Title: Public Safety Facility Project

Project Location - Specific: 2111 N. Blackstone Avenue (APN 444-173-15)

Project Location - City: Fresno

Project Location - County : Fresno

Project Description: Construction and operation of an 11,500 square foot two-story building to house the District's public safety operations on 0.5 acres located on the northwest corner of N. Blackstone and E. Cambridge Avenues in the City of Fresno. The building will house certified sworn police officers, district service officers, dispatchers, parking control personnel, clerks, and student assistants. Parking for 27 vehicles will also be provided. The project will enhance the law enforcement education program of the District by providing student exposure to the various functions of law enforcement at the facility. The project also includes the demolition of an approximately 3,500 square foot former pizza restaurant on the site.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: State Center Community College District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: State Center Community College District

Exempt Status: (check one)

- [X] Ministerial Project (Section 21080(b)(1); 15268).
Declared Emergency (Section 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
Emergency Project (Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)).
[X] Categorical Exemption: Section 15332.
Statutory Exemption (Code/Section _____).

Reasons why the project is exempt:

The proposed project qualifies for exemption from CEQA under two exemption categories: State CEQA Guidelines Section 15268 for ministerial projects, and State CEQA Guidelines Section 15332 for In-Fill Development Projects.

The issuance of a demolition permit for the vacant pizza restaurant on the site is a ministerial action and thus exempt under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15268.

The proposed public safety facility qualifies for exemption under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15332, In-Fill Development Projects, since it meets the following conditions in Section 15332 (a) through (e).

- (a) The project is consistent with the applicable general plan designation and all applicable general plan policies as well as with applicable zoning designation and regulations.

The project site is proximate to the Fresno City College campus, which is designated for Public Facilities/College use in the City of Fresno General Plan and zoned Public and Institutional by the City's development code. Establishment of the public safety facility at this location is important in facilitating service to the District and its flagship campus, Fresno City College. The project site itself is designated for Neighborhood Mixed Use in the general plan and development code. The development code indicates that public safety facilities are allowed in the neighborhood mixed use district with a conditional use permit.

- (b) The proposed development occurs within city limits on a project site of no more than five acres substantially surrounded by urban uses.

The project site is within the City of Fresno and comprises 0.5 acres. The project site is located on a six-lane arterial street (N. Blackstone Avenue) and is completely surrounded by urban uses: a gas station to the north, urban residences to the west, and fast food restaurants to the south and east.

- (c) The project site has no value as habitat for endangered, rare or threatened species.

The project site is located on a six-lane arterial street (N. Blackstone Avenue) and is completely surrounded by urban uses: a gas station to the north, urban residences to the west, and fast food restaurants to the south and east. The area has been developed with urban uses for over 100 years. Therefore, the site would not be of any value as habitat for endangered, rare or threatened species.

- (d) Approval of the project would not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality.

Traffic: The CEQA Guidelines provide that Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) is the most appropriate measure of transportation impacts. The City of Fresno's CEQA Guidelines for Vehicle Miles Traveled Thresholds (adopted June 25, 2020) provides screening criteria to determine whether projects may be presumed to produce a less than significant VMT impact. The VMT guidelines indicate that the development of institutional/government and public service uses that support community health, safety and welfare may be screened from subsequent CEQA VMT analysis. These facilities (e.g., police stations, fire stations, community centers, refuse stations) are already part of the community and, as a public service, the VMT is accounted for in the existing regional average. The VMT guidelines also screen uses that are located in a High Quality Transit Area. The project site is within a High Quality Transit Area since it is located on Route 1/Q (Bus Rapid Transit), which runs along Blackstone Avenue.

Noise: As with all building projects, there will be some construction noise, but the project site is adjacent to noise sensitive land use (residential) only on its west side and there is an existing concrete block wall between the site and the residential property. Building activity will be temporary and will only occur within the hours allowed by the City's noise regulations (between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. on any day except Sunday). Based on the above, construction noise from the site is would not be considered significant.

With regard to operational noise, the project will operate in a substantially similar manner to an office building. It is noted that the project site only has interface with noise sensitive uses (residential) on its west side and there is an existing concrete block wall on the western property line. Operational noise from the project would not be significant.

Air Quality: The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (Air District) has established thresholds of significance for criteria pollutant emissions, which are based on the Air District's New Source Review (NSR) for stationary sources. Using the project type, size, and the number of vehicle trips, the Air District has pre-quantified emissions and determined values below which it is reasonable to conclude that a project would not exceed applicable thresholds of significance for criteria pollutants (Small Project Analysis Level [SPAL], November 2020). The threshold for government offices indicates that up to 40,000 square feet of office space, generating less than 1,000 average daily trips, would not exceed applicable thresholds of significance for criteria pollutants. The proposed project includes 11,500 square feet of floor area and based on the ITE trip generation manual would generate 260 average daily trips. Therefore, the project would not exceed applicable thresholds of significance for criteria pollutants. GHG emissions are not considered substantial due to the small number of vehicular trips, location within a High Quality Transit Area, compliance with Air District rules and regulations, and Title 24/CALGreen requirements in the construction of the project.

Water Quality: The property drains into an existing Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District (FMFCD) storm drain pipeline. Runoff from the site would not be significantly different from the existing commercial land use. FMFCD's storm drainage system is in conformance with National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System requirements. Water quality impacts, therefore, would be less than significant.

Based on the above, significant effects related to traffic, noise, air quality, and water quality are not anticipated.

(e) The site can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services.

Since the project site is an existing commercial site within a developed urban area, all utilities and public services are available and already in place.

The project does not meet any of the exemption exceptions specified in Section 15300.2 in that there is no appreciable cumulative impact associated with the project; the project would not have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances; the project will not result in damage to scenic resources within a state scenic highway; the project is not located on a hazardous waste site; and the project will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

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Signature:



Date:

September 5, 2023

Title: Vice Chancellor, Operations

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State Center Community College District