

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

FROM: City of Fresno Planning and Development Department
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Fresno, California 93721

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P.O. Box 3044, Room 212
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Project Title: Environmental Assessment No. P23-03512

Project Location: 2020 South East Avenue; Located on the north side of East California Avenue between South Pearl Street and South East Avenue. (APN: 468-040-07S)

Project Location – city: City of Fresno **Project Location- county:** County of Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: Development Permit Application No. P23-03512 requests authorization to construct thirteen new solar canopy structures within an existing developed parking lot. Eleven solar canopy structures will be constructed over existing parking stalls, and two solar canopy structures will be constructed over existing pedestrian walkways adjacent to the existing building (OK Produce). Also proposed are a minimum of twenty-four electric vehicle charging stations. Fourteen of the charging stations will be Level 3 dual port DC fast chargers with solar through CVFIP - Project #G-135834, and a minimum of ten charging stations with solar and battery energy storage system through GROCER.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Fresno

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Britany Burks of Pacific Solar
4920 East Yale Avenue
Fresno CA, 93727

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial - PRC § 21080(b)(1); CEQA Guidelines §15268
- Declared Emergency - PRC § 21080(b)(3); CEQA Guidelines §15269(a)
- Emergency Project - PRC § 21080(b)(4); CEQA Guidelines §15269(b) and (c)
- Categorical Exemption – CEQA Guidelines §15301/Class 1 (Existing Facilities)**
- Statutory Exemption – PRC § _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project is exempt under Section 15301/Class 1 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines as follows:

Section 15301/Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The key consideration is whether the project involves negligible or no expansion of use.

The project is located within an existing developed lot. Said lot has been designed with ingress and egress drive approaches, parking stalls, drainage, and landscaping. The proposed project is for the installation of thirteen new solar canopy structures and twenty-four electric vehicle charging stations which involves negligible expansion of existing use.

None of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in the CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 apply to the project. Furthermore, the proposed project site is a developed property in an urbanized area and is not expected to have a significant effect on the environment. Accordingly, a categorical exemption, as noted above, has been prepared for the project and the area is not environmentally sensitive.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Erik Young, Planner III
City of Fresno, Planning and Development Department

Full telephone no.: (559) 621-8009

If filed/signed by applicant:

Attach certified document of exemption finding (check if attached)

Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: Ralph Kachadourian **Date:** November 10, 2023

Printed Name and Title: Ralph Kachadourian, Supervising Planner
City of Fresno Planning and Development Department

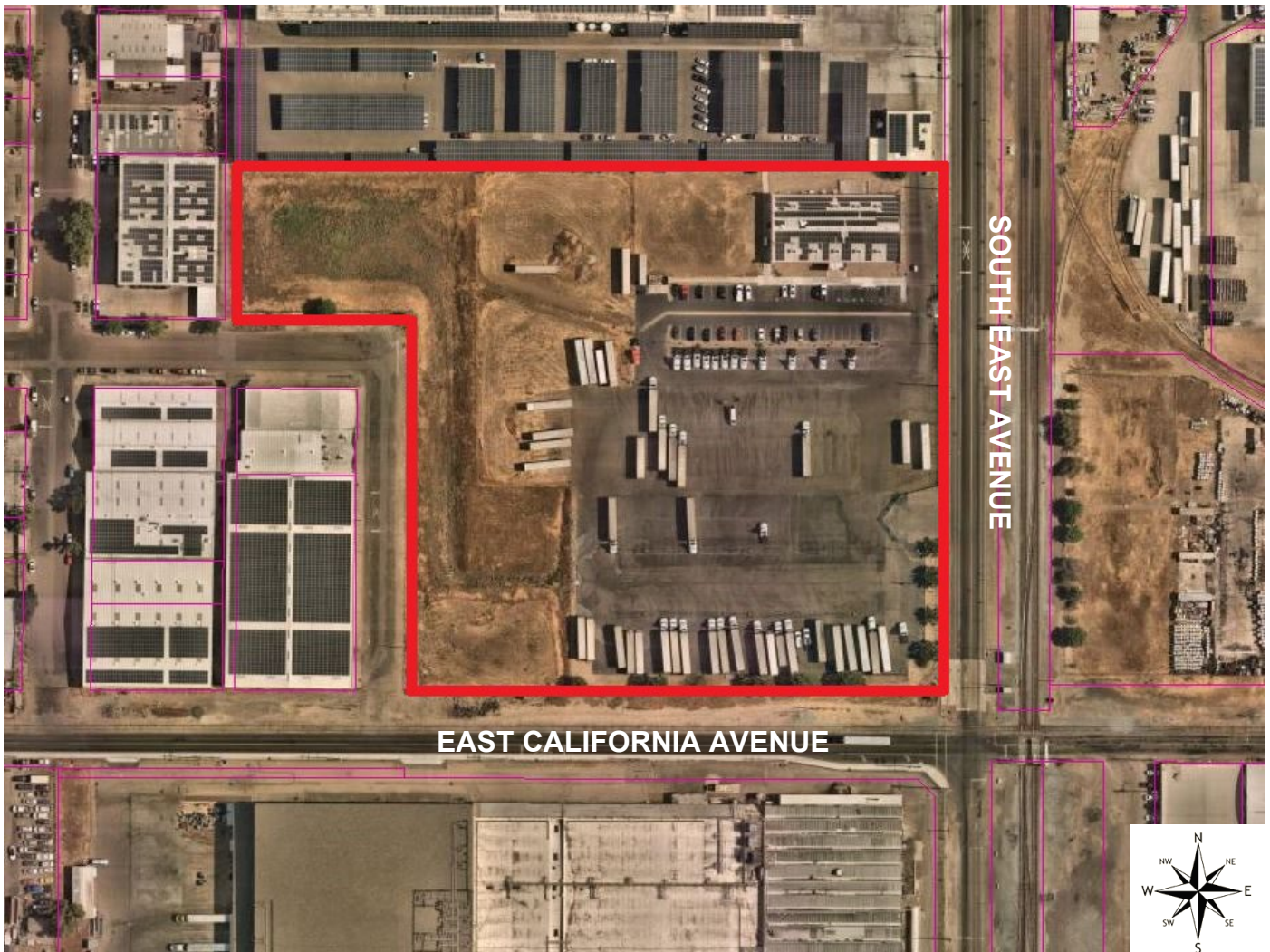
Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by applicant

Attachments: Vicinity Map

VICINITY MAP/SITE LOCATION

2020 South East Avenue



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Subject Property 

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