

**CITY OF FRESNO
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PC00345**

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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.

APPLICANT: City of Fresno
Capital Projects Department
2600 Fresno Street, Fresno, CA 93721

PROJECT LOCATION: The proposed project is located at the northeast corner of East Gettysburg Avenue and North Fresno Street within Cary Park 4796 North Fresno Street.

(Council District 4)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project includes replacement of the existing baseball diamond bleachers and drinking fountains. Additionally, the project scope shall include installation of an accessible path of travel, new trees, new park benches, irrigation system improvements, concrete curb at existing concrete path of travel and rope fencing.

This project is exempt under Section(s) 15301/Class 1 and 15302/Class 2 of the State of California CEQA Guidelines. None of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in the CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 apply to this project.

EXPLANATION:

Class 1 exemptions, for projects pertaining to Existing Facilities, consist 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 use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. The key consideration is whether the project involves negligible or no expansion of use. Examples include but are not limited to: Existing facilities of both investor and public-owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services; Existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities (this includes road grading for the purpose of public safety); Restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment to meet current standards of public health and safety; and, the Addition of safety or health protection devices for use during construction of or in conjunction with existing structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment, or topographical features including navigational devices.

Class 2 exemptions, for projects involving Replacement or Reconstruction, consist of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. Examples include but are not limited to: Replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity; and Conversion of overhead electric utility distribution systems to underground including connection to existing overhead electric utility distribution lines where the surface is restored to the condition existing prior to the undergrounding.

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The proposed project includes replacing existing park amenities, specifically, the baseball diamond bleachers and drinking fountains, and the installation of small new facilities, specifically, new trees, park benches, rope fencing, an improved irrigation system, an ADA compliant accessible path of travel, and a concrete curb at the entrance to the path of travel. The project will repair and replace existing facilities which will involve only negligible expansion of the use of the existing facilities and will meet current standards of public health and safety. The construction of these public improvements, facilities and structures will occur entirely within the existing park and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the facilities and structures being replaced.

The proposed project complies with all conditions described in 15301/Class 1 and 15302/Class 2 of the California CEQA Guidelines. Based on staff analysis, it was determined that no adverse environmental impacts will occur as a result of the proposed project and none of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in the CEQA guidelines Section 15300.2 apply to this project. Therefore, a categorical exemption, as noted above, has been prepared for the project.

No adverse environmental impacts will occur as a result of the proposed project.

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