



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**2024 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE**  
**CASH RECEIPT**  
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/24) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER: <b>E202410000206</b>
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (if applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY <b>CITY OF FRESNO</b>	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE <b>06/28/2024</b>
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING <b>FRESNO COUNTY</b>	DOCUMENT NUMBER <b>E202410000206</b>	

PROJECT TITLE  
**CLEANING OF DIGESTER #2 & CLEANING/REHABILITATION OF DIGESTER #9 AT FRESNO/CLOVIS REG WASTEWATER REC FACI**

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME <b>CITY OF FRESNO</b>	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER <b>(559) 621-1615</b>
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS <b>1626 E ST</b>	CITY <b>FRESNO</b>	STATE <b>CA</b>
		ZIP CODE <b>93706</b>

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)	\$4,051.25	\$	<u>0.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,916.75	\$	<u>0.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,377.25	\$	<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  <b>X</b> 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE  <b>Pricilla Gonzalez Deputy Clerk</b>
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County of Fresno  
Clerk's Office  
James A. Kus

Elections Department  
(559) 600-8683

Clerk Services Department  
(559) 600-2575

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Description	Fee
EIR Administrative Fee	
Time Recorded: 2:06 PM	
Recording Fee:	\$50.00
Total Amount Due	\$50.00
Total Paid	
Credit Card #277096222	\$50.00
Amount Due	\$0.00

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THANK YOU  
PLEASE KEEP FOR REFERENCE

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# Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

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

County Clerk

County of: Fresno  
2220 Tulare Street  
Fresno, CA 93721

From: (Public Agency): City of Fresno  
1626 E Street  
Fresno, CA 93706

(Address)

Project Title: Cleaning of Digester #2 and Cleaning and Rehabilitation of Digester #9 at the Fresno/Clovis Regional Wastewater Reclamation Facility

Project Applicant: City of Fresno

Project Location - Specific:

5607 W. Jensen Avenue

Project Location - City: Fresno Project Location - County: Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of the project is to clean and rehabilitate two existing digesters at the Regional Wastewater Reclamation Facility, which includes cleaning, dewatering, coating, and sealing of the interior surfaces of the digesters with an elastomeric polyurethane material, as well as all associated facilities, appurtenances, and incidentals.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Fresno

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

**FILED**  
JUN 28 2024  
TIME  
2:10pm

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: Section 15301(d)/Class 1
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

By [Signature] FRESNO COUNTY CLERK  
DEPUTY

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed project is consistent with the Class 1 exemption. The Project entails the restoration of existing utility facilities. Following routine maintenance and inspections of the Digesters #1 and #12, seepage stains and visible concrete surface cracks were discovered. This Project includes the routine cleaning and dewatering of the digesters, and removal and replacement of the existing interior coating, which has exceeded its life expectancy. The Project is necessary to correct deficiencies within the interior structure of the digesters in order to meet public health standards for a wastewater facility, as is consistent with a Section 15301/Class 1 exemption. The proposed cleaning and restoration will not result in any expansion of the existing use of the digesters. None of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in the CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 apply.

Lead Agency  
Contact Person: Sarah Aguila Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 559-621-1615

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: [Signature] Date: 6/27/24 Title: Project Manager

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY OF FRESNO  
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION  
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

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.

**CONTACT:** Sarah Aguila  
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Fresno, CA 93706  
**Phone:** 559-621-1615  
**Email:** sarah.aguila@Fresno.gov

**PROJECT TITLE:** Cleaning of Digester #2 and Cleaning and Rehabilitation of Digester #9 at the Fresno-Clovis Regional Wastewater Reclamation Facility

**PROJECT LOCATIONS:** 5607 W. Jensen Avenue

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The purpose of the project is to clean and rehabilitate two existing digesters at the Regional Wastewater Reclamation Facility, which includes cleaning, dewatering, coating, and sealing of the interior surfaces of the digesters with an elastomeric polyurethane material, as well as all associated facilities, appurtenances, and incidentals.

**The Project is exempt under Section 15301(d)/Class 1 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.**

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 proposed project is consistent with the Class 1 exemption. The Project entails the restoration of existing utility facilities. Following routine maintenance and inspections of the Digesters #2 and #9, seepage stains and visible concrete surface cracks were discovered. This Project includes the routine cleaning and dewatering of the digesters, and removal and replacement of the existing interior coating, which has exceeded its life expectancy. The Project is necessary to correct deficiencies within the interior structure of the digesters in order to meet public health standards for a wastewater facility, as is consistent with a Section 15301/Class 1 exemption. The proposed cleaning and restoration will not result in any expansion of the existing use of the digesters.

**None of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in the CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2, apply:**

- (a) Location** The Project is not located in a sensitive environment or an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern as designated by federal, state, or local agencies.
- (b) Cumulative Impact** The Project will not have a cumulative negative impact over time that is significant. A digester is rehabilitated once every 7 or more years and the impacts are beneficial to the operation of the wastewater facility.
- (c) Significant Effect** The Project will not have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances. The digester rehabilitations are routine maintenance following industry standards.
- (d) Scenic Highways** The Project will not result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway. The Project is not located near scenic highways.
- (e) Hazardous Waste Sites** The Project is not located on a hazardous waste site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.
- (f) Historical Resources** The Project will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. The Project is limited to rehabilitation digesters at the Fresno/Clovis Regional Wastewater Reclamation Facility, which are not historical resources.

Furthermore, the proposed project is not expected to have a significant effect on the environment. Accordingly, a categorical exemption, as noted above, has been prepared for the project.

**Date: May 9, 2024**

**Prepared by: Sarah Aguila**