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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title:

Freeport-Delta Gateway Monument Signs

Control Number:

PLER2023-00085

Project Location:

The project is located along Freeport Boulevard (Highway 160) in the Freeport community of unincorporated Sacramento County. The monument signs are located approximately 120 feet south of the intersection of Highway 160 and Cosumnes Boulevard. The interpretative sign is located on the east side of Highway 160, approximately 1,500 feet south of Cosumnes Boulevard.

APN:

119-0010-027-0000 & -063, 053-0180-021-0000

Description of Project:

The project consists of the placement of two gateway monuments identifying the historic district of the town of Freeport. One monument would be placed on each side of Freeport Boulevard. Both monuments would be located outside of Caltrans' right of way. Additionally, one historic interpretative sign would be placed to feature the community's historic identity and location.

Name of public agency approving project:

Sacramento County – ceqa@saccounty.net

Person or agency carrying out project:

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Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption (PRC Section 21084; CEQA Guidelines Sections 15300 -15333):

- CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures

Reasons why project is exempt:

Class 3 consists of construction and location of limited number of new, small structures. The project consists of the placement of two monument signs and one interpretative sign along Highway 160. Therefore, the project is exempt from the provisions of CEQA.

Section 15300.2-Exceptions

Section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines, Exceptions, provides conditions under which categorical exemptions are inapplicable. Review of the Project indicates that it will not violate any of the exceptions, as described in the following section.

1. *The project will occur in certain specified sensitive environments or locations;*

The project site does not occur in a sensitive environment or location. The project sites are located in a developed area adjacent to Freeport Boulevard.

2. *Cumulative impacts will be considerable because successive projects of the same type will occur at the same place over time;*

The project consists of the placement of two monument signs and one interpretative sign along Highway 160 and therefore, would not result in significant cumulative environmental impacts. No cumulative impacts will result from the Project and successive projects of the same type and at the same place over time.

3. *There is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances;*

There are no known unusual circumstances that will have a significant effect on the environment.

4. *The project may 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 scenic highway;*

The gateway monument signs are located along a designated State Scenic Highway (Highway 160) and within a County scenic corridor; however, the project would not result in a substantial adverse impact to a scenic resource. The project consists of the placement of two monument signs identifying the historic district for the town of Freeport. The signs are located in a developed, levee-protected area. The placement of the community identification signs would have a negligible impact upon the Highway 160 corridor as the Sacramento River is not viewable from either of the sign locations (parking lot on west side and landscaped area of an office building on the east). The project also includes the placement of one interpretive sign discussing historical context along the western boundary of a site designated for a future park. The site is located adjacent to the east side of Highway 160. The placement of this sign would also be considered negligible, per the rationale mentioned before. The project will not result in damage to scenic resources or similar resources within a highway that is officially designated as a scenic highway.

5. *The project is located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code; or*

The project is in close proximity to an open cleanup site within GeoTracker. The site has been remediated and is eligible for closure. An evaluation of the state-approved remediation plan shows the sign's location is outside of the area of concern. Therefore, the placement of the interpretive sign near the site would not result in a substantial adverse impact or exposure of hazardous material.

6. *The project may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historic resource.*

The project sites do not contain any historical resources.



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