

Notice of Exemption

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To: ☐ Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: (Public Agency) City of Folsom
50 Natoma Street, Folsom, CA 95630

☒ County Clerk
County of Sacramento

Project Title: City of Folsom Oak Avenue PWWF Relief Project

Project Location – Specific: Oak Avenue from the Oak Avenue Pump Station to E. Bidwell Street at Scholar Way, Folsom, CA 95630

Project Location – City: Folsom **Project Location – County:** Sacramento

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The City of Folsom PWWF Relief Project proposes the minor alteration, replacement, and/or repair of fittings, valves, and drop inlet manholes; relocation of five air-vacuum relief valves; repair of exposed pipe fittings and air-vacuum relief valve in pump station drywall; installation of eight 16-18" plug valves in the existing sewer force main piping; and installation of approximately 1,500 linear feet of permanent 12" sewer force main bypass piping. Modifications would provide system redundancy with negligible or no expansion of capacity/use. See Attachment A (Additional Pages and Attachment B (Site Photographs).

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Folsom

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Environmental & Water Resources Department

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. (Minor Alteration and Repair; Sec. 15301, 15302, and/or 15304.
☐ Statutory Exemption. (State code number)

Reasons why project is exempt: This project is replacement and/or improvement of existing infrastructure with negligible or no expansion of use and therefore is categorically exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act as noted in Title 14 – California Code of Regulations, Chapter 3 – Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act, Article 19 – Categorical Exemptions, Sections 15301 (Existing Facilities), 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction), and/or 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land).

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Vaughn Fleischbein Area Code/telephone/Extension: (916) 461-6165

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

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Signature: Marcus Yasutake Date: 9/2/2020 Title: EWR Director

(Marcus Yasutake, PE)

☒ Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing at OPR:

☐ Signed by Applicant

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City of Folsom is undertaking design of necessary modifications to the existing Oak Avenue pressurized wastewater flow (PWWF) relief project, located at on Oak Avenue and E. Bidwell Street between the Oak Avenue Pump Station and Scholar Way. The project alignment is located within City right-of-way (ROW) within previously disturbed ground. No removal or impact to mature native vegetation is anticipated. See Attachment B for site photographs representing typical project elements within the project alignment. Existing PWWF facilities span Humbug Creek, a Waters of the United States and a jurisdictional resource. No existing facilities, nor any proposed repair/replacement actions, would occur within the boundaries of this jurisdictional resource.

Prior to repair and reconstruction actions, the City and/or its selected contractor will identify high points along the existing force main within the project alignment. Potholing investigations will commence to identify the location of needed improvements. The City proposes to repair an existing vacuum-air release valve (ARV) connection in the Oak Avenue Pump Station drywall. Five (5) additional ARVs will be replaced through installation of 16-18" plug valves along the project alignment. Three (3) additional plug valves will be installed within the existing force main. Permanent bypass flow facilities will be modified/installed to provide for system redundancy. These modifications include installation of 1,500 linear feet of permanent 12" sewer force main bypass piping, fittings, valves and drop inlet manhole with a 16" tie-in to the force main using ductile iron pipe (DIP). The modifications would be leak tested and all pavement and landscape areas would be repaired.

CEQA DETERMINATION

This proposed project is a replacement and/or improvement project of an existing facility and therefore is categorically exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act as noted in Title 14 California Code of Regulations, Chapter 3 (Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act), Article 19 (Categorical Exemptions). Specifically, CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities), Section 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction), and/or Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land) apply to the proposed action to be undertaken by the Lead Agency.



Photo 1: View to the west at the Oak Avenue Pump Station and northern terminus of the proposed Oak Avenue PWWF Relief Project. Photo taken August 11, 2020.



Photo 2: View to the south of Oak Avenue near N. Lexington Drive. Note location of vacuum and air release valve typical of the proposed project. Photo taken August 11, 2020.



Photo 3: View to the south at Oak Avenue and Humbug Creek overcrossing. Note all existing PWWF facilities and improvements are located outside the boundaries of this jurisdictional resource. Photo taken August 11, 2020.



Photo 4: View to the south at Oak Avenue of PWWF manhole cover. Photo taken August 11, 2020.



Photo 5: View to the west from E. Bidwell Street. Photo taken August 11, 2020.



Photo 6: View to the west from E. Bidwell Street close to the easterly terminus of the proposed project. Photo taken August 11, 2020.