**Notice of Exemption**

**TO:** ■ Office of Planning and Research **FROM:** City of Shafter

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 ■ County Clerk

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**Project Title:** Mannel and Veterans Park Lighting Improvements

**Project Location-Specific:** See “Description of Project.”

**Project Location-City:** Shafter **Project Location-County:** Kern

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** For Mannel Park, the existing decorative lighting will be demolished and removed from service and new lights will be installed. The new lights will closely resemble the existing light with decorative LED fixtures. In addition, new service conduits and wiring will also be installed throughout Mannel Park to improve the reliability of the electrical services. Service conduits will also be extended to current and future shade structure locations. For Veterans Park, the decorative light, previously described for Mannel Park, will be installed along the existing pedestrian paths near the north and west park boundaries and the north side of the parking lot. The beneficiaries of the project are the citizens of Shafter.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** City of Shafter

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Public Works 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. State type and section number:** Class 1 – Existing Facilities (Section 15301)

□ **Statutory Exemptions. State code number:**

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The construction of the lighting improvements is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) of the CEQA Guidelines in that the improvements consist of the minor alteration of existing public facilities, namely two parks, involving negligible or no expansion of the existing use. The project is similar in intensity and scope as the examples provided in Section 15301.

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Steve Esselman **Area Code/Telephone/Extension:** (661) 746-5021

**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:** **Date:**  December 6, 2022 **Title:** Planning Director

■ **Signed by Lead Agency** **Date received for filing at OPR:**

□ **Signed by Applicant**

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.