

**MEMORANDUM**

February 25, 2020

TO: Danny Trejo, Program Manager III – Water Division  
Municipal Utilities Department

FROM: Courtney Brown, Associate Planner  
Planning and Engineering Services Division  
Community Development Department

SUBJECT: **CEQA NOE – Request for sealed bid for on-call water repair services (PUR 19-051) for the City of Stockton**

The Community Development Department received a request to review the above-referenced project for conformity with the Stockton General Plan and make an environmental determination pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The City of Stockton's Municipal Utilities Department is requesting a sealed bid that highlights the bidder's qualifications and capabilities of providing on-call water repair service (PUR 19-051) for the City's water distribution system.

In accordance with Government Code §65402, the Community Development Department determines the project is in conformance with the Stockton General Plan. This determination is based on, but not limited to, conformance with General Plan Policy, LU-6.3 (Land Use) stating, "Ensure that all neighborhoods have access to well-maintained public facilities and utilities that meet community service needs."

Concerning the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) determination, the Community Development Department concludes the project is Categorically Exempt under CEQA Guidelines §15301(b) because it requests on-call services for various repairs to the City of Stockton's water distribution system. The project is also not subject to any of the exceptions to the use of a Categorical Exemption listed at CEQA Guidelines §15300.2.

Upon approval by City Council, the draft Notice of Exemption (NOE27-19) attached hereto as Attachment A should be filed and posted in the San Joaquin County Clerk Office to initiate a 35-day statute of limitations on court challenges. Please retain a copy of the original posted notice within the project file in the Public Works Department.

By:



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COURTNEY BROWN, ASSOCIATE PLANNER

Attachment A: Draft Notice of Exemption

## ATTACHMENT A

CITY OF STOCKTON  
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: COUNTY CLERK  
COUNTY OF SAN JOAQUIN  
44 N. San Joaquin Street, Suite 260  
Stockton, CA 95202

FROM: Lead Agency  
City of Stockton  
Public Works Dept.  
22 E Weber Avenue  
Stockton, CA 95202-1997

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION PURSUANT TO PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21152(B) AND CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS TITLE 14, SECTION 15062**

PROJECT DATA

Project Title: On-Call Water Repair Services

CEQA Exemption File No.: NOE27-19

Applicant: Municipal Utility Department

Project Description: The City of Stockton's Municipal Utilities Department is requesting a sealed bid that highlights the bidder's qualifications and capabilities of providing on-call water repair service (PUR 19-051) for the City's water distribution system.

DETERMINATION/FINDING OF EXEMPTION

The above-described activity/project is exempt from the environmental assessment requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to the following section(s) of the State CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations, Title 14):

- ☐ The activity is not a "project," as defined in CEQA Guidelines §15378.  
☐ The activity is exempt under the "general rule" at CEQA Guidelines §15061(B)(3).  
☐ The project is "Statutorily Exempt" per CEQA Guidelines §: \_\_\_\_\_.  
☒ The project is "Categorically Exempt" per CEQA Guidelines §:15301(b).

BASIS FOR FINDING OF EXEMPTION

- ☐ The activity does not qualify as a project and/or clearly could not have a significant effect on the environment and, therefore, CEQA does not apply.  
☒ The activity constitutes a discretionary project under the City's jurisdiction and qualifies as a project which has been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and, therefore, is exempt from the provisions of CEQA under the above-noted statutory or categorical exemption(s).

GORDON A. MACKAY, DIRECTOR  
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

February 25, 2020  
(DATE OF PREPARATION)

By Danny Trejo  
DANNY TREJO, PROGRAM MANAGER III

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE OF FINAL APPROVAL)

AFFIDAVIT OF FILING AND POSTING

I declare that on the date stamped above, I received and posted this notice or included it on a list of such notices which was posted as required by California Public Resources Code Section 21152(B). Said notice or list of notices will remain posted for 35 days from the filing date.

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Signature

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Title

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Posting Period Ending Date