

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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From: (Public Agency)
City of Merced
678 West 18th St.
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Project Title: GPA #19-01 (Environmental Review #19-07)

Project Applicant: City of Merced

Project Location (Specific): Mission Avenue, between S. Coffee St. and Highway 99

Project Location - City: Merced

Project Location - County: Merced

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: This application involves the review and recommendation to the City Council for a request to modify the City of Merced Circulation Plan (Figures 4.1 and 4.2) and all associated maps and descriptions throughout the General Plan, to vacate excess right-of-way and easements along Mission Avenue, between Coffee Street and State Highway 99.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Merced

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

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: 15301 (a)
☐ Statutory Exemptions. State Code Number: _____
☒ X General Rule (Sec. 15061 (b)(3))

Reasons why Project is Exempt: As defined under the above referenced Section, the proposed project is exempt from CEQA by the general rule that if it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question can have a significant effect on the environment. This project involves a change to the City's General Plan as described above. Such regulations by themselves do not have a direct effect on the environment as there is no physical change to the environment proposed at this time.

Lead Agency: City of Merced

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Signature:  **Date:** 2-18-2019 **Title:** Planner

 X Signed by Lead Agency

Date Received for Filing at OPR: _____
(If applicable)

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