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Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
   P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
   Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
   County Clerk
   County of: Sacramento

From: (Public Agency): California Energy Commission
       1516 Ninth Street
       Sacramento, CA 95814

Project Title: Adoption of revisions to the Guidelines for California’s Solar Electric Incentive Programs
(Senate Bill 1), Sixth Edition

Project Applicant: California Energy Commission

Project Location - Specific: 1516 Ninth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Project Location - City: Sacramento Project Location - County: Sacramento County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
This activity revises guidelines previously adopted by the California Energy Commission to establish requirements for projects applying for ratepayer-funded incentives for solar energy systems pursuant to Senate Bill 1 (Stats. 2006, Ch. 132) (SB 1). The goal of SB 1 is to build a self-sustaining solar electricity market for the State’s residential and non-residential buildings. The SB 1 Guidebook is revised to reflect changes in law and market conditions. Revisions are adopted by the Energy Commission pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 25784. In the sixth edition, the SB 1 Guidebook is being revised to establish Flexible Installation Incentive option for program administrators, adjust third-party field verification requirements, update energy efficiency requirements for new construction, and update criteria for testing and certification before adding equipment to the Energy Commission’s Eligible Equipment List.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Energy Commission

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: ____________________________
   □ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: ____________________________
   X Other: Activity is not a "project" under § 15378(b)(2), and falls within the common sense exception under 15061(b)(3).

Reasons why project is exempt:
The activity is not a project under Section 15378(b)(2) because it pertains to continuing administrative activity related to general policy and procedure making. Additionally, the activity is exempt under Section 15061(b)(3), in that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment. Adoption of the revised Guidebook does not commit funding for any particular solar energy system, nor does it result in a significant increase in number or size of solar energy systems installed under SB 1 programs.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Michelle Chester Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-651-2935

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? .D Yes D No

Signature: ____________________________ Date: 11/15/16 Title: Staff

X Signed by Lead Agency □ Signed by Applicant

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

Date Received for filing 11/15/16

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