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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Filing of a Notice of Exemption in compliance with Public Resources Code (California Environmental Quality Act) Section 21152(b). The filing of this Notice begins a 35-day Statute of Limitations on court challenges to this approval.

Project Title: An Ordinance Amending Title 24 Part 6 Energy Code and Part 11 Green Building Code

File Number: N.A.

Description of Project: Pursuant to Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 25402.1(h)(2) and Section 10-106 of Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations, the County of San Mateo has applied to the California Energy Commission for a determination that its locally adopted energy efficiency standard, enacted in Local Ordinance 4824 (the Ordinance), will require buildings to be designed to consume no more energy than permitted by the *2019 Building Energy Efficiency Standards* (2019 Energy Standards) adopted by the Energy Commission. The Energy Commission's Building Standards are set forth in Title 24, Part 6 of the California Code of Regulations. This ordinance requires installation of infrastructure for electric appliances in mixed fuel buildings and provides performance and prescriptive path options for all-electric buildings. Consistent with PRC Section 25402.1(h)(2), the County of San Mateo determined that the Ordinance will require the diminution of energy consumption levels permitted by the 2019 Energy Standards.

Specific Project Location: Unincorporated San Mateo County

County of Project Location: San Mateo County

Name of Applicant: Jim Eggemeyer, Director, Office of Sustainability

Name of Person Undertaking the project or receiving the project approval (if different from the applicant): Same as applicant

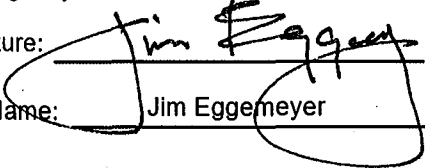
Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of San Mateo

Exempt Status: Categorical Exemption – Calif. Code of Regulations, Title 14 Section 15061(b)(3) and Calif. Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15308

Reason why project is exempt: The County of San Mateo has determined that the activity is covered by the general rule that California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment (14 CCR § 15061(b)(3)). Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. The Energy Commission previously found that its adoption of the California Green Building Code was exempt from CEQA pursuant to Title 14, Section 15061(b)(3).

As the lead agency, the County of San Mateo also determined that this activity is exempt from CEQA under Section 15308 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations as an action to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment, in that the use of fossil fuels, gasoline in vehicles and natural gas in buildings, are the largest sources of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in the County of San Mateo. Reducing or eliminating natural gas usage in the building sector is an important component of climate mitigation to achieve the State's goal of Carbon Neutrality by 2045.

Lead Agency Contact Person:

Signature: 

Title: Director, Office of Sustainability

Date: 3/4/2020

Print Name: Jim Eggen

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant