

Notice of Exemption

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TO: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 212
Sacramento, California 95814

FROM: California Energy Commission
1516 9th Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Project Title: Augmentation of Energy Conservation Assistance Account (ECAA) loan program with federal funds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Project Location: 1516 9th Street, Sacramento, Sacramento County, California 95814

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The purpose of this activity is to allocate \$25 million in federal funds available to the California Energy Commission pursuant to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) and Public Resources Code sections 25460 - 25463 to augment funding for loans under the California Energy Commission's ECAA loan program. The ECAA loan program provides low-interest loans for energy efficiency and renewable energy retrofit projects for cities, counties, special districts, public schools and colleges, public hospitals, and public care institutions. The California Energy Commission and participants of the ECAA loan program benefit from the allocation of ARRA funds to the ECAA loan program.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

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

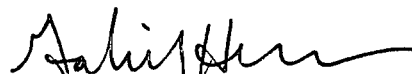
Exempt Status: (Check One)

- ☐ 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 Exemption. State code number: _____
☒ Other: Activity is not a "project" under Sec. 15378(b)(4), and falls within the common sense exception under Sec. 15061(b)(3).

Reasons why project is exempt: Activity is not a project under Sec. 15378(b)(4) in that it relates to the creation of governmental funding mechanisms which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment, and is also exempt under Sec. 15061(b)(3) in that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment.

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