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## Notice of Exemption

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

FROM: California Energy Commission  
1516 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
Sacramento, California 95814

Project Title: Adoption of revisions to the *New Solar Homes Partnership Guidebook*

Project Location: 1516 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Sacramento, Sacramento County, California 95814

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The purpose of this activity is to revise guidelines previously adopted by the California Energy Commission to govern the general administration of its New Solar Homes Partnership Program ("Program") pursuant to Public Resources Code sections 25780 et seq. The guidelines are being revised to clarify and address the eligibility requirements for leased systems, systems providing electricity under a power purchase agreement, and systems on affordable housing projects, to modify the requirements for reserving Program funds, to update energy efficiency requirements, and to make conforming changes to various application forms. The California Energy Commission and participants of the Program benefit from the adoption of revisions to these guidelines.

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)(2) and (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)(2) and (4), because it pertains to general policy and procedure making and the creation of governmental funding mechanisms which do not involve a commitment to any specific project, 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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☐ Signed by the Lead Agency

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