

Notice of Exemption

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TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: California Energy Commission
1516 9th Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Project Title: Adoption of Revisions to the *State Energy Program Guidelines*.

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 revise guidelines previously adopted by the California Energy Commission to govern the administration of its State Energy Program pursuant to Public Resources Code Sections 25460 - 25463. The guidelines describe how the Energy Commission will implement its State Energy Program and identify available funding, eligibility criteria, the evaluation and award process, and other requirements to qualify for funding under the program elements. The guidelines were revised to clarify and establish the interest rate that may be charged for loans made under the Low-Interest Energy Efficiency Financing Program element of the State Energy Program, to clarify the repayment period for loans under this program element, and to update information for purposes of filing a petition for reconsideration to better administer the State Energy Programs. The California Energy Commission and participants of the State Energy 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)(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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☐ Signed by the Lead Agency

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