

Notice of Exemption

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: Adoption of revisions to the *Renewables Portfolio Standard Eligibility Guidebook*, as set forth in the Eighth Edition

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 certification of eligible renewable energy resources for purposes of the state's Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) pursuant to Public Resources Code section 25740 et seq. and Public Utilities Code section 399.11 et seq. The guidelines were revised to i) address changes in law as a result of Assembly Bill 1478 (Stats. 2014, ch. 664), ii) incorporate requirements and criteria adopted by the California Energy Commission in 2014 under Resolution Nos. 14-0422-11, 14-1007-10, and 14-1117-14, iii) clarify various requirements and processes related to RPS certification and verification, and iv) improve the clarity and organization of the guidelines. The California Energy Commission, operators and developers of eligible renewable energy resources, and electric utilities and other market participants in the RPS 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 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), because it pertains to continuing administrative activity related to general policy and procedure making. In addition, the activity is 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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