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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 9th Street  
Sacramento, California 95814

Project Title: Adoption of Revisions to the *Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant 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 Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program pursuant to Public Resources Code Sections 25450 – 25450.5. The guidelines describe how the Energy Commission will implement its Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program and identify available funding, eligibility criteria, the evaluation and award process, and other requirements to qualify for funding under the program. The guidelines were revised to clarify the conditions under which partnerships and individual jurisdictions that have been awarded Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program funding may be reimbursed for expenses incurred before the execution of a funding award agreement. The California Energy Commission and participants of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant 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

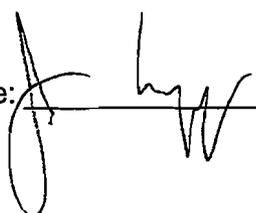
Exempt Status: (Check One)

- 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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