

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 *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 - 25464. 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 1) extend the deadline for completing State Energy Program projects from March 31, 2012, to April 30, 2012, consistent with the California Energy Commission's State Energy Program grant award from the U. S. Department of Energy, and 2) to remove references in the guidelines to the California Energy Commission's ARRA Ad Hoc Committee, which no longer exists, and replace them with references to California Energy Commission's Executive Director, which will now be authorized to carry out certain activities as specified in the guidelines. 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)(2) and (4), and falls within the common sense exception under Sec. 15061(b)(3).

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Reasons why project is exempt: Activity is not a project under Sec. 15378(b)(2) and (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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