

Notice of Exemption**Form D**

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From: California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street, MS-
Sacramento, CA 95814

Project Applicant: ROCKN R Ranch, Inc.

Project Title: RockN R Ranch #1

Project Location – Specific: Approx. 1500 E. Harlan (APN 055-340-09 & 055-340-06s)

Project Location – City: Laton **Project Location – County:** Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project will install a 152.1 kW solar photovoltaic energy system to serve an existing on-site agricultural irrigation electrical motor. The ground-mounted solar arrays will be located on 0.188-acre on the southeast corner of APN 055-340-09. Installation of the arrays will require some minor trenching and grading. No drilling, welding or heavy equipment will be required. There will be minimal ground disturbance.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: **ROCKN R Ranch, Inc.**

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial Exemption (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(1); Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, § 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(3); Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, § 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(4); Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, § 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number
Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, §§ 15301, 15304, and 15311
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number.
- Common Sense Exemption. (Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, §15061(b)(3))

Reasons why project is exempt:

California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301: The project involves minor alteration and operation of existing facilities. Solar arrays will be installed to power existing on-site agricultural irrigation pumps. These installations will not expand the existing agricultural use and will not have a significant effect on the environment.

California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15304: The project to install solar arrays involves minor grading, trenching, and backfilling to provide an alternate source of power for the existing on-site irrigation pumps. These activities will not have a significant effect on the environment.

California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15311: The project will install new solar arrays accessory to the existing, on-going agricultural operation. These installations will not expand the existing agricultural use and will not have significant effect on the environment.


Each exemption is an independent basis for finding the project exempt.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Geoffrey Dodson **Area code/Telephone/Ext:** 916-654-5171

If filed by applicant:

- 1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
- 2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature:  **Date:** 6/17/2019 **Title:** EC Specialist II

Signed by Responsible Agency

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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