

Notice of Exemption**Form D**

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From: California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street, MS-
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Project Applicant: Summerfield Waldorf School and Farm

Project Title: Rooftop-mounted PV solar at Summerfield Waldorf School and Farm

Project Location – Specific: 655 Willowside Road (APN 130-210-024-000)

Project Location – City: Santa Rosa **Project Location – County:** Sonoma

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of this project is to fund the installation of a 114 kW solar photovoltaic (PV) energy system on the roof of existing buildings, as well as two electric vehicle (EV) chargers, served by the new PV system, at an existing parking lot area. The project will serve the electrical needs of the existing agriculture operation.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Summerfield Waldorf School and Farm

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
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number. Pub. Resources Code section 21080.35
- Common Sense Exemption. (Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, §15061(b)(3))

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project will involve the installation of a solar energy system on the roof of an existing building and pursuant to Pub. Res. Code § 21080.35 is exempt from CEQA. The materials will enable the generation and use of a solar photovoltaic system. The system will be installed at a school farm integrated into educational curriculum in Sonoma County. Associated equipment will not occupy more than 500 square feet of ground surface.

The project does not involve a federal Clean Water Act permit; waste discharge requirements under Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act; individual take permit; streambed alteration permit; or removal of specific required or native trees. For these reasons, this project is statutorily exempt from CEQA under Pub. Res. Code § 21080.35.

This project will involve the installation of an electric vehicle charger in a workshop parking area at a school farm and educational institution in Sonoma County. The charger will serve electric vehicles. This installation will include the charger plus a concrete pad and will be a minor alteration to an existing parking lot with no expansion beyond the existing use of the agricultural operation and will not have significant effect on the environment. The project falls under categorical exemption listed in 14 CCR section 15301.

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

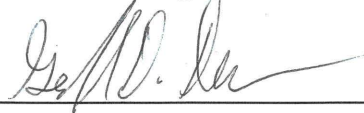
Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

Signed by Lead Agency

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Signed by Applicant

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