

Notice of Exemption**Form D**

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From: California Energy Commission
 1516 Ninth Street, MS-45
 Sacramento, CA 95814

Project Applicant: Loma Seca, L.L.C.

Project Title: Loma Seca Vineyard

Project Location – Specific: 330 Panorama Dr. (Parcel # 026-233-002)

Project Location – City: Paso Robles **Project Location – County:** San Luis Obispo

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of this project is to fund the installation of a 22kW solar photovoltaic (PV) energy system on the roof of an existing barn along with an energy storage unit and an electric vehicle (EV) charger that will be installed within the barn. This project will serve the electrical needs of an existing agricultural operation.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

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, section 15301
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number. Pub. Resources Code section 21080.35

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 solar photovoltaic panels. The system will be installed at a vineyard in San Luis Obispo 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 the barn at a vineyard in San Luis Obispo County. The charger will serve electric vehicles. This installation will be a minor alteration to an existing structure with no expansion beyond the existing use of the vineyard operation and will not have significant effect on the environment. The project falls under categorical exemption listed in 14 CCR section 15301.

This project will involve the installation of a battery energy storage unit in a barn at a vineyard in San Luis Obispo County. The battery energy storage unit will serve nighttime operation on the farm. This installation will be a minor alteration to an existing structure with no expansion beyond the existing use of the vineyard 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.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Myoung-Ae Jones **Area code/Telephone/Ext:** 916-651-1464

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: 6/17/19 **Title:** ECS I

- Signed by Lead Agency
 Signed by Applicant

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

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