

**Notice of Exemption****Form D**

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:** California Energy Commission  
 1516 Ninth Street, MS-45  
 Sacramento, CA 95814

**Project Applicant:** Mikaelian & Sons, Inc.

**Project Title:** Solar Shade for Amodo Ranch

**Project Location – Specific:** 39497 Road 96 (Parcel # 030-210-029-000 & 030-160-006-000)

**Project Location – City:** Dinuba

**Project Location – County:** Tulare

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:**

This project will install a solar photovoltaic energy shade structure for three existing on-site electric irrigation pumps. The ground-mounted solar arrays will be located on the northeast side of a 75-acre ranch next to the main deep water well. Installation of the arrays will require some minor trenching and grading. No drilling, welding or heavy equipment will be required. A small number of crop trees will be relocated and perimeter fencing will be installed for safety.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** California Energy Commission

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Michael Mikaelian

**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:** 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:** ECSI

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

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

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