

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

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

**Project Applicant:** Gary & Elene Esajian Family Trust

**Project Title:** 6th Avenue Solar Installation

**Project Location – Specific:** 272 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Parcel # 002-040-002, 002-040-003, 002-040-079)

**Project Location – City:** Kingsburg      **Project Location – County:** Kings

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

This project will install a solar photovoltaic energy system for three existing on-site electric irrigation pumps. The ground-mounted solar arrays will be located on .75-acre on the southeast side of the farm, on the west side of the shop building. 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 might need to 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:** Gary Esajian

**Exempt Status: (check one)**

- Ministerial Exemption (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(1);
- Declared Emergency (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(3);
- Emergency Project (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(4);
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number.  
Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, §§ 15301, 15304, and 15311
- 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:**

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**

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

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**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: Director's Office of Planning & Research

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