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From: California Energy Commission
 1516 Ninth Street, MS-45
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Project Applicant: Tahmazian Farming, LP

Project Title: 8th Avenue Solar Project

Project Location – Specific: 1520 South 8th Ave (APN: 002-060-004, 002-060-023)

Project Location – City: Kingsburg 93631 **Project Location – County:** Kings

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project will install a solar photovoltaic energy system for four existing on-site electric irrigation pumps. The ground-mounted solar arrays will be located on .15-acre on the northeast corner of the 8th Avenue property on APN 002-060-004 near the transformer. 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: Tahmazian Farming, LP

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.

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

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Lucio Hernandez **Area code/Telephone/Ext:** 916-654-5004

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: Lucio Hernandez **Date:** 6/17/19 **Title:** AES

Signed by Responsible Agency

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: June 17, 2019
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