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From: California Energy Commission
 1516 Ninth Street, MS-45
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Project Applicant: Bryan L. Tahmazian

Project Title: Amended Osganian Solar Project (Original NOE #2019070328)

Project Location – Specific: 6190 N 6th Ave, 5470 & 6017 Boston Ave (APN: 002-010-019, 028-160-007, 028-160-008, 002-010-020, 002-010-057, 002-010-058)

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

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project will install three solar photovoltaic energy systems for five existing on-site electric irrigation pumps at an existing agriculture operation. The ground-mounted solar arrays will be on approximately .5-acre total. Solar system #1 will be 48.3 kilowatts (kW) located at 5740 Boston Ave, near the northeast corner of Boston Ave and 6th Ave. Solar system #2 will be 33.6 kW located at 6017 Boston Ave, near the southwest corner of Boston Ave and 6th Ave. Solar system #3 will be 45.1 kW located at 6190 N 6th Ave near the southwest corner of the farm. 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: Bryan L. Tahmazian

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.

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

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: 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:** 1-27-2020 **Title:** AES

- Signed by Responsible Agency
- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

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