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From: California Energy Commission
 1516 Ninth Street, MS-45
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Project Applicant: Davis Vineyards

Project Title: Amended Davis Vineyards 244.11 kW Solar Project

Project Location – Specific: 21877 Ave 5 (APN: 910-004-476, 040-171-007, 040-171-008, and 040-111-013)

Project Location – City: Madera 93637 **Project Location – County:** Madera

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project will install a 154.45kW rooftop solar photovoltaic energy system for four existing on-site electric irrigation pumps, two shops and four homes. The rooftop solar arrays will be located on 81.2-acre on the east side of the parcel 910-004-476-000, between the shop building and house. Installation of the arrays will require some minor trenching and grading. No drilling, welding or heavy equipment will be required.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Davis Vineyards

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. PRC § 21080.35
- Common Sense Exemption. (Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, §15061(b)(3))

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project will involve the installation of a solar energy system on one carport at a parking lot that has existed for over two years and pursuant to Pub. Res. Code § 21080.35 is exempt from CEQA. The materials will enable the generation and use of solar PV. The system will be installed at a vineyard in Madera County. Associated equipment will not occupy more than 500 square feet of ground surface.

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, shop, and four homes. 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, shop, and two homes. 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

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

Signed by Responsible Agency

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

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

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