

**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:** Lemoore Union High School District

**Project Title:** AG Solar Project

**Project Location – Specific:** 101 E. Bush Street (Parcel # 023-040-001)

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

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

This project will install a 413.2 kilowatt solar photovoltaic energy system to provide energy for the Lemoore High School agricultural program. The ground-mounted solar arrays with a data acquisition system will be installed on approximately 1.28 acres in the southeast corner of the school, east of the stadium, and will serve on-site irrigation pumps, greenhouse, and classroom operations for the school's agricultural program. Installation of the arrays and perimeter fencing for safety will require some minor trenching, horizontal boring, and post-driving, but these will not interfere with agricultural and/or instructional activities.

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

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Lemoore Union High School District

**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.
- 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, greenhouse, and classroom operations. These installations will not expand the existing agricultural and educational 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, greenhouse, and classroom operations. 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 to serve the existing, on-going agricultural and educational operations. These installations will not expand the existing agricultural and educational use and will not have a significant effect on the environment.

Each exemption is an independent basis for finding the project exempt.

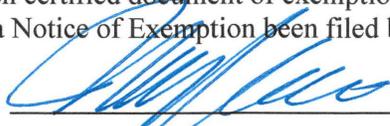
Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

**Responsible 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:** July 1, 19 **Title:** ECS 1

- Signed by Responsible Agency
- Signed by Applicant

**Date received for filing at OPR:** \_\_\_\_\_

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