

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION (NOE)**

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From: City of Goleta  
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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA  
CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**Subject:** Filing of Notice of Exemption

**Project Title:** Implementation of a Community Choice Energy Program By and Through Participation in Monterey Bay Community Power Authority's Community Choice Aggregation Program

**Project Applicant:** City of Goleta

**Project Location (Address and APN):** Citywide

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

On December 5, 2017, the City of Goleta City Council adopted a 100% Renewable Electricity Goal by 2030. On July 16, 2019, the City Council adopted a Strategic Energy Plan (SEP), that serves as a roadmap to identify how the City could reach the Goal. Pursuant to the SEP, CCE contributes significantly to the Goal, at approximately 64% of the combined strategies contribution (or approximately 30% overall), as a CCE allows the community to determine what type of energy mix serves its needs, in addition to facilitating other strategies based on CCE operational benefits.

The City Council has previously directed the investigation of the feasibility and formation of a Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) program under the provisions of the Public Utilities Code section 366.2 in order to provide electric service to customers within the City of Goleta with the intent of achieving greater local control and involvement related to the provision of electric service in the City, and offering energy with lower greenhouse gas emissions at a comparable rate to the Investor-Owned Utility in the City. Monterey Bay Community Power Authority (MBCPA) is an established CCA program capable of providing the desired financial and environmental benefits.

**Name of Public Agency Approving the Project:** City of Goleta

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out the Project:** City of Goleta

**Exempt Status:** *(check one)*

- Ministerial (Sec. 15268)
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 15269 (a))
- Emergency Project (Sec. 15269 (b) (c))
- Categorical Exemption: (Sec. 15308)
- Other: (Sec 15061(b)(3); 15378(a))

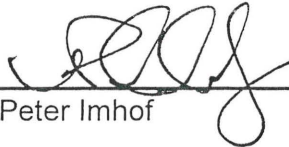
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**Reason(s) why the project is exempt:**

Establishment of a CCE in accordance with the State Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and found the establishment of a CCE is exempt from the requirements of CEQA, as it is not a "project" as it has no potential to result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change to the environment because energy will be transported through existing infrastructure (14 Cal. Code Regs. § 15378(a)). Further, establishing a CCE is exempt from CEQA as there is no possibility that it would have a significant effect on the environment (14 Cal. Code Regs. § 15061(b)(3)). Further, the establishment of a CCE is also categorically exempt because it is an action taken by a regulatory agency to assume the maintenance, restoration, enhancement or protection of the environment (14 Cal. Code Regs. § 15308).

**City of Goleta Contact Person and Telephone Number:**



Peter Imhof

Director, Planning & Environmental Review

8/21/19  
Date

Governor's Office of Planning & Research  
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**If filed by the 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

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

Note: Authority cited: Section 21083 and 211110, Public Resources Code  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152.1, Public Resources Code