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From: California Energy Commission
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Project Applicant: Blue Diamond Growers

Project Title: Reducing GHG Emissions Through Replacement and Modernization of Steam Boiler System at Blue Diamond Growers

Project Location – Specific: 1802 C St

Project Location – City: Sacramento 95811 **Project Location – County:** Sacramento

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Recipient will replace inefficient equipment with drop-in ready equipment at its flagship facility that will meaningfully modernize the facility, reduce energy consumption and GHG emissions, reduce operating costs, maintain product quality, prevent maintenance and equipment failure, and ensure that the Recipient remains competitive in global markets. This is achieved by replacing oversized, inefficient boilers, the decentralizing of the steam generation system, and the adoption of new technologies to better generate, monitor, recapture, and reuse steam.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Blue Diamond Growers

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; Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, § 15302
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number.
- Common Sense Exemption. (Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, §15061(b)(3))

Reasons why project is exempt:

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

14 C.C.R. §15301. This project will involve minor alteration of existing mechanical equipment at an existing food processing facility in Sacramento, CA. The project will replace existing inefficient equipment at existing food processing facility to reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions. The equipment to be replaced in the project includes boilers, economizers, burners, deaerators, heat recovery system, exhaust stacks, and concrete pads for the new equipment and at the Recipient's almond processing facility. These installations will be minor alterations of existing mechanical equipment with no expansion beyond the existing use of the food processing facility and will not have significant effect on the environment. The project falls under categorical exemption listed in 14 C.C.R. §15301.


14 C.C.R. § 15302. This project involves the replacement of existing mechanical equipment at an existing food processing facility in Sacramento, CA. This project will replace existing inefficient equipment at an existing food processing facility to reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions. The equipment to be replaced in the project includes boilers, economizers, burners, deaerators, heat recovery system, exhaust stacks, and concrete pads for the new equipment at the Recipient's almond processing facility. The new equipment will be located on the same site as the equipment replaced and have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the equipment replaced. The project falls under categorical exemption listed in 14 C.C.R. § 15302.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Cyrus Ghandi **Area code/Telephone/Ext:** 916-327-1506

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:** 10/21/19 **Title:** Energy Commission Specialist I

Signed by Responsible Agency

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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