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From: California Energy Commission
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Project Applicant: Pacific Ethanol Stockton, LLC

Project Title: Stockton Animal Feed Energy Reduction (SAFER)

Project Location – Specific: 3028 Navy Dr

Project Location – City: Stockton 95206 **Project Location – County:** San Joaquin

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project will replace an existing evaporator with a new, energy efficient evaporator to reduce natural gas consumption and associated greenhouse gases and criteria pollutants at the Pacific Ethanol Stockton biofuels and animal food production facility in Stockton, California.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Pacific Ethanol Stockton, LLC

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, § 15302 ; Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, § 15303
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number.
- Common Sense Exemption. (Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, §15061(b)(3))

Reasons why project is exempt:

Class 2 projects consist of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. This project will involve replacement of existing mechanical equipment at an existing food processing facility and the facility will have substantially the same purpose and capacity with the replacement equipment. The evaporator and distillation system consists of evaporators, condensers, distillation columns, heat exchangers, pumps, tanks, and associated wiring, piping, fittings, and fasteners. The demonstration will not have a significant impact on local air quality, noise, or traffic, and is expected to reduce local criteria pollutant emissions. For these reasons, the project will not have a significant effect on the environment and falls under the categorical exemption listed in 14 C.C.R. 15302.

Class 3 consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. The project may require the construction of temporary or mobile structures during construction. These structures will not exceed 2,500 square feet. For these reasons, the project will not have a significant effect on the environment and falls under the categorical exemption listed in 14 CCR 15303.

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.

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: Hannah Craig **Date:** 6/17/2020 **Title:** ECS

Signed by Responsible Agency

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

Signed by Lead Agency

Jun 17 2020

Signed by Applicant

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