

**Notice of Exemption****Form D**

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:** California Energy Commission  
 1516 Ninth Street, MS-48  
 Sacramento, CA 95814

**Project Applicant:** Association for Energy Affordability

**Project Title:** Low-GWP Mechanical Modules for Rapid Deployment Project (LG-MM)

**Project Location:**

Address	City	County
1897 Oakmead Dr	Concord 94520	Contra Costa
4251 Juniper St	San Diego 92105	San Diego
3429 43Rd St	San Diego 92105	San Diego

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

The project will develop, test and demonstrate low-GWP technology for space heating, air conditioning and water heating. Prototypes will be built for installation at an actual site and retrofitted into 5 multifamily homes over different California climate zones and evaluate the performance.

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

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Association for Energy Affordability

**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, § 15306
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number.
- Common Sense Exemption. (Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, §15061(b)(3))

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

Cal. Code Regs., Title 14, section 15301 T

This project involves the installation and testing of a pre-fabricated space conditioning and hot water heating prototype system in a total of 5 apartments located in 2 existing multifamily buildings. The systems will be temporarily integrated into the existing structure for testing and 9 months of data collection. After the data collection has concluded, the systems will be removed, and the sites will be restored to their original configurations. The project will result in negligible or no expansion of any existing or former uses at the sites.

This project is therefore categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 as minor alterations to existing facilities that involve no expansion of an existing or former use. This project is also categorically exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15306 as basic data collection, research, and resource evaluation activities that will not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. Further, none of the exceptions to exemptions listed in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 applies to this project.

**Lead Agency**

**Contact Person:**     Karen Perrin          **Area code/Telephone/Ext:**     916-327-1467    

**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:**     Karen Perrin          **Date:**     6/17/2020          **Title:**     CofA    

Signed by Responsible Agency

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

**Jun 17 2020**

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

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