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From: California Energy Commission
 1516 Ninth Street, MS-48
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Project Applicant: The Energy Coalition

Project Title: Basset-Avocado Advanced Energy Community

Project Location – Specific: 323 Workman Mill Rd

Project Location – City: La Puente 91746 **Project Location – County:** Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of this Agreement is to fund the deployment of the Basset-Avocado Advanced Energy Community (BAAEC) developed in Phase I. Community solar PV and battery storage systems will be installed on private deployment sites, funded and managed by a private solar developer. A microgrid resiliency hub will be created at a strategic, central location within the community to provide self-powered and islanded energy refuge for various types of emergencies. A mobile grid consisting of EV chargers and an EV microtransit and vanpooling program will be implemented to provide the community with access to low emission transportation options.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: The Energy Coalition

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

Reasons why project is exempt:

Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, § 15301: This categorical exemption applies to projects which consist of operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, which involves negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's CEQA determination. This agreement will fund the installation of rooftop solar PV, parking canopy with solar PV, ground mounted solar PV, a battery storage system and EV charging stations at a private site within the Basset-Avocado community. The construction activities outside of the existing structures include the construction of parking canopy structures and the solar PV ground mount and minor trenching for laying new electrical conduit, pulling wire and relaying asphalt on top to connect the energy systems to grid infrastructure and electricity meters. Rooftop solar PV and battery storage will also be installed at private residences in the Basset-Avocado community. These modifications will not result in any expansion of an existing use. For these reasons, the proposed work will not have any significant effect on the environment and falls under section 15301.

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

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Michael Ferreira **Area code/Telephone/Ext:** 916-445-5281

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: Michael Ferreira **Date:** 6/17/2020 **Title:** CAM

Signed by Responsible Agency

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

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