

Notice of Exemption**Form D**

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From: California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street, MS-48
Sacramento, CA 95814

Project Applicant: Rocky Mountain Institute

Project Title: Varieties of Prefabricated Envelope Solutions for CA Low-Rise Buildings

Project Location – Specific: 5903 Lowe Ave

Project Location – City: Marysville 95901 **Project Location – County:** Yuba

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project will consist of installing prefabricated façade panels at technology demonstration sites. These panels will be applied to the exterior of the existing building as façade retrofit. The retrofit may involve excavation at the building perimeter to insulate slab edge and/or attach to existing footings. It may also include the capping and removal of gas service.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Rocky Mountain Institute

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:

The Energy Commission made CEQA findings pertaining to this project, including finding that it was categorically exempt under 14 CCR section 15306. This project will not result in any environmental impacts and do not change the applicability of the categorical exemption under 14 CCR 15306.

Cal. Code Regs, tit.14, sec.15306 provides that projects which consist of basic data collection, research and resources evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to environmental resources are categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA. Specifically, this project will install prefabricated façade panels to the exterior of the existing building as façade retrofit. The retrofit may involve excavation at the building perimeter to insulate slab edge and/or attach to existing footings. It may also include the capping and

removal of gas service. Therefore, this project falls within section 15306 and will not have a significant effect on the environment.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Adel Suleiman **Area code/Telephone/Ext:** 916-327-3313

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: Adel Suleiman **Date:** 07/08/2020 **Title:** Sr. Electrical Engineer

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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Signed by Responsible Agency

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: