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From: California Energy Commission
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Project Applicant: Sun-Maid Growers of California

Project Title: Demonstrating an Optimized Steam and Hot Water System at the Sun-Maid Raisins Facility

Project Location – Specific: 13525 S Bethel Ave

Project Location – City: Kingsburg 93631

Project Location – County: Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project will install and demonstrate an optimized steam and hot water system including hydronic water heaters, hot water distribution lines, and generators at the Sun-Maid Raisins processing facility in Kingsburg, CA. The optimized steam and hot water system will replace an existing, oversized boiler resulting in reduced greenhouse gas emissions.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Sun-Maid Growers of California

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 will have substantially the same purpose and capacity with the replacement equipment. The optimized steam and hot water system consists of hydronic water heaters, hot water distribution lines, steam generators, and associated mechanical and electrical components. 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.

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

Additionally, this project involves the construction, location, and installation of new, small facilities, structures, and equipment. In order to perform the demonstration, the system must be installed at the demonstration site. The installation will require minimal construction activity. The equipment will be placed within the existing industrial facility. It is possible additional small concrete pads will be poured or small enclosures will be built for supporting systems such as electrical support equipment. This minimal construction is well within the size limits listed in the examples given in 14 C.C.R. § 15303 (e.g., it is less than a single-family residence, duplex, and the 2,500 square feet - or 10,000 square feet in urban areas - for a store, motel, office, restaurant, or similar structure). This construction will not have a significant impact on local air quality, noise, or traffic and will not induce additional operations at the site. 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. § 15303.


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

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Kevin Uy **Area code/Telephone/Ext:** 916-327-1533

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:** 07/31/2020 **Title:** Electric Generation System Specialist II

Signed by Responsible Agency

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____