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From: California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street, MS-48
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Project Applicant: California Dairies, Inc.

Project Title: Heat Recovery Systems on Spray Dryers and Boilers

Project Location:

Table with 3 columns: Address, City, County. Rows include 475 S Tegner Rd, 2000 N Plaza Dr, Turlock 95380, Visalia 93291, Stanislaus, Tulare.

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of this project is to fund the deployment of heat recovery systems at two of the Recipient's dairy processing facilities and adopting staff's determination that this action is exempt from CEQA. The project will occur in the existing dairy processing facilities. The project will reduce greenhouse gas emissions by reducing fuel consumption on the dryers and boilers. The project is consistent with the California Energy Commission's mission of leading the state to a 100 percent clean energy future.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Dairies, Inc.

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));
[X] 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:

14 C.C.R. 15301. This project will involve minor alteration of existing facilities and mechanical equipment at existing food processing facilities and will result in no expansion of the existing use. The project is for heat recovery systems, and upgrades include heat exchangers, pumps, expansion tank skids, valves, plumbing, electrical hardware, and wiring. The materials used to construct the system are chemically inert, not hazardous to human health, and do not have a significant effect on the environment. The systems purchased have safety certifications in compliance with relevant codes and standards. In addition, all required permits for installation and operation of the system will be obtained prior to system installation and demonstration. The demonstration will not have a significant impact on local air quality, noise, or traffic. 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. 15301.

**Lead Agency**

**Contact Person:**     Kaycee Chang          **Area code/Telephone/Ext:**     916-327-1509    

**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:**     *kchang*          **Date:**     07/31/2020          **Title:**     Energy Analyst    

**Signed by Responsible Agency**

**Signed by Lead Agency**

**Signed by Applicant**

**Date received for filing at OPR:** \_\_\_\_\_