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

Project Applicant: The Regents of the University of California

Project Title: Renewable Energy & Advanced Lighting Systems for Exterior Applications

Project Location – Specific: _____

Project Location – City: _____ **Project Location – County:** _____

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project will design, develop and demonstrate hybrid exterior luminaires across seven low income sites in California.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: The Regents of the University 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, § 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 reasons why Agreement is exempt under the above section: CEQA exemptions under California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections 15301 and 15306 apply. Section 15301, “Existing Buildings,” covers the operation, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. This project would replace existing exterior luminaires at various existing structures (e.g., on top of parking lot light poles) with more energy efficient, hybrid luminaires. Therefore, the project is exempt within section 15301 and will not have a significant effect on the environment. Section 15306 covers basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. This project will involve the development and evaluation of a hybrid powered area luminaire that lowers the energy consumption of exterior lighting compared to existing, grid-tied, non-dimmable, high-intensity discharge lighting. Prototype designs will be lab tested in a research laboratory, prior to their use to replace existing exterior luminaires. This work will not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. Therefore, the proposed project will have no significant effect on the environment and is categorically exempt under section 15306.

Lead Agency

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

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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: 4/16/2021 Title: Sr. Electrical Engineer

Signed by Responsible Agency

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____