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**From:** California Energy Commission  
 715 P Street, MS-51  
 Sacramento, CA 95814

**Project Applicant:** The Regents of the University of California on behalf of the Davis Campus

**Project Title:** Renewable Energy & Advanced Lighting Systems for Exterior Applications (REVISED SCH# 2021040785)

**Project Location:**

<u>Address</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>County</u>
3429 Evergreen Cir	West Sacramento 95691	Yolo
South Main Street	San Joaquin 93660	Fresno
41020 Road 124	Orosi 93647	Tulare
804 S Harris St	Hanford 93230	Kings
1711 N Elva Ave	Compton 90222	Los Angeles
1450 Hilltop Dr	Chula Vista 91911	San Diego
22631 Bay Avenue	Moreno Valley 92553	Riverside

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:**

Under grant agreement EPC-20-031, the California Energy Commission (CEC) is providing funding to the Regents of the University of California, on behalf of the Davis Campus, for the project. This project includes design, development, and demonstration of hybrid exterior luminaires across seven low-income sites in California.

The CEC previously approved the grant award and submitted a Notice of Exemption on or about April 6, 2021 (State Clearinghouse Number 2021040785). Subsequently, the project locations were refined, and these are listed above. The purpose of this amended NOE is to provide this additional information.

Beneficiaries will include the ratepayers of electric investor-owned utilities in California, along with the site hosts and UC Davis.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** California Energy Commission

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** The Regents of the University of California on behalf of the Davis Campus

**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

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.  
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- Statutory Exemptions. State code number.
- Common Sense Exemption. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §15061(b)(3))

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

The reasons why the grant Agreement project is exempt under the above section are as follows: 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.

The project will not impact an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies; does not involve any cumulative impacts of successive projects of the same type in the same place that might be considered significant; does not involve unusual circumstances that might have a significant effect on the environment; will not result in damage to scenic resources within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway; the project site is not included on any list compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5; and the project will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. Therefore, none of the exceptions to categorical exemptions listed in CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2 apply to this project, and this project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

**Lead Agency**

**Contact Person:** Adel Suleiman **Area code/Telephone/Ext:** 916-996-1054

**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:** Apr 13, 2023 **Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signed by Responsible Agency**

**Signed by Lead Agency**

**Signed by Applicant**

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