

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: California Energy Commission
1516 9th Street, MS-6
Sacramento, CA 95814

Project Title: Kern Medium- and Heavy-Duty Zero Emission Infrastructure Blueprint Plan

Project Applicant: Kern Council of Governments

Project Location - Specific: 1401 19th Street, Suite 300

Project Location - City: Bakersfield, CA

Project Location - County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project will consist of developing a planning document for possible, future deployment of zero emission medium- and heavy-duty vehicles and related infrastructure equipment in Kern County, California. Beneficiaries will include residents in California.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Kern Council of Governments

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Cal. Code Reg.s, tit. 14, section 15306 ("Information Collection")
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Cal. Code Regs, tit. 14, §15306, Information Collection, provides that projects which consist of basic data collection, research and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource are categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA. This project consists of developing a planning document for possible, future deployment of zero emission vehicles and related infrastructure equipment. The project will not cause direct physical changes to the environment, and there will be no physical construction. This project involves data collection, technology assessment, public outreach, administrative coordination efforts, planning, and similar activities. Therefore, the proposed project will have no significant effect on the environment and is categorically exempt under section 15306.

Responsible Agency

Contact Person: Matthew Kozuch Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916)-477-1564

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: Matthew Kozuch Date: 7-15-2021 Title: Air Pollution Specialist

- Signed by Responsible Agency
- Signed by Lead Agency Date received for filing at OPR: _____
- Signed by Applicant