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**From:** California Energy Commission  
 1516 Ninth Street, MS-48  
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**Project Applicant:** GRID Alternatives

**Project Title:** Enabling California's Resilient Tribal Communities with Mobile Renewable Power

**Project Location:**

Address	City	County
695 Rancheria Rd	Blue Lake 95525	Humboldt
22003 Highway 76	Pauma Valley 92061	San Diego
23131 Soboba Rd	San Jacinto 92583	Riverside

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

This project will deploy fully operable, grid-independent, rapidly deployable, modular scalable generation systems to enable California's tribal communities to provide both critical electric resources when the grid is down.

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

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** GRID Alternatives

**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, § 15303
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number.
- Common Sense Exemption. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15301, and tit. 14, §15061(b)(3))

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

- Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, sec. 15301 provides that projects which consist of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, and which involve negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency’s determination, are categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA. This project involves the development and demonstrating of a mobile renewable generation for backup power at existing facilities. Therefore, the project falls within section 15301 and will not have a significant effect on the environment.
- Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, sec. 15303 provides that projects which consist of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only

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

