

Notice of Exemption

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

Project Title: WETA Zero-Emission Vessel Infrastructure Blueprint Plan

Project Applicant: San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority

Project Location - Specific: Pier 9, Suite 111, The Embarcadero, San Francisco, CA 94111

Project Location - City: San Francisco

Project Location - County: San Francisco

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The objective of this Agreement is to develop a plan of action and milestones for implementation of zero-emission energy infrastructure to support transition of the WETA ferry fleet to zero-emission electric propulsion systems. The plan will first target the proof of concept through representative existing and potential new service routes, reflecting both short and medium distance routes, and identify scalable and flexible recharging/refueling and propulsion systems that can be applied across the WETA fleet and further to other ferry and harbor fleets.

Beneficiaries include residents of the San Francisco Bay Area

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority

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:

This project consists of developing a planning document for possible, future deployment of zero emission ferries 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: Alex Wan Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-805-7477

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: Alexander Wan Date: 8-9-2021 Title: Associate Energy Specialist

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