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## Notice of Exemption

To: Yolo County Clerk  
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To: Office of Planning and Research  
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**Project Title:** Yolo County Central Landfill Solar Energy Project

**Applicant/Owner:** YOLO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES  
DIVISION OF INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT  
44082 COUNTY ROAD 28H  
WOODLAND, CA 95776

**Project Location:** Portion of APN: 042-100-018, located at 43890 and 44090 County Road 28H, on property owned by Yolo County.

**Project Description:** Installation of solar arrays that will produce onsite energy needs at the Yolo County Central Landfill through an Energy Services Agreement (power purchase agreement) with FFP BTM SOLAR, LLC (Forefront Power), expand the County's renewable energy portfolio, and reduce the County's electricity usage from the utility grid. The project would install one ground-mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) power generation system near the County's Central Landfill Borrow Site, immediately adjacent to the Landfill.

The project would install a canopy-mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) energy generation system on an approximately 25-acre parcel that is located immediately south of the Landfill Borrow Site and immediately adjacent to and west of the Landfill. The project would be installed on an undeveloped portion of the parcel that would consist of the installation of 1,080 solar panels consisting of high-efficiency modules mounted at angles to optimize sun exposure. The canopy structure would be constructed with steel columns and metal rafters to support the panels, which would be arranged in two rows spanning east to west and elevated to maintain a clearance of approximately 13.5 feet above the ground surface. The PV system is expected to generate approximately 470 kilowatts (kW) of direct current (DC) electrical power or 360 kW alternating current (AC) for delivery to the PG&E distribution system. The total footprint of the project is not expected to exceed one acre in size.

Approval of the Energy Services Agreements and the Energy Storage Agreement would facilitate the installation of the photovoltaic system at an existing County facility. Construction is expected to commence in November 2024 and project construction would be approximately six months. No tree removal will be required.

**Exempt Status:**

- Categorical Exemption "15301" Class 1, Existing Facilities**
- Categorical Exemption "15303" Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures**
- Categorical Exemption "15311" Class 11, Accessory Structures**

Reasons why project is exempt:

§ 15301(a) consists of the operation of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use, including exterior alterations involving electrical conveyances. The proposed project involves only minor physical modifications to existing facilities associated with the installation of solar panels and related equipment to provide renewable energy to the Landfill.

§ 15303(d) consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures, including electrical and other utility extensions of reasonable length. Implementation of the project involves improvements to electrical extensions and installation of solar panels on top of canopies requiring new construction of small structures.

§ 15311 consists of construction of minor structures accessory to existing industrial facilities. The project involves placement of minor accessory structures on property adjacent to the existing Landfill.

The project does not involve any of the following and is therefore eligible for a categorical exemption as described above under CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2:

- (a) impacts on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern
- (b) cumulative impacts of successive projects of the same type in the same place
- (c) significant effects due to unusual circumstances
- (d) damage to scenic resources
- (e) located on a site which is deemed a hazardous waste site
- (f) cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an historical resource.

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