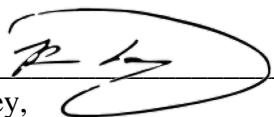


NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

<p>TO:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office of Planning and Research P. O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044</p>	<p>FROM: Name: Sonoma Clean Power Authority</p> <p>(Public Agency) Address: 431 E Street Santa Rosa, CA 95404</p> <p>Telephone: (720) 480-9641</p>
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sonoma County Clerk 585 Fiscal Drive #103F Santa Rosa, CA 95403</p>	
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mendocino County Clerk 501 Low Gap Road Ukiah, CA 95482</p>	

<p>1. Project Title:</p>	<p>Memorandum of Understandings (MOUs) establishing intent to partner in development of geothermal resources in the Geothermal Opportunity Zone (“GeoZone”)</p>
<p>2. Project Applicant:</p>	<p>Sonoma Clean Power Authority (“SCPA”), 431 E. Street, Santa Rosa, CA 95404</p>
<p>3. Project Location:</p>	<p>Sonoma County and Mendocino County</p>
<p>4. Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project:</p>	<p>There are three MOUs, though none of the MOUs qualify as a project under CEQA. The first MOU is between SCPA and Eavor Inc.; the second is between SCPA and Chevron New Energies; and the third is between SCPA and Cyrq Energy Inc.</p> <p>The purpose of each MOU is to formally recognize the intent of the parties to negotiate a public-private partnership agreement and work together in good faith for the purpose of developing new geothermal resources in the GeoZone.</p> <p>The MOUs do not commit any party to development of any new geothermal resources, do not commit any party to enter any public-private partnership agreement, and do not commit any party to take any actions that may have an impact on the environment.</p>
<p>5. Name of Public Agency approving project:</p>	<p>SCPA approved the MOUs, though again, this did not constitute approval of a CEQA project.</p>
<p>6. Name of Person or Agency undertaking the project:</p>	<p>SCPA</p>

7. Exempt status:	
(a) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not a project.	State CEQA Guidelines, § 15060(c)(2)-(3)
8. Reason why project is not subject to CEQA:	<p>On October 6, 2022, the Board of Directors of the Sonoma Clean Power Authority authorized its Chief Executive Officer or his designee to execute the three MOUs.</p> <p>The MOUs do not qualify as a project subject to CEQA because they will not result in a direct, or reasonably foreseeable indirect, physical change in the environment. (State CEQA Guidelines, §§ 15060(c)(2)-(3), 15378 [to qualify as a project under CEQA, activity must have potential to result in direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment].)</p> <p>Notably, the MOUs do not commit the parties to the development of any new geothermal resource, do not commit the parties to enter into any public-private partnership agreement, and do not commit the parties to engage in any activity that could result in a physical change to the environment. The MOUs therefore do not qualify as a project subject to CEQA.</p>
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