

Notice of Exemption

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To: [X] Office of Planning and Research
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From: Placer County Water Agency
P.O. Box 6570
Auburn, CA 95603
(Public Agency and Address)

[X] County Clerk, County of: Placer

Project Title: Arbor Energy Planning Study for Potential Forest Biomass to Carbon-Negative Biofuels Program Project

Project Location - Specific: 10505 Ophir Road and 5885 Sunset Drive

Project Location - City: Community of Ophir and Foresthill
Project Location - County: Placer

Description of Project: The proposed project is to conduct a feasibility and planning study for a Forest Biomass to Carbon-Negative Biofuels Program. Arbor Energy has approached Placer County Water Agency regarding a pilot program grant from the California Natural Resource Agency, Department of Conservation, which would explore the feasibility of a biomass gasification power plant to convert forest biomass into electrical energy, water and capturable CO2 located on PCWA property.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Placer County Water Agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Arbor Energy

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));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 6, Section 15306
[X] Statutory Exemption. State code number: 15262 Feasibility and Planning Studies

Reasons why project is exempt: The project consists of basic data collection activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. (Guidelines Article 19, Section 15306) The project involves feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions which the Board has not approved, adopted, or funded. (Guidelines Article 18, Section 15262)

Lead Agency Contact Person: Tony Firenzi, Director of Strategic Affairs
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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: Heather Trejo Date: 11/14/22 Title: Environmental Scientist

[X] Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing at OPR: