

# Notice of Exemption

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**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:** California Energy Commission  
715 P Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Project Title:** Aptera Solar Mobility Manufacturing Project

**Project Applicant:** Aptera Motors Corp.

**Project Location - Specific:** 2340 Cousteau Ct, Vista, CA 92081 & 5818 El Camino Real, Carlsbad, CA 92008

**Project Location - City:** Vista & Carlsbad

**Project Location - County:** San Diego County

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

This project will install new manufacturing equipment at two existing warehouse facilities to support zero-emissions vehicle manufacturing. The project site is located in two existing warehouses located in Vista and Carlsbad, CA. The purpose of the project is for Aptera Motor Corp. (Aptera) to establish commercial battery electric vehicle manufacturing operations. The State of California and its consumers will benefit from these products that support the transition to electric vehicles. California workers will also benefit from the increase in local high-quality manufacturing jobs in the clean technology manufacturing sector once this project is fully implemented.

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

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Blake Ryan, Administrator for Aptera Motor Corp.

**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, Title 14, section 15301 "Existing Facilities"
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

Work under this project consists of the installation of small production equipment at an existing facility for electric vehicle production and falls under the Class 1 exemption.

Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, quality control, or minor alteration of existing private structures, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The 2340 Cousteau Court, Vista, CA (Vista) facility is 104,000 square feet (sqft) and is zoned for industrial use. Vehicle Production equipment will be installed in the Vista facility in appx. eight areas of production and warehousing space totaling 79,900 sqft. The 5818 El Camino Real, Carlsbad, CA (Carlsbad) facility is 76,385 sqft and is zoned for industrial use. Vehicle Production equipment will be installed in the Carlsbad facility in appx. two areas of production and warehousing space totaling 46,000 sqft. All equipment will be installed at these two existing facilities on existing concrete. For these reasons, work under this project will have no significant impact on the environment and falls within 15301.

**Responsible Agency**

Contact Person: Jonathan Bobadilla, CAM, California Energy Commission Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-477-1589

**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: Jonathan Bobadilla Date: 2/15/2023 Title: Energy Commission Specialist I

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