

Notice of Exemption

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From: Responsible Agency:
California Energy Commission
Fuels and Transportation Division
1516 Ninth Street, MS-6
Sacramento, CA 95814

Project Title: Symbio One - California Hydrogen Fuel Cell Manufacturing and Training Facility

Project Applicant: Symbio North America Corporation

1) 12760 Danielson Court, Suite H-J
Poway, CA 92064

Project Location - Specific: 2) 42613 Avenida Alvarado, Temecula, CA 92590

Project Location - City: Poway, Temecula

Project Location - County: San Diego, Riverside

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Symbio will establish a hydrogen fuel cell vehicle power systems assembly facilities. The facilities will assemble regional long-haul heavy-duty fuel cell class 8 trucks and have an annual maximum production capacity to assemble 250 trucks and 250-300 fuel cell power systems to address commercialization barriers and help expedite fuel cell truck deployment in California.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Symbio North America Corporation

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: §15301 – “Existing Facilities”
§15304 – “Minor Alterations to Land”
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Cal. Code Regs., Title 14, Sec. 15301 provides that projects which consist of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, and which involve negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the responsible agency’s determination, are categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

Cal. Code Regs., Title 14, Sec. 15304 provides that projects which consist of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes are categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA. In this project, minor trenching and directional boring may be necessary to lay conduit from the existing or new electrical infrastructure (transformer, switchgear, etc.) to the charging equipment. The trenching/boring will take place on currently paved ground and

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surface will be restored. Therefore, the project falls within section 15304 and will not have a significant effect on the environment.

Poway: Modification of existing ground level loading door from 10'x12' to 12'x14' and adding an additional 12'x14' GL loading door, hydrogen enabled facility. Pipelines are low pressure (indoor) pipelines that will not impact CEQA.

Temecula: Modifications of existing facility to add walls, expand workspaces, offices, test labs, and hydrogen enabled facility. Pipelines are low pressure (indoor) pipelines that will not impact CEQA.

This project does not involve impacts on any particularly sensitive environment; any cumulative impacts of successive projects of the same type in the same place that might be considered significant; does not involve unusual circumstances that might have a significant effect on the environment; will not result in damage to scenic resources within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway; the project site is not included on any list compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5, and the project will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. Therefore, none of the exceptions to categorical exemptions listed in CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2 apply to this project and this project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

Responsible Agency

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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: *Pilar Magaña* Date: 2/16/2023 Title: Air Pollution Specialist

Signed by Responsible Agency Signed By Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____