

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County of: San Diego

1600 Pacific Highway, Suite 260

San Diego, CA 92101

From: (Public Agency): City of El Cajon

200 Civic Center Way

El Cajon, CA 92020

(Address)

Project Title: Ventasso Battery Energy Storage System

Project Applicant: RWE Solar Development, LLC, 20 California St., Flr. 5, San Francisco, CA, 94111

Project Location - Specific:

203 N. Johnson Ave., El Cajon, CA; east side of N. Johnson Ave., north of W. Main St.

Project Location - City: El Cajon

Project Location - County: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

50-megawatt battery energy storage system at an existing 5.48-acre industrial site at 203 N. Johnson Ave. with up to 33 outdoor battery containers and 936 battery racks within existing buildings as well as associated electrical infrastructure, including inverters, transformers, and switchgear.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of El Cajon

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Scott Schwartz; scott.schwartz@rwe.com, 415.361.1455

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: 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

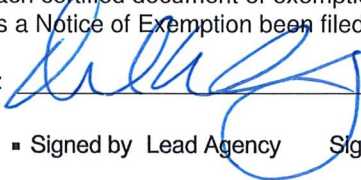
The proposed project for the addition of battery storage is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") according to section 15303 of the CEQA Guidelines. Section 15303 provides an exemption for construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures, or installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures. The project proposes to authorize an outdoor battery storage area with screening fencing at an existing industrial development within an urban area. Therefore, section 15303 is an appropriate exemption for the proposed project. None of the exemptions listed under CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2 exist.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Noah Alvey Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 619.441.1795

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:  Date: 3/7/2023 Title: Deputy Director, Community Development

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____