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From: California Energy Commission
715 P Street, MS-48
Sacramento, CA 95814

Project Applicant: Self-Help Enterprises

Project Title: Colegio ZNE Village

Project Location – Specific: 3506 N Dinuba Blvd

Project Location – City: Visalia 93291 Project Location – County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Proposed resolution approving Agreement EPC-21-031 with Self-Help Enterprises for a \$1,000,000 grant to engage a multi-disciplinary team to design a zero-net energy, all-electric, mixed-use, transit-oriented affordable housing community in California's Central Valley, CA. These funds will be used to enable the evaluation and integration of emerging energy technologies and construction practices using advanced analysis methods to create an affordable, equitable, decarbonized, resilient, replicable community.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Self-Help Enterprises

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial Exemption (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(1); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15268);
 - Declared Emergency (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(3); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15269(a));
 - Emergency Project (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(4); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15269(b)(c));
 - Categorical Exemption. State type and section number
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- Statutory Exemptions. State code number.
 - Common Sense Exemption. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §15061(b)(3))

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project will be the design of a mixed-use development. This will include economic analysis, conceptual drawings, performance modeling, and construction feasibility analysis. No construction or changes to the physical environment will occur during this project. The activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Under Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §15061(b)(3), where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Rachel Salazar Area code/Telephone/Ext: 916-776-0806

If filed by applicant:

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

Self-Help Enterprises

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: Rachel Salzman Date: 5/12/22 Title: ECS I

Signed by Responsible Agency

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____