

# Notice of Exemption

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**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

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

**Project Title:** High-Performance Battery Systems Manufacturing to Support Zero-Emission Transportation in California

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**Project Applicant:** Cuberg, Inc.

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1) 2020 Williams Street Suites F and G  
San Leandro, CA 94577

**Project Location - Specific:**

**Project Location - City:** San Leandro

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**Project Location - County:** Alameda

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

Cuberg, Inc. will establish a battery manufacturing facility in San Leandro, CA with operations to span raw materials processing to battery module manufacturing with a targeted output of 200 megawatt-hours of battery production annually (2.7 million battery cells per year).

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

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**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Cuberg, Inc.

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## 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”
- 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. The project will be located in San Leandro, CA next to Cuberg’s existing facility and is located in an industrial general zoning district suitable for the manufacturing activities that Cuberg will perform. The project scope includes converting the existing warehouse shell into a suitable 2019 California Building Code Group F occupancy building to house Cuberg’s battery manufacturing line. The construction work to be completed includes building demising walls and interior separations, electrical upgrades, adding core restrooms, adding HVAC systems, and structural/seismic upgrades. Once operations commence, the manufacturing work to be completed includes electrode

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coating, cell assembly, electrolyte filling, formation, conditioning, packaging and shipping. Therefore, the project falls within section 15301 and will not have a significant effect on the environment.

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**

**Contact Person:** Pilar Magaña

**Area**

**Code/Telephone/Extension:** (916) 477-1546

**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: 03/07/2023 Title: Air Pollution Specialist

Signed by Responsible Agency  Signed By Applicant

**Date Received for filing at OPR:** \_\_\_\_\_