

To: Office of Planning and Research
 PO Box 3044
 1400 Tenth Street, Room 113
 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

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

Project Applicant: America's Best Beverage, Inc.

Project Title: Electrifying Coffee Roasting at Heirloom Coffee Roasters

Project Location – Specific: 600 50Th Ave

Project Location – City: Oakland 94601 **Project Location – County:** Alameda

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project will install sixteen electric coffee roasters to supplant the usage of coffee roasters powered by natural gas at the Heirloom Coffee Roasters' coffee processing facility in Oakland, CA. The electric coffee roasters will directly replace the existing fossil gas-powered roasters at the facility. Installation of the electric coffee roasters consists of plugging in the machines and may involve the replacement of an electrical panel. The systems purchased have safety certifications in compliance with relevant codes and standards. In addition, all required permits for the installation and operation of the system will be obtained prior to system installation and demonstration. The demonstration will not have a significant impact on local air quality, noise, or traffic, and is expected to reduce local criteria pollutant emissions.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: America's Best Beverage, Inc.

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
Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15301 ; Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15302
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number.
- Common Sense Exemption. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §15061(b)(3))

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project will involve minor alteration of existing facilities and mechanical equipment at an existing food processing facility and will result in negligible or no expansion of the existing use. The electric roasters will directly replace the existing roasters at the facility. The systems purchased have safety certifications in compliance with relevant codes and standards. In addition, all required permits for the installation and operation of the system will be obtained prior to system installation and demonstration. The demonstrations will not have a significant impact on local air quality, noise, or traffic, and are expected to reduce local criteria pollutant emissions. For these reasons, the project will not have a significant effect on the environment and falls under the categorical exemption listed in 14 C.C.R. § 15301.

This project involves the replacement of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. The electric coffee roaster will replace existing coffee roasters at the existing coffee roasting

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

facility. For these reasons, the project will not have a significant effect on the environment and falls under the categorical exemption listed in 14 C.C.R § 15302.

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.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Eleanor Oliver **Area code/Telephone/Ext:** 916-776-0800

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:** 05/18/2023 **Title:** EGSS I

Signed by Responsible Agency

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____