


**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

TO: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office of Planning and Research P. O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044	FROM: Sonoma Clean Power Authority (Public Agency) 431 E Street Santa Rosa, CA 95404
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Project Title:	421 E Street Building Purchase and Sale Agreement
Project Applicant:	Sonoma Clean Power Authority, 431 E Street, Santa Rosa, CA 95404
a) Project Location:	421 E Street, Santa Rosa; Sonoma County
Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project:	On November 27, 2023, the Sonoma Clean Power Authority (“SCPA”) entered into a purchase and sale agreement with 421 E. Street LLC to purchase a commercial building located at 421 E Street in Santa Rosa, which is SCPA’s District office (“Agreement”).  The purchase of the existing commercial building does not have a significant impact on the environment because the building is already existing and no construction is contemplated by the purchase of this building.
Name of Public Agency approving project:	Sonoma Clean Power Authority
Name of Person or Agency undertaking the project, including any person undertaking an activity that receives financial assistance from the Public Agency as part of the activity or the person receiving a lease, permit, license, certificate, or other entitlement of use from the Public Agency as part of the activity:	Sonoma Clean Power Authority
Exempt status: (check one)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial project.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not a project.	State CEQA Guidelines § 15060(c)(3)
<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Project.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:	

<input type="checkbox"/>	Common Sense Exemption
<input type="checkbox"/>	Declared Emergency
<input type="checkbox"/>	Statutory Exemption. State Code section number:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other. Explanation:
Reason why project was exempt:	The execution of the Agreement is statutorily exempt from substantive CEQA review under State CEQA Guidelines section 15060(c)(3). SCPA staff has determined that the acquisition of the Property is not a project pursuant to CEQA because: (1) the Agreement does not authorize any actions that may directly or indirectly impact the environment; (2) the Agreement does not approve or commit the SCPA to approving any future development; and (3) the SCPA has and will make any proposed future development subject to appropriate review under CEQA. The approval of the Agreement is therefore exempt from further review under CEQA because it is not approval of a project as defined by CEQA Guidelines section 15378. Nothing in the approval of the Agreement shall be construed to commit the SCPA to a particular course of action.
Lead Agency Contact Person:	Geof Syphers
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Signature:  Date: 12/13/23  
 Geof Syphers  
 Chief Executive Officer

Signed by Lead Agency       Signed by Applicant

Date Received for Filing: \_\_\_\_\_

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