

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Responsible Agency:
California Energy Commission
Fuels and Transportation Division
715 P Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Project Title: Kaizen Iwatani
Project Applicant: Iwatani Corporation of America
Project Location - Specific: Various (Please see the description section below)
Project Location - City: Various
Project Location - County: Various

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project will execute multiple operations and maintenance projects, including the installation of new hardware components, development of new software tools, development of a customer facing mobile app, and expansion of spare parts inventory, across seven existing hydrogen refueling stations located at:

- 26572 Junipero Serra Rd, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675
- 616 Paseo Grande, Corona, CA 92882
- 11807 East Carson Street, Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716
- 1100 North Euclid Street, Anaheim, CA 92801 2120 East McFadden Avenue, Santa Ana, CA 92705
- 13980 Seal Beach Boulevard, Seal Beach, CA 90740
- 1515 South River Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Iwatani Corporation of America

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: Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 14, sec. 15301 ("Existing Facilities")
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, sect. 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 existing or former use at the time of the lead agency's determination, are categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The proposed project will be carried out at seven existing hydrogen refueling stations located at various locations in California, namely Hawaiian Gardens, Seal Beach, Anaheim, Santa Ana, Corona, West Sacramento, and San Juan Capistrano. The project will provide operations and maintenance improvements such as the installation of new hardware components, development of new software tools, development of a customer facing mobile app, and expansion of spare parts inventory. The most major alteration to the existing structure included in this project will be removing and replacing an existing hydrogen refueling dispenser at the station in San Juan Capistrano. This work will

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involve cutting, removing, and replacing existing asphalt pavement, upgrading underground mechanical lines, and upgrading mechanical lines between the compressor and the dispenser.

The proposed project makes improvements to existing hydrogen refueling stations and will not expand the use beyond that already existing. Therefore, the project falls within section 15301 and will not have a significant effect on the environment.

The project will not impact an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies; does not involve 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: Miki Crowell

Area

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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: Miki Crowell Date: 05/16/2024 Title: Air Pollution Specialist

Signed by Responsible Agency Signed By Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____