

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
 P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

 County Clerk
 County of: _____

From: (Public Agency): _____

 (Address)

Project Title: _____

Project Applicant: _____

Project Location - Specific:

Project Location - City: _____ Project Location - County: _____

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: _____

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: _____

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: _____
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Lead Agency
 Contact Person: _____ Area Code/Telephone/Extension: _____

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: Carly Barham Date: _____ Title: _____

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

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

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____



air pollution control district
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Clerk of the Board
County of Santa Barbara
105 East Anapamu Street - Room 407
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

FROM: Santa Barbara County
Air Pollution Control District
260 N. San Antonio Road, Suite A
Santa Barbara, CA 93110

Project I.D.: Authority to Construct (ATC) No. 16080
Project Title: La Goleta Microturbine Installation and Facility Modifications
Project Applicant: Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas)
Project Location: 1171 More Ranch Road, Goleta

Project Description: SoCalGas requests a permit to install a new, 65 kW microturbine, upgrade the existing four (4) turbines, and install associated fugitive components at their La Goleta facility. The microturbines are used to provide power to the Goleta facility equipment. The new microturbine is being installed next to the existing units on an existing concrete pad that was previously constructed to accommodate a new future unit. The project objectives are to increase the reliability of the self-generation of power at the facility and increase the efficiency and power output of the existing units. The new (and existing units) are fueled with pipeline quality gas. Typically, one or two of the units will be on standby, allowing for more reliable maintenance but also allowing for all five (5) units to operate during peak power demands, reducing the demand for power provided by the grid.

Exempt Status: (Check One)

CEQA Section(s):

- Ministerial (Section 21080 (b)(1); 15268)
- Declared Emergency (Section 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))
- Categorical Exemption (Cite section: _____)
- Statutory Exemption (Cite section: _____)

Other Basis for Exemption:

- General “Common Sense” Exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3)
- District CEQA Guidelines, Appendix A (“District List of Exempt Projects”)

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: This project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3). This section provides a “common sense” exemption for projects that do not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. The project has the potential to result in a minor increase in air pollutant emissions, but these minor increases are well below the District’s adopted CEQA significance thresholds for mass emissions of criteria pollutants or greenhouse gases. Specifically, the proposed project results in a total potential to emit (PTE) of 0.96 lb/day NO_x, 0.67 lb/day ROC, 4.83 lb/day CO, 0.35 lb/day SO_x, 0.18 lb/day PM₁₀, 0.18 lb/day PM_{2.5}, and 529.97 MT/yr CO_{2e}. Given the project’s minor emission increases, the project does not trigger District *Regulation VIII: New Source* Review requirements for Best Available Control Technology or an Air Quality Impact Analysis. As required by *Regulation VIII*, an air toxics Health Risk Assessment (HRA) was conducted for the project. Based on these results, the operation of the microturbines does not present a significant risk. Although the project would normally qualify for an exemption from CEQA pursuant to the District’s list of exempt projects via exemption 1.a. given the project’s potential to emit is well below the District’s BACT thresholds of 25 lb/day per pollutant, the project is ineligible for this exemption due to the fact that the

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source is triggering emission offsets for the first time. The project has provided the required emission reduction credits to fully offset the project's minimal emission increases. The project will comply with all applicable District rules and regulations and is therefore consistent with the 2022 Ozone Plan. The project is not anticipated to result in impacts to any other environmental resource area aside from air quality, and, as discussed, impacts to air quality are insignificant. Further information and supporting documentation can be found in the District's administrative permit files.

Date of Project Approval/Permit Issue Date: May 17, 2024

District Engineering/Permitting Contact Person:

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Signature:

Alex Economou

Alex Economou, Planning Division Manager

Date: 5/16/2024

Aeron Arlin Genet

Aeron Arlin Genet, Air Pollution Control Officer

Clerk of the Board Date and Time Stamp



2024 CEQA Transmittal Memorandum

County of Santa Barbara - Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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(805) 568-2240

Complete this form when filing a Notice of Determination (Negative Declaration, Mitigated Negative Declaration, Environmental Impact Report) or Notice of Exemption.

A scanned copy of the Department of Fish and Wildlife Receipt, Transmittal Memorandum and the CEQA filing including the date/time of posting will be emailed to the Lead Agency and Project Applicant. If you would like a return copy, please submit an extra copy along with a pre-addressed, stamped envelope.

Contact Person		Phone	
Lead Agency		Lead Agency Email	
Project Title			
Project Applicant	Email	Phone	
Project Applicant Address	City	State	Zip

DOCUMENT BEING FILED:

- Notice of Determination - Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
 - 2024 Filing Fee\$4,051.25
 - Previously Paid (**must attach receipt**) \$0.00
 - No Effect Determination (**must be attached**)..... \$0.00

Environmental Filing Fees will be collected **only** for projects that are approved. The Applicant must attest to the following:

- This project has been approved. Date of Approval: [Click or tap to enter a date.](#)

- Notice of Determination - Negative Declaration (ND) or Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND).....
 - 2024 Filing Fee \$2,916.75
 - Previously Paid (**must attach receipt**) \$0.00
 - No Effect Determination (**must be attached**)..... \$0.00

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- Notice of Exemption.....\$0.00

- County Administrative Handling Fee (**required for all filings, effective 7/19/18**)\$50.00

TOTAL: _____

PAYMENT METHOD: ALL APPLICABLE FEES MUST BE PAID AT THE TIME OF FILING

- Cash
- Credit
In person only
- Check # _____
- Journal Entry # _____
In FIN send to 'COB CEQA' in CEO Dept