

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Yolo

625 Court Street, Room B01

Woodland, CA 95695

From: (Public Agency): Sac Metro Air District

777 12th Street, STE 300

Sacramento, CA 95814

(Address)

Project Title: Sierra Northern Railway Proposal to Advance Domestic Hydrogen Rail Switcheer Locomotive Conversion

Project Applicant: Sierra Northern Railway

Project Location - Specific:

Yolo County Assessor Parcel Number 067-980-004

Project Location - City: West Sacramento Project Location - County: Yolo

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The construction of 2,000 feet of test trackage consisting of minor grading operations to stabilize the existing ground, placement of wooden rail ties and steel rail extending from the SNR mainline tracks in the northwest corner of the Subject Property and diverging into two parallel test tracks extending to the east side of the Subject Property, followed by the placement of gravel ballast around the test tracks. Project will facilitate the deployment of zero-emission locomotive technology.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Air Resources Board

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Sierra Northern Railway

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: 15304(a)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is relatively flat with no discernable slope or grade, healthy, mature, and scenic trees do not have have not existed on the site, the site is not listed as a wetland, riparian area, or historic wetland, and the site does not lie within an official Seismic Hazard Zone nor an area mapped as a sever geologic hazard.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Paul Philley Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (279) 207-1122 ext. 1214

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: -Paul Philley- Date: 5/29/2024 Title: Program Supervisor

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: _____