

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of: San Diego
1600 Pacific Highway, Suite 260
San Diego, CA 92101

From: (Public Agency): City of El Cajon
200 Civic Center Way
El Cajon, CA 92020
(Address)

Project Title: MA-2024-0001 Minor Amendment for a Battery Energy Storage System

Project Applicant: Britt Owen, RWE Solar Development LLC, 20 California St. Floor 5, San Francisco, CA 94111, (713) 470-7182

Project Location - Specific:
203 N Johnson Avenue, El Cajon, CA,

Project Location - City: El Cajon Project Location - County: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Project authorizes refinements to an approved battery energy storage system (BESS) to comply with updates to California Fire Code. The project consists of an outdoor BESS, the addition of concrete fire walls and noise-mitigating walls, revised circulation and site access, and refinements to landscaping.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of El Cajon

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: RWE Solar Development, LLC

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));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 15303 (New Construction)
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed project for refinements to a battery energy storage system is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") according to section 15303 of the CEQA Guidelines. Section 15303 provides an exemption for construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures, or installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures. The project proposes to refine an outdoor battery storage area at an existing industrial development within an urban area by adding concrete fire and noise-mitigating walls, modifying circulation and site access, and refining the landscaping. Therefore, section 15303 is an appropriate exemption for the proposed project. None of the exemptions listed under CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2 exist.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Sable Beltran Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (619) 441-1782

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: [Signature] Date: 6/28/2024 Title: Assistant Planner

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: