

# 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: Fresno County  
2220 Tulare St.  
Fresno CA 93721

**From:** (Public Agency): Panoche Water District  
52027 W. Althea Ave.  
Firebaugh CA 93622  
 (Address)

Project Title: Panoche Water District Office Lot Single Axis Tracker

Project Applicant: Forefront Solar Energy

Project Location - Specific:  
 52027 W. Althea Avenue, Firebaugh CA 93622

Project Location - City: Firebaugh Project Location - County: Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:  
 The Proposed Project will construct a solar project on existing, developed land owned by Panoche Water District. The project site is an unpaved parking/storage area and decorative landscape area, and will install solar panels over approximately 6.5 acres. The Project will produce 1000± kw.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Panoche Water District

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: 15304(b)(3)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:  
 The Proposed Project is located on property that has been developed and contains no habitat or other sensitive features. The Project has no possibility of adversely affecting the environment.

Lead Agency  
 Contact Person: Juan Cadena Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 209-364-6136

**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: [Handwritten Signature] Date: 8/6/2024 Title: Water Resources Manager

Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.