

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): California Energy Commission
Fuels and Transportation Division
1516 9th Street, MS-27, Sacramento, California 95814

County Clerk
County of:

(Address)

Project Title: Lake Elsinore Unified School District Replacement CNG School Buses and CNG Infrastructure

Project Applicant: Lake Elsinore Unified School District

Project Location - Specific:

21641 Bundy Canyon Road, Wildomar, California 92595

Project Location - City: Wildomar Project Location - County: Riverside

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Lake Elsinore Unified School District will upgrade existing compressed natural gas (CNG) fueling infrastructure. This project will install new natural gas compressors. The upgraded station will allow the school district the ability to more efficiently fuel recently awarded CNG school buses and allow the district to expand its CNG school bus fleet.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Lake Elsinore Unified School District

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: Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §§ 15301, 15303
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project will upgrade existing natural gas fueling infrastructure at a fueling site owned by a school district. The site is already developed (concrete) land. The project will install new natural gas compressors. All infrastructure will be installed outdoors where the existing infrastructure is located. No trenching will be required to accommodate the new equipment. The project is not located at a hazardous waste site, is not located near any scenic highways, will not cause a change to a historical resource, will not generate noise or odors in excess of permitted levels and will not involve the removal of any trees or vegetation.

Reasons why project is exempt (continued):

This project is therefore categorically exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 as a minor alteration to an existing facility that involves a negligible expansion of an existing use. It is also categorically exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 as the installation of small new equipment in a small structure or as construction of a new small structure. Further, none of the exceptions to exemptions listed in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply to this project.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Michelle Vater Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-654-4831

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: _____ 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: _____

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