

Notice of Exemption**Form D**

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From: California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street, MS-
Sacramento, CA 95814

Project Applicant: Mission Ranches Company, LLC

Project Title: Merrill Ranch Solar Canopy

Project Location – Specific: 502 Spreckels Rd (Parcel # 245-111-027-000)

Project Location – City: King City

Project Location – County: Monterey

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of this project is to fund the installation of a 357.8 kW solar photovoltaic (PV) energy system and an electric vehicle (EV) charger over the existing equipment yard of a vegetable farm. This project will serve the electrical needs for crop irrigation of the farm and electrical vehicle charges for employees.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: John DeCarli

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial Exemption (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(1);
- Declared Emergency (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(3);
- Emergency Project (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(4);
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number.
Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, section 15301
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number. Pub. Resources Code section 21080.35
- Common Sense Exemption. (Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, §15061(b)(3))

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project will involve the installation of a ground-mounted solar energy system at a parking lot that has existed for more than 2 years and pursuant to Pub. Res. Code § 21080.35 is exempt from CEQA. The materials will enable the generation and use of solar PV. The system will be installed at a vegetable farm in Monterey County. Associated equipment will not occupy more than 500 square feet of ground surface

The project does not involve a federal Clean Water Act permit; waste discharge requirements under Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act; individual take permit; streambed alteration permit; or removal of specific required or native trees. For these reasons, this project is statutorily exempt from CEQA under Pub. Res. Code § 21080.35.

This project will involve the installation of an electric vehicle charger in parking lot at a vegetable farm in Monterey County. The charger will serve electric vehicles. This installation will be a minor alteration to an existing parking lot with no expansion beyond the existing use of the farm operation and will not have significant effect on the environment. The project falls under categorical exemption listed in 14 CCR section 15301.

Each exemption is an independent basis for finding the project exempt.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Myoung-Ae Jones

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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: 6/17/19

Title: ECSI

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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