

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: North Monterey County Unified School District Replacement CNG School Buses and Infrastructure

Project Applicant: North Monterey County Unified School District

Project Location - Specific:
17590 Pesante Road, Salinas, California 93907

Project Location - City: Salinas Project Location - County: Monterey

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

North Monterey County Unified School District will construct a compressed natural gas (CNG) fueling station at its transportation yard. The station will allow the school district the ability to 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: North Monterey County 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, § 15303
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project will construct natural gas fueling infrastructure at an existing transportation facility owned by a school district. This project will install a new compressed natural gas pump station, including a compressor and gas dryer and, possibly, an enclosure for the pump unit. All infrastructure will be outdoors on already developed (concrete) land. There will be underground work in order to connect the pump station to an existing natural gas line located in the street adjacent to the site. Concrete pads will be added to support the new infrastructure, with the maximum footprint comprising approximately 150 square feet. 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 15303 as the construction of new, small facilities or structures. 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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