

Notice of Exemption**Form D**

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From: California Energy Commission
 1516 Ninth Street, MS-
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Project Applicant: Luis A. Scattini Family Limited Partnership

Project Title: Spreckels Ranch Solar System

Project Location – Specific: 21999 Harris Road (APN 177-011-008-000)

Project Location – City: Salinas

Project Location – County: Monterey

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project will install a solar photovoltaic energy system to serve an existing on-site agricultural irrigation pump and a new electric vehicle (EV) charging station. The ground-mounted solar arrays will occupy an area approximately 132 feet by 126 feet located south of the equipment yard on the north side of the farm. The grid-tied solar will offset the energy use of a new electric motor replacing a diesel powered engine on the existing irrigation pump. The EV charging station will be installed at the employee parking lot on the north side of the solar installation. It will also be served by the solar system and used for on-site use. The project will also include minor grading, trenching, and installation and compaction of conduit runs from the solar arrays to the main service disconnect and EV charging station. After installation, the area beneath the arrays will be covered with crushed rock for vegetation control. The project will be constructed to avoid impacts to harvesting and farming activities.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Luis A. Scattini Family Limited Partnership

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial Exemption (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(1); Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, § 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(3); Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, § 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(4); Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, § 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number
Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, §§ 15301, 15304, and 15311
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number.
- Common Sense Exemption. (Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, §15061(b)(3))

Reasons why project is exempt:

California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301: The project involves minor alteration and operation of existing facilities. Solar arrays will be installed to power a new electric motor that will replace a diesel engine serving an existing on-site agricultural irrigation pump, and a new EV charging station. These installations will not expand the existing agricultural use and will not have a significant effect on the environment.

California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15304: The project to install solar arrays involves minor grading, trenching, and backfilling to provide an alternate source of power for the existing on-site irrigation pump and a new EV charging station. These activities will not have a significant effect on the environment.

California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15311: The project will install new solar arrays to power a new electric motor that will replace a diesel engine serving an existing on-site agricultural irrigation pump, and a new EV charging station accessory to the existing, on-going agricultural operation. These installations will not expand the existing agricultural use and will not have significant effect on the environment.

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

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Geoffrey Dodson Area code/Telephone/Ext: 916-654-5171

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: 6/17/2019 Title: EC Specialist II

Signed by Responsible Agency

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

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