

Notice of Exemption**Form D**

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From: California Energy Commission
 1516 Ninth Street, MS-48
 Sacramento, CA 95814

Project Applicant: X-Line Farms, LLC.

Project Title: X-Line Fossil Fuel to Solar Plus Storage Conversion

Project Location:

<u>Address</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>County</u>
1551 Exline Road (APN 026-104-016)	Paso Robles	San Luis Obispo

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project will install two ground-mounted solar photovoltaic arrays to provide power to two submersible irrigation pumps and to charge a 60-kilowatt hour battery. The pumps themselves will remain in place. The solar arrays will be located on two separate locations: one on the northeast side of the property and other on the east side. Each array area will occupy approximately 39 feet by 48 feet, but will not impact existing agricultural operations. The project will also include minor grading, trenching, and installation and compaction of conduit runs from the solar arrays to the existing on-site irrigation pumps. 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. The arrays will be located approximately 100 feet from of existing vines.

The project also includes the installation of an electrical vehicle (EV) charging station to charge electric all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) for use on the vineyard. The installation will be on the northeast side of the project site.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: X-Line Farms, LLC.

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, 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. The two solar arrays will be installed to power existing on-site agricultural irrigation pumps and to charge the back-up battery. 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 portion of the project to install solar arrays and battery storage involves minor grading, trenching, and backfilling to provide an alternative source of power and to replace fossil-fueled generation. 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, battery storage, and 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.

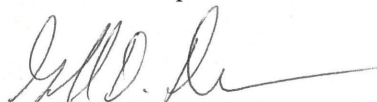
Each exemption is an independent basis for finding the project exempt.

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:** Energy Specialist II

Signed by Responsible Agency

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

Date received for filing at OPR: JUN 17 2019

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