

**Notice of Exemption****Form D**

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

**Project Applicant:** Hass Heights Growers, Inc.

**Project Title:** Hass Heights PV Array

**Project Location – Specific:** 2990 De Luz Heights Road (APN 101-350-08)

**Project Location – City:** Fallbrook      **Project Location – County:** San Diego

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:**

This project will install a solar photovoltaic energy system to serve an existing on-site agricultural well pump and booster pump. The ground-mounted solar arrays will be located on 0.15-acre on the middle of the property's northern 25 acres next to an existing 3-phase 480v service. Installation of the arrays will require some minor trenching and grading. No drilling, welding or heavy equipment will be required. Two small crop trees will be removed.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** California Energy Commission

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Hass Heights Growers, Inc.

**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 existing on-site agricultural irrigation pumps. 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 pumps. 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 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.

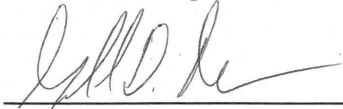
Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Lead Agency

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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: 6/17/2019 Title: EC Specialist II

Signed by Responsible Agency

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: JUN 17 2019

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