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From: California Energy Commission
 1516 Ninth Street, MS-
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Project Applicant: Gary & Elene Esajian Family Trust

Project Title: Amended Pruitt Solar Installation (Original NOE #2019070315)

Project Location – Specific: 7429 Corona Ave (Parcel # 002-120-028, 002-120-025, 002-070-064, 002-110-001, 002-110,020, 002-110-004, 002-110-023, 002-110-003, 002-110-020, 002-110-020, 002-110-009, 002-070-002, 002-102-027)

Project Location – City: Kingsburg **Project Location – County:** Kings

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project will install solar photovoltaic energy systems for six existing on-site electric irrigation pumps at a farm. Solar site #1 includes a rooftop solar array on the roof of the existing shop building and ground-mount solar arrays located to the southwest of the shop building along the 7 ½ Ave. The arrays at solar site #1 will be 42.3 kilowatts (kW). Solar site #2 is adjacent to the existing groundwater well located near the southeast corner of the farm and the solar arrays will be 72.4 kW. The ground-mounted solar arrays will be placed on approximately .15-acre total. Installation of the arrays will require some minor trenching and grading. Installation of the ground-mounted array will require no drilling, welding or heavy equipment. A small number of crop trees will be relocated and perimeter fencing will be installed for safety.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Gary Esajian

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, §§ 15301, 15304, and 15311
- 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:

Public Resources Code section 21080.35: The project involves installation of a solar energy system on the rooftop of an existing building. The equipment will enable the generation and use of solar energy to power irrigation pumps. Associated equipment will not occupy more than 500 square feet of ground surface.

The project does not require a federal Clean Water Act permit; waste discharge requirements under Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act; individual take permit or streambed alteration permit. For these reasons, the rooftop mounted solar portion of this project is statutorily exempt under Public Resources Code section 21080.35.

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.

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

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.

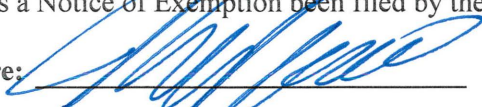
Each exemption is an independent basis for finding the project exempt.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Myoung-Ae Jones **Area code/Telephone/Ext:** 916-651-1464

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:** Jan 24, 2020 **Title:** ECS 1

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

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