

Notice of Exemption**Form D**

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From: California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street, MS-45
Sacramento, CA 95814

Project Applicant: Tahmazian Farming, LP

Project Title: Peterson Solar Project

Project Location – Specific: 15288 E. Caruthers Avenue (APNs: 393-130-16, 393-130-17, 393-130-22, 393-130-15s)

Project Location – City: Kingsburg 93631 **Project Location – County:** Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of this project is install a 25.65 kW rooftop solar PV system on a fruit farm. The project will serve the electrical needs of the existing agriculture operation.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Tahmazian Farming, LP

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

Statutory Exemptions. State code number. PRC § 21080.35

Common Sense Exemption. (Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, §15061(b)(3))

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project will involve the installation of a solar energy system on the roof of an existing building and pursuant to Pub. Res. Code § 21080.35 is exempt from CEQA. The materials will enable the generation and use of solar PV. The system will be installed at a fruit farm in Fresno County. Associated equipment will not occupy more than 500 square feet of ground surface.

The project does not involve a federal Clean Water Act permit; waste discharge requirements under Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act; individual take permit; streambed alteration permit; or removal of specific required or native trees. For these reasons, this project is statutorily exempt from CEQA under Pub. Res. Code § 21080.35.

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

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Lucio Hernandez **Area code/Telephone/Ext:** 916-654-5004

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

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

Signature: Lewis Hernandez Date: 6/17/19 Title: AES

Signed by Responsible Agency

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

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