

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Project Title: Repeal of the Energy Conservation Assistance Act regulations
Project Applicant: California Energy Commission

Project Location - Specific: N/A

Project Location - City: N/A
Project Location - County: N/A

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This action is a repeal of the Energy Conservation Assistance Act (ECAA) regulations. The ECAA program is a loan program administered by the Energy Commission (CEC) to provide loans to local governments and public schools to fund energy efficiency and renewable energy projects.

The ECAA regulations were adopted in 1983 in order to specify certain eligibility criteria and procedures to be followed by the CEC in implementing ECAA. The 1983 regulations have never been revised and have not kept up with changes in the ECAA statute. The 1983 regulations are out-of-date, no longer relevant or unnecessary for the administration of the ECAA program. Given the changes to the ECAA statute over time, the ECAA program can now be implemented proficiently without regulations.

Repealing the ECAA regulations will not affect how the ECAA program is currently implemented and will benefit the public by eliminating outdated and irrelevant information which confuses applicants.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Energy Commission

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §15061(b)(3)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

This repeal is covered by the common sense exemption because it will not affect how the ECAA program is implemented. It can therefore be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the repeal may have a significant effect on the environment.

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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: [Handwritten Signature] Date: 11/13/2019 Title: Energy Specialist II

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant Date Received for filing at OPR: _____