

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

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:** California Energy Commission  
 1516 Ninth Street, MS-48  
 Sacramento, CA 95814

**Project Applicant:** Sunsweet Growers Inc.

**Project Title:** Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions Through Boiler, Steam Trap, and Air Compressor Replacement and Modernization

**Project Location – Specific:** 901 N Walton Ave

**Project Location – City:** Yuba City 95993      **Project Location – County:** Sutter

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

This project will replace existing air compressors and boilers with new, more efficient air compressors and boilers intended to reduce natural gas and electricity consumption at the Sunsweet Grower's Yuba City facility. The project is expected to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 4,684 metric tons of CO2 equivalent per year.

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

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Sunsweet 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 ; Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, § 15303
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number.
- Common Sense Exemption. (Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, §15061(b)(3))

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

The project will implement various efficiency measures by the food processor at their Yuba City facility. The commercially available technology that will be installed includes air compressors, boilers, and boiler-related equipment including steam traps, automatic blowdown heat recovery, and condensate return. The results of the project will be determined through a measurement and verification period, which will quantify greenhouse gas reductions and energy savings across all facilities.

14. C. C. R. 15301: The project involves minor alteration of existing facilities and mechanical equipment. Energy efficient equipment will be installed at existing food processing facilities. Some of the equipment will be replacements of old equipment, such as new air compressors and boilers. These installations will be minor alterations to mechanical equipment and the facility, with no expansion beyond the existing use of the food processing facilities and will not have significant effect on the environment.

This project involves the construction, location, and installation of new, small facilities, structures, and equipment. In order to perform the demonstration, the system must be installed at the demonstration site. The installation will require minimal construction activity. The equipment will be placed adjacent to the facility on existing concrete pads. It is possible additional small concrete pads will be poured. This minimal construction is well within the size limits listed in the examples given in 14 C.C.R. 15303 (e.g., it is less than a single-family residence, duplex, and the 2,500 square feet - or 10,000 square feet in urban areas - for a store, motel, office, restaurant, or similar structure). This construction will not have a significant impact on local air quality, noise, or traffic and will not induce additional operations at the site. For these reasons, the project will not have a significant effect on the environment and falls under the categorical exemption listed in 14 C.C.R. 15303.

**Lead Agency**

**Contact Person:** Hannah Craig **Area code/Telephone/Ext:** 916-327-2457

**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:** Hannah Craig **Date:** 5/18/2020 **Title:** Energy Analyst

**Signed by Responsible Agency**

**Signed by Lead Agency**

**Signed by Applicant**

**Date received for filing at OPR:** \_\_\_\_\_

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