

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: Regents of the University of California, Berkeley Campus

Project Title: Getting Out of Hot Water: Reducing Gas Consumption in Existing Large Commercial Buildings

Project Location – Specific: 455 E Grand Ave

Project Location – City: South San Francisco 94080 **Project Location – County:** San Mateo

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed project will demonstrate, evaluate, and scale packages of non-proprietary low-cost software control and other measures to substantially reduce natural gas consumption in large commercial buildings. This will include measures to ensure that higher cost items (i.e. end-of-life boiler replacements) are performed as energy- and cost-efficiently as possible. The project will target three main areas of energy waste in natural gas-fired boiler-fed hot water systems: unnecessary demand for space heating, hot water distribution losses, and poor boiler operational efficiency.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: The Regents of The University of California

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, §15306
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number.
- Common Sense Exemption. (Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, §15061(b)(3))

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project fits within Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, sect. 15301 because it involves minor construction and equipment installation at an existing facility, with no expansion of capacity. This installation is at an existing, developed urban site on land that is not environmentally sensitive. No historic resources or buildings will be affected. Noise and odors will not be generated by these installations in excess of existing permitted amounts. The installation will not increase traffic to the sites. The installation will not require permits for air, water, conditional use, building expansion, hazardous waste, or rezoning.

In addition, this project fits within Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, sect. 15306 because it involves basic data collection which will not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: _____ **Area code/Telephone/Ext:** _____

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: Bradley Meister **Date:** 07/28/20 **Title:** Senior Mechanical Engineer

Signed by Responsible Agency

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

Date received for filing at OPR: Jul 28 2020

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