

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

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County Clerk

County of: San Bernardino
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From: (Public Agency): San Bernardino Community College District
550 E. Hospitality Lane, Suite 200
San Bernardino, CA 92408

(Address)

Project Title: Crafton Hills College Solar Farm Replacement Project

Project Applicant: San Bernardino Community College District

Project Location - Specific:

The proposed replacement solar farm is located on the northeastern border of the Crafton Hills College (CHC) campus. CHC is located at 11711 Sand Canyon Drive in the City of Yucaipa, San Bernardino County.

Project Location - City: Yucaipa

Project Location - County: San Bernardino

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The San Bernardino Community College District (SBCCD) proposes the replacement of existing solar panels at the CHC Solar Farm (Project). The Project involves removal of existing solar panels at Areas 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 (seven acres total) and provision of new ground mount panels in Areas 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 (six acres total). The Project also includes a new battery energy storage system (BESS). The Project would be located in the same area as the existing solar field and only minor earthwork would be needed to install the new solar panels and BESS.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: San Bernardino Community College District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: San Bernardino Community College District

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: Sec. 15302: Replacement or Reconstruction
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:


State CEQA Guidelines §15032 (Replacement or Reconstruction) allows for projects consisting of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. The Project would be located in the same area as the existing solar field and that only minor earthwork would be needed to install the new solar panels and BESS. The Project would serve the same purpose as the existing facility. No adverse environmental impacts would occur as a result of the Project.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Leilani Núñez Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (909) 388-6933

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: 8/11/2021 Title: Business Manager

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

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

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____