**Notice of Exemption Form D**

**To:** Office of Planning and Research **From:** California Energy Commission

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**Project Applicant:** Porifera, Inc.

**Project Title:** Manufacturing of Large Format Osmotic Membrane Module

**Project Location – Specific:** 1565 Alvarado St

**Project Location – City:** San Leandro 94577 **Project Location – County:** Alameda

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

This project will design and build-out a Low-Rate Initial Production manufacturing line of Porifera Forward Osmosis (PFO) 200 membrane packets that, when assembled, form the large format PFO200 modules for energy-efficient wastewater processing. The PFO technology has been demonstrated in numerous successful pilots and has the potential to allow for cost-effective wastewater reuse with a footprint compatible with existing industrial facilities.

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

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Porifera, 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));

 X Categorical Exemption. State type and section number

 Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15301

  Statutory Exemptions. State code number.

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

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

This project involves minor alteration of existing private structure or facility by proposing to design and build-out a low-rate initial production manufacturing line for more cost effective, energy-efficient wastewater processing. The activities funded by the agreement will not cause a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment because the proposed scope of work will be performed at an existing processing plant. No building additions will be proposed as part of the scope of work. For these reasons, the project will not have significant effect on the environment and falls under categorical exemption listed in 14 CCR A. Section 15301.

**Lead Agency**

**Contact Person:** **Misa Werner Area code/Telephone/Ext:**  916- 776.3477

**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: /s/ N. Misa Werner Date: 3/22/22 Title: ETSPS I**

 **Signed by Responsible Agency**

**X Signed by Lead Agency**

 **Signed by Applicant Date received for filing at OPR:**