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From: California Energy Commission
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Project Applicant: Town of Truckee

Project Title: Moving Mountains: Equitable Building Decarbonization Planning in the Sierra Nevadas

Project Location – Specific:

Community Building Decarbonization Planning – Existing Building Decarbonization Analysis	Policy analysis only, no physical project location
Community Building Decarbonization Planning – Energy Resilience Plan	No physical project location, but applicable to the entire Town of Truckee
Municipal Building Decarbonization Planning	Both projects in this category will be analyzing three locations: 10961 Stevens, Lane, Truckee, CA 96161; 10969 Stevens Lane, Truckee, CA 96161; and 10183 Truckee Airport Rd, Truckee, CA 96161. These will be limited to a preliminary feasibility study only, no actual construction or other project implementation.
Codes, Ordinances, and Voluntary Measures	Policy analysis and development only, no physical project location
Workforce Development	Virtual training, no physical project location

Project Location – City: Truckee **Project Location – County:** Nevada

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The California Energy Commission grant agreement EECBG-24-002 with the Town of Truckee for a \$700,000 to support the development of an Energy Resilience Plan, Municipal Building Decarbonization Plan, Municipal Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Plan, and Building Decarbonization Program.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Town of Truckee

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

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

Statutory Exemptions. State code number. 14 CCR 15262

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

Reasons why project is exempt:

Per Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15306 projects consisting of basic data collection, research, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. This project involves community engagement, draft funding studies, draft energy resilience plan, feasibility plan to decarbonize an existing City facility, design and planning of ZEV charging infrastructure at two existing City-owned locations and development of cost estimates and an implementation plan. The project also includes feasibility study and recommendations for building decarbonization and local contractor workforce development. The proposed project's engagement, planning activities and workforce development will have no significant effect on the environment and fall within the categorical exemption of section 15306.

California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301 provides that projects that consist of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, licensing, and minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, and mechanical equipment, involving negligible or no expansion of use, are categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA. This project involves community engagement, funding studies and energy resilience planning, developing a feasibility plan to decarbonize an existing City facility, design and planning of ZEV charging infrastructure at two existing City-owned locations. The planning for decarbonizing an existing energy intensive facility and for EV charging infrastructure will involve supporting existing public use of those facilities and would be considered a negligible expansion of use. Therefore, the project falls under Section 15301 and will not have a significant impact on the environment.

Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14 § 15262 applies projects involving only feasibility and planning studies for possible future actions which the agency, board, or commission has not approved, adopted, or funded does not require the preparation of an environmental document. This project involves community engagement, feasibility plan to decarbonize an existing City facility, design of ZEV charging infrastructure at two existing locations, planning for decarbonization and work force training and will not have a significant impact on the environment.

The project will not impact an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies; do not involve any cumulative impacts of successive projects of the same type in the same place that might be considered significant; do not involve unusual circumstances that might have a significant effect on the environment; will not result in damage to scenic resources within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway; the project sites are not included on any list compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5; and the projects will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. Therefore, none of the exceptions to categorical exemptions listed in CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2 apply to this project, and these projects will not have a significant effect on the environment.

Public Agency

Contact Person: Lien Huynh **Area code/Telephone/Ext:** 916-246-8252

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: *Lien Huynh* **Date:** 11-19-2024 **Title:** Commission Agreement Manager

Signed by Public Agency

Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

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