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From: California Energy Commission
 715 P Street
 Sacramento, CA 95814

Project Applicant: The Regents of the University of California, on behalf of the Davis Campus

Project Title: Powering Yolo Forward: A Collaborative VPP Project for Demand Flexibility & Community Engagement

Project Location:

<u>Address</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>County</u>
1 Shields Ave	Davis 95616	Yolo
500 Jefferson Blvd	West Sacramento 95605	Yolo
120 W Main St	Woodland 95695	Yolo
25 N Cottonwood St	Woodland 95695	Yolo
23 Russell Blvd	Davis 95616	Yolo
TBD	TBD	

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project will install and modify controls for heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems in existing facilities to evaluate energy performance. The installed technologies aim to reduce the facilities peak energy use so the beneficiaries of the work will be the utility ratepayers included in the demonstrations.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: The Regents of the University of California, on behalf of the Davis Campus

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

Reasons why project is exempt:

Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, Section 15301 provides that projects which consist of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public and private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, and which involve negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination, are categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This project will consist of installing monitor devices, hardware, and/or software that will optimize the

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.
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energy use related to heating, ventilation, and air conditioning. Therefore, the project will not have a significant environmental impact and is exempt under Section 15301.

Additionally, 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; does not involve any cumulative impacts of successive projects of the same type in the same place that might be considered significant; does 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 site is not included on any list compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5; and the project 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 this project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

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: Dustin Dahi **Date:** 2/20/2025 **Title:** Electric Generation System Specialist I

Signed by Responsible Agency

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____