

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: County Clerk
County of Ventura
800 S. Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93001

From: City of Simi Valley
2929 Tapo Canyon Road
Simi Valley, CA 93063

Project Title: PD-S-2025-0002 (Administrative Action)

Project Location - Specific: 4585 Runway Street

Project Location - City: Simi Valley Project Location - County: Ventura

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Installation of a fuel cell system that generates electricity from natural gas, and removal of 10 trees.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Simi Valley August 12, 2025
Date of Approval

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: SK Ecoplant Americas

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 Class 1, Section 15301
- Statutory Exemption. State code number _____
- Common Sense Exemption [Sec. 15061(b)(3)]

Text of exemption and reasons why project is exempt:

Section 15301 of the State CEQA Guidelines, titled "Existing Facilities," reads as follows:

"Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The types of "existing facilities" itemized below are not intended to be all-inclusive of the types of projects that might fall within Class 1. The key consideration is whether the project involves negligible or no expansion of use."

The proposed project includes the installation of a fuel cell system, which generates electricity from natural gas, and consists of enclosures, the energy servers and associated ancillary equipment, as well as the removal of 10 trees. This change constitutes a minor alteration to an existing facility and does not involve an expansion of the existing facility's industrial use. The intention of the fuel cell system is to serve the energy needs of the existing facility. Therefore, the project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15301 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

Lead Agency

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Signed by Lead Agency