COUNTY of VENTURA
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY
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CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: ☒ **County Clerk**
County of Ventura
800 South Victoria Ave., L#1260
Ventura, CA 93009

☐ **Office of Planning and Research**
1440 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814
(Only if State discretionary approval is required)

From: County of Ventura
RMA, Planning Division
800 South Victoria Ave., L#1740
Ventura, CA 93009

A. Project Description:

1. **Entitlement:** Permit Adjustment Permit (PAJ) of Conditional Use Permit (CUP) 36, Case No. PL25-0042
2. **Applicant's Name:** Blain Meith
3. **Applicant's Address:** 1746-F South Victoria Avenue, #245, Ventura, CA 93003
4. **Location:** 3055 Pacific Coast Highway, Ventura County
5. **Assessor Parcel Nos.:** 060-0-110-075, 060-0-100-205, 060-0-120-235, and 060-0-120-265
6. **Project Title: "**Rincon" behind-the-meter solar project; PAJ to CUP 36
7. **Project Description:** Installation of a new behind-the-meter, accessory-use renewable energy generation facility, a fixed-tilt, ground-mounted solar photovoltaic system intended solely to supply electrical power to the applicant's existing oil and gas operations.

B. Lead Agency Contact:

1. **Public Agency Approving Project:** County of Ventura, Resource Management Agency, Planning Division
2. **Contact Person:** John Kessler, Case Planner
3. **Telephone No.:** (805) 654-2461
4. **E-mail Address:** john.kessler@venturacounty.gov

C. Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption (Sections 15303 and 15304)

Type: Class 3 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) and Class 4 (Minor Alterations to Land)

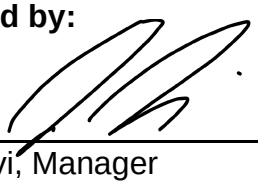
D. Justification for Exemption:

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15303 and 15304, the requested project involving the addition of approximately 28 acres of accessory behind-the-meter ground mounted solar panels and ancillary equipment across four parcels is found to be categorically exempt from environmental review. Further, the project will not trigger any of the exceptions to the exemptions listed under CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2.

Project Approval: August 13, 2025

Prepared by: John Kessler, Case Planner

Reviewed by:



John Novi, Manager
Commercial and Industrial Permits Section
Ventura County Planning Division