**Notice of Exemption** **Form D**

**To:** Office of Planning and Research
PO Box 3044
1400 Tenth Street, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

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

**Project Applicant:** Eagle Rock Analytics, Inc.

**Project Title:** Cal-Adapt: Data Explorer - Supporting California's Ambitious Energy Transformation

**Project Location – Specific:** 3669 57th St

**Project Location – City:** Sacramento **Project Location – County:** Sacramento County

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:**
The project will develop participant-informed, easy-to-use tools on the Cal-Adapt: Data Explorer, which is a web application that makes high-resolution climate projections and quality-controlled historical weather data publicly available to inform electricity sector resilience. This project addresses the gap between users' growing climate data literacy and their limited capacity to perform custom analysis by reimagining both the development process and user engagement strategy. By modernizing Cal-Adapt's tools, website, and workflows, the project will provide an unprecedented combination of intuitive guidance for newer users and flexible, policy-relevant insights for advanced users — helping communities and agencies overcome barriers to action in an increasingly complex energy and climate landscape.

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

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Eagle Rock Analytics, 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));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number

  Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15306
- ☐ 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, § 15306 consists of basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. This project is a computer-based project to develop Open Data Support for Climate Resilience in California's Electricity Sector, including the advanced development of the Cal-Adapt online interface.

The project does not involve impacts on any particularly sensitive environment; will not impact an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to

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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:** **Martine Schmidt-Poolman** **Area code/Telephone/Ext:** 916-776-0808

**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:** _____ **Date:** October 13, 2025 **Title:** EGSS-I

☒ **Signed by Public Agency**

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

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Eagle Rock Analytics, Inc.