

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Sonoma County
Clerk-Recorder's Office
585 Fiscal Drive Room 103
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

FROM: Bay Area Air Quality Management District
375 Beale Street, Suite 600
San Francisco, CA 94105

SUBJECT: FILING OF NOTICE OF EXEMPTION PURSUANT TO CEQA § 21152(b) AND CEQA GUIDELINES § 15062.

PROJECT TITLE: Cypress Hill Memorial Park – Authority to Construct for Source 4, Human Crematory unit (Application 721116).

Public Agency Approving Project (Lead Agency): Bay Area Air Quality Management District (Air District); 375 Beale Street, Suite 600; San Francisco, CA 94105. Mark Kiffe, Senior Air Quality Engineer; Telephone: (415)-749-4671. Email: mkiffe@baaqmd.gov

Project Applicant and Entity Carrying Out Project: Cypress Hill Memorial Park

Project Applicant Mailing Address: 430 Magnolia Avenue, Petaluma, CA 94952

Project Applicant Contact Person: Robert Tellez, Owner, Cypress Hill Memorial Park, 430 Magnolia Avenue, Petaluma, CA 94952; Telephone: (408) 529-3548, Email: rdt4yr@gmail.com

Project Location: 430 Magnolia Avenue, Petaluma, Sonoma County, CA 94952. Nearest Cross Street: Gailinda Ct

Project Description:

Cypress Hill Memorial is a currently permitted facility applying to replace an existing human retort (Source 1) with a new unit (Source 4) with a maximum of 1050 bodies in any consecutive twelve-month period. The facility is applying for an Authority to Construct for the new crematory unit, Source 4.

Source 4: Human Crematory Retort – American, Model A250, Propane Fired, 1.95 MMBtu/hour.

Finding of Exemption:

The Air District has determined that the issuance of this permit is exempt from CEQA because of the following exemptions.

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268), AND/OR
- Categorical Exemption (CEQA Guidelines § 15302)

Basis for Exemption:

This permit application is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because the Air District's evaluation is a ministerial action (Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(1) and CEQA Guidelines Section 15268(a)) conducted using the fixed standards and objective measurements in the Air District's rules and regulations. Also, the permit application did not trigger Best Available Control Technology (BACT) or Best Available Control Technology for Toxics (TBACT). The Air District is legally compelled to approve this application given the relevant requirements objectively met based on the information available to the Air District. Thus, the Air District's approval is ministerial and not subject to CEQA.

In addition, this permit application is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). CEQA Guidelines, Section 15302 exempts replacement projects. This project is the replacement of an existing human crematory retort with heat input of 2 MMBtu/hour with a new human crematory unit of similar capacity of 1.95 MMBtu/hour to be used at the same facility for the same purpose. Further, based on the review of the permit application materials, including Appendix H, environmental information form, the project will not have any significant environmental impacts, and cumulative impacts from successive projects of the same type in the same place will not result in significant environmental impacts.



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