

Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

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County of: Sacramento

From: (Public Agency): CA Energy Commission
715 P St.

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Project Title: Equitable Building Decarbonization Tribal Direct Install Program Guidelines

Project Applicant: California Energy Commission

Project Location - Specific:

Sacramento

Project Location - City: Sacramento

Project Location - County: Sacramento

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Assembly Bill 209 directs the CEC to develop the Equitable Building Decarbonization Program, which will provide and install energy efficient electric appliances, energy efficiency measures, and related upgrades directly to low- to- moderate income, and California Native American residents at minimal or no cost. This project adopts guidelines for Equitable Building Decarbonization Tribal Direct Install Program implementation, but does not commit CEC to any site-specific installation.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Energy Commission

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: 15061(b)(3), 15307, 15308
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The Guidelines establish a framework for furthering AB 209's mandate to achieve reductions of greenhouse gases from existing buildings in low- and moderate-income, and California Native American tribal households across California. To the extent there are direct or foreseeable indirect effects on the environment, they are beneficial and will enhance natural resources and protect the environment from energy waste and greenhouse gases by replacing gas-powered appliances in buildings with energy efficient electric appliances. Therefore, the project falls within the categorical exemptions in section 15061(b)(3), 15307, and 15308.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Hally Cahssai

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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: Hally Cahssai

Date: 1/26/2026

Title: Supervisor

Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant ☒

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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