

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: San Mateo

555 County Center

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From: (Public Agency): City of East Palo Alto

1960 Tate Street

East Palo Alto, CA 94303

(Address)

Project Title: Noon Energy/ 350 Demeter Street Temporary Use Permit

Project Applicant: JCPoestch Advisors, Inc on behalf of Noon Energy Inc.

Project Location - Specific:

391 Demeter Street APN: 063-050-020

Project Location - City: East Palo Alto

Project Location - County: San Mateo

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Temporary Use Permit to allow testing of a solid oxide battery storage system (BESS).
The testing involves electrolysis, splitting water into hydrogen(gas) and oxygen(gas), with the hydrogen byproduct to be stored on site in contain cylinders.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of East Palo Alto

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: JCPoestch Advisors, Inc

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: 15303 - Class 3 New Construction, or Conversion of New Structures
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is located within a developed site with proposed temporary structures to be brought on site, not located in a sensitive environmental area with minor maintenance proposed to the site, not result in significant cumulative impacts, the activity will not have a significant effect on the environment due to the duration and the condition of the site, not located within a scenic highway or cause potential damage to scenic resources, not located on a hazardous waste site, and no known archaeological or other cultural sites are known to exist. Furthermore, no ground disturbance is proposed. See County of San Mateo filing dated 1/7/26 for more details.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Alvin Jen

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 650-853-3128

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: *Alvin Jen* Date: 2/2/26 Title: Associate Planner

■ 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.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____