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Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
County Clerk
County of: San Diego
1600 Pacific Coast Highway Suite 260
San Diego, CA 91201

From: (Public Agency): Encina Wastewater Authority
6200 Avenida Encinas
Carlsbad, CA 92011

(Address)

Project Title: EWPCF Cogeneration Low Emissions Augmentation and Retrofit (CLEAR) Project

Project Applicant: Encina Wastewater Authority, 6200 Avenida Encinas, Carlsbad, CA 92011

Project Location - Specific: (760) 438-3941

6200 Avenida Encinas, Carlsbad / APNs 211-03-008; 211-03-006, 214-01-095

Project Location - City: Carlsbad Project Location - County: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose is to maximize beneficial use of digester biogas and reduce emissions of criteria air pollutants and toxic air contaminants from an existing combined heat and power (CHP) source at the existing Encina Water Pollution Control Facility (EWPCF). The project includes retrofit of existing cogeneration engines with oxidation catalyst emissions controls, construction of new blowers in the existing blower room, a new 0.99 MW linear generator facility, a new digester biogas conditioning facility, and new 2 MWh battery storage capacity. The project will deliver a reliable, resilient solution to managing energy resources (power, heat and biogas) at the EWPCF.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Encina Wastewater Authority

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Encina Wastewater Authority

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: Existing Facilities 15301; Cogeneration at Existing Facilities 15329
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 exempts projects that involve negligible expansion of an existing use. The Project would implement low emissions technology at the existing EWPCF; there would be no expansion of biogas production. There would be a minimal increase in building footprint within the EWPCF site for the new linear generator, battery storage, and biogas conditioning facilities. Section 15329 exempts installation of cogeneration equipment with a capacity of 50 MW or less at existing facilities that result in no net increases in air emissions and comply with air quality laws. The site does not meet any Exceptions under CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 See Attachment A for additional Project information and supporting environmental documentation.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Scott McClelland Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 760-438-3941

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: [Signature] Date: 7/1/20 Title: General Manager

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21089 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR:
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.