Notice of Exemption **Form D**

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

Project Applicant: Central California Asthma Collaborative

Project Title: Cost, Energy and Indoor Air Quality Impacts of Cooking Technology & Ventilation Choices in California Homes: The CEVICA Follow-On Study

Project Location:

Address	City	County
Bakersfield Area	Bakersfield	
Fresno Area	Fresno	

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
The purpose of this Agreement is to fund follow-on work associated with the Cooking Energy and Ventilation Impacts on Children with Asthma (CEVICA) study. The follow-on project builds upon the ongoing, EPIC-funded CEVICA study by leveraging the existing participant cohort, field infrastructure, and data collected under the original agreement to generate additional policy-relevant research. Research conducted under this agreement will further investigate the relationships between cooking, ventilation and indoor air quality (IAQ); impacts of a real-time IAQ intervention to modify range hood use during fine particulate matter-generating cooking events; and consumer (low-income households) perceptions and experiences of switching from gas to induction electric cooking.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Central California Asthma Collaborative

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, § 15301 ; 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:
California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15301 provides that projects which consist of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, and which involve negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination, are categorically exempt from CEQA. This project consists of basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. The project involves measurement of indoor air quality, data analysis, and rangehood intervention in the households of under-resourced communities of California. For these reasons, the

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

proposed work will not have any significant effect on the environment and falls under categorical exemption Section 15301.

California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15306 provides that projects which consist 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 are exempt from the provisions of CEQA. This project consists of basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. The project involves measurement of indoor air quality, data analysis, and rangehood intervention in the households of under-resourced communities of California. Accordingly, this activity will not cause physical alterations to any environmental resources and falls under categorical exemption Section 15306.

None of the exceptions to categorical exemptions that are listed in CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2, apply to this project. This project does not involve impacts on any particularly sensitive environment; 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, this project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

Public Agency
Contact Person: **Maninder Thind** **Area code/Telephone/Ext:** 916-776-0819

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: ***Maninder Thind*** **Date:** **8/25/2026** **Title: Air Resources Engineer**

☒ **Signed by Public Agency**

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

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