

ATTACHMENT 4

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION CEQA

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TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, LEAD AGENCY

Clerk of the Board-Filing Date

Based on a review of the project and project description, the following activity is determined as indicated below. Specific findings are indicated below and environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970, as amended, as defined in the State and County Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA are included, if applicable.

APN(s): 128-085-034,039,040, & 041.069-160-053

Case No. GSD-041018-7001-0001

(current date, project# and NOE number for this project)

LOCATION(city/unincorporated area/NA): Santa Maria and Goleta, CA

PROJECT TITLE: Renewable Energy Systems Energy Services Contract at Santa Barbara County Betteravia Campus and Fire Stations 12; Districts 2 and 5

PROJECT DESCRIPTION (attach continuation page, if necessary): **On the Betteravia Government Campus, shade structures will be installed on to which photovoltaic panels will be mounted. Underground utility connections to the existing buildings will occur in the drive and parking areas. On the Fire Station 12 facility, photovoltaic panels will be installed on the station's roof and ground.**

DETERMINATION:

☐ **NOT A PROJECT** (§15378): A *project* as defined by CEQA is one in which the whole of the action has a potential for resulting in either a direct or indirect physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. The action described above has been determined by the Lead Agency to not be a Project under CEQA. **No further environmental review is required.**

EXEMPT STATUS: (Check Only One)

☐ Ministerial (§15369)

☐ Statutory (§15260)

☒ Categorical Exemption (§15354)

☐ Emergency Project (§15359)

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Sub-Section(s) 15301, 15303, and 15304

FINDINGS TO SUPPORT DETERMINATION: (attach additional material, if necessary):

The Betteravia Government Campus, shade structures, and solar panels are minor alterations to the existing facilities. Fire station 12 is an existing structure with minor exterior alteration to install solar panels on the roof and shade structures. The project is statutorily exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to California Public Resources Code Section 21080.35 (installing solar systems on existing roofs and existing parking lots), and that it is further categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA per Sections 15301 (minor alterations to existing facilities) and 15303 (limited construction of small facilities) and 15304 (minor alterations to land) of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations

15301 Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The types of "existing facilities" itemized below are not intended to be all-inclusive of the types of projects, which might fall within Class 1

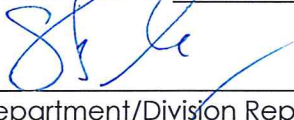
- (a) Interior or exterior alterations involving such things as interior partitions, plumbing, and electrical conveyances;
- (b) Existing facilities of both investor and publicly-owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services;

15303 Class 3 consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. The numbers of structures described in this section are the maximum allowable on any legal parcel:

- (d) Water main, sewage, electrical, gas, and other utility extensions, including street improvements, of reasonable length to serve such construction.
- (e) Accessory (appurtenant) structures including garages, carports, patios, swimming pools, and fences.

15304 Class 4 consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes. Examples include but are not limited to: (f) Minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored

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 Department/Division Representative (print & sign name)	11/6/19 Date
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NOTE: A copy must be posted at least 6 days prior to consideration of the activity by the decision-makers to comply with County CEQA guidelines and a copy must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board after project approval to begin a 35 day statute of limitations on legal challenges.