

Notice of Exemption

TO: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 212
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FROM: California Energy Commission
1516 9th Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Project Title: *Senate Bill 350: Doubling Energy Efficiency Savings by 2030* Final Commission Report

Project Location: Statewide.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The *Senate Bill 350: Doubling Energy Efficiency Savings by 2030* Final Commission Report establishes annual targets that will achieve a cumulative doubling of statewide energy efficiency savings in electricity and natural gas final end uses of retail customers by January 1, 2030, as described in Public Resources Code section 25310(c)(1). The report proposes subtargets for the portion of projected energy efficiency savings that can be achieved through programs funded by the state's investor-owned and publicly owned electric and natural gas utilities. The report also proposes subtargets for nonutility programs funded through government, private and utility ratepayer sources. In addition, the report identifies projected efficiency savings from the industrial and agricultural sectors. The report outlines recommendations to ensure that California meets the annual targets.

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: Action taken to protect the environment (CEQA Guidelines, § 15308)
- Statutory Exemption: State code number: _____
- Other: The report is not a "project" subject to CEQA (CEQA Guidelines, § 15378 (b)(2) & (5)); the report is exempt from CEQA pursuant to the "common sense" exemption (CEQA Guidelines, § 15061(b)(3)).

Reasons why project is exempt: The *Senate Bill 350: Doubling Energy Efficiency Savings by 2030* Final Commission Report is not a "project" subject to CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15378 (b)(2) and (5), in that it deals with general policy and procedural activities or organizational and administrative activities and does not involve any commitment to any specific project that may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment. The report also falls within the so-called "common sense" exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15061(b)(3), which indicates that CEQA only applies to projects that have a "significant effect on the environment" as defined in Public Resources Code section 21068 and in CEQA Guidelines, Section 15382, as being a substantial, or potentially substantial, adverse change in the environment. Furthermore, the report is categorically exempt from CEQA as an action taken to protect the environment pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15308.

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Signed by the Lead Agency

Date received for filing by OPR: _____

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.