

# Notice of Exemption

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**From (Public Agency):**  
San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District  
1990 E. Gettysburg Avenue  
Fresno, CA 93726-0244  
Sharla Yang  
(559) 230-6000

(For County Use Only)

**Project Title:** Proposed Amendments to District Rule 4601 (Architectural Coatings)  
**Project Location (Specific):** Not Applicable  
**Project Location (City):** All cities within the San Joaquin Valley Air Basin (SJVAB)  
**Project Location (County):** All counties in the SJVAB: Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Tulare.  
**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:** The District is proposing to amend District Rule 4601 (Architectural Coatings) to add a contingency measure with a trigger mechanism for the 2016 Ozone Plan that, if triggered, would remove the exemption for coatings that are sold in containers with a volume of one liter (1.057 quarts) or less of specific categories of coatings; implement provisions of the 2019 California Air Resources Board (CARB) Suggested Control Measures (SCM) for Architectural Coatings, including requiring more stringent emission limits for specific categories of architectural coatings and adding new requirements for colorants; and remove or modify outdated definitions and requirements.  
**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District  
**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District  
**Applicant Name, Address, & Phone Number:** San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, 1990 E. Gettysburg Avenue, Fresno, CA 93726, 559-230-6000.

**Exempt Status: (Check one)**  
 Ministerial: §21080(b)(1); 15268  
 Declared Emergency: §21080(b)(3); 15269(a)  
 Emergency Project: §21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)  
 Categorical Exemption: Section 15308  
 Statutory Exemptions:  
 Common Sense Exemption: Section 15061(b)(3)

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:** District staff concludes that there is substantial evidence in the whole record before the District that the proposed amendments to the rule would not cause any significant impacts on the environment. The District finds that the project is exempt according to CEQA Guidelines §15308 (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment) and per the common sense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment (CCR §15061(b)(3)).

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Sharla Yang **Area Code/Telephone/Extension:** (559) 230-6000

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 Arnaud Marjollet Date APR 16 2020 Title: Director of Permit Services

Signed by Lead Agency Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signed by Applicant

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