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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Staff Approval Application No. PLN2020-0041- Aemetis Solar

Applicant Information: Aemetis Advanced Fuels Keyes, Inc.
20400 Steven Creek Blvd., Ste. 700
Cupertino, CA 95307

Project Location: 4209 Jessup Road, east of Faith Home Road, north of Jessup Road, in the Ceres area.
(Stanislaus County; APN: 045-026-039)

Description of Project: Request to install a 1.56 megawatt (MW) photovoltaic array and 1.25 MW/2.5MWh battery energy storage system or "microgrid system" to offset the use of natural gas and electricity by generating it onsite to serve the development. The 10.95 acre site includes M (Industrial) zoning east of the main drive aisle and P-D (123) (Planned Development) zoning to the west. The arrays will be installed on an elevated structure over the site's stormwater basin and over areas with vehicle traffic. The P-D (123) zoning district, an industrial planned development, became effective December, 1985 (Rezone 85-18).

Name of Agency Approving Project: Stanislaus County Planning Department

Lead Agency Contact Person: Rachel Wyse, Senior Planner

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Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial (Section 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Section 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: _____
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____
- Common Sense Exemption. (Section 15061) (b)(3)

Reasons why project is exempt: The project will be installed over disturbed land utilized in conjunction with the development. There is also no evidence in the record that this action will have a direct or significant physical impact on the environment.

May 29, 2020
Date

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