

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
Harout Sagherian
(559) 230-6000

Project Title: Proposed Amendments to District Rule 3160 (Prescribed Burning Fee)

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 3160 (Prescribed Burning Fee) to allow the District to prorate or suspend fees for prescribed burning projects that provide a public benefit when sufficient funding is received through the Statewide Prescribed Burn Reporting and Monitoring Support Program by California Air Resources Board (CARB) or other similar state or federal programs in the future.

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: Harout Sagherian

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*
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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