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
   Cherie Clark
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(For County Use Only)

Project Title: City of Shafter Community Emissions Reduction Program (CERP) Under Assembly Bill (AB) 617 (District Project No. 20190941)

Project Location (Specific): City of Shafter Community

Project Location (City): Shafter, CA 93263
Project Location (County): Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: AB 617, signed into law in July 2017, has resulted in a state-wide effort to reduce air pollution and improve public health in communities that experience disproportionate burdens from exposure to air pollutants statewide through community-focused and community-driven actions. AB 617 provides mechanisms and resources to implement community-specific air quality monitoring networks; to develop, implement, and track emission reduction programs; to improve availability of data and other technical information; and to invest substantial funding in the community through voluntary incentive funding measures.

Under AB 617, the District has developed a CERP, in partnership with California Air Resources Board, residents, affected sources, and local government bodies in the City of Shafter community. The CERP provides a description of the City of Shafter community, including geographical boundaries and socioeconomic factors impacting community residents. A technical analysis describes the sources of pollution impacting the community, as well as the location of sensitive receptors within the community, and strategies that were ultimately selected for implementation in the community.

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, 1991 E. Gettysburg Ave., 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: §15308
☐ Statutory Exemptions:
☐ Common Sense Exemption: Section 15061(b)(3)
Reasons Why Project Is Exempt: The project is the implementation of a CERP for the City of Fresno community. District staff concludes that there is substantial evidence in the whole record before the District that the proposed project would not cause any adverse impacts on the environment. The District finds that the project is exempt 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)), and that the project is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA as it is an action taken by a regulatory agency as authorized by state law to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment [CCR §15308].

Lead Agency Contact Person: Cherie Clark  
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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: [Signature]  
Date: SEP 19 2019  
Title: Director of Permit Services

□ Signed by Lead Agency  
□ Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: