Notice of Exemption

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From (Public Agency):
San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District
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Project Title: Proposed Amendments to Rule 1020 (Definitions), Rule 2201 (New and Modified Stationary Source Review Rule) and Rule 2301 (Emission Reduction Credit Banking)
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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: §21380(b)(1); 15268
☐ Declared Emergency: §21380(b)(3); 15269(a)
☐ Emergency Project: §21380(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)
☒ Categorical Exemption: §15308 (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment)
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☐ Declared Emergency: §21080(b)(3); 15269(a)  
☐ Emergency Project: §21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)  
☒ Categorical Exemption: §15306 (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment)  
☐ Statutory Exemptions:  
☒ Common Sense Exemption: Section 15061(b)(3)

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