



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Date: June 21, 2018

From/Lead Agency/Applicant: San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District
1990 East Gettysburg Avenue
Fresno, CA 93726
559-230-6000

To: County Clerk/Recorder
County of Fresno
2221 Kern St.
Fresno, CA 93721

Project Title: San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District (District):
Proposed Revision to State Implementation Plan (SIP) to Address Federal Clean Air Act Requirements
for Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT)

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Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: San Joaquin Valley Unified APCD

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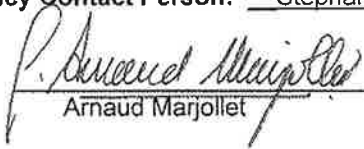
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2222 M Street
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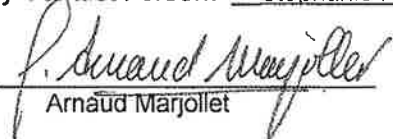
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