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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
EERE PROJECT MANAGEMENT CENTER
NEPA DETERMINATION

RECIPIENT: County of San Bernardino **STATE:** CA

PROJECT TITLE: CA-County-San Bernardino - EECBG Projects (S)

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DE-FOA0000013	EE0000877.001		0

Based on my review of the information concerning the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (authorized under DOE Order 451.1A), I have made the following determination:

CX, EA, EIS APPENDIX AND NUMBER:
Description:

A11 Technical advice and planning assistance to international, national, state, and local organizations.

A9 Information gathering (including, but not limited to, literature surveys, inventories, audits), data analysis (including computer modeling), document preparation (such as conceptual design or feasibility studies, analytical energy supply and demand studies), and dissemination (including, but not limited to, document mailings, publication, and distribution; and classroom training and informational programs), but not including site characterization or environmental monitoring.

B5.1 Actions to conserve energy, demonstrate potential energy conservation, and promote energy-efficiency that do not increase the indoor concentrations of potentially harmful substances. These actions may involve financial and technical assistance to individuals (such as builders, owners, consultants, designers), organizations (such as utilities), and state and local governments. Covered actions include, but are not limited to: programmed lowering of thermostat settings, placement of timers on hot water heaters, installation of solar hot water systems, installation of efficient lighting, improvements in generator efficiency and appliance efficiency ratings, development of energy-efficient manufacturing or industrial practices, and small-scale conservation and renewable energy research and development and pilot projects. The actions could involve building renovations or new structures in commercial, residential, agricultural, or industrial sectors. These actions do not include rulemakings, standard-settings, or proposed DOE legislation.

Rational for determination:

The County of San Bernardino, CA would use DOE funds for the following activities which are bounded by the signed SOW and are therefore categorically excluded under NEPA:

Activity 2. Solar Electric System for Rancho Cucamonga County Office Building
Activity 3. County Heating Ventilation and Air-Condition (HVAC) Retrofit Program
Activity 4. Solar Electric System for High Desert Government Center (HDGC)
Activity 5. Program to Implement AB 811
Activity 6. Solar Electric System for the Joshua Tree County Building -by the California Solar Initiative.

Activity #3 HDGC building and Activity #6 Joshua Tree County Building involve solar PV installations on rooftops on new buildings. EECBG is funding only the solar PV installations for these buildings. This activity can be categorically excluded under NEPA under B5.1 (Actions to Conserve Energy).

Activity #1 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Plan Environmental Impact Report (EIR) has already been categorically excluded under NEPA.

Any projects submitted for EECBG funding that fall outside the bounds of the signed SOW, with the exception of Activity #1 EIR preparation, will require a separate NEPA determination review.

NEPA PROVISION

DOE has made a final NEPA determination for this award

Insert the following language in the award:

Note to Specialist :

None Given.

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: _____ Date: 3/31/10

NEPA Compliance Officer

FIELD OFFICE MANAGER DETERMINATION

☐ Field Office Manager review required

NCO REQUESTS THE FIELD OFFICE MANAGER REVIEW FOR THE FOLLOWING REASON:

☐ Proposed action fits within a categorical exclusion but involves a high profile or controversial issue that warrants Field Office Manager's attention.

☐ Proposed action falls within an EA or EIS category and therefore requires Field Office Manager's review and determination.

BASED ON MY REVIEW I CONCUR WITH THE DETERMINATION OF THE NCO :

Field Office Manager's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Field Office Manager