



## NOTICE OF CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION

Sonoma County Permit and Resource Management Department

2550 Ventura Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95403  
(707) 565-1900 Fax (707) 565-1103

Sonoma County proposes to carry out the following project. Pursuant to Section 23A of the Sonoma County Code, it has been determined that this project is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):

<b>Project Title:</b> 12700 Pine Flat Road; File No. UPE24-0007	<b>To:</b> County Clerk- Recorder Office	Office of Planning and Research
<b>Public Agency:</b> Sonoma County	County of Sonoma	
<b>Project Applicant:</b> Joseph Scherer, GreenFire Energy, Inc	585 Fiscal Drive, Room 103 Santa Rosa, CA 95403	P.O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
<b>Applicant Address:</b> 1990 N. California Blvd, Suite 830, Walnut Creek, CA 94596		
<b>Project Location:</b> 12700 Pine Flat Road, HEALDSBURG, CA 95448		
<b>Date of Approval:</b> June 4, 2024		

### DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE AND BENEFICIARIES OF THE PROJECT:

Use Permit for GreenFire Energy Inc's installation of a steam dominated greenloop system into an existing geothermal well (D&V #13) at the Geysers. This well is located on an existing six-well production pad which supplies steam to the Socrates Power Plant (Unit 18). The project will perform proof-of-concept testing for approximately three (3) months. Testing will measure the amount of heat that can be extracted by use of GreenFire Energy's SDGL technology.

### EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption Section 15301(b) (Existing facilities of both investor and publicly-owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services).

### REASON WHY THIS PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

The proposed project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the CEQA Guidelines pursuant to the Provisions of Title 14 of the California Administrative Code, Section 15301(b). The project involves the temporary installation of monitoring equipment within an existing facility with no or negligible expansion of use.

No exceptions listed under Section 15300.2 apply. There is no reasonable possibility that the project would have a significant effect on the environment.

This Notice of Exemption is filed pursuant to the provisions of Section 15062 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

### Lead Agency Contact Person:

Robert Pennington

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Date: 2024.06.04 09:09:36 -07'00'

Robert Pennington, Project Planner  
Permit and Resource Management Department  
Project Review Division  
(707) 565-1352

Deva Marie Proto, County Clerk

BY  Norma Gonzalez, Deputy Clerk

This notice was posted on 06/04/2024  
and will remain posted for a period of thirty days  
through 07/05/2024

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State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**2024 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE**  
**CASH RECEIPT**  
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/24) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:  
49-06042024-159

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

**SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.**

LEAD AGENCY SONOMA COUNTY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 06/04/2024
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COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SONOMA	DOCUMENT NUMBER 24-0604-01
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PROJECT TITLE  
12700 PINE FLAT ROAD; FILE NO. UPE24-0007

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME JOSEPH SCHERER, GREENFIRE ENERGY, INC	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (707) 565-1352
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PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 1990 N. CALIFORNIA BLVD, SUITE 830	CITY WALNUT CREEK	STATE CA	ZIP CODE 94596
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**PROJECT APPLICANT** (Check appropriate box)

- Local Public Agency     
  School District     
  Other Special District     
  State Agency     
  Private Entity

**CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:**

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|---|------------|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)  | \$4,051.25 | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)                                   | \$2,916.75 | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW | \$1,377.25 | \$ _____ |

- Exempt from fee  
      Notice of Exemption (attach)  
      CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)  
 Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

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|---|----------|------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) | \$850.00 | \$ _____         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee   |          | \$ _____ \$50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other  |          | \$ _____         |

**PAYMENT METHOD:**

- Cash   
  Credit   
  Check   
  Other
- TOTAL RECEIVED**    \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00

SIGNATURE <b>X</b> [Redacted]	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Norma Gonzalez, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder
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