

Notice of Exemption

- Project Title:** San Joaquin Valley 2020 Agricultural Burning Assessment
- Project Location:** Statewide
- Public Meeting Date:** February 25, 2021; Agenda Item # 21-1-6
- Project Description:** The project consists of CARB staff's written assessment of the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District's (District) 2020 Staff Report and Recommendations on Agricultural Burning (2020 Report). The 2020 Report includes the District's strategy to reduce open agricultural burning in the San Joaquin Valley as well as a recommendation to postpone the prohibition on open burning for certain crop categories and materials allowed under Senate Bill 705 (Florez, 2003).

This notice is to advise that the California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board), as the lead agency, approved the above action on February 25, 2021.

CARB has determined that this concurrence is exempt from CEQA, as described in CEQA Guidelines §15061, because the action is both an Action Taken by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment (as described in CEQA Guidelines §15308 for "class 8" exemptions); and it is also exempt as described in CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3) ("common sense" exemption) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed action may result in a significant adverse impact on the environment. A brief explanation of the basis for reaching this conclusion is included in the Staff Recommendations.

The Staff Recommendations and all other related documents are available for public inspection on the CARB webpage at: <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/ma022521>

These documents may also be examined at:

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