Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning & Research PO Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 From: El Dorado County Air Quality Management District 330 Fair Lane Placerville, CA 95667

County Clerk: County of: El Dorado 360 Fair Lane Placerville, CA 95667

Project Title: <u>Revisions to Rule 1000 Emission Statement and 1000.1 Emission Statement Waiver</u>

Project Applicant: El Dorado County Air Quality Management District

Project Location: El Dorado County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: Western El Dorado County (EDC) has been classified as nonattainment for the 2015 eight-hr Ozone National and State Ambient Air Quality Standards. The Federal Clean Air Act (CAA), Section 182(a)(3)(B), Emissions Statements requires all ozone non-attainment areas to have in place a program that requires emission statements for stationary sources of Oxides of Nitrogen (NOx) and Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) emissions. Specifically, Section 182(a)(3)(B)(i) of the CAA requires air agencies to submit to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) a State Implementation Plan revision requiring the owner or operator of each stationary source to report and certify the accuracy of their reported NOx and VOC emissions, beginning in 1993 and annually thereafter. The El Dorado County Air Quality Management District adopted Rules 1000 and 1000.1 in 1992 to incorporate the requirements of CAA Section 182(a)(3)(B). In May 2020, EPA Region 9 staff reviewed Rule 1000 and Rule 1000.1 and concluded that the Rules 1000 and 1000.1 didn't meet all the requirements for emissions statements set forth in Section 182(a)(3)(B)(i) and Section 182(a)(3)(B)(ii); respectively. The AQMD is proposing amendments to Rule 1000 and Rule 1000.1 to satisfy the requirements of the CAA.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: <u>El Dorado County Board of Supervisors acting as the El</u> <u>Dorado County Air Quality Management District Board of Directors</u>

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: El Dorado County Air Quality Management District

Exempt Status:<u>X</u> Categorical Exemption (California Code of Regulations Sec. 15300 et seq): <u>CEQA</u> <u>Guideline § 15308 – Actions by a Regulatory Agency for Protection of the Environment</u>

Reasons why project is exempt: Projects in this category are actions taken by a regulatory agency as authorized by state law to assure the maintenance, restoration, or enhancement of the environment where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment. These are revisions to existing district rules to strengthen the standards consistent with other air district rules throughout the state.

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Signed:_____ Date: _____ Title: