

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research  
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County Clerk  
County of: Sacramento

From: (Public Agency): CalRecycle  
1001 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

(Address)

Project Title: Used Mattress Recovery and Recycling Plan and Budget

Project Applicant: Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle)

Project Location - Specific:  
Statewide

Project Location - City: \_\_\_\_\_ Project Location - County: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:  
See attached.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: CalRecycle

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: CalRecycle

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: \_\_\_\_\_
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:  
See attached.

Lead Agency  
Contact Person: Ashley Harley Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 341-6075

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?  Yes  No

Signature: A. Harley Date: 10/01/15 Title: Environmental Scientist

Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_



Attachment to Notice of Exemption

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Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

In 2013, the Legislature enacted SB 254 (the Act; Stats. 2013, Ch. 388; Public Resources Code §§ 42985 – 42994) which requires the manufacturers and renovators of mattresses sold in California to join a mattress recycling organization (MRO). The MROs must prepare and submit to CalRecycle for approval used mattress recovery and recycling plans that outline a program to collect, transport, and process used mattresses in a manner that reduces the costs and environmental impacts of the disposal of used mattresses in California. SB 254 imposes an assessment on mattresses sold in California to fund the used mattress recovery and recycling program and prohibits a manufacturer, renovator, or retailer not in compliance with the chapter from selling mattresses in California. The Mattress Recycling Council (MRC) is a non-profit MRO created pursuant to the Act, and certified by CalRecycle. Their Used Mattress Recovery and Recycling Plan and Budget, submitted July 1, 2015, is the Project under consideration.

Reasons why project is exempt:

While the Department has discretionary approval over the Mattress Recycling Plan and Budget, its approval for purposes of CEQA is ministerial. Under the reasoning set forth in *Friends of Westwood, Inc. v. City of Los Angeles* (1987) 191 Cal.App.3d 259 at pp. 266-267; *Mountain Lion Foundation v. Fish & Game Com.* (1997) 16 Cal.4th 105, 117; and *Leach v. City of San Diego* (1990) 220 Cal.App.3d 389 at pp. 394-395, the Department's approval of a mattress recycling plan and budget is ministerial under CEQA because the Used Mattress Recovery and Recycling Act (Public Resources Code Sections 42985 et seq.) does not give the Department the authority or discretion to deny or conditionally approve the plan based on any direct or indirect effects of implementation of the plan or budget on the environment or to mitigate any such effects (see Public Resources Code Section 42987.1 and 42987.3). Moreover, approval of a mattress recycling plan and budget falls within the "common sense" exemption under 14 CCR Section 15061(b) because there is no possibility that the plan or budget can have a significant effect on the environment as they are administrative in nature and the Department is not issuing a permit or entitlement to carry out specific physical activities that may cause environmental impacts.

