U.S. Department of Energy
Categorical Exclusion Determination Form

Program or Field Office: EERE-RW/EECBG

Project Title: Municipal Financing of Private Energy Efficiency Retrofits in Cooperation with LA County

Location: California City of Covina

Proposed Action or Project Description: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: ☒

Los Angeles County proposes to use a significant portion of its EECBG allocation, along with other ARRA funds, to implement an energy efficiency retrofit program called the LA County Energy Program, which has a financing component called the Property-Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) financing program. The short term goal of the program for the County is to retrofit 15,000 homes to achieve a 20% energy use reduction and 20,000 ton GHG emissions reduction. The County's long term goal is to retrofit 80% of buildings to achieve a 30% Countywide energy reduction by 2015 and to support reduced GHG emissions by 25% below 1990 levels by 2015.
Covina has participated in meetings of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (San Gabriel Valley COG) to discuss the role of the City's collaboration with Los Angeles County to provide property owners in Covina the ability to finance the installation of energy efficiency improvements through a low-interest loan to be repaid on the property owner•s property tax bill. Covina's goals are to retrofit 75 homes to achieve 20% energy use reduction and reduce GHG emissions by 100 tons.

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied:

X - B5.1 Actions to conserve energy

X- A1 - Routine administrative/financial/personnel actions

*-For the complete DOE National Environmental Policy Act regulations regarding categorical exclusions, see Subpart D of 10 CFR10 21 Click Here

This action would not: threaten a violation of applicable statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements for environment, safety, and health, including DOE and/or Executive Orders; require siting, construction, or major expansion of waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment facilities, but may include such categorically excluded facilities; disturb hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, or CERCLA-excluded petroleum and natural gas products that pre-exist in the environment such that there would be uncontrolled or unpermitted releases; or adversely affect environmentally sensitive resources (including but not limited to those listed in paragraph B.(4)) of Appendix B to Subpart D of 10 CFR 1021). Furthermore, there are no extraordinary circumstances related to this action that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the action; this action is not "connected" to other actions with potentially significant impacts, is not related to other proposed actions with cumulatively significant impacts, and is not precluded by 40 CFR 1506.1 or 10 CFR 1021.211.

Based on my review of information conveyed to me and in my possession (or attached) concerning the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (as authorized under DOE Order 451.1B), I have determined that the proposed action fits within the specified class(es) of action, the other regulatory requirements set forth above are met, and the proposed action is hereby categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

NEPA Compliance Officer: Othalene J. Lawrence Date Determined: May 18, 2010

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