

Notice of Exemption

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From: Fuels and Transportation Division
California Energy Commission
1516 9th Street, MS-27
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Project Title: Electric School Bus Training

Project Applicant: Cerritos Community College District

Project Location - Specific: Varies

Project Location - City: Statewide Project Location - County: Statewide

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This proposed project will be administered through various community colleges' automotive programs by providing funding for alternative fuels and advanced vehicle technology (clean energy) training. Under Senate Bill 110 (Chapter 55, Statutes of 2017), the Energy Commission is awarding approximately 200 electric school buses to school districts, county offices of education, and joint powers authorities around the State. To support the awardees in the transition to electric buses, the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program is funding workforce training for bus operators and maintenance technicians. Training will consist of: train-the-trainer support, curriculum development and updates, and specialized equipment purchases specific for the training of electric school bus staff.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Cerritos Community College District

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: 14 C.C.R. sects. 15322, 15301
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project consists of providing, at community colleges, training in electric school bus technologies; curriculum development; and training for trainers. Some of this project's work will consist of traditional classroom-based instruction having no impact on the environment. The remaining work will consist of hands-on training in up to nine community colleges' existing automotive training centers, similar to a typical mechanic's garage. Training may also be conducted at school district fleet shops. Specialized equipment will be purchased by community colleges to assist with advanced technology training.

Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, section 15322 ("Educational or Training Programs Involving No Physical Changes") provides that the adoption, alteration, or termination of educational or training programs which involve no physical alteration in the area affected or which involve physical changes only in the interior of existing school or training structures are categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act. Examples include but are not limited to: (a) development of or changes in curriculum or training methods; (b) changes in the grade structure in a school which do not result in changes in student transportation.

This project involves training and curriculum development activities. Training will take place at community colleges, in existing automotive program facilities, or at the school district maintenance facilities. This is the type of project reflected in example "(a)" of section 15322 and will not have a significant effect on the environment.

Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, section 15301 ("Existing Facilities") provides that projects which consist of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, and which involve negligible or no expansion of existing or former use, are categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

Training will take place in existing California community college classrooms and other community college training areas such as automotive shops and school district fleet shops. Equipment purchased and used in existing training areas may include electric school bus components; battery packs, high voltage meters, advanced electrical boards. Such equipment will sit on tables or roller carts, and is typical of equipment used in training already done in community college training areas, such as vehicles to practice repairs on and model engines. Therefore, the proposed project will not include alterations to existing facilities nor expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination, is categorically exempt under section 15301, and will not have a significant effect on the environment.

Lead or Responsible Agency

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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: Jami Haas Date: 6/19/19 Title: Energy Commission Specialist II

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

Signed by Responsible Agency

Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing at OPR: JUN 20 2019

Signed by Applicant

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