

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: California Energy Commission
715 P Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Project Title: California Joint Electric Truck Scaling Initiative

Project Applicant: South Coast Air Quality Management District

Project Location - Specific: 2009-2011 South Cucamonga Avenue

Project Location - City: Ontario

Project Location - County: San Bernardino

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

South Coast Air Quality Management District will install advanced direct current fast charging (DCFC) electric vehicle chargers, solar energy generation panels, and a battery energy storage system for charging 50 on-road, Class 8 battery-electric trucks.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: South Coast Air Quality Management 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: CCR 14 §15301, CCR 14 §15303, CCR 14 §15304, CCR 14 §15306
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Cal. Code Regs, tit. 14, §15301 provides for the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. This project is categorically exempt under 14 CCR §15301 because the installation of prefabricated DCFC equipment and infrastructure, the solar energy generation panels, and the battery energy storage system involve only minor physical modifications or alterations to the existing structures and electrical conveyances.

Cal. Code Regs, tit. 14, §15303 provides for the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. This project is categorically exempt under 14 CCR §15303 because the new construction associated with the installation and placement of prefabricated DCFC equipment and infrastructure, solar panels, and battery energy storage system equipment involve only the construction of small structures.

Cal. Code Regs, tit. 14, §15304 provides for minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes. This project is categorically exempt under 14 CCR §15304 because the paving and concrete activities associated with the installation and placement of prefabricated DCFC equipment and infrastructure, solar panels, and battery energy storage system equipment are minor and will restore the previously disturbed surfaces.

Cal. Code Regs, tit. 14, §15306 provides for basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. This project is categorically exempt under 14 CCR §15306 because it requires collection of operational data from the DCFC utilized for charging the battery-electric trucks, the solar energy generation, and the battery energy storage system.


Responsible Agency

Contact Person: Marc Perry Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 931-9424

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:  Date: 8/03/2021 Title: Energy Commission Specialist I

Signed by Responsible Agency

Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

Signed by Applicant