

Notice of Exemption

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From: Lead Agency:
California Energy Commission
Fuels and Transportation Division
715 P Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Project Title: California Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Project (CALeVIP) 2.0

Project Applicant: Center for Sustainable Energy

Project Location - Specific: Across California

Project Location - City: Varies

Project Location - County: Varies

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The objective of this project is to design, implement, and fund, with California Energy Commission oversight, various light-duty electric vehicle charger incentive projects throughout California. The deployment of the electric vehicle chargers will help ease consumer concerns around range anxiety and accelerate deployment of electric vehicles in California. This project will also help meet the goals of Executive Order B-48-18 which calls for 5 million zero-emission vehicles on California roadways by 2030 and sets a goal of having 250,000 electric vehicle chargers by 2025 in California.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Center for Sustainable Energy

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: §15301 – “Existing Facilities”
§15303 – “New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures”
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Under this agreement, Center for Sustainable Energy, will develop and implement financial incentive projects solely to fund the purchase and installation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure. The electric vehicle charging infrastructure will only involve commercially available products being installed in existing parking areas and/or existing facilities.

California Code Regulations (CCR) Title 14 Section 15301 provides that projects which consist of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alterations of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, and which involve negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency’s determination, are categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA. This meets the requirements of 14 CCR 15301 because installation electric vehicle chargers will only involve minor alterations and no expansion of use since the parking areas or facilities already exists.

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CCR Title 14 Section 15303 provides that projects which consist of 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, are categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA. This meets the requirements of 14 CCR 15303 because only a limited number of new small equipment in the form of electric vehicle chargers and associated equipment will be added to existing parking areas. This work will only require minor modifications, such as small amounts of trenching, extending electrical lines to the equipment, securing the electric vehicle chargers in place, and adding signage. Therefore, the project falls within section 15303 and will not have significant effect on the environment.

Lead 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:

Brian Fauble

Date:

1/3/2022

Title:

Energy Commission

Specialist II

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed By Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____