

# Notice of Exemption

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**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:** Lead Agency:  
California Energy Commission  
Fuels and Transportation Division  
715 P Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Project Title:** Communities in Charge

**Project Applicant:** CALSTART, Inc.

**Project Location - Specific:** Across California

**Project Location - City:** various

**Project Location - County:** various

## 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:** CALSTART, Inc.

## 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: Cal. Code Regs, tit. 14, §15301 and §15303
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

## Reasons why project is exempt:

Under this Agreement, CALSTART 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 predominantly in existing facilities such as commercial or multi-unit residential parking areas.

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 existing or former, are categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA. This project meets the requirements of 14 CCR 15301 because installation of the electric vehicle chargers and associated equipment will only involve minor alterations and no expansion of existing or former use since the installations will occur predominantly in existing facilities such as parking areas.

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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 project 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 facilities such as commercial or multi-unit residential 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**

**Contact Person:** Phil Cazel

**Area**

**Code/Telephone/Extension:** 916-897-3619

**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: *Phil Cazel* Date: 01/04/2022 Title: Air Pollution Specialist

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed By Applicant

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