

# Notice of Exemption

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**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
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**From:** California Energy Commission  
1516 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Project Title:** California ZEV Highway Blueprint

**Project Applicant:** Pilot Travel Centers LLC (dba: Pilot Flying J)

**Project Location - Specific:** To Be Determined - where there is a Pilot travel center in California

**Project Location - City:** TBD where there is a Pilot travel center in California

**Project Location - County:**

TBD where there is a Pilot travel center in California

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:**

Under grant agreement ARV-21-037, the California Energy Commission will provide a \$200,000 grant to Pilot Travel Centers LLC to prepare a blueprint for deploying zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) infrastructure for its travel centers in California. As part of this project, Pilot Travel Centers LLC will engage stakeholders, define needs to identify performance specifications, identify real-world operability considerations, develop a phased approach to infrastructure deployment, and identify education and training resources.

The purpose of this project is to advance the understanding about how travel centers can be a reliable and resilient resource to the medium- and heavy-duty (MHD) industry for MHD ZEV charging and refueling.

The beneficiaries are Pilot Travel Centers and their customers that use zero-emission vehicles.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** California Energy Commission

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Pilot Travel Centers LLC

**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 Reg.s, tit. 14, section 15306 ("Information Collection")
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

This project consists of basic data collection, research and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource are categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA. This project consists of developing a planning document for possible, future deployment of zero emission vehicle infrastructure equipment. The project will not cause direct physical changes to the environment, and there will be no physical construction. This project involves data collection, technology assessment, public outreach, administrative coordination efforts, planning, and similar activities. Therefore, the proposed project will have no significant effect on the environment and is categorically exempt under section 15306.

**Responsible Agency**

Contact Person: Alex Wan Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-805-7477

**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: Alexander Wan Date: 12/14/2021 Title: Associate Energy Specialist

- Signed by Responsible Agency
- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_