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From: California Energy Commission
 1516 Ninth Street, MS-48
 Sacramento, CA 95814

Project Applicant: Gridscape Solutions, Inc.

Project Title: Scalable, Resilient V2B Multi-Vehicle DC Platform (MVP DC) Demonstration at Public Buildings in California

Project Location:

<u>Address</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>County</u>
16489 Orange Way	Fontana 92335	San Bernardino
175 Nortech Pkwy	San Jose 95134	Santa Clara
16400 Kumeyaay Way	Valley Center 92082	San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project will advance and demonstrate multi-vehicle DC-coupled bidirectional charging technologies that allow electric vehicles to benefit and provide backup power to public facilities serving as community resilience centers located in low-income, disadvantaged, and Tribal communities.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Gridscape Solutions, Inc.

Exempt Status: *(check one)*

- Ministerial Exemption (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(1); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(3); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(4); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number
Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15303 ; Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15304
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number.
- Common Sense Exemption. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §15061(b)(3))

Reasons why project is exempt:

Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, sec. 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 consists of installation of new electric vehicle charging stations that will not result in serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. Therefore, the project falls within section 15303 and will not have a significant effect on the environment.

Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, sect. 15304 provides that projects which consist of 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 are categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA. In this


project, Gridscape will trench and backfill to extend electrical lines and conduit to the new electric vehicle charging stations. The trenching will occur in an existing asphalt parking lots, which will not include the removal of healthy, mature, or scenic trees. Therefore, the project falls within section 15304 and will not have a significant effect on the environment.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Ben Wender **Area code/Telephone/Ext:** 916-776-0823

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:** 07/14/2022 **Title:** EGSPS1

Signed by Responsible Agency

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____