

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of: Los Angeles

From: California Energy Commission
715 P Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Project Title: EVCS Southern California EV Charging Serves Affordable Housing

Project Applicant: EV Charging Solutions, Inc.

Project Location - Specific: 1331 N. Cahuenga Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90028, 1855 Industrial Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90021, 1115 W. Sunset Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Project Location - City: Los Angeles

Project Location - County: Los Angeles County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project will install 245 Level 2 chargers and two direct current fast chargers at three locations in Los Angeles, California to demonstrate replicable and scalable business and technology models that maximize access and electric vehicle miles traveled for multi-family housing residents, especially those in Low-income and Disadvantaged Communities.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: EV Charging Solutions, 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, Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §15303, Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §15304
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, sec. 15301 provides that projects which consist of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration 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 the California Environmental Quality Act. This project involves installation of electric vehicle charging stations, including at an existing parking facility. The electric vehicle charging station will be installed on an existing paved parking lot, connect to existing electrical panels, and will involve negligible or no expansion of use. Therefore, the project falls within section 15301 and will not have a significant effect on the environment.

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 small equipment to an existing site. Specifically, the fast-charging equipment to be installed is approximately the size of a pay phone and the level two charging equipment is the size of a parking meter. The equipment will be installed in an existing, paved parking lot. 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, minor trenching or boring may be necessary to lay two-inch conduit from the existing electrical panel to the charging equipment, totaling approximately 2 cubic feet per foot of distance from the electrical panel, to connect the proposed new electric vehicle charging station equipment to an existing electrical supply panel. The trenching/boring will take place on currently paved ground, will not involve the removal of any trees, and surface will be restored. Therefore, the project falls within section 15304 and will not have a significant effect on the environment.

Responsible Agency

Contact Person: David Wensil

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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: David Wensil Date: 09/01/22 Title: Energy Analyst

Signed by Responsible Agency

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____