

# Notice of Exemption

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

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County of: Fresno  
2220 Tulare Street  
Fresno, CA 93721

**Project Title:** South-Central Fresno Pepsi Delivery Truck Electrification

**Project Applicant:** San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District

**Project Location - Specific:** 1150 E. North Avenue

**Project Location - City:** Fresno **Project Location - County:** Fresno

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

This project will consist of trenching, construction, and installation of at least eight (8) advanced, direct current, fast charging electric vehicle supply equipment and battery energy storage system to pilot fifty (50) zero-emission, battery-electric, on-road Class 8 trucks. The purpose of this project is to advance zero-emission medium- and heavy-duty trucks and supporting infrastructure to reduce greenhouse gases, criteria pollutants, and other toxic air contaminants associated with diesel-powered drayage, local-haul, and long-haul trucks in the central and southern San Joaquin Valley.

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

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District

## 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, sections 15301 ("Existing Facilities"), 15303 ("New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures"), 15304 ("Minor Alterations to Land").
- 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: Marc Perry Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 931-9424

**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: 9/06/2022 Title: Energy Commission Specialist I

- Signed by Responsible Agency
- Signed by Lead Agency      Date received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_
- Signed by Applicant