

# Notice of Exemption

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**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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County Clerk  
County of: Mendocino

**From:** California Energy Commission  
715 P Street, MS-18  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Project Title:** Ukiah Valley EV Charging Pilot Project

**Project Applicant:** County of Mendocino

**Project Location - Specific:** 501 Low Gap Road, Ukiah, Ca, 95482, 727 S. State Street, Ukiah, Ca, 95482

**Project Location - City:** Ukiah

**Project Location - County:** Mendocino

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

This project will install 12 dual-port Level 2 chargers at two locations in Ukiah, California to demonstrate replicable and scalable business and technology models that maximize access and electric vehicle miles traveled for rural electric vehicle drivers, 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:** County of Mendocino

## 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
- 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 at two existing parking facilities, with six Level 2 chargers being installed at each site. The electric vehicle charging stations will be installed at two existing paved parking lot, connect to existing electrical panels, and will involve negligible or no expansion of use. Minor trenching or boring may be necessary to lay two-inch conduit from the existing electrical panels 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 existing electrical supply panels. 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. Each of the chargers to be installed is approximately the size of a gasoline pump. The total footprint of installation at each site will be approximately 18 square feet. Therefore, the project falls within section 15303 and will not have a significant effect on the environment.

**Responsible Agency**

**Contact Person:** David Wensil

**Area Code/Telephone/Extension:** 916-776-0756

**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: 09/07/22 Title: Energy Analyst

Signed by Responsible Agency

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

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