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From: California Energy Commission
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Project Applicant: Department of Energy – Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL)

Project Title: EV Charger Infrastructure Blueprints at Military Bases

Project Location: 1 Cyclotron Road Berkeley CA 94720 Alameda

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Develop six electric vehicle charger infrastructure blueprints at California military bases to accelerate the public and private transition to electric vehicles.

- Naval Base San Diego,
- Naval Base Ventura County,
- Naval Air Station Lemoore,
- Marine Corps Base (MCB) Camp Pendleton,
- Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, and
- Marine Corp Air Ground Combat Center 29 Palms.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Doug Black, Project Manager for LBNL

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
CCR section number: 15306
- 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, sect. 15306 consists of basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. These may be strictly for information gathering purposes, or as part of a study leading to an action which a public agency has not yet approved, adopted, or funded. The agreement is limited to applied research and the creation of EV Charger Infrastructure Blueprints. For these reasons, the proposed project will have no significant effect on the environment and is categorically exempt under section 15306.

The activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on

the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. The agreement is limited to applied research and the creation of EV Charger Infrastructure Blueprints. For these reasons, the proposed project falls within the Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14 CCR 15061 (b)(3) Common Sense Exemption.

This project does not involve impacts on any particularly sensitive environment; any cumulative impacts of successive projects of the same type in the same place that might be considered significant; does not involve unusual circumstances that might have a significant effect on the environment; will not result in damage to scenic resources within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway; the project site is not included on any list compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5, and the project will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. Therefore, none of the exceptions to categorical exemptions listed in CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2 apply to this project and this project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

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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: Wendell Krell Date: 1-4-2023 Title: Energy Comm. Specialist II

Signed by Responsible Agency

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____