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From: California Energy Commission
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Project Applicant: TechFlow, Inc.

Project Title: TechFlow Military EV Chargers

Project Location:
3455 Senn Rd San Diego, CA 92136 San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Deploy Level 2 (five California Energy Commission (CEC) funded of ten total) and Direct Current Fast Charger (one CEC funded of four total) electric vehicle charging systems. A California Energy Commission grant will jointly fund the electric vehicle charger infrastructure installations at Naval Base San Diego under Federal contract number HQ08452290065 as amended by modification number P0001.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: TechFlow, 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., Title 14, Sec. 15301 and Cal. Code Regs., Title 14, Sec. 15303 and Cal. Code Regs., Title 14, Sec. 15304

Cal. Code Regs., Title 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 existing or former use, are categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act. This project involves installation of five Level 2 and one Direct Current (DC) Fast Charger electric vehicle (EV) charging systems at Naval Base San Diego. Specifically, the charging equipment to be installed is approximately the size of a payphone booth. The electric vehicle charging stations will be installed and connected to existing electrical infrastructure on previously improved land in locations where customers already park their cars to access Naval facilities. The project involves negligible or no expansion of existing or former use of existing sites. Therefore, the project falls within section 15301 and will not have a significant effect on the environment.

Cal. Code Regs., Title 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 existing, previously improved sites. Specifically, the charging equipment to be installed is approximately the size of a payphone booth. Therefore, the project falls within section 15303 and will not have a significant effect on the environment.

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Cal. Code Regs., Title 14, Sec. 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 and directional boring may be necessary to lay conduit from the existing or new electrical infrastructure (transformer, switchgear, etc.) to the charging equipment. The trenching/boring will not involve the removal of any healthy, mature, scenic trees, and surface will be restored. Therefore, the project falls within section 15304 and will not have a significant effect on the environment.

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.

- Statutory Exemptions. State code number.
- Common Sense Exemption. (Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, §15061(b)(3))

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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: 1-10-2023 Title: Energy Comm. Specialist II

- Signed by Responsible Agency
- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____