

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of Sacramento

From: Responsible Agency
California Energy Commission
Fuels and Transportation Division
715 P Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Project Title: (Revised) ChargeReady Community

Project Applicant: Sacramento Municipal Utility District

Project Location - Specific: Sacramento County - Multiple locations throughout Sacramento County, listed below.

Project Location - City: Sacramento and North Highlands

Project Location - County: Sacramento

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The objective of this project is to deploy 108 electric vehicle (EV) charging stations at multi-family housing complexes throughout Sacramento. The EV chargers will help to increase EV adoption among tenants living in 11 properties multi-family housing sites, resourcing over 1,400 residents. This project will also help meet the goals of Executive Order B-48-18 that calls for 5 million zero-emission vehicles on California roadways by 2030 and sets a goal of having 250,000 electric vehicle chargers by 2025 in California.

The physical addresses for this project are:

1. Cornerstone - 4637 Underwood Way Sacramento, CA 95823
2. Mutual Housing on the Boulevard - 7351 Stockton Blvd. Sacramento, CA 95823
3. Mutual Housing at the Highlands - 6010 34th St. North Highlands, CA 95660
4. Foothill Plaza - 5324 Hemlock St. Sacramento, CA 95841
5. The Wong Center Senior Apartments - 631 F Street, Sacramento, CA 95814
6. Lavender Courtyard - 1616 F, Street, Sacramento, CA 95814
7. Mutual Housing on the Greenway - 6311 Sampson Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95824
8. Mutual Housing at Lemon Hill - 6000 Lemon Hill Ave, Sacramento, CA 95824
9. Mutual Housing at Sky Park - 5500 Sky Parkway, Sacramento, CA 95823
10. Norwood Estates - 3335 Norwood Ave, Sacramento, CA 95838
11. Norwood Annex - 3301 Norwood Ave, Sacramento, CA 95838

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Sacramento Municipal Utility District

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);

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- 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 and §15304
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Under CEQA Guidelines § 15062, a lead agency must identify the rationale for making the determination that a project is exempt under CEQA. CEC has determined that the ChargeReady Community project is exempt under CEQA Guidelines §15301, Class 1 Existing Facilities (b) Existing facilities of both investor and publicly owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services. The Class 1 exemption applies to the "operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination" and § 15304 (f), Minor Alterations to Land, "Class 4 consists 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 or agricultural purposes. Examples include but are not limited to: Minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored." The ChargeReady Community Project involves minor alterations to land and the trenching or underground directional boring for installation of conduit and therefore is considered exempt in accordance with CEQA Guidelines §15304 (f) and §15301(b).

Lead Agency

Contact Person:

Elizabeth Menchaca-Guhl

Area

Code/Telephone/Extension:

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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: *Elizabeth Menchaca-Guhl* Date: 07/19/23 Title: Energy Analyst

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed By Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____