

# Notice of Exemption

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**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:** Responsible Agency:  
California Energy Commission  
Fuels and Transportation Division  
1516 Ninth Street, MS-6  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Project Title:** EVCS Mendocino Hwy 1 corridor DCFC and Surrounding Rural Area DCFC

**Project Applicant:** EV Charging Solutions, Inc.

- 1) Elk Cove Inn & Spa  
6300 S. Highway One  
Elk, CA 95432
- 2) Seafoam Lodge  
6751 N. Highway One  
Little River, CA 95456
- 3) Holiday Inn Express Fort Bragg  
250 State Highway 20  
Fort Bragg, CA 95437
- 4) 220 Pearson Road  
Paradise, CA 95969
- 5) Holiday Inn Express Oroville  
550 Oro Dam Blvd  
Oroville, CA 95965

**Project Location - Specific:**

**Project Location - City:** Elk, Little River, Fort Bragg, Paradise, Oroville

**Project Location - County:** Mendocino, Butte

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

The objective of this Agreement is to install a total of 20 direct current fast chargers (DCFC) and six Level 2 chargers for electric vehicles at five sites in Northern California to serve rural EV drivers.

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

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** EV Charging Solutions, Inc.

## 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: §15301 – “Existing Facilities”  
§15303 – “New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures”  
§15304 – “Minor Alterations to Land”
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 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 five existing parking facilities. The electric vehicle charging stations will be installed on existing paved parking lots 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. Six Level 2 chargers and 20 DCFC will be installed. Specifically, the Tritium fast charging equipment to be installed is approximately half the size of a phone booth and the Level 2 charging equipment is the size of a parking meter. The equipment will be installed in existing, paved parking lots. 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. There will be a small amount of dust during the 2-4 week construction period. Minimum trenching in a ground level parking lot will be required for this project. No trenching will be required for locations with a multi-level parking structure. The trenching 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:** Madison Jarvis **Area** **Code/Telephone/Extension:** (916) 237-2555

### 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: Madison Jarvis Date: 12/13/2023 Title: Air Pollution Specialist

Signed by Responsible Agency  Signed By Applicant

**Date Received for filing at OPR:** \_\_\_\_\_