

# Notice of Exemption

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**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:** California Energy Commission  
715 P Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Project Title:** Deploying Regional DC Fast Charging to Support Electric Transportation In Southern California

**Project Applicant:** EVgo Services, LLC

**Project Location – Varies:** 10 sites Across Southern California

**Project Location - City:** Santa Maria, Santa Barbara, Thousand Oaks, Hesperia, Ontario, Ladera Ranch, Rancho Mirage, Loma Linda, Torrance, and Alpine

**Project Location - County:** Santa Barbara, Ventura, San Bernardino, Orange, Riverside, Los Angeles, and San Diego Counties

Address	County	Type of Work to Be Completed at Site
2120 S Bradley Rd, Santa Maria, CA 93455	Santa Barbara	Installation of high-powered direct current fast charging (DCFC) stations, including requirement electrical upgrades for chargers and supporting equipment.
1302 State St, Santa Barbara, CA 93101	Santa Barbara	Installation of high-powered direct current fast charging (DCFC) stations, including requirement electrical upgrades for chargers and supporting equipment.
275 N Moorpark Rd East, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360	Ventura	Installation of high-powered direct current fast charging (DCFC) stations, including requirement electrical upgrades for chargers and supporting equipment.
15555 E Main, Hesperia, CA 92345	San Bernardino	Installation of high-powered direct current fast charging (DCFC) stations, including requirement electrical upgrades for chargers and supporting equipment.
4583 Mills Circle, Ontario, CA 91764	San Bernardino	Installation of high-powered direct current fast charging (DCFC) stations, including requirement electrical upgrades for chargers and supporting equipment.
27612 Antonio Pkwy, Ladera Ranch, CA 92694	Orange	Installation of high-powered direct current fast charging (DCFC) stations, including requirement electrical upgrades for chargers and supporting equipment.
36101 Bob Hope Dr, Suite B-5, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270	Riverside	Installation of high-powered direct current fast charging (DCFC) stations, including requirement electrical upgrades for chargers and supporting equipment.
25701 Barton Rd, Loma Linda, CA 92354	San Bernardino	Installation of high-powered direct current fast charging (DCFC) stations, including requirement electrical upgrades for chargers and supporting equipment.
1770 W Carson St, Torrance, CA 90501	Los Angeles	Installation of high-powered direct current fast charging (DCFC) stations, including requirement electrical upgrades for chargers and supporting equipment.
2754 Alpine Blvd, Alpine, CA 91901	San Diego	Installation of high-powered direct current fast charging (DCFC) stations, including requirement electrical upgrades for chargers and supporting equipment.

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

EVgo Services will install and operate sixty-six (66) direct current fast chargers across ten locations at existing paved parking lots along corridors in Southern California to support high-mileage on-demand transportation services and the general public.

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

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** EVgo Services LLC

**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 Reg.s, tit. 14, sections 15301, 15303 and 15304.
- 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 existing or former use, are categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This project involves installation of 66 350kW direct current fast EV charger stalls at ten different existing paved parking lots along corridors in Southern California. The charging equipment to be installed is approximately 40 in x 78 in x 31 in. This project involves negligible or no expansion of existing or former use of the sites. There is potential for grading and trenching activities at the parking lots if there are severe ground irregularities or if new conduits or pipelines need to run underground. In addition, the electric vehicle charging stations will be installed on existing pavement and will connect to existing electrical infrastructure. 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. The proposed project activities consist of minor alterations to existing facilities. Electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) will be installed in pre-existing parking lots. Existing electric infrastructure will be used to power electric vehicle charging. Therefore, the project falls within section 15303.

Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, sect. 15304 (f) 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, the EVSE will be installed at fully developed sites. EVSE will be installed in pre-existing parking lots. These areas currently do not support riparian habitat, federally protected wetlands, or migratory corridors. Additionally, special status plants, animals, or natural communities are not expected to be found within close proximity to the affected facilities. Therefore, the project falls within section 15304.

The project will not impact an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies; does not involve 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.

**Responsible Agency**

Contact Person: Soham Mistry

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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: *Soham Mistry* Date: 03/21/2024 Title: Associate Energy Specialist

Signed by Responsible Agency

Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing at OPR: 03/21/2024

Signed by Applicant