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From: California Energy Commission
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Project Applicant: The Regents of the University of California, San Diego

Project Title: Postcard from 2030

Project Location – Specific: Various

Project Location – City: La Jolla

Project Location – County: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This agreement will install at least 653 Level 2 EV charging ports to support convenient, high-visibility, low-cost Level 2 EV charging sites at approximately four locations within a 1.5-mile radius, on or near the University of California San Diego campus.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: The Regents of the University of California, San Diego

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,Cal. Codes Regs, Title 14 Sec. 15303 Cal. Code Regs., Title 14, Sec. 15304
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number.
- Common Sense Exemption.

Reasons why project is exempt:

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 use beyond that existing at the time of responsible agency’s determination, are categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA. The project involves the installation of at least 653 charging ports. Charging ports will be installed on existing pavement and will not have a significant impact on the environment. All project sites are located on existing facilities. Sites are located either in existing parking lots or garages within a 1.5-mile radius on or near The University of California, San Diego’s main campus. Therefore, the project falls under Section 15301 and will not have a significant impact on the environment.

Cal. Codes 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 will result in the installation of small equipment, approximately the size of a payphone (24.6”x12.6”x6.7”). All equipment will be located on existing parking lots or garages. Therefore, the project falls under Section 15303 and will not have significant impact on the environment.

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 may be necessary for existing or new electrical infrastructure. Trenching will take place on parking lots or garages with

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

existing pavement. Any alterations to pavement will be restored. Alterations will not be deemed to be significant. Therefore, the projects fall within section 15304.

This project does not involve impacts on any particularly sensitive environment; 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.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Julianne Lea **Area code/Telephone/Ext:** 916-252-9747

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: Julianne Lea **Date:** 7/16/24 **Title:** Commission Agreement Manager

Signed by Responsible Agency

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____