

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: California Energy Commission
715 P Street, MS-27
Sacramento, CA 95814

Project Title: TRUCKING-AS-A-SERVICE - PORT OF SAN DIEGO DRAYAGE EV DCFC CHARGING HUB

Project Applicant: SkyChargers, LLC

Project Location - Specific: Tidelands Ave and W 19th St., National City, CA 91950

Project Location - City: National City

Project Location - County: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Under agreement ZVI-23-030, the California Energy Commission will provide a grant of \$10,000,000 to SkyChargers to install 23 dual-port chargers for overnight truck charging, 12 dual-port direct current fast chargers for opportunity charging, and a 1.7 MW solar-powered microgrid and 1 MW battery energy storage system (BESS) for reliability and resiliency. The charging facilities will be situated on leased land at the Port of San Diego. Charging infrastructure will support an innovative "trucking-as-a-service" business model, which will provide independent owner-operators and small trucking drayage businesses with Class 8 battery-electric truck leasing.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: SkyChargers, 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 Regs., tit. 14, sec. 15301, 15303, 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 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 (CEQA). This project will install electrical infrastructure and electric vehicle charging stations in an existing parking facility, which will require foundation and electrical upgrades. Construction activities will include minimal grading, trenching from the electrical panel to the charger locations, and new pipelines for electrical and plumbing. The electrical vehicle charging station will be installed on an existing parking lot 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. There will be 23 overnight chargers, 12 opportunity chargers, a solar canopy, and a battery energy storage system installed at a parking lot in the Port of San Diego. The dimensions of the chargers are 7'11" H x 2'5" W x 11" D, with a footprint of 3'2" x 2'1". The equipment will be installed in an existing, paved parking lot. 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. In this project, trenching will be necessary to bury conduit from the electrical panel to the charging stations. 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.

This 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 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.

Responsible Agency

Contact Person: Daniel Siu Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-908-7483

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: Daniel Siu Date: 5/23/2024 Title: Energy Analyst

Signed by Responsible Agency

Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

Signed by Applicant