

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:

Project Applicant: City of Long Beach

Project Location - Specific: 2600 Temple Ave., Long Beach CA 90806 and 2929 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90806

Project Location - City: Long Beach

Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed project consists of installation of ten fast chargers and a 2MW battery backup system to support the City's medium- and heavy-duty (MDHD) electric truck fleet, provide grid resiliency and stability at the Fleet Services Yard in Long Beach. The City will also complete design and engineering for 109 level 2 charging ports at Fleet Services Yard and 105 Level 2 charging ports at the Environmental Service Bureau (ESB) Yard.

Beneficiaries include residents of Los Angeles County.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Long Beach

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, 15303, 15304
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, Section 15301 Existing Facilities provides that the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features which involve negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the responsible agency's determination, are categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This project involves installation of ten direct current fast chargers at the Fleet Services Yard on Temple Avenue and involves no expansion of existing and former use of the sites. Therefore, this project is exempt under California Code of Regulations, title 14, 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 existing sites. The charging equipment to be installed is approximately (7.87 height x 2.36 width x 1.44 depth) feet for the chargers and (7.25 height x 3.25 width x 3.42 depth) feet for each of the power blocks. In addition, the electric vehicle charging stations will be installed at existing, paved parking spaces. 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. This project involves installation of electric vehicle charging stations in existing, paved parking spaces and the work will not involve the removal of any trees. Therefore, this project is exempt under California Code of Regulations, title 14, 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.

Responsible Agency

Contact Person: Esther Odufuwa Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-897-3612

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: *Esther Odufuwa* Date: 08/20/2024 Title: Air Pollution Specialist

- Signed by Responsible Agency
 - Signed by Lead Agency
 - Signed by Applicant
- Date received for filing at OPR: _____