

Notice of Exemption

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From: Responsible Agency:
California Energy Commission
Fuels and Transportation Division
715 P Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Project Title: NorCal-GoPowerEV

Project Applicant: GoPowerEV, Inc.

Project Location - Specific: Multiple multi-family housing sites in Northern California

Project Location - City: Pleasant Hill, Alameda, Soquel, Lafayette, Hayward, San Pablo, San Jose, Sacramento

Project Location - County: Contra Costa, Alameda, Santa Cruz, Santa Clara, Sacramento

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project will install at least 528 charging ports across 9 multi-family housing sites in Northern California (176 Level 2 and 352 Level 1) to increase electric vehicle charging access for multi-family housing residents.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: GoPowerEV, 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: 14 CCR §§ 15301, 15303, 15304
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

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 the responsible agency's determination, are categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act. The project involves installation of electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) across 28 existing multi-family housing sites. The components for the EVSE will result in only minor alteration of the existing structures and facilities at the sites. The sites will require no infrastructure upgrades aside from the EVSE installations. Therefore, this 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. EVSE will be installed in existing parking lots. Existing electric infrastructure will be used

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to power EV charging. The sites will require no infrastructure upgrades aside from the charger installations. Therefore, the project falls within section 15303.

Cal. Code Regs., tit. 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, the EVSE will be installed at fully developed sites. EVSEs will be installed in 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. The sites will require no infrastructure upgrades aside from the charger installations. 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.

For these reasons, the proposed work will not have any significant effect on the environment and falls under sections 15301, 15303, and 15304.

Responsible Agency

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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: *Danny Leung* Date: 10/23/2024 Title: Specialist
Energy Commission

Signed by Responsible Agency Signed By Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: 10/23/2024