

# Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
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From: (Public Agency): California Energy Commission  
715 P Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

County Clerk

County of: Contra Costa  
555 Escobar Street  
Martinez, CA 94553

(Address)

Project Title: Countywide Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Network Serving Municipal Fleets

Project Applicant: Contra Costa County Department of Public Works

Project Location - Specific:

Various locations throughout Contra Costa County

Project Location - City: Brentwood, Concord, Hercules, Martinez, Pittsburg, Richmond, S Project Location - County: Contra Costa

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project will install at least 158 Level 2 EV charger ports and 20 EV direct current fast charger ports at approximately 14 fleet parking facilities to serve the county's light-duty EV fleet and fleet transition to zero emission.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Contra Costa County

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Contra Costa County Department of Public Works

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; 15311
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, sec. 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 CEQA. This project will install approximately 178 EV charging ports at existing, paved parking spaces at approximately 14 county facilities. 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 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures, 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. In addition, the EV charging stations will be installed at existing, paved parking spaces. Therefore, the project is exempt under California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15303 and will not have a significant effect on the environment.  
Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, sec. 15304 Minor Alterations to Land, 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 EV charging stations in existing, paved parking spaces, may involve minor trenching within the bounds of the existing lots, 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.  
Cal Code Regs., tit. 14, sec. 15311 Accessory Structures, provides that projects which consist of construction or placement of minor structures accessory or appurtenant to existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities are categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA. This project involves installation of EV charging stations on existing paved parking sites of existing institutional facilities. Therefore, this project is exempt under California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15311 and will not have a significant effect on the environment.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Izaak Tompkins Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (925) 313-2176

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: Matthew Jumps Date: 4/25/25 Title: Agreement Manager

■ Signed by Public Agency Signed by Applicant

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

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_