

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
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1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

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

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Project Title: (REVISED) ChargeReady Community

Project Applicant: Sacramento Municipal Utility District

Project Location - Specific: Various

Project Location - City: Sacramento and North Highlands

Project Location - County: Sacramento – Site list attached.

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The objective of this project is to deploy at least 117 electric vehicle (EV) charging stations at up to 11 multi-family housing complexes throughout Sacramento. The EV chargers will help to increase EV adoption among tenants living in the properties where chargers will be installed and accelerate deployment of EVs in California.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Sacramento Municipal Utility District

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, §15301 and §15304
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Under CEQA Guidelines § 15062, a lead agency must identify the rationale for making the determination that a project is exempt under CEQA. CEC has determined that the ChargeReady Project is exempt under CEQA Guidelines §15301, Class 1 Existing Facilities (b) Existing facilities of both investor and publicly owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services. The Class 1 exemption applies to the "operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination" and § 15304 (f), Minor Alterations to Land, "Class 4 consists 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 or agricultural purposes. Examples include but are not limited to: Minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored." The ChargeReady Project involves minor alterations to land and the trenching or underground directional boring for installation of conduit and therefore is considered exempt in accordance with CEQA Guidelines §15304 (f) and §15301(b).

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Elizabeth Menchaca-Guhl

Area

Code/Telephone/Extension: 279-226-1099

If filed by applicant:

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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: Elizabeth Menchaca-Guhl Date: 6/13/2025 Title: Associate Energy Specialist

☒ Signed by Lead Agency

☐ Signed By Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

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List of Project Sites:

1. Cornerstone – 4637 Underwood Way, Sacramento, CA 95823
2. Mutual Housing on the Boulevard – 7351 Stockton Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95828
3. Mutual Housing at the Highlands – 6010 34th Street, North Highlands, CA 95660
4. Foothill Plaza – 5324 Hemlock Street, Sacramento, CA 95841
5. Wong Center Senior Apartments – 631 F Street, Sacramento, CA 95814
6. Lavender Courtyard – 1616 F, Street Sacramento, CA 95814
7. Mutual Housing on the Greenway- 6311 Sampson Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95824
8. Mutual Housing at Lemon Hill – 6000 Lemon Hill Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95824
9. Mutual Housing at Sky Park – 5500 Sky Parkway, Sacramento, CA 95823
10. Norwood Estates – 3335 Norwood Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95838
11. Glen Ellen – 2394 Glen Ellen Circle, Sacramento, CA 95822