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: WattEV 3C: Connecting California's Corridors

Project Applicant: WattEV, Inc.

Project Location - Specific: 4131 S Chestnut Ave

Project Location - City: Unincorporated

Project Location - County: Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project involves the installation of 18 pull-through medium- and heavy duty accessible public chargers within an existing parking lot. The beneficiaries are zero emission battery electric truck drivers and the public for emissions reduction.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: WattEV, 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: Cal. Code Regs., tit.14 §§15301,15303, 15304

☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:
CCR section number: Sections 15301, 15303, 15304 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. This project involves the installation of public electric vehicle charging infrastructure, including 70 Combined Charging System (CCS) 240 kW chargers and 14 Megawatt Charging System (MCS) 1200 kW chargers in existing paved parking lots across three corridor sites in Fresno, Stockton, and Oakland, California. 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, Section 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 involves the installation of new, small equipment, including 70 Combined Charging System (CCS) 240 kW chargers and 14 Megawatt Charging System (MCS) 1200 kW chargers in existing paved parking lots across three corridor sites in Fresno, Stockton, and Oakland, California. The charging equipment to be installed is small and each charger has a footprint of approximately 3

square feet. Therefore, this project is therefore categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA under section 15303 of the CEQA Guidelines as a project that consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures or the installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures.

Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, Section 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 CEQA. This project requires minimum grading on land with a slope of less than 10 percent, and the grading is not in a waterway, in any wetland, in an officially designated (by federal, state, or local government action) scenic area, or in officially mapped areas of severe geologic hazard such as an Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zone or within an official Seismic Hazard Zone, as delineated by the State Geologist. Furthermore, The project will not affect any visual resources, such as protected trees or historic resources. Installation of the chargers will include installation of conduit, wiring, electrical connections, and mounting equipment. On-site trenching is required to bring power to the charging system. The project will not impact adjacent residential homes, traffic or right of way, or noise. The reconstruction and conversion of any small structures for this project will not impact any scenic resources. Therefore, this project is exempt under California Code of Regulations, title 14, 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 any scenic resources within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway; the project sites are 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

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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: Kristi Villareal Date: 8/13/2025 Title: Air Pollution Specialist

☒ Signed by Responsible Agency ☐ Signed By Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

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