Notice of Exemption **Form D**

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: California Energy Commission
715 P Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Project Applicant: The Regents of the University of California

Project Title: Demonstrating Electric Vehicle Sub-Metering Solutions (DEVS)

Project Location:

Address	City	County
105 E Anapamu St	Santa Barbara 93101	Santa Barbara
1590 Tilia St	Davis 95616	Yolo
3106 Harold Frank Hall, University of California	Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara
2544 Leghorn St	Mountain View 94043	Santa Clara

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
The purpose of this Agreement is to fund the development and demonstration of flexible submetering solutions utilizing embedded submeters within Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSEs) and customer-owned external submeters, enabling vehicle-grid integration (VGI) benefits while reducing the costs associated with utility-grade meters. This project will assess the technical and economic feasibility of submetering for fleets, multi-unit dwellings, workplaces, and public charging, paving the way for broader adoption across California.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: The Regents of the University of California

Exempt Status: (*check one)*

- ☐ Ministerial Exemption (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(1); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(3); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(4); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15269(b)(c));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number

  Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15301 ; Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15306
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number.
- ☐ Common Sense Exemption. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §15061(b)(3))

Reasons why project is exempt:

Cal. Code Regs., tit 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 existing or former use at the time of the lead agency's determination, are categorically exempt from the provisions of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The project will gather information from an existing site in Santa Barbara and the technology is unlikely to increase demand for the existing public chargers. There will be no, or minimal, alterations of the current charging

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

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hardware at the site. The alterations consist solely of a software solution which will not result in any impact on the land or result in digging, alteration, trenching or an impact of the surrounding environment. Subsequent to the implementation of the solution, the project will then primarily consist of basic data collection, research, and data analysis which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. Therefore, the project is exempt under Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, sec. 15301.

Cal. Code Reg., tit 14 sec. 15306 provides that projects which consist of basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. This project will result in the creation of a software solution, implementing the software solution, and analyzing resulting data to model the effect of submetering of electric vehicles charging stations. There will not be a disturbance to an environmental resource. Therefore, the project is exempt under Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, sec. 15306.

The project does not involve impacts on any particularly sensitive environment; 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.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Ran Laviv **Area code/Telephone/Ext:** 916-258-2951

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: Ran Laviv **Date:** 9/12/2025 **Title:** CAM

☒ **Signed by Public Agency**

☐ **Signed by Applicant** **Date received for filing at OPR:** _____

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