# Notice of Exemption

**To:** Office of Planning and Research
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**From:** Responsible Agency:
California Energy Commission
Fuels and Transportation Division
715 P Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Project Title:** California Round 2 NEVI Project - Corridor Group 15C– Pilot Travel Centers LLC

**Project Applicant:** Pilot Travel Centers LLC

**Project Location - Specific:** 1497 Piper Ranch Rd

**Project Location - City:** San Diego

**Project Location - County:** San Diego

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:**

This project will install, operate, and maintain four public electric vehicle (EV) direct current fast charging (DCFC) ports at one charging station along State Route 905 in San Diego, California under the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Formula Program. All DCFC charging ports will be operated and maintained in accordance with the requirements in Title 23, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 680.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** California Energy Commission

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Pilot Travel Centers LLC

**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: §15301 and §15303
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, sec. 15301 provides that projects that consist of 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 existing or former use, are categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA. This project involves the installation of four EV charging ports at one site located in San Diego. The site is located less than one mile from State Route 905, and is located within an existing, paved parking lot on commercial property. No historic buildings or resources will be impacted by the project. Minor modifications to the site may be needed such as installing electrical equipment including a transformer and switchgear, trenching to install electrical conduit to connect the transformer and switchgear to the utility connection. Because the existing sites of the project have been previously developed with minor alterations included, this project involves negligible or no expansion of existing or former use and will not have a significant effect on the environment. Therefore, this project is exempt under section 15301.

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 project will be confined to the existing lot within an area of approximately 40 feet by 60 feet. Because this project consists of the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small structures and/or the installation of small new equipment in small structures with only minor modifications to the structures, this project is exempt under section 15303.

Additionally, the project does not involve any unusual circumstances, will not result in damage to any scenic resources within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway, none of the sites are 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. The project, when considered as a whole, will not result in a cumulative impact that is significant on the environment. Therefore, none of the exceptions to exemptions listed in CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2 apply to this project and this project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

**Responsible Agency Contact Person:** Brittani Gallagher **Area Code/Telephone/Extension:** (916) 232-8864

**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: Brittani Gallagher Date: 11/14/25 Title: Air Pollution Specialist

☒ Signed by Responsible Agency ☐ Signed By Applicant

**Date Received for filing at OPR:** _____