

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: Deployment of Public DC Fast Charging Hubs in Priority Communities of Santa Barbara and Irvine

Project Applicant: ENERIDGE INC.

Project Location - Specific: 15 Santa Barbara St, Santa Barbara, CA 93101
and 15215 Barranca Pkwy, Irvine, CA 92618

Project Location - City: Santa Barbara and Irvine

Project Location - County: Santa Barbara and Orange County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Eneridge Inc. will install charging infrastructure of at minimum 20 direct current fast charging (DCFC) ports across at minimum two sites in Southern California.

The purpose of this project is to provide publicly available DC fast chargers benefiting all Californians with 50% of ports in disadvantaged and/or low-income communities.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project:

California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

ENERIDGE 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:

§15301 and 15303

☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

CCR section number: Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, sec. 15301 and 15303

Section 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 use beyond

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code

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that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination, are categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act. This project includes installation of at minimum 20 direct current fast charging (DCFC) across at minimum two sites. Each site has existing structure and/or facilities and involve negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

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 will be at minimum across two locations with existing structure and/or facility. Each site will include approximate ground footprint of 17sq/ft for each power cabinets (2/per site) and 4sq/ft for each of the dual port (DCFC) dispensers (5 units or 10 ports/per site). Therefore, the project falls within section 15303 and will not have a significant effect on the environment.

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

Responsible Agency

Contact Person: _____

Area

Code/Telephone/Extension: _____

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: _____

Devika Singh

Date: _____

1/23/2026

Title: _____

Energy Commission
Specialist III

☒ Signed by Responsible Agency

☐ Signed By Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

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