

Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County of: N/A

From: (Public Agency): California Energy Commission
715 P Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

(Address)

Project Title: ACCESS Alameda - Accelerating Community Charging & Equitable Sustainability Solutions in Alameda

Project Applicant: County of Alameda

Project Location - Specific:

Alameda County

Project Location - City: Oakland, Castro Valley, Pleasanton

Project Location - County: Alameda

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project will install at least 40 direct current fast charging (DCFC) charging ports across four publicly accessible sites, serving electric vehicle drivers across Alameda County.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: County of Alameda

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, sec. 15301 and 15303
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

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 will install at least 40 direct current fast charging (DCFC) charging ports at approximately four county-owned sites. Approximately 10 DCFC charging ports will be installed at each location. The electric vehicle charging stations will be installed at existing parking lots or parking structures. Minor trenching and modification of existing electrical panels may be necessary. Therefore, this project is exempt under California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301 and will not have a significant effect on the environment.

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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. This project consists of installation of new, small equipment to existing sites. The charging equipment to be installed is approximately 35 " L x 26 " W x 87 " H for DCFC charging equipment. In addition, the electric vehicle charging stations will be installed at existing, paved parking spaces. Minor trenching and modification of existing electrical panels may be necessary. Therefore, the project falls within section 15303 and will not have a significant effect on the environment.

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 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: Julianne Lea (Responsible Agency) Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 237-2554

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: Julianne Lea Date: 2/2/2026 Title: Associate Energy Specialist

☐ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

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

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____