

# Notice of Exemption

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**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:** EvGateway's Proposal for FAST 2.0 (Madera)

**Project Applicant:** EvGateway

**Project Location - Specific:** 32603 Ave 7, Madera, CA 93637, United States

**Project Location - City:** Madera

**Project Location - County:** Madera

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

This project will develop, install, operate, and maintain 10 direct current fast chargers in Madera California. The purpose of this project is to provide publicly available DC fast chargers benefiting all Californians with 100% of ports in disadvantages and low-income communities.

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

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** EvGateway

## 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:

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 that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination, are categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This project will involve the installation of at least 10 DCFC electric vehicle charging ports, at one existing public parking facility in Madera. All work will be within previously developed and paved areas. The project will not cause expansion of building footprint or impacts to sensitive environmental resources. This installation will be a minor alteration to the existing facility with no expansion beyond the existing use of the facility and will not have a significant effect on the environment. This project therefore falls under categorical exemption listed in CEQA Guidelines Section 15301.

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

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structure, are categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA. This project consists of installation of at least 10 new DCFC charging ports, with mechanical dimensions of 29" length x 26.5" depth x 73" each within a 1ft<sup>3</sup> space, The equipment will be installed in existing, paved parking lots. 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:** Iris Dimpsey

**Area**

**Code/Telephone/Extension:** 916-314-3381

**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: Iris Dimpsey Date: 9/12/2025 Title: Energy Analyst

Signed by Responsible Agency  Signed By Applicant

**Date Received for filing at OPR:** \_\_\_\_\_