



**CEQA EXEMPTION / NEPA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION  
DETERMINATION FORM (rev. 06/2022)**

**Project Information**

**Project Name:** EV Chargers at 5 Maintenance Stations in San Diego County

**DIST-CO-RTE:** 11-SD-VAR

**PM/PM:** VAR

**EA:** 11-43306/PID 1126000023

**Federal-Aid Project Number:** N/A

**Project Description**

Caltrans proposes a Director’s Order (DO) to install Level 3 EV chargers at various Maintenance Stations in San Diego County. The maintenance stations include Escondido (#5710), Camino del Rio (#5702), Imperial (#5807), Otay (#5806), and Pacific Highway (#5801). This work includes purchasing Level 3 chargers, trenching new conduits, pouring EV charger foundations, installing safety bollards and applicable signage, and running power from the electrical switchgear to the Level 3 chargers. Trenches will be standard 30” depth by 12” to 18” wide. Although trenches are 30” deep, if they rock wheel it, it’s going to be 6” wide and 30” deep. Footings are 22.2” in width x 34.6” in length x 24” in depth. It’s anticipated there will be minimal ground disturbance by trenching from switchgear to chargers, and the length varies per location. The electrical SDG&E power connection path outside of Caltrans right-of-way (ROW) is for reference only and not included in this project. All work completed on this contract is within the State ROW. The electrical paths extending outside of ROW were performed by SDG&E in accordance with their encroachment permits for this project. Per the DO, the working days have been updated from 30 days to 120 days. All work will occur within State right-of-way. Environmental commitments for biological resources, visual resources, hazardous waste/materials, air quality, and NPDES/Stormwater are included in the Environmental Commitments Record (ECR).

**Caltrans CEQA Determination** (Check one)

- Not Applicable** – Caltrans is not the CEQA Lead Agency
- Not Applicable** – Caltrans has prepared an IS or EIR under CEQA

Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the project is:

- Exempt by Statute.** (PRC 21080[b]; 14 CCR 15260 et seq.)
- Categorically Exempt. Class 1** (PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15300 et seq.)
  - No exceptions apply that would bar the use of a categorical exemption (PRC 21084 and 14 CCR 15300.2). See the [SER Chapter 34](#) for exceptions.
- Covered by the Common Sense Exemption.** This project does not fall within an exempt class, but it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment (14 CCR 15061[b][3].)

**Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief**

Mitchell Doucette	<i>Mitchell Doucette</i>	4/7/2026
Print Name	Signature	Date

**Project Manager**

Ahmad Haidari	<i>Ahmad Haidari</i>	4/6/2026
Print Name	Signature	Date



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## Caltrans NEPA Determination (Check one)

**Not Applicable**

Caltrans has determined that this project has no significant impacts on the environment as defined by NEPA, and that there are no unusual circumstances as described in 23 CFR 771.117(b). See [SER Chapter 30](#) for unusual circumstances. As such, the project is categorically excluded from the requirements to prepare an EA or EIS under NEPA and is included under the following:

- 23 USC 326:** Caltrans has been assigned, and hereby certifies that it has carried out the responsibility to make this determination pursuant to 23 USC 326 and the Memorandum of Understanding dated April 18, 2022, executed between FHWA and Caltrans. Caltrans has determined that the project is a Categorical Exclusion under:
  - 23 CFR 771.117(c): activity (c)()**
  - 23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d)()**
  - Activity listed in Appendix A of the MOU between FHWA and Caltrans**
- 23 USC 327:** Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, Caltrans has determined that the project is a Categorical Exclusion under 23 USC 327. The environmental review, consultation, and any other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by Caltrans pursuant to 23 USC 327 and the Memorandum of Understanding dated May 27, 2022, and executed by FHWA and Caltrans.

### Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

N/A

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Print Name

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Signature

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Date

### Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

N/A

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Print Name

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Signature

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Date

**Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable):** N/A

**Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent:** 4/6/2026

Briefly list environmental commitments on continuation sheet if needed (i.e., not necessary if included on an attached ECR). Reference additional information, as appropriate (e.g., additional studies and design conditions).