

## Notice of Exemption

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**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:** Caltrans District 11  
4050 Taylor Street, MS 242  
San Diego, CA 92110

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

Project Applicant: Caltrans, District 11

Project Location - City: San Diego and Escondido Project Location - County: San Diego

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

Caltrans proposes a Director's Order (DO) to install Level 3 EV chargers at five (5) 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.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans, District 11

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans, District 11

**Exempt Status:**

- 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
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

Project consists of the repair, maintenance, of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. Specifically, Caltrans will stall Level 3 EV chargers at five maintenance stations in San Diego County. 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.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Emery McCaffery

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**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: *Emery McCaffery* Date: 4/9/2026 Title: Environmental Scientist

Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: 4/9/2026

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

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