Notice of Exemption **Form D**

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: California Energy Commission
715 P Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Project Applicant: Mt. Diablo Unified School District

Project Title: Mt. Diablo Flexible Community Connection

Project Location:

Address	City	County
2326 Bisso Ln	Concord 94520	Contra Costa
1490 Gasoline Aly	Concord 94520	Contra Costa

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
Mt. Diablo Unified School District will demonstrate demand-responsive management of MDUSD's EV School Bus Charging Depot. Five dual-port DC fast chargers will be installed alongside MDUSD's existing EVSE and solar PV, and integrated with a MW-scale UL 3141-certified PCS (developed under this project), stationary BESS, and a charge management hub. They will enroll in PG&E's FlexConnect Pilot to accommodate the site's capacity constraints.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Mt. Diablo Unified School District

Exempt Status: (*check one)*

- ☐ Ministerial Exemption (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(1); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(3); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(4); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15269(b)(c));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number

  Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15303, 15304
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number.
- ☐ Common Sense Exemption. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §15061(b)(3))

Reasons why project is exempt:

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 microgrid components and a solar canopy on existing structures at an existing transportation yard. In addition, the electric vehicle charging stations will be installed at

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

locations that are already developed and paved. Therefore, the project falls within section 15303 and will not have a significant effect on the environment.

Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, sect. 15304 provides that projects which consist of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes are categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA. This project involves only minor alterations to previously developed land, such as installing EV charging equipment, microgrid components, and a solar canopy on an existing transportation yard. These activities require only minor trenching and backfilling with full surface restoration, which is expressly exempt under sect;15304(f). The project does not remove mature trees, expand the facility footprint, or disturb wetlands, scenic areas, or other sensitive environmental resources. As a result, the environmental impact is negligible and the project is exempt from CEQA.

Additionally, 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.

Public Agency
Contact Person: **Sean Dory** **Area code/Telephone/Ext:** 916-244-9821

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: **Sean Dory** **Date:** **8/25/2026** **Title:** **EGSS I**

☒ **Signed by Public Agency**

☐ **Signed by Applicant** **Date received for filing at OPR:** _____

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