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Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk
County of: Sacramento

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

Project Title: The San Joaquin Valley Regional EV Charging Hub Network

Project Applicant: San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District

Project Location - Specific:
635 Aurora St S, Stockton, CA 95203 and 5920 State Road, Bakersfield, CA 93308

Project Location - City: Stockton and Bakersfield Project Location - County: San Joaquin and Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
This project will install two publicly accessible MDHD charging sites, for a total of 14 charging ports, along major freight corridors. Both sites serve AB 617 priority communities with significant freight related pollution burdens. The project will reduce diesel emissions, improve air quality and advance fleet electrification.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District

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, 15303, 15304
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, sec. 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 existing or former use, are categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act. This project involves installation of 14 new charging ports installed at two project sites, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. Therefore, the project falls within section 15301 and will not have a significant effect on the environment.

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 EVSEs to two project sites. Therefore, the project falls within section 15303 and will not have a significant effect on the environment.

Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, sec. 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 the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes, are categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA. The charger installations across the existing facilities will require minor trenching to place underground conduit. Each site is used as a parking lot, which does not have vegetation. There will be no removal of healthy nature or scenic nature. Therefore, the project falls within section 15304 and will not have a significant effect on the environment.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Lauren Jansen Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 279-226-1112

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: Lauren Jansen Date: 11/19/2026 Title: Air Resources Engineer

▪ 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: _____