



# County of Santa Cruz

## Department of Community Development and Infrastructure

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### NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**To:** Clerk of the Board  
Attn: Juliette Rezzato  
701 Ocean Street, Room 500  
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**Project Name:** Electric Vehicle Charging Installation

**Project Locations and Assessor Parcel No:** Countywide

**Project Applicant:** Michael Beaton, Director, General Services Department

**Project Description:**

The project involves the installation of Level 2 electric vehicle (EV) charging ports with displays at existing County facilities, enhancing accessibility to EV infrastructure. These installations will require adding a dedicated 208V or 240V circuit and circuit breaker. Charging stations will be installed on the ground and will be connected through a hardwired connection to the electrical panel, ensuring proper polarity, grounding, and adherence to technical specifications. All work will take place at established County facilities, with no expansion of use, ensuring compliance with local zoning and environmental standards.

The sites include:

- **1082 Emeline Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA 95062 (APN: 00810116)** – Install 33 Level 2 charging ports with displays.
- **259 Water Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060 (APN: 00832107)** – Install 33 Level 2 charging ports with displays.
- **701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060 (APN: 00526125)** – Install 24 Level 2 charging ports with displays.
- **500 Westridge Drive, Watsonville, CA 95076 (APN: 00526125)** – Install 10 Level 2 charging ports with displays.
- **5200 Soquel Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA 95062 (APN: 02902157)** – Install 4 Level 2 charging ports with displays.
- **3650 Graham Hill Road, Felton, CA 95018 (APN: 06137116)** – Install 10 Level 2 charging ports with displays.
- **1430 Freedom Boulevard, Watsonville, CA 95076 (APN: 01901707)** – Install 10 Level 2 charging ports with displays.

**Agency Approving Project:** County of Santa Cruz

**County Contact:** Tatiana Brennan

Telephone No. 454-3510

**Date Completed:** TBD

This is to advise that the County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors has approved the above-described project on \_\_\_\_\_ (date) and found the project to be exempt from CEQA under the following criteria:

Exempt status: (*check one*)

- ☐ The proposed activity is not a project under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378.
- ☐ The proposed activity is not subject to CEQA as specified under CEQA Guidelines Section 15060 (c).
- ☐ The proposed activity is exempt from CEQA as specified under CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).
- ☐ **Ministerial Project** involving only the use of fixed standards or objective measurements without personal judgment.
- ☐ **Statutory Exemption** other than a Ministerial Project (CEQA Guidelines Section 15260 to 15285).

Specify type:

☒ **Categorical Exemption**

Class 1 – Existing Facilities

Class 3 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures

**Reasons why the project is exempt:**

The project is exempt under CEQA Guidelines sections 15061(b)(2), 15301 and 15303. The project consists of minor upgrades to existing County facilities, including the installation of electric vehicle (EV) chargers, conduit, and related electrical infrastructure, with no expansion of use or building square footage. The exemption under Section 15303 applies as the project involves the construction and installation of limited numbers of small, new facilities and equipment, as well as minor modifications to existing structures to accommodate the new use. These activities represent minor alterations that do not result in significant environmental impacts. In addition, the County has determined that none of the exceptions CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 foreclose the use of Categorical Exemption Sections 15301 or 15303. Therefore, the Project is exempt from CEQA and no further environmental review is required.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: Environmental Coordinator