

# Notice of Exemption

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**From:** Responsible Agency:  
California Energy Commission  
Fuels and Transportation Division  
1516 Ninth Street, MS-6  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Project Title:** California's Interregional Express Corridors (**REVISED**)

**Project Applicant:** ChargePoint, Inc.

**Project Location - Specific:** See specific locations in attached table

**Project Location - City:** See specific locations in attached table

**Project Location - County:** See specific locations in attached table

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

This revised notice of exemption is to change 11 site locations to the original notice of exemption. The overall project will deploy 152 electric vehicle charging stations (consisting of 99 direct current fast chargers and 53 dual-port level 2 electric vehicle charging stations) at 53 locations in California. This project will help strengthen the existing, but limited direct current fast charging network to extend the range of plug-in electric vehicle miles driven, further support the adoption and growth of plug-in electric vehicles in California, and help meet the near-term goal of the Governor's Executive Order B-16-12 specifying infrastructure be built to support the fueling of 1 million zero-emission vehicles by 2020.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** California Energy Commission

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** ChargePoint, Inc.

## 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 – "Existing Facilities"  
§15303 – "New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures"  
§15304 – "Minor Alterations to Land"
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

## Reasons why project is exempt:

Please see attached

## Responsible Agency

**Contact Person:** Brian Fauble

## Area


**Code/Telephone/Extension:** (916) 654-3974

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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:  Date: 5/15/15 Title: Energy Commission Specialist II

Signed by Responsible Agency

Signed By Applicant

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

MAY 16 2015

Date Received for filing at OPR: STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

## New Sites:

Business Name	Site Address	City	Zip	County
City of Arcata Parking Lot	601 8 <sup>th</sup> Street	Arcata	95521	Humboldt
Denny's	840 W Donlon Street	Blythe	92225	Riverside
Chevron	879 Hopper Avenue	Santa Rosa	95403	Sonoma
Truckee Railyard	9932 Donner Pass Road	Truckee	96161	El Dorado
The Crossing at Tahoe Valley	2014-2062 Lake Tahoe Boulevard	South Lake Tahoe	96150	El Dorado
Brady's Mobil	4467 US-395	Inyokern	93527	Kern
Kohl's	19307 Golden Valley Road	Santa Clarita	91387	Los Angeles
Shell	105 Chowchilla Boulevard	Chowchilla	93610	Madera
Chevron	7110 Camino Arroyo	Gilroy	95020	San Benito
City of Lemoore Parking Lot	711 W Cinnamon Drive	Lemoore	93245	Kings
Shell	6437 W Banner Street	Lodi	95242	San Joaquin

## **ARV-16-005-01 California's Interregional Express Corridors**

The Energy Commission made CEQA findings pertaining to this project, including finding that it was categorically exempt under 14 CCR 15301, 15303 and 15304 when the project as originally approved by the Commission on December 14, 2016. A revised Notice of Exemption was filed on July 2, 2018 to change 25 installation site locations. The currently proposed changes through this amendment include the substitution of 11 project sites with new sites. These changes will not result in any impact to the environment beyond those already considered in 2016 and do not change the applicability of the categorical exemptions under 14 CCR 15301, 15303 and 15304.

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 use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination, are categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act. This project involves installation of 99 electric vehicle direct current fast charging stations and 53 level 2 electric vehicle charging stations at 53 existing facilities. Specifically, the fast charging equipment to be installed is approximately the size of a payphone and the level two charging equipment is approximately the size of a parking meter. The existing facilities include 20 retail stores, 14 gas stations, 9 hotels/casinos/inns, 6 restaurants, 3 parking lots/garages, and 1 museum, all commercially zoned to serve the public. At all 53 existing sites, the electric vehicle charging stations will still be installed on existing paved parking lots and connect to existing electrical panels. Therefore, the project still 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 still consists of installation of new small equipment to the existing site. Specifically, the fast charging equipment to be installed is approximately the size of a pay phone and the level two charging equipment is the size of a parking meter. All the equipment will still be installed in existing, paved parking lots. Therefore, the project still 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 removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes are categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA. In this project, minor trenching may be necessary to lay two-inch conduit from the existing electrical panel to the charging equipment, totaling approximately 2 cubic feet per foot of distance from the electrical panel, to connect the proposed new electric vehicle charging station equipment to an existing electrical supply panel. The trenching will still take place on currently paved ground, will not involve the removal of any trees, and surface will be restored. Therefore, the project still falls within section 15304 and will not have a significant effect on the environment.

