

**Notice of Exemption**

**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research  
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From: (Public Agency): California Energy Commission  
1516 Ninth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Project Title: Electric School Bus and Charging Infrastructure  
Project Applicant: Thermalito Union Elementary School District

Project Location - Specific: 440 Plumas Ave

Project Location - City: Oroville  
Project Location - County: Butte

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

To purchase 5 electric school buses, and 5 electric charging stations, and install the electric school bus charging stations.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission  
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Thermalito Union Elementary School 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: Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §§ 15311
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project will involve the installation of five electric vehicle chargers and the construction of an AC paved area for electric buses, a shade canopy for the buses, bus wash area, parking, and a modular office to house the chargers at an elementary school campus in Oroville, CA. The site where the shade structure for the chargers will be constructed is currently an undeveloped portion of the Plumas Avenue Elementary School. The chargers will be used to charge new electric school buses that will replace existing diesel buses. This project therefore consists of the construction or replacement of a minor structure appurtenant to existing facilities.

This project therefore falls under categorical exemption listed in CEQA Guidelines Section 15311. Further, none of the exceptions listed in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply to this project.

Responsible Agency  
Contact Person: Tomas Ortiz Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-654-5005

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: [Signature] Date: 7/17/19 Title: ARE

Signed by Responsible Agency  Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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