

Attachment B – Environmental Documentation



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ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW UPDATE CHECKLIST FORM FOR PROJECTS WITH PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS FOR PURPOSES OF CONSIDERATION OF THE ELECTRIC VEHICLE ROADMAP

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Sections 15162 through 15164 set forth the criteria for determining the appropriate additional environmental documentation, if any, to be completed when there is a previously adopted Negative Declaration (ND) or a previously certified environmental impact report (EIR) covering the project for which a subsequent discretionary action is required. This Environmental Review Update Checklist Form has been prepared in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15164(e) to explain the rationale for determining whether any additional environmental documentation is needed for the Electric Vehicle Roadmap.

1. Background on the previously certified EIR:

A Final Supplemental EIR for the County's Climate Action Plan, Environmental Review Number PDS2016-ER-16-00-003, State Clearing House Number 2016101055, was certified by the Board of Supervisors on February 14, 2018. The certified Final Supplemental EIR evaluated potentially significant effects for the following environmental areas of potential concern: Aesthetics; Agricultural Resources; Air Quality; Biological Resources; Cultural, Historical and Paleontological Resources; Energy, Greenhouse Gas Emissions; Hazards and Hazardous Materials; Hydrology and Water Quality; Land Use and Planning; Noise; Transportation and Traffic; and Tribal Cultural Resources.

It was determined that only Energy, Geology/Soils, Mineral Resources, Population/Housing, Public Services, Recreation, and Utilities and Services would not involve potentially significant impacts. Effects to Aesthetics, Agricultural and Forestry Resources, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural and Paleontological Resources, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use and Planning, Noise, Transportation and Traffic, and Tribal Cultural Resources remained significant and unavoidable. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was made in approving the Climate Action Plan.

The previously certified Final Program EIR is available at <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/advance/climateactionplan/capfinaleir.html>.

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4. Does the project for which a subsequent discretionary action is now proposed differ in any way from the previously approved project?

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NO
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Project Background

On April 10, 2019 (8), the County of San Diego (County) Board of Supervisors (Board) directed the Chief Administrative Officer to develop an Electric Vehicle Roadmap (Roadmap), which would include, but not be limited to, strategies to increase electric vehicle (EV) ownership and use, install charging infrastructure, and identify future grant opportunities to support recommendations.

The Roadmap identified existing County plans (e.g. Climate Action Plan (CAP), Green Fleet Action Plan (GFAP), and Strategic Energy Plan (SEP)) and policies that could be modified in order to bolster the County's EV efforts. The Roadmap also identified new programs or initiatives that the County could undertake to increase EV ownership and availability of charging infrastructure.

The following six goals and recommendations are contained in the Roadmap:

Goal 1: Increase the number of EVs in the County's fleet to 501 vehicles by 2027.

Recommendations:

- 1-A: Amend three Board policies to assist fleet EV conversion by requiring new light-duty vehicles to be EV.
- 1-B: Convert 250 County fleet gas-powered vehicles to EVs by 2025 and install necessary infrastructure.

- 1-C: Convert an additional 251 County fleet gas-powered vehicles to EVs for a total of 501 by 2027 and install necessary infrastructure.
- 1-D: Keep pace with technological trends, track the costs and benefits of fleet conversion, and update the Green Fleet Action Plan no later than 2025 to set goals for medium- and heavy-duty fleet vehicle conversions.

Goal 2: Accelerate the installation of EV Charging Stations at Public Locations in the Unincorporated County.

Recommendations:

- 1-A: Amend Board policy G-15, “Design Standards for County Facilities” by 2019 to require charging infrastructure development at new County facilities.
- 1-B: Install an additional 63 publicly accessible EV charging stations for a total of 100 chargers at County facilities by 2021.
- 1-C: Prepare an EV charger site assessment for County facilities and the unincorporated area and install 2,040 Level II chargers.

Goal 3: Promote and Incentivize County Employee EV Ownership.

Recommendation: Promote and incentivize County employee EV use by developing partnerships with banks, credit unions, and dealerships to extend lending and pricing benefits.

Goal 4: Incentivize and/or Require EV Charging Infrastructure in New and Existing Private Multi-Family Residential and/or Non-Residential Development.

Recommendation: Prepare a cost/benefit analysis of options to incentivize and/or require EV charger installations in private development.

Goal 5: Fund EV Expert/Consumer Advocate as a Regional Resource.

Recommendation: Identify regional partners and cost sharing opportunities to fund a regional EV Expert/consumer advocate on an ongoing basis.

Goal 6: Collaborate with Regional Partners to Support Public and Private Fleet Electrification.

Recommendation: Develop public and private regional partnerships to provide fleet electrification technical support on an ongoing basis.

Evaluation of Project Impacts

The Final Supplemental EIR evaluated impacts resulting from all CAP measures, including the CAP Measures T-3.4, T-3.5, and T-2.3 that would be modified by the Roadmap.

As evaluated throughout the Final Supplemental EIR, installation of EV charging infrastructure would result in small new electrical equipment being placed in parking areas throughout the County. Physical impacts would not be significant and aesthetics would not be disrupted because this type of equipment is typical of a developed area and urban uses.

There would not be any physical impacts associated with the purchase of EVs or the development of any new programs that promote EV ownership in the County.

Therefore, the EV Roadmap Project (Project) would not cause any changes to the CAP or involve new significant environmental impacts that were not previously considered in the certified Final Supplemental EIR for the CAP, or that would cause a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified environmental impacts in the certified Final Supplemental EIR. The Project does not constitute new information of substantial importance that would affect the previous environmental analysis of the certified Final Supplemental EIR.

The Project would also qualify for a Categorical Exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 as described below.

Categorical Exemption: Section 15303 – Small New Structures

Section 15303 of the CEQA Guidelines, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures, details the exemption that falls under Class 3. According to Section 15303, Class 3 consists 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.

This exemption is appropriate for the Project, as it entails the installation of small new electrical equipment. The Project would further implement EV charging infrastructure associated with existing County plans, including the CAP. Level II chargers are placed adjacent to parking stalls and stand approximately 3 feet tall by 1 foot wide. These structures are typical of mechanical equipment found in urban areas and would be interspersed throughout County facilities and other parking areas throughout the County. No aesthetic or other types of physical impacts would occur as result of installation. As such, the Roadmap qualifies as exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15303 of the CEQA Guidelines due to the type and scope of the project.

5. **SUBJECT AREAS DETERMINED TO HAVE NEW OR SUBSTANTIALLY MORE SEVERE SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS COMPARED TO THOSE IDENTIFIED IN THE PREVIOUS ND OR EIR.** The subject areas checked below were determined to be new significant environmental effects or to be previously identified effects that have a substantial increase in severity either due to a change in project, change in circumstances or new information of substantial importance, as indicated by the checklist and discussion on the following pages.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetics	<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture and Forest Resources	<input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality
<input type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources	<input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Resources	<input type="checkbox"/> Energy
<input type="checkbox"/> Geology & Soils	<input type="checkbox"/> Greenhouse Gas Emissions	<input type="checkbox"/> Hazards & Hazardous Materials
<input type="checkbox"/> Hydrology & Water Quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Land Use & Planning	<input type="checkbox"/> Mineral Resources
<input type="checkbox"/> Noise	<input type="checkbox"/> Population & Housing	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Services
<input type="checkbox"/> Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation/Traffic	<input type="checkbox"/> Utilities & Service Systems
<input type="checkbox"/> Wildfire	<input type="checkbox"/> Tribal Cultural Resources	<input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory Findings of Significance

DETERMINATION:

On the basis of this analysis, Planning & Development Services has determined that:

- ☒ No substantial changes are proposed in the project and there are no substantial changes in the circumstances under which the project will be undertaken that will require major revisions to the previous EIR due to the involvement of significant new environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects. Also, there is no "new information of substantial importance" as that term is used in CEQA Guidelines Section 15162(a)(3). Therefore, the previously certified Supplemental EIR (February 2018) can be relied on without modification.
- ☐ No substantial changes are proposed in the project and there are no substantial changes in the circumstances under which the project will be undertaken that will require major revisions to the previous EIR or ND due to the involvement of significant new environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects. Also, there is no "new information of substantial importance" as that term is used in CEQA Guidelines Section 15162(a)(3). Therefore, because the project is a residential project in conformance with, and pursuant to, a Specific Plan with an EIR completed after January 1, 1980, the project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15182.
- ☐ Substantial changes are proposed in the project or there are substantial changes in the circumstances under which the project will be undertaken that will require major revisions to the previous ND due to the involvement of significant new environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects. Or, there is "new information of substantial importance," as that term is used in CEQA Guidelines Section 15162(a)(3). However all new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in severity of previously identified significant effects are clearly avoidable through the incorporation of mitigation measures agreed to by the project applicant. Therefore, a SUBSEQUENT ND is required.
- ☐ Substantial changes are proposed in the project or there are substantial changes in the circumstances under which the project will be undertaken that will require major revisions to the previous ND or EIR due to the involvement of significant new environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects. Or, there is "new information of substantial importance," as that term is used in CEQA Guidelines Section 15162(a)(3). Therefore, a SUBSEQUENT or SUPPLEMENTAL EIR is required.

October 16, 2019

Signature

Date

Kelly Bray

Printed Name

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Sustainability**

Title

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INTRODUCTION

CEQA Guidelines Sections 15162 through 15164 set forth the criteria for determining the appropriate additional environmental documentation, if any, to be completed when there is a previously adopted ND or a previously certified EIR for the project.

CEQA Guidelines, Section 15162(a) and 15163 state that when an ND has been adopted or an EIR certified for a project, no Subsequent or Supplemental EIR or Subsequent Negative Declaration shall be prepared for that project unless the lead agency determines, on the basis of substantial evidence in light of the whole public record, one or more of the following:

1. Substantial changes are proposed in the project which will require major revisions of the previous EIR or Negative Declaration due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects.
2. Substantial changes occur with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken which will require major revisions of the previous EIR or Negative Declaration due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects.
3. New information of substantial importance, which was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the previous EIR was certified as complete or the Negative Declaration was adopted, shows any of the following:
 - a. The project will have one or more significant effects not discussed in the previous EIR or Negative Declaration; or
 - b. Significant effects previously examined will be substantially more severe than shown in the previously adopted Negative Declaration or previously certified EIR; or
 - c. Mitigation measures or alternatives previously found not to be feasible would in fact be feasible, and would substantially reduce one or more significant effects of the project, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative; or
 - d. Mitigation measures or alternatives which are considerably different from those analyzed in the previous Negative Declaration or EIR would substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative.

CEQA Guidelines, Section 15164(a) states that an Addendum to a previously certified EIR may be prepared if some changes or additions are necessary but none of the conditions described in Section 15162 calling for preparation of a Subsequent or Supplemental EIR have occurred.

CEQA Guidelines, Section 15164(b) states that an Addendum to a previously adopted Negative Declaration may be prepared if only minor technical changes or additions are necessary.

If the factors listed in CEQA Guidelines Sections 15162, 15163, or 15164 have not occurred or are not met, no changes to the previously certified EIR or previously adopted ND are necessary.

The following responses detail any changes in the project, changes in circumstances under which the project is undertaken and/or "new information of substantial importance" that may cause one or more effects to environmental resources. The responses support the "Determination," above, as to the type of environmental documentation required, if any.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW UPDATE CHECKLIST

I. AESTHETICS – Since the previous EIR was certified or previous ND was adopted, are there any changes in the project, changes in circumstances under which the project is undertaken and/or "new information of substantial importance" that cause one or more effects to aesthetic resources including: scenic vistas; scenic resources including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, or historic buildings within a state scenic highway; existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings; or day or nighttime views in the area?

YES

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NO

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The Project would not cause any changes to the Climate Action Plan or involve new significant environmental impacts that were not previously considered in the certified Final Supplemental EIR for the Climate Action Plan from February 2018. The Project would not cause a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified environmental impacts in the certified Final Supplemental EIR related to aesthetic resources including: scenic vistas; scenic resources including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, or historic buildings within a state scenic highway; existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings; or day or nighttime views in the area. The Project does not constitute new information of substantial importance that would affect the previous environmental analysis of the certified Final Supplemental EIR.

II. AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY RESOURCES -- Since the previous EIR was certified or previous ND was adopted, are there any changes in the project, changes in circumstances under which the project is undertaken and/or "new information of substantial importance" that cause one or more effects to agriculture or forestry resources including: conversion of Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance to a non-agricultural use, conflicts with existing zoning for agricultural use or Williamson Act contract, or conversion of forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code section 51104(g))?

YES

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NO

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Statewide Importance to a non-agricultural use; conflicts with existing zoning for agricultural use or Williamson Act contract; or conversion of forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code section 4526), or timberland zoned for Timberland Production. The Project does not constitute new information of substantial importance that would affect the previous environmental analysis of the certified Final Supplemental EIR.

III. AIR QUALITY -- Since the previous EIR was certified or previous ND was adopted, are there any changes in the project, changes in circumstances under which the project is undertaken and/or "new information of substantial importance" that cause one or more effects to air quality including: conflicts with or obstruction of implementation of the San Diego Regional Air Quality Strategy (RAQS) or applicable portions of the State Implementation Plan (SIP); violation of any air quality standard or substantial contribution to an existing or projected air quality violation; a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard; exposure of sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations; or creation of objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?

YES

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NO

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The Project as described under item no. 4 beginning on page 2, would not cause any changes to the Climate Action Plan or involve new significant environmental impacts that were not previously considered in the certified Final Supplemental EIR for the Climate Action Plan from February 2018. The Project would not cause a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified environmental impacts in the certified Final Supplemental EIR related to air quality including: conflicts with or obstruction of implementation of the RAQS or SIP; violation of any air quality standard or substantial contribution to an existing or projected air quality violation; a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment; exposure of sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations; or creation of objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people. The Project does not constitute new information of substantial importance that would affect the previous environmental analysis of the certified Final Supplemental EIR.

IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES -- Since the previous EIR was certified or previous ND was adopted, are there any changes in the project, changes in circumstances under which the project is undertaken and/or "new information of substantial importance" that cause one or more effects to biological resources including: adverse effects on any sensitive natural community (including riparian habitat) or species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in a local or regional plan, policy, or regulation, or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; adverse effects to federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act; interference with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with wildlife corridors, or impeding the use of native wildlife nursery sites; and/or conflicts with the provisions of any adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Communities

Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional or state habitat conservation plan, policies or ordinances?

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The Project as described under item no. 4 beginning on page 2, would not cause any changes to the Climate Action Plan or involve new significant environmental impacts that were not previously considered in the certified Final Supplemental EIR for the Climate Action Plan from February 2018. The Project would not cause a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified environmental impacts in the certified Final Supplemental EIR related to biological resources including: adverse effects on any sensitive natural community (including riparian habitat) or species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species; adverse effects to federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act; interference with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with wildlife corridors, or impeding the use of native wildlife nursery sites; and/or conflicts with the provisions of any adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Communities Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional or state habitat conservation plan. The Project does not constitute new information of substantial importance that would affect the previous environmental analysis of the certified Final Supplemental EIR.

V. CULTURAL RESOURCES -- Since the previous EIR was certified or previous ND was adopted, are there any changes in the project, changes in circumstances under which the project is undertaken and/or "new information of substantial importance" that cause one or more effects to cultural resources including: causing a change in the significance of a historical or archaeological resource as defined in State CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.5; destroying a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature; and/or disturbing any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?

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NO

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The Project as described under item no. 4 beginning on page 2, would not cause any changes to the Climate Action Plan or involve new significant environmental impacts that were not previously considered in the certified Final Supplemental EIR for the Climate Action Plan from February 2018. The Project would not cause a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified environmental impacts in the certified Final Supplemental EIR related to cultural resources including: causing a change in the significance of a historical or archaeological resource as defined in State CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.5; destroying a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature; and/or disturbing any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries. The Project does not constitute new information of substantial importance that would affect the previous environmental analysis of the certified Final Supplemental EIR.

VI. ENERGY -- Since the previous EIR was certified or previous ND was adopted, are there any changes in the project, changes in circumstances under which the project is undertaken and/or "new information of substantial importance" that cause one or more effects regarding energy use

including: resulting in potentially significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources, during project construction or operation; or conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency?

YES

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NO

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The Project as described under item no. 4 beginning on page 2, would not cause any changes to the Climate Action Plan or involve new significant environmental impacts that were not previously considered in the certified Final Supplemental EIR for the Climate Action Plan from February 2018. The Project would not cause a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified environmental impacts in the certified Final Supplemental EIR related to energy use including: resulting in potentially significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources during project construction or operation; or conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency. The Project does not constitute new information of substantial importance that would affect the previous environmental analysis of the certified Final Supplemental EIR.

VII. GEOLOGY AND SOILS -- Since the previous EIR was certified or previous ND was adopted, are there any changes in the project, changes in circumstances under which the project is undertaken and/or "new information of substantial importance" that result in one or more effects from geology and soils including: exposure of people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving rupture of a known earthquake fault, seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction, strong seismic ground shaking, or landslides; result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil; produce unstable geological conditions that will result in adverse impacts resulting from landslides, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse; being located on expansive soil creating substantial risks to life or property; and/or having soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of wastewater?

YES

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The Project as described under item no. 4 beginning on page 2, would not cause any changes to the Climate Action Plan or involve new significant environmental impacts that were not previously considered in the certified Final Supplemental EIR for the Climate Action Plan from February 2018. The Project would not cause a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified environmental impacts in the certified Final Supplemental EIR related to geology and soils including: exposure of people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving rupture of a known earthquake fault, seismic-related ground failure including liquefaction, strong seismic ground shaking, or landslides; result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil; produce unstable geological conditions that will result in adverse impacts resulting from landslides, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse; being located on expansive soil creating substantial risks to life or property; and/or having soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of wastewater. The Project does not constitute new information of substantial importance that would affect the previous environmental analysis of the certified Final Supplemental EIR.

VIII. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS -- Since the previous EIR was certified or previous ND was adopted, are there any changes in the project, changes in circumstances under which the project is undertaken and/or "new information of substantial importance" that result in one or more effects related to environmental effects associated with greenhouse gas emissions or compliance with applicable plans, policies or regulations adopted for the purpose of reducing greenhouse gas emissions?

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The Project as described under item no. 4 beginning on page 2, would not cause any changes to the Climate Action Plan or involve new significant environmental impacts that were not previously considered in the certified Final Supplemental EIR for the Climate Action Plan from February 2018. The Project would not cause a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified environmental impacts in the certified Final Supplemental EIR related to environmental effects associated with greenhouse gas emissions or compliance with applicable plans, policies or regulations adopted for the purpose of reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The Project does not constitute new information of substantial importance that would affect the previous environmental analysis of the certified Final Supplemental EIR.

IX. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS -- Since the previous EIR was certified or previous ND was adopted, are there any changes in the project, changes in circumstances under which the project is undertaken and/or "new information of substantial importance" that result in one or more effects from hazards and hazardous materials including: creation of a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, storage, use, or disposal of hazardous materials or wastes; creation of a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment; production of hazardous emissions or handling hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school; location on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 creating a hazard to the public or the environment; location within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport; within the vicinity of a private airstrip resulting in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area; impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan; and/or exposure of people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?

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The Project as described under item no. 4 beginning on page 2, would not cause any changes to the Climate Action Plan or involve new significant environmental impacts that were not previously considered in the certified Final Supplemental EIR for the Climate Action Plan from February 2014. The Project would not cause a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified environmental impacts in the certified Final Supplemental EIR related to hazards and

hazardous materials including: creation of a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, storage, use, or disposal of hazardous materials or wastes; creation of a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment; production of hazardous emissions or handling hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school; location on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 creating a hazard to the public or the environment; location within an airport land use plan or within two miles of a public airport or public use airport; within the vicinity of a private airstrip resulting in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area; impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan; and/or exposure of people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands. The Project does not constitute new information of substantial importance that would affect the previous environmental analysis of the certified Final Supplemental EIR.

X. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY -- Since the previous EIR was certified or previous ND was adopted, are there any changes in the project, changes in circumstances under which the project is undertaken and/or "new information of substantial importance" that cause one or more effects to hydrology and water quality including: violation of any waste discharge requirements; an increase in any listed pollutant to an impaired water body listed under section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act ; cause or contribute to an exceedance of applicable surface or groundwater receiving water quality objectives or degradation of beneficial uses; substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level; substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area in a manner which would result in substantial erosion, siltation or flooding on- or off-site; create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned storm water drainage systems; provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff; place housing or other structures which would impede or redirect flood flows within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map, including County Floodplain Maps; expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam; and/or inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?

YES

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NO

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site or area in a manner which would result in substantial erosion, siltation or flooding on- or off-site; create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned storm water drainage systems; provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff; place housing or other structures which would impede or redirect flood flows within a 100-year flood hazard area; expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam; and/or inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow. The Project does not constitute new information of substantial importance that would affect the previous environmental analysis of the certified Final Supplemental EIR.

XI. LAND USE AND PLANNING -- Since the previous EIR was certified or previous ND was adopted, are there any changes in the project, changes in circumstances under which the project is undertaken and/or "new information of substantial importance" that cause one or more effects to land use and planning including: physically dividing an established community; and/or conflicts with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?

YES
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NO
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The Project as described under item no. 4 beginning on page 2, would not cause any changes to the Climate Action Plan or involve new significant environmental impacts that were not previously considered in the certified Final Supplemental EIR for the Climate Action Plan from February 2018. The Project would not cause a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified environmental impacts in the certified Final Supplemental EIR related to land use and planning including: physically dividing an established community; and/or conflicts with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect. The Project does not constitute new information of substantial importance that would affect the previous environmental analysis of the certified Final Supplemental EIR.

XII. MINERAL RESOURCES -- Since the previous EIR was certified or previous ND was adopted, are there any changes in the project, changes in circumstances under which the project is undertaken and/or "new information of substantial importance" that cause one or more effects to mineral resources including: the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state; and/or loss of locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?

YES
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NO
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The Project as described under item no. 4 beginning on page 2, would not cause any changes to the Climate Action Plan or involve new significant environmental impacts that were not previously considered in the certified Final Supplemental EIR for the Climate Action Plan from February 2018. The Project would not cause a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified environmental impacts in the certified Final Supplemental EIR related to mineral resources including: the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state; and/or loss of locally-important mineral resource recovery site

delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan. The Project does not constitute new information of substantial importance that would affect the previous environmental analysis of the certified Final Supplemental EIR.

XIII. NOISE -- Since the previous EIR was certified or previous ND was adopted, are there any changes in the project, changes in circumstances under which the project is undertaken and/or "new information of substantial importance" that result in one or more effects from noise including: exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies; exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels; a substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project; a substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project; for projects located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, or for projects within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?

YES

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NO

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XIV. POPULATION AND HOUSING -- Since the previous EIR was certified or previous ND was adopted, are there any changes in the project, changes in circumstances under which the project is undertaken and/or "new information of substantial importance" that result in one or more effects to population and housing including displacing substantial numbers of existing housing or people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?

YES

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identified environmental impacts in the certified Final Supplemental EIR related to population and housing including displacing substantial numbers of existing housing or people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere. The Project does not constitute new information of substantial importance that would affect the previous environmental analysis of the certified Final Supplemental EIR.

XV. PUBLIC SERVICES -- Since the previous EIR was certified or previous ND was adopted, are there any changes in the project, changes in circumstances under which the project is undertaken and/or "new information of substantial importance" that result in one or more substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities or the need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the following public services: fire protection, police protection, schools, parks, or other public facilities?

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XVI. RECREATION -- Since the previous EIR was certified or previous ND was adopted, are there any changes in the project, changes in circumstances under which the project is undertaken and/or "new information of substantial importance" that result in an increase in the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated; or that include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?

YES

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XVII. TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC -- Since the previous EIR was certified or previous ND was adopted, are there any changes in the project, changes in circumstances under which the project is undertaken and/or "new information of substantial importance" that cause effects to transportation/traffic including: an increase in traffic which is substantial in relation to the existing traffic load and capacity of the street system; exceedance, either individually or cumulatively, of a level of service standard established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways; a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks; substantial increase in hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment); inadequate emergency access; inadequate parking capacity; and/or a conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation (e.g., bus turnouts, bicycle racks)?

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XVIII. TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES -- Since the previous EIR was certified or previous ND was adopted, are there any changes in the project, changes in circumstances under which the

project is undertaken and/or "new information of substantial importance" that cause one or more effects to tribal cultural resources including: causing a change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource as defined in Public Resource Code §21074?

YES

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XIX. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS -- Since the previous EIR was certified or previous ND was adopted, are there any changes in the project, changes in circumstances under which the project is undertaken and/or "new information of substantial importance" that cause effects to utilities and service systems including: exceedance of wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board; require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities, new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects; require new or expanded entitlements to water supplies or new water resources to serve the project; result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider, which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments; be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs; and/or noncompliance with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?

YES

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The Project as described under item no. 4 beginning on page 2, would not cause any changes to the Climate Action Plan or involve new significant environmental impacts that were not previously considered in the certified Final Supplemental EIR for the Climate Action Plan from February 2014. The Project would not cause a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified environmental impacts in the certified Final Supplemental EIR related to utilities and service systems including: exceedance of wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board; require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities, new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects; require new or expanded entitlements to water supplies or new water resources to serve the project; result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider, which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments;

be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs; and/or noncompliance with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste. The Project does not constitute new information of substantial importance that would affect the previous environmental analysis of the certified Final Supplemental EIR.

XX. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE: Since the previous EIR was certified or previous ND was adopted, are there any changes in the project, changes in circumstances under which the project is undertaken and/or "new information of substantial importance" that result in any mandatory finding of significance listed below?

Does the project degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?

Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)?

Does the project have environmental effects, which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?

YES
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ATTACHMENTS

- Electric Vehicle Roadmap
- Supplemental EIR for the County of San Diego Climate Action Plan, February 2018 – On file with Planning & Development Services and online at <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/advance/climateactionplan/capfinalseir.html>

REFERENCES USED IN THE COMPLETION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW UPDATE CHECKLIST FORM

California Department of Fish and Wildlife. Fish and Wildlife Code, Section 1600 *et. seq.*

California Environmental Quality Act, CEQA Guidelines

California Environmental Quality Act. 2001. California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, Section 15382.

County Code of Regulatory Ordinances, Title 3, Division 5, Chapter 3

County of San Diego Climate Action Plan, 2018.

County of San Diego Climate Action Plan Final Supplemental EIR, certified on February 14, 2018.

County of San Diego Guidelines for Determining Significance and Report Format and Content Requirements for Agricultural Resources, approved March 19, 2007.

County of San Diego Guidelines for Determining Significance and Report Format and Content Requirements for Air Quality, approved March 19, 2007

County of San Diego Guidelines for Determining Significance and Report Format and Content Requirements for Biological Resources, approved September 15, 2010

County of San Diego Guidelines for Determining Significance and Report Format and Content Requirements for Cultural Resources: Archaeological and Historical Resources, approved December 5, 2007

County of San Diego Guidelines for Determining Significance and Report Format and Content Requirements for Geologic Hazards, approved July 30, 2007

County of San Diego Guidelines for Determining Significance and Report Format and Content Requirements for Mineral Resources, approved July 30, 2008

County of San Diego Guidelines for Determining Significance and Report Format and Content Requirements for Noise, approved March 19, 2007

County of San Diego Guidelines for Determining Significance and Report Format and Content Requirements for Transportation and Traffic, approved August 24, 2011

County of San Diego Guidelines for Determining Significance and Report Format and Content Requirements for Vectors, approved January 15, 2009

County of San Diego Guidelines for Determining Significance and Report Format and Content Requirements for Visual Resources, approved July 30, 2007

County of San Diego Guidelines for Determining Significance and Report Format and Content Requirements for Wildland Fire and Fire Protection, approved August 31, 2010

County of San Diego Zoning Ordinance

County of San Diego. Resource Protection Ordinance, Article II (16-17). October 10, 1991

Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin (9), California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Recorder/County Clerk
Attn: James Scott
1600 Pacific Highway, M.S. A33
San Diego, CA 92101

FROM: County of San Diego
Planning & Development Services, M.S. O650
Attn: Project Planning Division Section Secretary

SUBJECT: **FILING OF NOTICE OF EXEMPTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21108 OR 21152**

Project Name: Electric Vehicle Roadmap

Project Location: Within parking areas throughout the unincorporated land within the County of San Diego.

Project Applicant: County of San Diego, Planning and Development Services Address: 5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 310, San Diego, CA 92123

Project Description: On April 10, 2019, the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors directed the Chief Administrative Officer to develop an Electric Vehicle Roadmap which would include strategies to increase electric vehicle ownership and use, install charging infrastructure, and identify future grant opportunities to support recommendations.

The Electric Vehicle Roadmap contains actions and recommendations by the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors which include amending board policies and updating County Plans, purchasing electric vehicles, installing electric vehicle charging infrastructure as well as promoting and incentivizing County employee and private development projects Electric Vehicle use.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego County Contact Person: Kelly Bray

Date Form Completed: October 16, 2019

This is to advise that the County of San Diego Director of Planning & Development Services has approved the above described project on October 16, 2019/Item #1 and found the project to be exempt from the CEQA under the following criteria:

1. Exempt status and applicable section of the CEQA ("C") and/or State CEQA Guidelines ("G"): (check only one)
 - ☐ Declared Emergency [C 21080(b)(3); G 15269(a)]
 - ☐ Emergency Project [C 21080(b)(4); G 15269(b)(c)]
 - ☐ Statutory Exemption. C Section:
 - ☒ **Categorical Exemption. G Section: 15303**
 - ☐ G 15061(b)(3) - It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment and the activity is not subject to the CEQA.
 - ☐ G 15182 – Residential Projects Pursuant to a Specific Plan
 - ☐ G 15183 – Projects Consistent with a Community Plan, General Plan, or Zoning
 - ☐ Activity is exempt from the CEQA because it is not a project as defined in Section 15378.
2. Mitigation measures ☐ were ☒ were not made a condition of the approval of the project.
3. A Mitigation reporting or monitoring plan ☐ was ☒ was not adopted for this project.

Statement of reasons why project is exempt:

Section 21084 of the Public Resources Code requires the CEQA Guidelines to include a list of classes of projects which have been determined to not have a significant effect on the environment and which shall, therefore, be exempt from the provisions of CEQA. PDS Staff has determined the project is categorically exempt pursuant to 15303 Class 3 for the reasons described below.

Categorical Exemption: Section 15303 – Small New Structures

Section 15303 of the CEQA Guidelines, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures, details the exemption that falls under Class 3. According to Section 15303, Class 3 consists 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.

This exemption is appropriate for the Roadmap, as it entails the installation of small new electrical equipment. The Roadmap would further implement EV charging infrastructure associated with existing County plans, including the CAP. Level II chargers are placed adjacent to parking stalls and stand approximately 3 feet tall by 1 foot wide. These structures

are typical of mechanical equipment found in urban areas and would be interspersed throughout County facilities and other parking areas throughout the County. No aesthetic or other types of physical impacts would occur as result of installation. As such, the Roadmap qualifies as exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15303 of the CEQA Guidelines due to the type and scope of the project.

Section 15300.2 – Exceptions

The proposed project has been analyzed pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Appendix G, and CEQA Section 15300.2., Exceptions, and is detailed below. The proposed project does not pose any potentially significant impacts and additionally meets the criteria of the exceptions pursuant to CEQA Section 15300.2. The proposed project was reviewed for the exceptions outlined in the CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 (a – f) for those reasons a project may not be considered categorically exempt under any of the following classes or projects (Section 15300 et al.). The following summarizes the reasons that the project would not trigger any of the exceptions, and the above categorical exemption would apply to the project.

15300.2(a) – Location: The CEQA categorical exemption identified for the proposed project is a Class 3 (Section 15303, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures). Classes 3, 4, 5, 6 and 11 are qualified by consideration of where the project is to be located; a project that is ordinarily insignificant in its impact on the environment may in a particularly sensitive environment be significant. The proposed project would not be located within a particularly sensitive area and therefore would not result in a significant impact. The charging stations and infrastructure would be located on pre-disturbed parking areas.

15300.2(b) – Cumulative Impact: A categorical exemption may not be used where a project would have a cumulative impact as defined in Section 15300.2(b). The project is not associated with any major impacts and would be minimal in nature. No cumulative impacts would occur.

15300.2(c) – Significant Effect: The proposed project was reviewed for potential significant impacts under Appendix G of the CEQA Guidelines. Given the scope of the project, it was determined that there would be no significant impacts.

15300.2(d) – Scenic Highways: A categorical exemption may not be used when a project may result in damage to scenic resources as defined in Section 15300.2(d). The proposed project would be located on pre-disturbed parking areas. The most visual component of the project would consist of level II chargers adjacent to parking stalls and stand approximately 3 feet tall by 1 foot wide. No impacts would occur to a scenic highway.

15300.2(e) – Hazardous Waste Sites: A categorical exemption may not be used for a project located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code. The project would be placed on pre-established sites and would not propose a use type which would authorize the handling of hazardous waste materials. No potential significant impacts due to hazardous waste sites would occur due to the proposed project.

15300.2(f) – Historic Resources: A categorical exemption may not be used for a project which may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. No historic resources have been identified on the project site locations. Therefore, no substantial adverse change would occur to a historical resource due to the proposed project.

The proposed project is consistent with Sections 15303 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures and 15300.2 – Exceptions and Appendix G of the CEQA Guidelines. Therefore, the project may rely on the categorical exemption for the reasons documented above.

Signature: _____ Telephone: (858) 495-5384

Name (Print): Kelly Bray Title: Project Manager-Sustainability

This Notice of Exemption has been signed and filed by the County of San Diego.

This notice must be filed with the Recorder/County Clerk as soon as possible after project approval by the decision-making body. The Recorder/County Clerk must post this notice within 24 hours of receipt and for a period of not less than 30 days. At the termination of the posting period, the Recorder/County Clerk must return this notice to the Department address listed above along with evidence of the posting period. The originating Department must then retain the returned notice for a period of not less than twelve months. Reference: CEQA Guidelines Section 15062.