



San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies' Directors' Committee

Meeting Agenda
Thursday, September 3, 2020
Time: 10:00 a.m.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Enclosure

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| 1. August 6, 2020 Directors' Meeting | T. King | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

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| 2. MPO Activity During Coronavirus | T. King |
| 3. RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategies/Air Quality
<i>Update and Discussion</i> | R. Niblock |
| 4. CTP and the ITSP
<i>Discuss State Funding Priorities</i> | S. Guzman |
| 5. California Transportation Funding
<i>Program and Project Funding Updates:</i> | T. King |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (SICOG & MCOG)</i> ▪ <i>Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (Fresno COG)</i> ▪ <i>State Transportation Improvement Program</i> | |

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| 6. EO N-19-19 Transportation Action Plan
<i>Receive Update</i> | A. Chesley | |
| 7. Valley Voice DC 2020
<i>Receive Update</i> | M. Sigala | |
| 8. Electric Vehicle Charging Station Permit Streamlining
<i>Presentation by Kielan Rathjen, Special Advisor to Governor Gavin Newsom</i> | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. Traffic and Other Impact Fees from New Construction of Local Schools
<i>Update if new information is available</i> | A. Hakimi | |
| 10. SJV REAP Committee for Housing
<i>Receive Update</i> | R. Phipps | |
| 11. I-5 Freight ZERO Pilot Study
<i>Receive Update</i> | A. Hakimi | |

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

The following items are for informational purposes and require no action or vote.

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| 12. Caltrans Directors' Report | D. Gomez/D. Agar |
| 13. California High Speed Rail | G. Fernandez |
| 14. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail | D. Leavitt |
| 15. Valley GO (MioCar) and Valley Flex (Vamos & VoGo) | M. Sigala |
| 16. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley | E. Gonzalez |

OTHER ITEMS

17. Director Items
18. Public Presentations for Items Not on Agenda.
This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the Committee on items within its jurisdiction but NOT on this agenda. Unscheduled comments may be limited to three minutes. The public may comment on listed agenda items as they are considered.

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Directors Only Closed Session if Necessary

Next Directors' Meeting: Thursday, October 1, 2020

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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, Aug 6, 2020

ITEM 1

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Location:

ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL MEETING

Directors	MPOs
Terri King	Kings County Association of Governments
Ahron Hakimi	Kern Council of Governments
Rosa Park	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Tony Boren	Fresno Council of Governments
Stacie Guzman	Merced County Association of Governments
Sandy Ebersole <i>for Patricia Taylor</i>	Madera County Transportation Commission
Ted Smalley	Tulare County Association of Governments
Andrew Chesley	San Joaquin Council of Governments

Please see Appendix A for a list of other attendees

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. July 9, 2020 Directors' Meeting

T. King

There was a motion to approve the July 9, 2020 Directors' Committee Minutes.

First Motion: Stacie Guzman

Second Motion: Ted Smalley

Motion Carried

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DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

2. MPO Activity During Coronavirus

T. King

Madam Chair Terry King guided discussions about coronavirus measures and activities among MPOs. Staff at KCAG are limited to working from the office once a week and teleworking all other days. Stacie Guzman with MCAG reported that they are still closed to the public and are preparing for the long term. Ted Smalley noted that TCAG is following suit like everyone else and they purchased additional laptops. Andy Chesley noted SJCOG is expecting to work remotely through the rest of the year. MCTC reported they are also going to continue working remotely as well. There were discussions about how the work force may be impacted by schools mandated to open with distance learning. Some MPO's understand the situation and stated that they are going to be as flexible as they can with staff. Further discussion ensued.

3. RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategies/Air Quality

R. Niblock

Ryan Niblock gave an update to the 2018 RTP/SCS approvals and noted that Kern COG received their approval, Tulare, San Joaquin and Stanislaus are at the executive office review level, and Madera and Merced are still in progress. There are three MPO's that are working on amendments and will include the new conformity analysis. Ryan noted they will be meeting with CARB next week to discuss strategies on EMPAC 17. The valleywide air support contract with Trinity is up at the end of the year and they are out of extensions. Ryan requested putting together a draft RFP to send to the directors for review in August and selection in November. There was majority support from directors to draft a proposal.

4. California Transportation Funding

T. King

Program and Project Funding Updates:

- ***Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (SJCOG & MCAG)***

Terry King reported that the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program applications are due August 3rd. Andy Chesley noted that they signed a letter supporting the three projects.

- ***Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (Fresno COG)***

Terry King applications were submitted in July but there were no San Joaquin Valley projects on the list.

- ***State Transportation Improvement Program***

Ted Smalley reported that there is indication that will not be a negative STIP as suggested before. Ted also noted that TCAG is awaiting funding notification for the \$75 million SR 99 widening project next week.

5. EO N-19-19 Transportation Action Plan

T. King

Terry King reported some concerns with the state's transportation action plans that were circulated. A survey form was provided and Andy Chesley noted that it was difficult to provide critical comments. Andy highlighted two key items needed in the action plan that include the study of VMT production and technology. Terri King asked if there were a valleywide consensus on the action plans the state provided. Andy asked if the directors would consider doing a study of VMT reduction in the valley to help challenge the action plan strategies the state is proposing. There seems to be agreement among the directors with moving forward with a study. In addition, Andy will be drafting a letter to the state that touches on the social, functional and economic impacts of the proposed action plans. Terri encouraged all the directors to complete the survey.

6. Valley Voice DC 2020

M. Sigala

Michael Sigala reported there is an executive committee meeting next Thursday to review the platform. The policy council meeting will be on August 21 to go over the platform. The dates for Valley Voice DC will be on September 10, 16, 17 and there has been good response. Michael shared a draft

power point display in the virtual meeting on Zoom and briefly reviewed it. Michael asked for input and direction from the directors. Robert Phipps suggested emphasizing talking about items within the bill and not bring in new program. Stacie echoed the same ideas. There was a question about attendees and invitees to the Zoom meeting. Terri suggested only having the two members and the alternate able to speak and all others be muted. Michael asked the directors to choose a couple priorities to discuss. There were suggestions to highlight HTF solvency, rural definition, and bridges.

7. Traffic and Other Impact Fees from New Construction of Local Schools A. Hakimi

Ahron Hakimi briefly discussed the issue of traffic and impact fees with the new construction of schools. Andy agreed that is an issue but there are no solutions. Bill Higgins suggested looking into the Brown Administration as it did some infill school sitting guidance. All MPO's seem to have the same issue and would like to look into a resolution. Ahron will reach out to Bills Higgins and discuss options and give an update at the next meeting.

8. SJV REAP Committee for Housing R. Phipps

Robert Phipps noted that the latest update was provided to the directors by email and there was no new information to report. As stated, the contracts are still in queue and the funds should be available October or November. There was an inquiry about how MPO's will be distributing their funds. Robert reported that Fresno COG is developing a set of eligible project criteria for city participation.

9. I-5 Freight ZERO Pilot Study A. Hakimi

There was no update provided, however, a written report is available and will be circulated to the directors for their review.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

10. Caltrans Directors' Report D. Gomez/D. McElhinney

Diana Gomez, District 6, noted that they started two day furloughs in July and will continue to be available Monday thru Friday. More than 75 percent of the staff is teleworking except for maintenance. District 6 is third in terms of Caltrans employees testing positive for Covid. There is a sixteen percent decline in traffic volume compared to last year. In regards to SB 743, Caltrans is still working with headquarters on the guidelines to be completed in August. They have received a lot of concerns about the homeless on SR and are working with the communities to help with relocation.

Michael Navarro reported that 2050 CTC plan will be going for public review on August 20th and adoption will be in December. ITSP update will come out in a virtual format.

Tom Dumas, District 10, wanted to add that they are repaving a section of HWY 162 in Oroville, with recycled melted plastic.

11. California High Speed Rail D. Gomez

No update was provided

12. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail D. Leavitt

Dan Leavitt, briefly noted services for San Joaquin's and ACE is still reduced and ridership remains low. The board took additional action in May to reduce throughway bus network in the San Joaquin and suspend some routes. They were able to come in agreements with charter companies to continue service to a few routes. The next JPA board meeting will be September 25th.

13. Valley GO (MioCar) and Valley Flex (Vamos & VoGo)

M. Sigala

Michael Sigala reported MioCar and Vamos are continuing for another year as CARB made a decision to fund the program. MioCar is back in service and most of the cars are in use and others need new batteries. It may be months before they see the new contract come through. Both MioCar and Vamos programs will be included the STEP application for other additional funding in San Joaquin County.

14. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley

F. Cardoza

No update was provided

OTHER ITEMS

15. Director Items

Sandy Ebersole suggested postponing the 2021 conference until Spring 2022 due to Covid. Stacie Guzman supports the idea of postponing. They will continue discussions at the next meeting but there was a consensus to postpone until Spring 2022.

16. Public Presentations for Items not on Agenda

None

Meeting Adjourned at Approximately 12:00 P.M.

Appendix A – Additional Meeting Participants

In Attendance:	
Individual(s)	Organization(s)
Ben Kimball	Tulare County Association of Governments
Michael Sigala	Valleywide Coordinator, Sigala Inc
Ryan Niblock	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Dan Leavitt	San Joaquin JPA
Michael Navarro	Caltrans District 6
Matt Fell	Merced County Association of Governments
Kristine Kai	Fresno Council of Governments
Jeff Findley	Madera County Transportation Commission
Diana Gomez	Caltrans District 6
Bill Higgins	California Council of Governments
Robert Phipps	Fresno Council of Governments
Rob Ball	Kern Council of Governments
Dylan Stone	Madera County Transportation Commission
Trai Herr	Fresno Council of Governments
Jennifer Solis	Fresno Council of Governments
Diane Nguyen	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Tom Dumas	Caltrans District 10
Brenda Veenendal	Fresno Council of Governments
Gregoria Ponce	Caltrans District 10
Tom Jordan	SJVAPCD
Becki Napier	Kern Council of Governments

ITEM 8

Electric Vehicle Charging Station Permit Streamlining

SJV Regional Policy Agency – Board of Directors Meeting



- September 3rd, 2020 -

Impacts of COVID-19

- ▶ Tremendous challenges face local government
- ▶ GO-Biz wants to give cities and counties the time they need to respond to the crisis
 - ▶ Variation from jurisdiction to jurisdiction how COVID is impacting permitting for EV infrastructure
- ▶ Opportunity to rebuild our economy
 - ▶ Numerous shovel ready projects are awaiting permits to put Californians back to work installing charging stations
- ▶ Please visit the state's websites regularly to get up to date information on California's COVID-19 guidance:
 - ▶ California's comprehensive COVID-19 website: <https://covid19.ca.gov/>
 - ▶ Business assistance can be found through GO-Biz: <https://business.ca.gov/coronavirus-2019/>

What are Electric Vehicle Charging Stations (EVCS)

Level 1
(Up to 1.9 kW)
- 4-5 miles per hour -



Level 2
(Up to 19.2 kW)
- 12-70 miles per hour -



Level 3 / Direct Current
Fast Chargers / DCFC
(50-350 kW)
- 3-20 miles per minute -

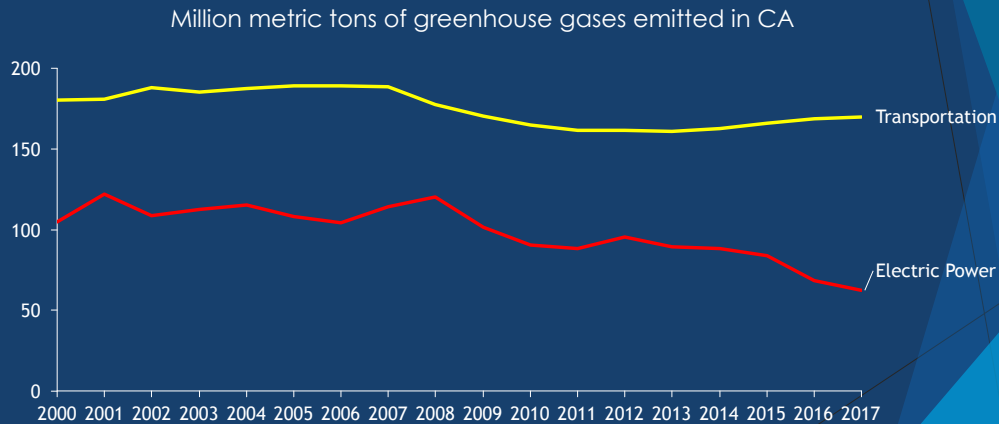


California's Zero-Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Goals:

- ▶ Carbon neutral as a state by 2045 (Executive Order B-55-18)
- ▶ Carbon free electricity production by 2045 (SB 100)
- ▶ 1.5 Million ZEVs by 2025
- ▶ 5 Million ZEVs by 2030
- ▶ 250,000 electric vehicle charging stations (EVCS) by 2025
- ▶ 200 Hydrogen fueling stations by 2025

Gavin Newsom's Executive Order N-19-19 affirmed this climate vision

Electricity has been the biggest driver of emissions reductions to date - transportation has been the hardest nut to crack



ZEVs are *part* of this solution, but we need them to be part of the solution *faster*

- ▶ #2 Concern about EVs: low charging station availability
 - ▶ Permitting and related costs are higher in CA than most states
- ▶ **AB 1236** was passed in 2015 to streamline permitting
 - ▶ Implementation has been uneven across the state
 - ▶ September 30, 2016 – Cities/Counties with populations over 200,000 needed to comply with the law
 - ▶ September 30, 2017 – Cities/Counties with populations under 200,000 needed to comply with the law

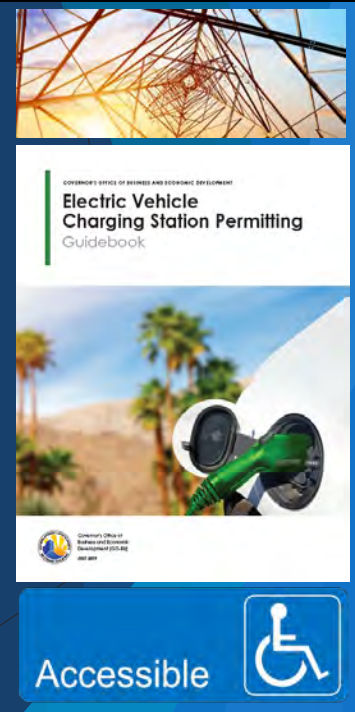
Why is Permit Streamlining Important?

- ▶ New jobs, cleaner air and less work for city/county staff
- ▶ Installing a charging station is 3 to 5 the cost of charger itself,
 - ▶ Soft Costs (i.e. permitting) have the greatest possibility for cost reduction with installing charging stations
- ▶ Electrify America data across states:
 - ▶ Average permitting time in California exceeds the national average by more than 70%
 - ▶ Stations must be redesigned in California 30% more frequently
 - ▶ Cost 22% more to build in California

1. From [Reducing EV Charging Infrastructure Costs](#), Rocky Mountain Institute.

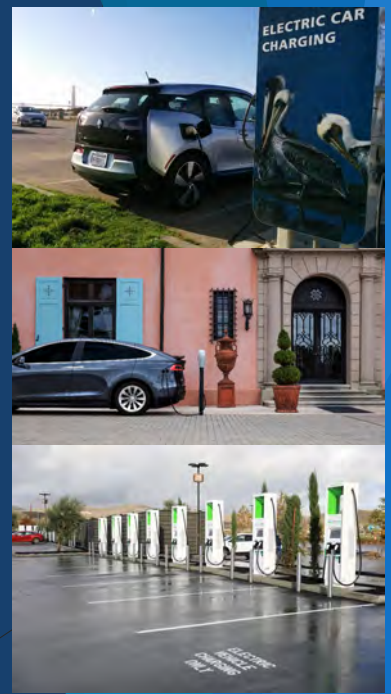
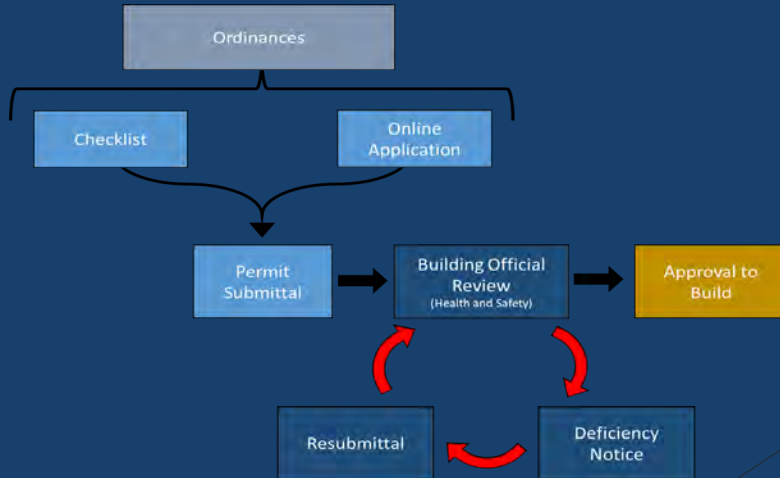
Guidebook Key Sections

- ▶ 1. Planning and Site Selection
- ▶ 2. Permitting
- ▶ 3. Accessibility
- ▶ 4. Connecting to the Grid
- ▶ 5. Construction, Commissioning, and Operation



Permitting

▶ Assembly Bill 1236 Permit Streamlining Law



Application Submittal » Complete Response		
Type of Charger	Within Best Practice	Optimal
L2 - Single Family	1 day	Same Day
Multi L2 - Shared (Multi Family/Workplace/Public)	5 days	
DCFC	5 days	

Best Practice Permitting Timelines

Complete package » Approval to Build		
Type of Charger	Within Best Practice	Optimal
L2 - Single Family	1 day	Same Day
Multi L2 - Shared (Multi Family/Workplace/Public)	15 days*	
DCFC	15 days*	

Construction Complete Notice » Inspection		
Type of Charger	Within Best Practice	Optimal
L2 - Single Family	5 days	Same Day
Multi L2 - Shared (Multi Family/Workplace/Public)	5 days	
DCFC	5 days	

CA Electric Vehicle Charging Station Permit Streamlining Map

*Interactive map available [here](#)

EVCS Permit Ready Score:	
Green	City or County is EVCS Permit Ready, charging infrastructure permitting is streamlined
Yellow	City or County EVCS permit streamlining is in progress, or partially complete
Red	City or County is not streamlined for EVCS permitting
Grey	Not yet evaluated (or in process)



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Brisbane City - Not Streamlined

1. Ordinance	No
2. Checklist	No
3. Admin Approval	No
4. Health & Safety	No
5. e-Signature	No
6. No Association	No
7. One Notice	No
8. Bonus - Timeline	No

Notes: No ordinance. No checklist online. Will be moved to "Streamlining in Progress" once the city formally initiates a process to meet or exceed the intent of AB 1236.

Adoption Date:
Checklist:
Ordinance:

Zoom to

*See <http://business.ca.gov/zevreadiness> for updated map

Common Problems

- ▶ Aesthetics – requiring additional landscaping, colored bollards, public art etc.
- ▶ Zoning concerns
- ▶ Parking counts
- ▶ No electronic signature
- ▶ Different ADA interpretations
- ▶ Lack of awareness of AB 1236



**EXPECT
DELAYS**

	Scoring Criteria:	Complete if:
□	1. Streamlining Ordinance Ordinance creating an expedited, streamlined permitting process for electric vehicle charging stations (EVCS) including level 2 and direct current fast chargers (DCFC) has been adopted.	– Streamlining ordinance has been adopted
□	2. Permitting checklists covering Level 2 and DCFC Checklist of all requirements needed for expedited review posted on city or county website.	– Permitting checklist is available and easily found on city or county website
□	3. Administrative approval of EVCS EVCS projects that meet expedited checklist are administratively approved through building or similar non-discretionary permit.	– The streamlining ordinance states that permit applications that meet checklist requirements will be approved through non-discretionary permit (or similar)
□	4. Approval limited to health and safety review EVCS project review limited to health and safety requirements found under local, state, and federal law.	– The streamlining ordinance states that no discretionary use permit is required and permit approval will be limited to health and safety review

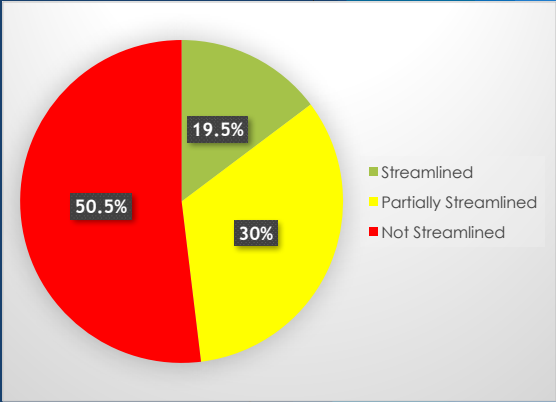
□	<p>5. Electric signatures accepted AHJ accepts electronic signatures on permit applications.*</p>	<p>– Electronic signatures accepted on City or County website (usually specified in the ordinance)</p>
□	<p>6. EVCS not subject to association approval EVCS permit approval not subject to approval of an association (as defined in Section 4080 of the Civil Code).</p>	<p>– The streamlining ordinance states that EVCS permits do not require association approval</p>
□	<p>7. One complete deficiency notice AHJ commits to issuing one complete written correction notice detailing all deficiencies in an incomplete application and any additional information needed to be eligible for expedited permit issuance.</p>	<p>– The streamlining ordinance dictates that a written correction notice must detail all deficiencies</p>
□	<p>8. Bonus: Expedited timeline for approval Consistent with the intent of AB 1236, AHJ establishes expedited timelines for EVCS permit approval compared to standard project approval procedures.</p>	<p>– The streamlining ordinance (or other policy mechanism) outlines expedited approval timelines for EVCS permits</p>

Status of the State as of 9/3/20

- Cities and counties

- ▶ **Streamlined - 105**
- ▶ **Streaming in Progress - 161**
- ▶ **Not Streamlined - 274**

Only 19.5% of California has streamlined its EVCS permitting



Category	Percentage
Streamlined	19.5%
Partially Streamlined	30%
Not Streamlined	50.5%

How to become "Green" on the AB 1236 Map

- ▶ Pass an Ordinance
- ▶ Create EVCS permitting checklist
 - ▶ Based on the ordinance and checklist, develop permitting process that (in practice) streamlines the permitting process
 - ▶ Removing Planning Department decisions from the process as much as possible

CHAPTER V. - STREAMLINED PERMITTING FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS

Sec. C3-49. - Purpose and authority.

The purpose of this Chapter is to promote and encourage the use of electric vehicles by creating an expedited, streamlined permitting process for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations and removing obstacles to permitting for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations so long as the action does not supersede the Building Official's authority to identify and

CITY OR COUNTY OF _____
RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL
CHECKLIST FOR PERMITTING ELECTRIC VEHICLES
AND ELECTRIC VEHICLE SERVICE EQUIPMENT (EVSE)

Please complete the following information related to permitting and installation of Electric Vehicle Service Equipment (EVSE) as a supplement to the application for a building permit. This checklist requires the technical services of EVSE installers and is intended to ease applicable permitting and use for electric vehicle charging.

Upon this checklist being deemed complete, a permit shall be issued to the applicant. However, if it is determined that the installation might have a specific adverse impact on public health or safety, additional verification will be required before a permit can be issued.

This checklist was formerly known as the "Plug-In Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Permitting Checklist" contained in the Governor's Office of Planning and Research 2016 decision. Version in California: "Community Services Subsector" and is accessed to update.

Job Address: _____	Permit No: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Single-Family	<input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Family (Apartment)
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial (Stripy Business)	<input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Family (Condominium)
<input type="checkbox"/> Mixed-Use	<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial (Adult Entertainment)
<input type="checkbox"/> Public-Right-of-Way	
Location and Number of EVSE to be installed:	
Garage: _____	Parking Level: _____
Parking Lot: _____	Street Curb: _____
Description of Work: _____	

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