CEQA DETERMINATION OF EXEMPTION

Subject: This California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Determination of Exemption is in compliance with Carlsbad Municipal Code Section 19.04.060. An appeal to this determination must be filed in writing with the required fee within ten (10) calendar days of the City Planner's decision consistent with Carlsbad Municipal Code Section 21.54.140.

City Planner Decision Date: February 15, 2024
Project Number and Title: Management of Low Carbon Standard Credits for Electric Vehicles
Project Location - Specific: Citywide
Project Location - City: Carlsbad Project Location - County: San Diego
Description of Project: <u>Authorization to track, manage, bank and sell Low Carbon Fuel Standard Credit for Electric Vehicles to fund the city's sustainable transportation projects.</u>
Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Carlsbad
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Shawn Gaskari, Management Analyst
Name of Applicant: City of Carlsbad – Public Works
Applicant's Address: 1635 Faraday Avenue, Carlsbad, CA 92008
Applicant's Telephone Number: 442-339-2925
Name of Applicant/Identity of person undertaking the project (if different from the applicant above) N/A
Exempt Status: (Check One)
Ministerial (Section 21080(b)(1); 15268);
Declared Emergency (Section 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
Emergency Project (Section 21080(b)(4); 15269 (b)(c));
 □ Declared Emergency (Section 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)); □ Emergency Project (Section 21080(b)(4); 15269 (b)(c)); □ Categorical Exemption - State type and section number: □ Statutory Exemptions - State code number:
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Common Sense Exemption (Section 15061(b)(3))

Reasons why project is exempt: <u>Categorical Exemptions</u>: <u>Section 15061(b)(3)</u> (Common <u>Sense Exemption</u>); The authorization for tor the city to manage Low Carbon Fuel Standard Credits (LCFS) will allow for funding of the city's sustainable transportation projects, consistent with the city's adopted <u>Climate Action Plan</u>. This action supports regular operations of the city's Electric Vehicle charging stations, while being able to manage LCFS credits. The credits could be used to purchase the following:

- <u>Providing incentive support for purchasing and leasing of electric vehicles or other electric transportation equipment.</u>
- <u>Providing rebates or other direct or indirect investment for installing electric charging infrastructure.</u>
- Providing rebates or other incentive for using electricity as a transportation fuel.
- Marketing, education, outreach programs to provide information and material to inform the public on the benefits of electric transportation. This could include information regarding the

<u>environmental</u>, health and economic benefits of electric transportation, including a comparison of the total cost of electric transportation mode versus other alternatives.

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