California Air Resources Board

Notice of Public Meeting to Hear an Informational Update on the Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment Standards Technology Review

The California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) will conduct a public meeting at the date and time noted below to consider the findings and recommendations from the Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE) Standards Technology Review.

Date: April 28, 2022

Time: 9:00 A.M.

This public meeting may continue at 8:30 a.m., on April 29, 2022. Please consult the public agenda, which will be posted ten days before the April 28, 2022, Board Meeting for important details, including, but not limited to, the day on which this item will be considered and any appropriate direction regarding a possible remote-only Board Meeting. If the meeting is to be held in person – in addition to remote access – it will be held at the California Air Resources Board, Byron Sher Auditorium, 1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814.

Background

Pursuant to the Electric Vehicle Charging Stations Open Access Act, Senate Bill (SB) 454 (Corbett, Chapter 418, Statutes of 2013), CARB adopted the Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE) Standards Regulation in 2019 to establish requirements that electric vehicle service providers (EVSPs) must meet, including minimum requirements for payment methods they must allow, with the goal of enabling drivers to access public charging infrastructure confidently and reliably.

As part of staff's ongoing effort to assess barriers and whether regulatory requirements remain appropriate, and consistent with Board direction, staff conducted a Technology Review. The purpose of the Technology Review was to understand drivers' experiences accessing public charging stations and evaluate the availability and use of different payment methods. This item will be an informational update to present the findings and recommendations from the Technology Review.

Proposed Action

CARB staff will present a summary of the written report at the meeting. Copies of the report may be obtained from CARB's website at https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/resource/documents/evse-

technology-review, March 18, 2022. Please contact Chris Hopkins Regulations Coordinator, at chris.hopkins@arb.ca.gov or (279) 208-7347 if you need physical copies of the documents.

Interested members of the public may present comments orally or in writing during the meeting and may provide comments by postal mail or by electronic submittal before the meeting. To be considered by the Board, written comments not submitted during the meeting must be received <u>no later than April 18, 2022,</u> and addressed to the following:

Postal mail: Clerks' Office, California Air Resources Board 1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814

Electronic submittal: http://www.arb.ca.gov/lispub/comm/bclist.php

Please note that under the California Public Records Act (Government Code section 6250 et seq.), your written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g., your address, phone, email, etc.) become part of the public record and can be released to the public upon request.

Further inquiries regarding this matter should be directed to Stephanie Palmer, Air Resources Engineer, Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Market Advancement Section, at (279) 842-9564, or Adrienne Harris, Air Pollution Specialist, ZEV Infrastructure Section, at (279) 208-7534.

Environmental Analysis

CARB, as the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has determined that the Technology Review is not a project and does not constitute an approval of a project under CEQA. Through this Technology Review, CARB has not and is not engaging in any physical alteration of land, financially assisting a person engaging in any physical alternation of land, issuing any permit or certificate, or committing to any action that will cause any physical change to the environment. Thus, this proposed action is not a project or an approval of a project subject to CEQA. (14 CCR 15060(c), 15352, 15378.)

Even if the Technology Review were a project under CEQA, it would be exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed action may result in significant adverse impact on the environment. Through this Review, CARB has not undertaken any physical alternation of land and is not committing to any specific action that may result in potentially significant environmental impacts. This Technology Review is simply to understand drivers' experiences accessing public charging stations, the availability of different payment methods, and any barriers therein, and CARB will only be engaging in further research as a result.

Special Accommodation Request

Consistent with California Government Code section 7296.2, special accommodation or language needs may be provided for any of the following:

- An interpreter to be available at the hearing;
- Documents made available in an alternate format or another language; and
- A disability-related reasonable accommodation.

To request these special accommodations or language needs, please contact the Clerks' Office at *cotb@arb.ca.gov* or (916) 322-5594 as soon as possible, but no later than ten business days before the scheduled Board hearing. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

Consecuente con la sección 7296.2 del Código de Gobierno de California, una acomodación especial o necesidades lingüísticas pueden ser suministradas para cualquiera de los siguientes:

- Un intérprete que esté disponible en la audiencia;
- Documentos disponibles en un formato alterno u otro idioma; y
- Una acomodación razonable relacionados con una incapacidad.

Para solicitar estas comodidades especiales o necesidades de otro idioma, por favor llame a la oficina del Consejo al *cotb@arb.ca.gov* o (916) 322-5594 lo más pronto posible, pero no menos de 10 días de trabajo antes del día programado para la audiencia del Consejo. TTY/TDD/Personas que necesiten este servicio pueden marcar el 711 para el Servicio de Retransmisión de Mensajes de California.

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Chief Counsel, signing for

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Date: March 18, 2022

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see CARB's website (www.arb.ca.gov).