



**CALIFORNIA
ENERGY COMMISSION**



**California Energy Commission
April 8, 2026 Business Meeting
Backup Materials for BYD Energy LLC DBA RIDE Energy**

The following backup materials for the above-referenced agenda item are available in this PDF packet as listed below:

1. Proposed Resolution.
2. Grant Request Form or Grant Amendment Request Form or Contract Request Form or Loan Request Form.

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

PROPOSED RESOLUTION: BYD Energy LLC d.b.a RIDE Energy

RESOLUTION NO: 26-0408-3d

WHEREAS, on April 28, 2023, the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (CEC) and CALSTART, Inc. (CALSTART) entered into Agreement Number ZVI-22-035; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to ZVI-22-035, CALSTART administers the PowerForward Zero-Emission Vehicle Battery Manufacturing Grant Program (PowerForward) to solicit, select, and fund projects that will promote in-state battery manufacturing for zero-emission vehicles and related infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, on April 5, 2024, pursuant to ZVI-22-035, CALSTART issued the PowerForward grant solicitation, a competitive grant funding opportunity; and

WHEREAS, on August 13, 2025, CALSTART issued a Notice of Proposed Awards for PowerForward, which includes a proposed \$11,362,305 grant to BYD Energy LLC d.b.a RIDE Energy for the RIDE Energy Blade Battery Module and Pack Manufacturing Facility (Project), a project to expand RIDE Energy's existing battery module and pack assembly facility in Lancaster, California; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to ZVI-22-035, and as responsible agency under CEQA, CEC must make CEQA findings at a CEC Business Meeting before CALSTART may execute a grant agreement with RIDE Energy for the Project.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the CEC adopts CEC staff's CEQA findings contained in the Agreement Request Form; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that CALSTART may execute a grant agreement with BYD Energy LLC d.b.a RIDE Energy pursuant to the requirements of ZVI-22-035.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of April 2026, by the following vote:

AYE:

NAY:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Secretariat to the CEC does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly approved and adopted by the affirmative vote of the CEC at a meeting held on April 8, 2026.

Kim Todd
Secretariat



GRANT REQUEST FORM (GRF)

A. New Agreement Number

New Agreement Number: issued under ZVI-22-035

B. Division Information

1. Division Name: Fuels and Transportation Division
2. Agreement Manager: Taiying Zhang
3. MS-:27
4. Phone Number: 916-258-2941

C. Recipient's Information

1. Recipient's Legal Name: BYD Energy LLC d.b.a RIDE Energy

D. Title of Project

Title of project: RIDE Energy Blade Battery Module and Pack Manufacturing Facility

E. Term and Amount

1. Start Date: 04/08/2026
2. End Date: 12/31/2028
3. Amount: \$11,362,305

F. Business Meeting Information

1. Are the ARFVTP agreements \$75K and under delegated to Executive Director? No
2. The Proposed Business Meeting Date: 04/08/2026
3. Consent or Discussion? Consent
4. Business Meeting Presenter Name: Not applicable
5. Time Needed for Business Meeting: Not applicable
6. The email subscription topic is: Not applicable

Project Description:

Proposed resolution adopting staff's recommendation that BYD Energy LLC d.b.a RIDE Energy's (RIDE Energy) Blade Battery Module and Pack Manufacturing Facility project under the PowerForward Zero-Emission Vehicle Battery Manufacturing Grant Program (PowerForward) is exempt from CEQA. CALSTART, Inc. administers PowerForward under CEC Agreement ZVI-22-035 and has proposed a grant award to RIDE Energy. CEC is required to make CEQA findings prior to CALSTART, Inc. executing a grant agreement with RIDE Energy. Contact: Taiying Zhang

G. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Compliance

1. Is Agreement considered a "Project" under CEQA?

Yes

If yes, skip to question 2.

If no, complete the following (PRC 21065 and 14 CCR 15378) and explain why Agreement is not considered a "Project":

Agreement will not cause direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment because: Not applicable



2. If Agreement is considered a “Project” under CEQA answer the following questions.

a) Agreement **IS** exempt?

Yes

Statutory Exemption?

No

If yes, list PRC and/or CCR section number(s) and separate each with a comma. If no, enter “None” and go to the next question.

PRC section number: None

CCR section number: None

Categorical Exemption?

Yes

If yes, list CCR section number(s) and separate each with a comma. If no, enter “None” and go to the next question.

CCR section number: 14 CCR 15332

Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15332 exempts from the provisions of CEQA "In-Fill Development Projects." It exempts small (5 acres or less) urban infill projects that are consistent with general plans/zoning, has no value as habitat for endangered, rare or threatened species, cause no significant effects on traffic, noise, air quality, or water, and can be adequately served by utilities and public services.

The proposed project meets the requirements of section 15332. The project will construct a new industrial building as an expansion to an existing facility. The purpose of the project is to expand the grant recipient BYD dba Ride Energy’s existing battery assembly facility in Lancaster to add up to GWh of annual production capacity. The expansion will be located on Ride’s existing land, which is a fully developed industrial parcel, meaning the parcel is predominantly paved w/no undisturbed areas within the project boundary. The site does not contain any sensitive environmental resources. Construction will be entirely within this parcel and will not require changes to zoning or land use designations. The project also will install one new battery module and pack assembly line within the expansion. All manufacturing, testing, and material handling activities will occur within enclosed building areas.

The project is consistent with the City of Lancaster’s general plan and zoning designations, is located on a site that is less than 5 acres, is currently paved and provides no habitat, will be served by existing utilities, and will not result in significant effects related to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality. For these reasons, this project will have no significant impact on the environment and is exempt under CEQA Guidelines section 15332.

The project does not involve any unusual circumstances, will not result in damage to any scenic resources within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway, none of the sites are included on any list compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5, and the project will not cause a substantial adverse change in



the significance of a historical resource. The project, when considered as a whole, will not result in a cumulative impact that is significant on the environment. Therefore, none of the exceptions to exemptions listed in CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2 apply to this project and this project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

Common Sense Exemption? 14 CCR 15061 (b) (3)

No

If yes, explain reason why Agreement is exempt under the above section. If no, enter "Not applicable" and go to the next section.

Not applicable

b) Agreement **IS NOT** exempt.

IMPORTANT: consult with the legal office to determine next steps.

If yes, answer yes or no to all that applies. If no, list all as "no" and "None" as "yes".

Additional Documents	Applies
Initial Study	No
Negative Declaration	No
Mitigated Negative Declaration	No
Environmental Impact Report	No
Statement of Overriding Considerations	No
None	Yes

H. Is this project considered "Infrastructure"?

No

I. Subcontractors

List all Subcontractors listed in the Budget (s) (major and minor). Insert additional rows if needed. If no subcontractors to report, enter "No subcontractors to report" and "0" to funds.

Delete any unused rows from the table

Subcontractor Legal Company Name	CEC Funds	Match Funds
No subcontractors to report	\$ 0	\$ 0

J. Vendors and Sellers for Equipment and Materials/Miscellaneous

List all Vendors and Sellers listed in Budget(s) for Equipment and Materials/Miscellaneous. Insert additional rows if needed. If no vendors or sellers to report, enter "No vendors or sellers to report" and "0" to funds. **Delete** any unused rows from the table.

Vendor/Seller Legal Company Name	CEC Funds	Match Funds
No vendors or sellers to report	\$0	\$0



K. Key Partners

List all key partner(s). Insert additional rows if needed. If no key partners to report, enter “No key partners to report.” **Delete** any unused rows from the table.

Key Partner Legal Company Name
CALSTART, Inc.

L. Budget Information

Include all budget information. Insert additional rows if needed. If no budget information to report, enter “N/A” for “Not Applicable” and “0” to Amount. **Delete** any unused rows from the table.

Funding Source	Funding Year of Appropriation	Budget List Number	Amount
N/A	N/A	N/A	\$0

TOTAL Amount:

R&D Program Area: N/A

Explanation for “Other” selection N/A

Reimbursement Contract #: N/A

Federal Agreement #: N/A

M. Recipient’s Contact Information

1. Recipient’s Administrator/Officer

Name: Simin Hu

Address: 46147 7th Street West

City, State, Zip: Lancaster, CA 93534

Phone: 213-245-6199

E-Mail: simin.hu@ride.co

2. Recipient’s Project Manager

Name: Angel Yin

Address: 3465 E. Foothill Blvd, Suite 200

City, State, Zip: Pasadena, CA 91107

Phone: 626-379-6816

E-Mail: angel.yin@ride.co

N. Selection Process Used

There are three types of selection process. List the one used for this GRF.



Selection Process	Additional Information
Competitive Solicitation #	PowerForward grant solicitation issued by CALSTART, Inc.
First Come First Served Solicitation #	Not Applicable
Other	Not Applicable

O. Attached Items

1. List all items that should be attached to this GRF by entering “Yes” or “No”.

Item Number	Item Name	Attached
1	Exhibit A, Scope of Work/Schedule	No
2	Exhibit B, Budget Detail	No
3	CEC 105, Questionnaire for Identifying Conflicts	No
4	Recipient Resolution	Yes
5	Awardee CEQA Documentation	Yes

Approved By

Individuals who approve this form must enter their full name and approval date in the MS Word version.

Agreement Manager: Taiying Zhang

Approval Date: 2/17/2026

Office Manager: Charles Smith

Approval Date: 2/25/2026

Deputy Director: Melanie Vail

Approval Date: 2/25/2026