



AGENDA SUMMARY REPORT

SUBJECT: Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of a Resolution to Adjust the Electric Vehicle Charging Station Rate and Establish a DC Fast Charging Rate.

DEPARTMENT: Electric Utility

PREPARED BY: Diana Ramos, Electric Rate and Resource Analyst
PRESENTER: Cindy Sauers, Electric Utility Director and Diana Ramos, Electric Rate & Resource Analyst

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution 2019-17 EV Charging Station Rate
2. 2026 Resolution with Appendix A
3. EV Charging Station Rates

Summary: In accordance with Ukiah City Code Division 4, Chapter 6 Sections 3950 through 3957, the City Council will hold a public hearing on October 7, 2026, to receive the City Manager's Report and consider the adoption, by resolution, of the proposed revised Electric Vehicle Charging Station Rate and creation of a DC Fast Charging Rate. Legal notices were published in accordance with City Code section 3953. The Agenda Summary Report and the City Manager's Report are to be considered the same report and have been amended hereto.

Background: The City of Ukiah Electric Utility is a publicly owned, nonprofit utility governed by the Ukiah City Council. The City Council provides oversight and direction for the Electric Utility, including the approval of rates and charges.

In 2019, the City Council approved an Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station Rate for City-owned EV charging stations available for public use. Resolution 2019-17 with the approved rate table included as Attachment 1. The rate was established at \$0.21 per kilowatt-hour (kWh) with a non-charging parking fee of \$3.00/hour. This rate applies to the City's only public EV charging station at the City's Parking Lot A on Oak Street.

Since the establishment of the EV Charging Station Rate, the City has sought opportunities to continue to invest in and expand its public EV charging infrastructure. In June 2026, the City began construction on an EV Charging Station Project that will expand the City's publicly accessible charging network to three additional locations in Ukiah.

The project includes a central EV charging hub in City Parking Lot C, located north of the Ukiah Library, as well as charging stations at Anton Stadium and Low Gap Park. The Parking Lot C hub will provide both Level 2 and DC fast charging stations, while Anton Stadium and Low Gap Park will provide Level 2 charging stations. In total, the project will add 18 new charging options for residents, visitors, commuters, and travelers.

The project is partially funded through a partnership with ChargePoint and the California Energy Commission's Rural Electric Vehicle (REV) Program, providing more than \$700,000 in grant funding toward the City's expanded EV charging network. Upon completion, the City will own and operate the charging stations, which will remain publicly accessible.

Discussion: The City's existing EV Charging Station Rate of \$0.21/kWh was established in 2019 and only applies to Level 2 chargers and does not differentiate between Level 2 and DC fast charging. With the expansion of the City's charging network and the addition of DC fast chargers, Staff reviewed the existing rate structure to determine whether separate rates should be established based on the level of service and the costs associated with each charging technology.

Level 2 and DC fast chargers provide different levels of service. Level 2 chargers are generally used for longer-duration charging and deliver electricity at a lower rate. DC fast chargers operate at substantially higher power levels, allowing drivers to charge their vehicles in significantly less time. DC fast charging also requires more costly equipment and supporting infrastructure and has different installation, operation, maintenance, and electricity-cost considerations.

As part of the rate review, staff evaluated the City's costs to provide both fast charging and Level 2 EV charging service, including charging equipment and infrastructure, network subscription fees, ongoing maintenance, and other operating costs. Staff also reviewed rates at publicly accessible charging stations operated by private companies and other municipalities within Ukiah and surrounding communities.

The rate comparison found a variety of pricing structures, including per-kWh energy charges, hourly charging rates, session fees, parking charges, and idle fees. Among stations charging on a per-kWh basis, the rates reviewed generally ranged from \$0.25 to \$0.58 per kWh for Level 2 charging and \$0.39 to \$0.68 per kWh for DC fast charging.

When the City's original EV Charging Station Rate was established, only Level 2 chargers were installed, and local EV adoption and charger use were relatively limited. The rate was therefore designed primarily to recover electricity and network subscription costs while keeping public charging affordable and encouraging use of the new charging infrastructure. Charger use has increased every year, yielding 44% cost recovery of all costs in 7 years.

Grant funding is offsetting a significant portion of the new infrastructure for the three charging sites. The Electric Utility's required project contribution of \$768,502.55 was funded through a one-time Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS) allocation secured by Northern California Power Agency. The allocation consisted of unused LCFS funds redistributed from large investor-owned utilities to participating small publicly owned utilities, including Ukiah.

Although the LCFS allocation funded the Utility's project contribution, the Utility will remain responsible for network subscription fees, ongoing maintenance, electricity costs, and the future repair and replacement of the charging equipment. With the expansion of the City's Level 2 charging and the addition of the DC fast charging, both levels of service were evaluated to ensure the City's investment is recovered over time. The proposed rates were developed after considering these costs and the expected use of each type of charger. Rates charged by other publicly accessible stations were used as a comparison to confirm that the proposed rates are reasonable and competitive.

Expanding the existing EV Charging Station Rate to include DC fast charging recognizes the differences between Level 2 and DC fast charging and provides a rate structure that more accurately reflects the cost of providing each service. The proposed rates are not intended to recover the entire cost of the charging infrastructure immediately but will increase the contribution made by users toward the cost of operating, maintaining, and ultimately replacing the equipment.

Staff recommends adopting a Resolution (Attachment 2) expanding the Electric Vehicle Charging Station Rate table to include DC fast charging for \$0.375 per kWh and increasing the Level 2 charging rate from \$0.21 to \$0.299 per kWh. The non-charging parking fee of \$3.00 will remain unchanged and will apply to both rates. The \$3.00 parking fee takes effect after a 30-minute grace period after charging is complete. The proposed rate table is included as Attachment 3. With Council approval, the revised rates will take effect immediately.

Recommended Action: Adopt resolution revising the Electric Vehicle Charging Station Rate and establishing a DC Fast Charging Rate.

BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUIRED: N/A

CURRENT BUDGET AMOUNT: N/A

PROPOSED BUDGET AMOUNT: N/A

FINANCING SOURCE: N/A

REVENUE: Yes / No GRANT: Yes / No

PREVIOUS CONTRACT/PURCHASE ORDER NO.: N/A

COORDINATED WITH: Cindy Sauers, Electric Utility Director

STRATEGIC PLAN (SP): SP 2B - Identify and/or develop funding for essential and vital infrastructure for the long-term.

GENERAL PLAN ELEMENTS (GP):GP-A3 - Mobility Element

Approved:


Sage Sangiacomo, City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-17

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UKIAH ADOPTING ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING RATE.

WHEREAS: The City of Ukiah ("City") provides electric utility services to residents and businesses in the City and the Ukiah Electric Utility is the City's publicly owned electric utility with the City Council providing local governance and oversight; and

WHEREAS: The City has operated the Ukiah Electric Utility for more than 120 years and the electric rates are based on the cost to provide service; and

WHEREAS: The electric energy costs for the citizens of the City are significantly lower than rates charged to other residents of Mendocino County; and

WHEREAS: In accordance with the Ukiah City Code Division 4, Chapter 6, Sections 3950 through 3957, the City Council will hold a public hearing on April 17, 2019, to receive the City Manager's Report on a proposed electric vehicle charging rate and consider adoption by resolution of the proposed electric vehicle charging rate. Legal notices were published successfully in accordance with Ukiah City Code Section 3953; and

WHEREAS: This rate schedule is applicable to electric vehicle (EV) charging stations that are available to the public and owned by the Ukiah Electric Utility; and

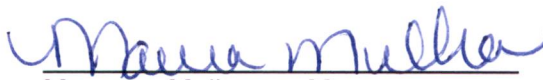
WHEREAS: This schedule is not applicable to EV chargers owned by the City of Ukiah but not available to the public or those used by private residences or businesses; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Ukiah hereby adopts the Proposed Electric Vehicle Charging Rate, as set for the in Exhibit A.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the rate shall be effective immediately upon adoption by this Resolution unless otherwise ordered by the City Council on April 17, 2019. The City Clerk shall cause the publication of this resolution in the Ukiah Daily Journal within 10 days following Council action on April 17, 2019, pursuant to the provisions of Section 3957 of the Ukiah City Code.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Ukiah on the 17th day of April 2019, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Orozco, Brown, Scalmanini, Crane, and Mayor Mulheren
 NOES: None
 ABSENT: None
 ABSTAIN: None


 Maureen Mulheren, Mayor

ATTEST:


 Kristine Lawler, City Clerk

Electric Vehicle Charging Station Rate EV1 (Public)

This schedule is applicable to electric vehicle (EV) charging stations that are available to the public and owned by the Ukiah Electric Utility. This schedule is not applicable to EV charges owned by the City of Ukiah, but not available to the public or those used by private residences or businesses.

Charging Energy Rate, \$/kWh	\$0.2100
Non-Charging (Parking) Rate \$/hr.	\$3.00

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UKIAH ADJUSTING THE ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION RATE AND ESTABLISHING A DC FAST CHARGING RATE

WHEREAS: The City of Ukiah ("City") provides electric utility services to residents and businesses in the City, and Ukiah Electric Utility is the City's publicly owned electric utility with the City Council providing local governance and oversight; and

WHEREAS: In 2019, the City Council approved an Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station Rate for City-owned EV charging stations available for public use, establishing a rate of \$0.21 per kilowatt-hour (kWh) and a non-charging parking fee of \$3.00 per hour following a 30-minute grace period; and

WHEREAS: Since establishment of the EV charging rate, the Electric Utility sought opportunities to invest in and expand its publicly accessible Level 2 EV charging infrastructure and add DC fast charging; and

WHEREAS: Funding became available through partnership with ChargePoint and the California Energy Commission's Rural Electric Vehicle (REV) Program, providing more than \$700,000 in grant funding toward the City's expanded EV charging network.

WHEREAS: In June 2026, the City began construction on an EV Charging Station Project that will expand the City's publicly accessible charging network to City Parking Lot C, Anton Stadium, and Low Gap Park, expanding the City's Level 2 charging network at all three locations and adding DC fast charging at Parking Lot C; and

WHEREAS: The City's existing EV charging rate applies to Level 2 charging and does not differentiate between Level 2 and DC fast charging, which provide different levels of charging service

WHEREAS: Staff evaluated the equipment, infrastructure, network subscription, maintenance, operating, electricity, and future repair and replacement costs associated with each level of charging service; and

WHEREAS: Staff determined that the existing rate for Level 2 chargers was insufficient to recover the cost of the infrastructure and ongoing expenses and a new DC fast charging rate would be required to ensure cost recovery for the high demand infrastructure and ongoing costs associated with fast charging; and

WHEREAS: Based on these cost considerations, Staff recommends increasing the Level 2 charging energy rate to \$0.299 per kWh and establishing a DC fast charging rate of \$0.375 per kWh, while retaining the existing non-charging parking fee of \$3.00 per hour; and

WHEREAS: in accordance with Ukiah City Code Division 4, Chapter 6, Sections 3950 through 3957, the City Council held a public hearing on October 7, 2026, to receive the City Manager's Report and consider adopting revised Electric Vehicle Charging Station Rates. Legal notices were published in accordance with City Code Section 3953; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Ukiah hereby adopts the revised Electric Vehicle Charging Station Rate (Exhibit A), revising the Level 2 charging rate to \$0.299 per kWh and establishing a DC fast charging rate of \$0.375 per kWh, while retaining the existing non-charging parking fee of \$3.00 per hour. The revised rates shall take effect immediately upon adoption of this Resolution and shall supersede the existing EV Charging Station Rate.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Ukiah on the 7th day of October 2026, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Susan Sher, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kristine Lawler, City Clerk

Appendix A

Electric Vehicle Charging Station Rates

This rate schedule applies to Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations that are owned by the City of Ukiah Electric Utility and available for public use. This schedule does not apply to EV Charging Stations owned by private residences or businesses.

Electrical Vehicle Charging Station Rate EV1 (Public)	
Level 2 Charging Energy Rate	\$0.299/ kWh
DC Fast Charging Energy Rate	\$0.375/ kWh
Non-Charging (Parking) Rate	\$3.00/ hr.

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Electric Vehicle Charging Station Rates (Public)	
Level 2 Charging Rate	\$0.299/ kWh
DC Fast Charging Rate	\$0.375/ kWh
Non-Charging Parking Rate	\$3.00/ hr.