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Letters to the Editor: The demand for more electricity is huge.
How California can unleash generation



An electric vehicle charges at a Tesla station (Mark J. Terrill / Associated Press)

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To the editor: The transportation sector is experiencing the same increasing electricity infrastructure demand that affects the industrial sector, the agricultural sector and other areas. One roadblock to answering this call is the massive backlog of clean energy projects that are navigating permits. (“[The race is on for more EV charging stations at stores, offices and apartments](#),” Sept. 25)

The group Citizens’ Climate Lobby, of which I am member, has permit reform as one of its four areas of focus. We have a wealth of information available about policy approaches that would reduce delays and costs.

Another roadblock is electrical utility resistance to increased solar power generation.

The proposed California initiative for 2024 called the Renewable Energy Acceleration Law would allow for hyper-local solar electricity generation on unproductive or fallowed farmland and distribution within a two-mile radius. This bypasses the electrical grid completely, boosts power production and creates profitable small-farm producers. It also lowers utility expenses, the risk of blackouts and air pollution.

The impact on electrical generation can be huge, and none too soon.

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