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Hanford gives preliminary OK to Faraday

- *City issues a temporary certificate of occupancy*
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Hanford has approved a temporary certificate of occupancy for the factory that is to make the all-electric Faraday Future vehicles.

Faraday expects its model FF 91 to start rolling off the Hanford assembly line by the end of the year. The lease for the 1-million square foot site was signed in August 2017, with major cleanup and infrastructural preparation continuing through the first part of last month when the building permit was given and the contractor signed to lead the construction project.

The TCO is the first step in final approval required from a municipality's building and safety inspectors before a new occupant can fully take over a site or structure, move in, and start their intended activities full-time as a running business.

“This first TCO, specifically allowing ramp-up for assembly of our FF 91 prototypes in the most finished part of the Hanford site, is a real step forward,” says Faraday Senior VP of Manufacturing Dag Reckhorn.

“The Hanford location is ideal for both Southern California and the San Francisco Bay Area for deliveries, among other benefits,” says Faraday Future Founder and Global CEO Y.T. Jia. “It is exciting for me as an entrepreneur to begin with this small step in building my dream of creating the next-generation mobility products that will change the way people view transportation.”

FF Hanford is applying for the Conditional Certificate of

Occupancy (CCO), and then the final Certificate of Occupancy (COO) for the first FF 91s. The Hanford plant is expected to create between 1,000 and 1,300 new jobs in the Central Valley when it reaches full operating capacity, the company says.

The company says its FF 91 is an all-purpose fully-connected EV with an estimated 0-60 mph acceleration of under three seconds and an expected range of 300+ miles.