

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of: Sonoma

From: (Public Agency): The California State University
on behalf of Sonoma State University

1801 East Cotati Avenue, Rohnert Park, CA 94928-3609

(Address)

Project Title: Sonoma State University (SSU) Fuel Reduction

Project Applicant: Sonoma State University

Project Location - Specific:

SSU campus (S and E property lines along Petaluma Hill Rd. & East Cotati Ave.)

Project Location - City: Rohnert Park Project Location - County: Sonoma

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Vegetation removal to create defensible space around buildings, structures, and parking areas in the event of wildfires, and to protect life and property along the perimeter of SSU, through the removal of approximately 205 eucalyptus trees of varying ages and sizes, including number of senescent trees, along the southern and eastern perimeters of the SSU campus along Petaluma Hill Rd. and Cotati Ave. Tree stumps and root flares will be ground to the level of surrounding soils to minimize soil disturbance.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: The Trustees of The California State University

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: SSU Capital Planning, Design & Construction

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 4 (15304) Minor Alterations to Land
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

Consistent with example (i) within the definition of a Class 4 Categorical Exemption, the project constitutes fuel management activities within 30-100 feet of structures. It is intended to reduce the volume of flammable vegetation and will not result in the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees other than for forestry purposes, nor result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant or animal species or significant erosion or sedimentation of surface waters. This exemption applies to fuel management activities within 100 feet of a structure if, as here, the public agency with fire protection responsibility for the area has determined this is necessary due to extra hazardous fire conditions. None of the exceptions to the use of this categorical exemption cited in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply to the project.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: K. Marian, SSU Dir CPDC Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 707 664 2821

If filed by applicant:

- 1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: Anne Collins-Delme Date: May 20, 2020 Title: Principal Environmental Planner

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR:
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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