

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Sonoma

From: (Public Agency): Sonoma State University
1801 East Cotati Avenue
Rohnert Park, CA 94928-3609

(Address)

Project Title: Sonoma State University (SSU) 12kV Switchgear Replacement

Project Applicant: Sonoma State University

Project Location - Specific:

East Cotati Avenue (south) property and center of campus

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

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project proposes to construct and operate new 12kV underground service with a PG&E Revenue metering cabinet, Rule 21-compliant protective relay, and a new pre-engineered, pre-fabricated 12kV service switchgear building that will replace the existing central plant building. The project also involves new 12kV feeders to reconnect existing campus feeders and solar feeders.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: SSU Campus 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));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 2 (15302), Class 3 (15303)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is eligible for a Class 2 Replacement or Reconstruction exemption as it is consistent with the criteria related to (c) replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity (replacement of electrical switchgear and feeders), and is eligible for a Class 3 New Construction exemption as it is consistent with the criteria related to (e) construction of accessory structures (prefabricated switchgear building). The project does not trigger any of the exceptions to the use of categorical exemptions as it would not contribute to a cumulatively significant impact; result in a significant environmental impact due to unusual circumstances; result in damage to scenic resources; be located on a listed hazardous materials site; or cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

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-Dolme* Date: January 18, 2022 Title: Principal Environmental Planner

▪ Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.