

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: *Solar Project at the Regatta Building Parking Lot*

Project Location – 3200 Regatta Boulevard, Richmond, CA

Project Location – City: Richmond

Project Location – County: Contra Costa

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project (Project Description):

UC Berkeley has entered into an agreement for solar photovoltaic carport installations at the parking lot of the Regatta Building in Richmond. The project will not result in an increase in square footage. There is no removal of specimen trees or the disturbance to environmentally sensitive habitats.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: University of California

Parties Undertaking Project: University of California; *Sunpower Helix*

Exempt Status:

- 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. Class 1 Existing Facilities; Class 3 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structure; Class 11 Accessory Structures**
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: 20180.35
- General Exemption (Sec. 15061(b)(3)).

Reason Why Project is Exempt:

The Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301: Existing Facilities Class I because the Project would involve negligible or no expansion of use. The project will not result in an increase in square footage. The solar PV arrays will be located in the parking lot of the Regatta Building.

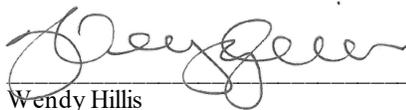
The project is categorically exempt under CEQA Guidelines 15303 - Class 3 New construction or conversion of small structures. This project involves the construction of accessory structures such as solar carports on existing parking lots with its associated equipment.

The Project is categorically exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15311 – Class 11 Accessory Structures. Class 11 consists of construction, or placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities, which is applicable to this project because this project includes placement of solar carports.

CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 includes a number of exceptions to categorical exemptions, which include the following: location; cumulative impact; significant effect; scenic highways; hazardous waste sites; and historical resources. These exceptions have been determined not to apply to the Project.

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Signed by Lead Agency

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