

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk
County of: Sacramento

From: (Public Agency): _____
California State University, Fresno (fiscal agent: CSU Fresno Foundation)

4910 N. Chestnut Avenue Fresno CA 93726-1852
(Address)

Project Title: Using drainage water to grow an alternative salt and boron tolerant crop-guayule- that produces natural latex and resin for the westside of the San Joaquin Valley in Central California

Project Applicant: Dr. Todd Lone

Project Location - Specific:

9611 South Riverbend Avenue, Parlier CA. at 36.5957 N and 119.5115 W

Project Location - City: Parlier Project Location - County: Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The primary goals of the proposed study are to 1) evaluate production of natural rubber latex and resin from different salt and B tolerant guayule ecotypes irrigated with simulated drainage water and 2) to provide economic value estimates for natural latex and resin production from salt and B tolerant ecotypes of guayule.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California State University, Fresno

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Dr. Todd Lone

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: Information collection (CEQA #15306)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

There will be no construction or any other types of disturbances. In this project, we will evaluate the performance, production and biochemical and molecular activities related to latex and resin and estimate economic value of drought-tolerant guayule (*Parthenium argentatum*) as an alternative rubber-producing crop when irrigated with drainage waters. Project consists of data collection and analysis.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Maral Kismetian Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (559) 278-0911

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: JAMES MARSHALL Date: 12/17/2021 Title: Dean of Research and Graduate Studies

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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December 15, 2021

Sammy Naventhan, P.E.
Senior Engineer
Special Studies & Technical Support Section
Special Investigation Branch,
Department of Water Resources,
3374 E. Shields Avenue,
Fresno, CA 93726-6913

Dear Mr. Naventhan:

For the Proposition 204 Drainage Reuse Grant awarded to California State University Fresno, Foundation, proposal entitled "Using drainage water to grow an alternative salt and boron tolerant crop-guayule- that produces natural latex and resin for the westside of the San Joaquin Valley in Central California," I certify that there is not a single legal challenge to the project.

Should you have any questions regarding this certification, please contact Maral Kismetian, grants and research administrator, at (559) 278-0911 or via email at mkismetian@csufresno.edu .

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "JAMES MARSHALL".

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Dr. James E. Marshall, Ph.D.

Dean of Research and Graduate Studies

Authorized Organizational Representative