

## Notice of Exemption

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**To:**  Office of Planning and Research  
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Sacramento, CA 95812-3044  
 County Clerk, County of \_\_\_\_\_

**From:** University of California  
Physical & Environmental Planning  
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Oakland, California 94607-5200

**Project Title:** Acquisition of 114 Acres of Agricultural Land, and Lease-Back of 77 Acres to Seller, 5352 Beardsley Road, Ventura County, California

**Project Location:** 5352 Beardsley Road, Ventura County, California

**Project Location – City:** Unincorporated Camarillo

**Project Location – County:** Ventura County

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project (Project Description):** The project involves the acquisition of 114 acres of agricultural land located at 5352 Beardsley Road (Property), Ventura County, California and the lease-back of 77 acres of the property to the seller.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** University of California

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** University of California

**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 (15301)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:
- Common Sense Exemption (Sec. 15061(b)(3)).

**Reason Why Project is Exempt:** The University has determined the proposed acquisition and leaseback of the Property is exempt under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15301, Existing Facilities because there are no proposed changes or intensity of use to the Property. On a separate and independent basis, the acquisition and leaseback of the Property is also exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because there would be a change in ownership in the property with no change in use, and therefore, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the acquisition by itself would have a significant effect on the environment. The action does not commit the University to any future redevelopment. Any future action on the property would be subject to additional CEQA documentation and approval, and is not a subject of the proposed transaction. In addition, no exception to the exemptions pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply. The acquisition of the Property is also consistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15004(b)(2) (2) because the University has not formally made a decision to proceed with the use of the site or otherwise taken any action that forecloses alternatives or mitigation measures that would ordinarily be part of CEQA review.

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Brian Harrington

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**Signature:**



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Brian Harrington

**Title:** Director, Physical and Environmental Planning

**Date:** December 21, 2022

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant