

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 212
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo
1 Grand Avenue
San Luis Obispo, CA 93410

Project Title: Cal Poly Agricultural Student Worker Housing

Project Location – Specific: Within the Cal Poly campus at east of Via Carta Road and west of Drumm Reservoir in the unincorporated San Luis Obispo County, California

Project Location - City: N/A

Project Location - County: San Luis Obispo County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo (Cal Poly) is proposing the construction of two single story housing units for agricultural student workers caring for campus agricultural lands. The homes will replenish 12 of 14 bedspaces lost from decommissioning older facilities. Each home is comprised of six bedrooms, full kitchen, two bathrooms and common area within 2,380 GSF. The agricultural housing program in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Science is an essential component of animal husbandry and land maintenance necessary for the educational programs and laboratory curriculum of the College. The campus agricultural ranches cover over 3,000 acres, and each ranch has an agricultural student worker home.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo

The project is exempt from CEQA under the following authority:

- 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:
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: Exemption for Agricultural Housing, Affordable Housing, and Residential Infill Projects (Sections 15191-15196)

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project constructs two new homes for student employees that care for the campus ranch lands. The project is less than 20 units, is less than 10,000 square feet, is located on land previously developed, and meets the threshold criteria of Section 15192. The project will be providing low-cost housing for 12 students located within a developed portion of the Cal Poly campus in an urbanized setting. The project replenishes lost bedspaces from decommission housing units, therefore no/negligible expansion. The project would be entirely located on a developed site of campus, which contains no sensitive resources.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Scott Bloom, Campus Planner, California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (805) 756-1573

If filed by applicant: Not applicable

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: 
Signed by Lead Agency:

Date: 2023/204 Title: Campus Planner
Signed by Applicant:

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