

# 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: Los Angeles

**From: (Public Agency):** \_\_\_\_\_  
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona  
3801 W. Temple Ave., Pomona, CA 91768

(Address)

Project Title: Solar Parking Lot Canopy Arrays

Project Applicant: California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

**Project Location - Specific:**

Existing parking lots located generally in the north, west, and south portions of the main campus in Lots F1, F2, F3, F4, F5, F8, F9, F10 (accessed from Red Gum Lane), Lot M (accessed from Camphor Lane), and Lyle Center for Regenerative Studies (accessed from S. University Drive).

Project Location - City: Pomona

Project Location - County: Los Angeles

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:**

Construction and operation of multiple 16-foot-tall carport-style solar arrays (between 629 to 1100 KW) over existing parking lots in Lots F1, F2, F3, F4, F5, F8, F9, F10, M, and Lyle Center. Systems in Lots F and M will be sized to produce approximately 8,500 MWh AC in the first full year of operation. Existing solar array system at Lyle Center to be removed and replaced with proposed solar array system with new canopies and sized to produce approximately 346 MWh AC in the first full year of operation. The canopy solar arrays will connect to the campus' main substation at Building #192 to minimize energy dependence from the SCE grid. Construction is anticipated to last 7 months.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Facilities 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: Sections 15301-15304, Classes 1, 2, 3, and 4
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: PRC §21080.35

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

The project is statutorily exempt pursuant to PRC §21080.35, as it is proposed in existing parking lots used for vehicle parking for at least two years; does not include a substation or transmission or distribution facilities; is located on the same parcel of the buildings to be served; does not occupy more than 500 square feet of ground surface; does not occupy area that contains plants protected by the Native Plant Protection Act; does not require a permit pursuant to the federal Clean Water Act, waste discharge requirements pursuant to the California Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act, a permit for species protected under the federal Endangered Species Act or the California Endangered Species Act, and/or a streambed alteration permit pursuant to California Fish and Game Code; is located on existing parking lots, but does not remove trees required to be planted, maintained, or protected pursuant to local, state, or federal requirements, or removal of native trees over 25 years old. Additionally, the project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Existing Facilities (15301); Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction (15302); Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (15303); and Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land (15304) as it consists of minor exterior alterations to the existing campus parking lots (i.e., the addition of canopy shade structures with solar photovoltaic arrays), involves replacement and reconstruction of existing solar system in Lyle Center lot, and involves no expansion of use over existing conditions.

**Lead Agency**

Contact Person: Stacy Tran

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 909-869-5489

**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: Stacy Tran    Date: 3/25/2024    Title: Campus Planner, Facilities Planning Mgmt.

X 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.

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_