

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Long Range Development Plan Amendment #6 to the 2010 UC Santa Barbara Long Range Development Plan

Project Location: University of California, Santa Barbara

Project Location – City: Santa Barbara

Project Location – County: Santa Barbara

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project (Project Description): The UC Santa Barbara Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) Policy OS-09 and SH-01 require the Santa Barbara campus to prepare an Open Space Management Plan (OSPM) and Comprehensive Sea Level Rise Hazards Assessment (SLRAS), respectively and submit the plans as an LRDP Amendment for certification by the California Coastal Commission (CCC). The proposed LRDP Amendment #6 is necessary to include the SLRAS and OSMP consistent with the CCC's certification within the LRDP and will be subsequently submitted to the CCC for certification. No physical development or projects are proposed under LRDP Amendment #6.

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 Exemption (15262)
- Common Sense Exemption (Sec. 15061(b)(3)).

Reason Why Project is Exempt: It has been determined that the LRDP Amendment #6 is not subject to review under the California Environmental Quality Act CEQA because the Project does not meet CEQA's definition of a "project" and approval of the Project will not cause a direct (or reasonably foreseeable indirect) physical change pursuant to Pub Res C §21065 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15378. On a separate and independent basis, the LRDP Amendment #6 is statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines 15262 which states that CEQA does not apply to feasibility or planning studies that will not have a legally binding effect on later activities. Although feasibility and planning studies are exempt from the requirement that an EIR or a negative declaration be prepared, they must nevertheless include "consideration of environmental factors." Approval of LRDP Amendment #6 meets that requirement, as its fundamental purpose is to minimize environmental impacts relating to open space preservation and sea level rise. On a separate and independent basis, the LRDP Amendment #6 is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment. LRPD Amendment #6 does not include any physical change to the environment and therefore, there is no potential to cause a significant effect on the environment.

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Date: June 17, 2024

- Signed by Lead Agency
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