

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk
County of: NA

From: (Public Agency): The Trustees of The California State University
401 Golden Shore
Long Beach, CA 90802-4210

(Address)

Project Title: Water Reclamation Facility - New Reservoir Testing

Project Applicant: California Polytechnic State University San Luis Obispo (Cal Poly SLO)

Project Location - Specific:

Cal Poly San Luis Obispo Campus, north of ponds associated with the Swine Unit

Project Location - City: San Luis Obispo Project Location - County: San Luis Obispo

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Cal Poly SLO is proposing to conduct sub-grade testing within an approximately one-acre area, previously used for construction disposal, within the approved Water Reclamation Facility project footprint. The purpose of the testing is to identify and characterize the material stockpiled in that area, so as to determine disposal methods and options during construction of the approved Water Reclamation Facility project. Test pits would be conducted over the area, every 10 to 20 feet, for a period of one week (40 hours).

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Cal Poly SLO

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: _____
Common Sense Exemption (15061(b)(3)), Class 4 (Section 15304); Class 6 (Section 15306)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:


Consistent with Class 6 exemption requirements, the primary purpose of the proposed activity is to collect information needed to identify any existing hazardous materials associated with previous use of the site, within an area approved for substantial grading as part of the Water Reclamation Facility project. Additionally, the activity qualifies for a Class 4 exemption because the proposed action would be limited to preparation of test pits on vacant land that is covered with non-native vegetation and described as "developed" in the Water Reclamation Facility Environmental Impact Report. Because the proposed activity would involve limited land disturbance using an excavator for the purpose of testing soil conditions, the proposed activity does not trigger any of the exceptions listed under CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2. Additionally, per the criteria contained in the common sense exemption, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that this activity may have a significant effect on the environment.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Patrick Engels Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 805-756-5555

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:  Date: 07/30/2024 Title: Project Manager

▪ 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: _____