

## Notice of Exemption

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**To:**  Office of Planning and Research  
PO Box 3044, 1400 Tenth Street, Room 222  
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 Vacant Land, Borrego Water District

**Project Location:** 9.64 acres of real property located near Montezuma Valley Road and Tilting T Drive

**Project Location – Town:** Borrego Springs

**Project Location – County:** San Diego

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project (Project Description):** The Irvine campus is seeking approval to purchase approximately 9.64 acres of real property located near Montezuma Valley Road and Tilting T Drive, in the town of Borrego Springs, San Diego County, California (Property), which lies adjacent to the UC Natural Reserve System's Steele/Burnand Anza-Borrego Desert Research Center, from the Borrego Water District.

**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 (21080(a))
- Common Sense Exemption (Sec. 15061(b)(3)).

**Reason Why Project is Exempt:** The project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under a Class 1, Existing Facilities (CEQA Guidelines Section 15301) because no physical changes are proposed. On a separate and independent basis, the acquisition is also exempt under the "common sense 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. Any future development on the site would be subject to appropriate environmental review pursuant to CEQA.

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Brian Harrington

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**Signature:**

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Brian Harrington

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

**Date:** August 2, 2024

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant