

# Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research  
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From: The Trustees of the California State University  
401 Golden Shore  
Long Beach, CA 90802-4210

Project Title: Cal Poly Humboldt Solar and Battery Energy Storage System

Project Location – Specific: Within the California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt (Cal Poly Humboldt) campus, specifically the rooftops of Harry Griffith Hall, Sunset Hall, Redwood Hall, Siemens Hall, and the Library Building, as well as Parking Lots FS9, FS10, G11, and G12.

Project Location - City: Arcata

Project Location - County: Humboldt County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project includes the installation of carport and rooftop solar photovoltaic (PV) panels at several existing locations across the Cal Poly Humboldt campus, as well as an on-campus battery energy storage system (BESS), and removal of an existing hydrogen fueling station. Consistent with CAP 2.0 Strategy 1.4, carport PV panels would be installed within four existing parking lots (FS9, FS10, G11, and G12) with rooftop PV panels installed on five existing Cal Poly Humboldt academic buildings (Harry Griffith Hall, Sunset Hall, Redwood Hall, Siemens Hall, and the Library Building). Additionally, the existing pilot hydrogen fueling station located within the southern portion of Parking Lot G12 would be removed and replaced with a BESS facility that would allow for uninterrupted electrical service for the campus as generated by the on-campus PV panels, consistent with CAP 2.0 Strategy 2.1. The project would provide 2 megawatts (MW) of direct current (DC) and 1.8 MW of alternating current (AC).

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt

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: Class 1 – Existing Facilities (Section 15301); Class 3 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (Section 15303); Class 11 – Accessory Structures (Section 15311)
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:


The project consists of modifications to existing utility infrastructures within a developed portion of the Cal Poly campus in an urbanized setting. All modifications would take place within paved/developed areas of the existing campus. The project would involve less than 10,000 square feet of new development and is intended to improve the sustainability of overall campus operations with no/negligible expansion of use. The project would be entirely located within developed areas of the campus that contain no sensitive resources.

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**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: 11/14/2024

Title: Project and Space Analyst

Signed by Applicant: