

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Acquisition of Strathearn Ranch

Project Location: APNs: 025-380-0010, 025-390-0010, 025-390-0030, 025-390-0070, 025-230-0010, 025-230-0060, and 025-150-0030) (“Property”)

Project Location – City: Tres Pinos

Project Location – County: San Benito County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project (Project Description): Upon approval and closing, the University will be conveyed a 99-percent interest of real property located at Tres Pinos, San Benito County, California (Strathearn Ranch or “Property”). Strathearn Ranch is a bequest under a Living Trust. The Regents approved establishing the Strathearn Ranch Reserve as a separate reserve under the Natural Reserve System (NRS) and the land was be transferred to the NRS.

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) (15325)
- Statutory Exemptions (21080(a))
- Common Sense Exemption (Sec. 15061(b)(3)).

Reason Why Project is Exempt: The University has determined that the proposed land ownership transfer is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment (CEQA Guidelines Section 15061). The land ownership transfer is also categorically exempt pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Sections 15301 (Existing Facilities) because there will be no expansion of the existing use and 15325 (Class 25, Transfers of Ownership of Interest in Land to Preserve Natural Conditions and Historical Resources) as the transfer to the NRS will preserve the existing open space and habitat.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Brian Harrington

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Signature:



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Date: March 12, 2025

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant