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Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
County Clerk
County of: Fresno
2220 Tulare Street
Fresno, CA 93721

From: (Public Agency):
State Center Community College District
1525 East Weldon Avenue, Fresno, CA 93704
(Address)

FILED
MAY 22 2019
TIME 12:17

Project Title: Reedley College Math, Science, and Engineering Building Project

By: [Signature] FRESNO COUNTY CLERK DEPUTY

Project Applicant: State Center Community College District

Project Location - Specific:
995 N. Reed Avenue (Assessor's Parcel Number 363-100-595T).

Project Location - City: Reedley Project Location - County: Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Please see attached.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: State Center Community College District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: State Center Community College District

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));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15332. In-Fill Development Projects
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

Please see attached.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Christine Miktarian Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (559) 243-7181

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: [Signature] Date: 5/21/2019 Title: Vice Chancellor

[X] Signed by Lead Agency [] Signed by Applicant

Operations & Information Systems

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OFP:

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State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
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 DFW 753.5a (Rev. 01/03/18) Previously DFG 753.5a

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RECEIPT NUMBER: E201910000183
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (if applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY STATE CENTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 05/22/2019
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING FRESNO COUNTY	DOCUMENT NUMBER E201910000183	

PROJECT TITLE
REEDLEY COLLEGE MATH, SCIENCE, AND ENGINEERING BUILDING PROJECT

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME STATE CENTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (559) 243-7181
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 1525 EAST WELDON AVENUE	CITY FRESNO	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 93704

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency School District Other Special District State Agency Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$3,271.00 \$	<u>0.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,354.75 \$	<u>0.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program document (CRP)	\$1,077.00 \$	<u>0.00</u>

- Exempt from fee
- Notice of Exemption (attach)
- CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)
- Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$1,112.00 \$	<u>0.00</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee	\$50.00 \$	<u>50.00</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION	\$	<u>0.00</u>

PAYMENT METHOD:

- Cash Credit Check Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE X 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Sonya Soy Deputy Clerk
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**Attachment to Notice of Exemption for
Reedley College Math, Science, and Engineering Building Project**

Project Location: The Reedley College Math, Science, and Engineering (MSE) Building Project site is located on the Reedley College campus located at 995 N. Reed Avenue on the west side of Reed Avenue, north of Manning Avenue, in the City of Reedley, Fresno County, California (Assessor's Parcel Number 363-100-59ST).

Project Description: State Center Community College District (SCCCD) is proposing the construction of a two-story 20,854 square foot Math, Science, and Engineering Building on the campus of Reedley College to provide updated and expanded MSE educational opportunities to students at Reedley College. Education programs will include, but not necessarily be limited to, nursing, dental, math, and chemistry. The building includes classrooms, labs, tutorial center, offices, meeting room, staff lounge, restrooms, and storage.

Three single-story buildings on the site (Life Science Buildings A, B, and C), totaling approximately 3,000 square feet, will be removed. The new MSE building, totaling 20,854 square feet, will result in a net increase of 17,854 square feet of building area. The total building square footage on the Reedley College campus is approximately 425,000 square feet within a developed campus area of approximately 100 acres. Thus, the new building represents a minor increase in campus square footage.

Construction of the new MSE building is expected to begin in August 2019 and the building would be completed and operational by November 2020.

Reasons why project is exempt:

15332. IN-FILL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. Class 32 consists of projects characterized as in-fill development meeting the conditions described in this section.

- (a) The project is consistent with the applicable general plan designation and all applicable general plan policies as well as with applicable zoning designation and regulations.

The Reedley College campus is designated Public/Institutional Facility in the Reedley General Plan Land Use Map and zoned RCO (Resource Conservation & Open Space). Schools and colleges are permitted in the RCO zone with a conditional use permit. Continued use as an educational facility is consistent with all applicable general plan policies.

- (b) The proposed development occurs within city limits on a project site of no more than five acres substantially surrounded by urban uses.

The Reedley College campus is within the city limits of Reedley. The addition of the project would involve construction on less than 5 acres of the existing campus. The project site is centrally located within the existing campus surrounded by other campus uses. The campus is adjacent to urban residential development to the east, and commercial development to the south.

- (c) The project site has no value as habitat for endangered, rare or threatened species.

The project is near the center of the existing Reedley College campus, which has existed at this location for approximately 60 years. The campus consists of buildings, sidewalks, parking lots, and

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turfed and landscaped areas, and is surrounded by urban development to the east and south. Therefore, the site would not provide habitat for endangered, rare or threatened species.

- (d) Approval of the project would not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality.

The project will result in a net increase of 17,854 square feet on a campus with 425,000 square feet of building area (approximately a 4.2% increase). The project, as such, is a minor increase in campus square footage and is intended to provide updated and expanded MSE educational opportunities for existing students at Reedley College. Therefore, significant effects related to traffic, noise, air quality and water quality are not anticipated. As with all building projects, there will be some construction noise, but the project site is not near any residential uses and the college would manage the construction of the project to have a minimal impact on existing college classroom operations. Based on the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District's Small Project Analysis Level (SPAL) criteria, the project would have a less than significant impact on air quality. The Reedley College campus drains into the City's storm drainage system and not the nearby Kings River and would be subject to National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System requirements. Water quality impacts, therefore, would be less than significant.

- (e) The site can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services.

Since the project is within the existing Reedley College campus, all utilities and public services are available and already in place. According to SCCC staff, the new building can be adequately served with all required utilities and services.

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**STATE CENTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 2019.08**

**APPROVAL OF A CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM
THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT FOR THE
REEDLEY COLLEGE MATH, SCIENCE, AND ENGINEERING BUILDING PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the State Center Community College District (District) currently operates Reedley College at 995 N. Reed Avenue in the City of Reedley; and

WHEREAS, the District is proposing to construct a two-story, 20,854 square foot Math, Science and Engineering Building in the central portion of the existing Reedley College campus (Project); and

WHEREAS, prior to construction of the Project, the SCCCDC must ensure the Project complies with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"); and

WHEREAS, categorical exemptions to CEQA are set forth in Article 19 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations ("CEQA Guidelines"); and

WHEREAS, CEQA Guidelines Section 15332 sets forth an exemption from CEQA for in-fill development projects that meet certain conditions as specified in Section 15332 (a) through (e); and;

WHEREAS, The Project satisfies the conditions specified in Section 15332 (a) through (e), as described in the Attachment to Notice of Exemption for Reedley College Math, Science, and Engineering Building Project, attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of State Center Community College District hereby finds and resolves as follows:

Section 1. Adoption of Recitals. The Board adopts the foregoing recitals as true and correct.

Section 2. Project is Exempt from CEQA. The Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15332.

Section 3. Approval of Project. The Board hereby approves the Project.

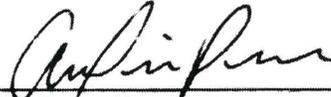
Section 4. CEQA Notice of Exemption. The Board hereby authorizes the Chancellor or his designee to file a CEQA Notice of Exemption for the Project.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 7th day of May, by the following vote:

Ayes c Noes C Abstain C Absent 1



Annalisa Perca (Signature)
Secretary, Board of Trustees
State Center Community College District

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