2019070908 **Notice of Exemption** To: Office of Planning and Research From: University of California PO Box 3044, 1400 Tenth Street, Room 222 Physical & Environmental Planning Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 1111 Franklin Street, 6th Floor Oakland, California 94607-5200 ☐ County Clerk, County of Project Title: Certification of Updated Sewer System Management Plans Project Location – University of California, Office of the President Project Location - City: Oakland Project Location - County: Alameda Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project (Project Description): Certification and approval of the updated Sewer System Management Plans for the following University of California locations: Berkeley; Berkeley, University Village Albany; Berkeley Global Campus at Richmond Bay; Davis; UC Davis Health; Irvine; Los Angeles; Merced; Riverside; San Diego; Santa Barbara; Santa Cruz; and the Kearney Research and Extension Center. Name of Public Agency Approving Project: University of California Parties Undertaking Project: University of California **Exempt Status:** 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: 15301, Existing Facilities ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: 20180.35 General Exemption (Sec. 15061(b)(3)).

Reason Why Project is Exempt: Sewer System Management Plans (SSMP) are primarily plans for the operations and maintenance of existing sewer systems. While the SSMPs may articulate the need for replacement or construction of new facilities, the plans do not constitute design approval for such facilities. Each campus will propose specific capital projects necessary to implement its SSMP that will include evaluation pursuant to CEQA at the time of design approval. Therefore, approval of the updated SSMPs is exempt from CEQA under the "common sense" exemption, CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), which applies when it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the project may have a significant effect on the environment. On a separate and independent basis, management activities under the plans are categorically exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Existing Facilities, which allows for the operation and maintenance of existing public facilities with negligible or no expansion of use.

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