

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: University of California
Santa Barbara
Office of Campus Planning and Design
Campus Design and Facilities
Santa Barbara, CA 93106-1030

Project Title: Campus Hazardous Tree Replacement Program

Project Location – Specific – University of California, Santa Barbara, Main Campus, Various Locations, Santa Barbara County

Project Description: There are approximately 290 aging and unhealthy *Eucalyptus globulus* (Tasmanian blue gum) on the University of California, Santa Barbara's (University) Main Campus. The blue gum eucalyptus were planted as agricultural windbreaks between 1915 and about 1927 and are approximately 87 to 97 years old. The trees are approaching the end of their lifespan and have been determined to be unhealthy and unsafe to persons and property in their vicinity. Several of these trees fell and damaged property during storms in February 2019 and earlier years as well. The Santa Barbara Campus proposes to remove approximately 290 aging and unhealthy *Eucalyptus globulus* (Tasmanian blue gum), in phases over approximately 2 to 3 years, at various locations on the University's Main Campus (see attached maps). Tree removal and replacement areas are primarily developed with buildings, sidewalks, bicycle paths, bicycle parking, and courtyards. All of the removed trees will be replaced 1:1 at a minimum and trees within Environmentally Sensitive Habitat buffers or those determined to be raptor habitat will be replaced 3:1 with native species (Table 1). Tree replacement would take place immediately after tree removal. Campus-wide eucalyptus removal will take place in phases. Each phase may include the removal of 30 to 50 trees at a time and the exact number has not been determined. Phase 1 will include the removal of 31 trees on the Main Campus, will commence in December 2019, and will take approximately one month.

Name of Public or Agency Approving Project: University of California

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: University of California, Santa Barbara

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080 (b)(1); 15268);
 Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a);
 Emergency Project (Se. 21080(b)(4); 15269 (b) (c));
 Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 15304, Minor Alterations to Land

Reason why project is exempt: The project is located in an urban setting and includes removal of unhealthy non-native trees. The trees pose a life safety hazard to persons and property and require removal.

Lead Agency: Contact Person: Shari Hammond Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 805 893-3796

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: Shari Hammond Date: 11-15-2019

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