

**Notice of Exemption**

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**From:** University of California, Irvine  
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**Project Title:** Solar Panel Addition to Efficiency Unit Building

**Project Applicant:** University of California, Irvine

**Project Location – Specific:** Steele/Burnand Anza Borrego Desert Research Center located off Old Desert Club Road

**Project Location – City:** Borrego Springs

**Project Location – County:** San Diego

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** The proposed project would install a 44-module, 15.6 kilowatt (kW) photovoltaic (PV) system at the existing 12,400-square-foot Steele/Burnand Anza-Borrego Desert Research Center. The PV system would be installed on the existing 1,225-square-foot roof of the structure and no expansion of the existing building footprint would occur.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** University of California, Irvine

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** University of California, Irvine


**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. State type and section number: Class 1 (Section 15301)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:
- General Exemption (Sec. 15061(b)(3)).

**Reason Why Project is Exempt:**

A Class 1 categorical exemption is applicable because the proposed project is the installation of utility infrastructure at an existing facility. No increase in the physical footprint nor expansion of use would occur. In addition, the proposed project would be environmentally beneficial by generating its own sustainable electricity. In accordance with Section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines, there are no cumulative impacts, expected significant effects on environmental resources, hazardous waste or historic sites, scenic highways, or other limiting factors or unusual circumstances that would make the exemption inapplicable based on the project records.

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Richard Demerjian **Area Code/Telephone/Extension:** (949) 824-7058

**Signature:** 

**Date:** 2-14-20 **Title:** Asst. Vice Chancellor

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant **Director's Office of Planning & Research**

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