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**Notice of Exemption****Appendix E**

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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County Clerk

County of: \_\_\_\_\_

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**From:** (Public Agency): Matt Dulcich, Director  
Campus Planning and Environmental Stewardship  
1 Shields Avenue, University of California, CA 95616

(Address)

Project Title: Hopland REC Biogas Gasification Project

Project Applicant: University of California, Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources

Project Location - Specific:

**ANR- Hopland Research and Extension Center**

Project Location - City: \_\_\_\_\_ Project Location - County: Mendocino

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Hopland REC Biogas Gasification Project would install and operate a temporary 50 kilowatt biomass gasification system that converts woody biomass waste into power and thermal energy. The facility would operate for two years providing renewable power to the Hopland REC. The biomass gasification system would comprise of two power pallets located within a 20' width x 6' length x 8' height metal cargo container, using Mendocino fire biomass to generate electricity and produce "biochar" (a useful waste byproduct). The container would be placed adjacent to existing buildings within the developed headquarter area of the Hopland REC. The minor improvements include a compact base rock pad (approximately 20'X30') for the container and utility trenching (approx. 200 feet) for a tie-in to the electrical system. The Hopland REC is an ANR facility with no applicable LRDP. Hopland REC is located northeast of Hopland, CA on University Road.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: University of California, Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: University of California, Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources

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 39 (Cogeneration Projects)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project qualifies as categorically exempt under Exemption Class 39 (Cogeneration Projects) of the Guidelines for the Implementation to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This exemption applies to installation of cogeneration equipment with a capacity of 50 megawatts or less at existing facilities. In addition, none of the exceptions for application of a categorical exemption apply to this project.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Matt Dulcich Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 530-752-9597

**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:  Date: 3/12/20 Title: Director of Environmental Planning

Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant

**Governor's Office of Planning & Research**

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

Date Received for filing at OPR: **MAR 12 2020**

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