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From: California Energy Commission
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Project Applicant: Humboldt State University Sponsored Programs Foundation

Project Title: Seabird 3D Distribution and Relative Risk from California Offshore Wind Turbines

Project Location - Specific: 1 Haprst St

Project Location - City: Arcata, CA Project Location - County: Humboldt

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: The purpose of this Agreement is to fund the development of a three-dimensional seabird density model for the waters offshore California and evaluate the relative risk of different wind farm locations and designs. This Agreement will result in the ratepayer benefits of lower costs and environmental benefits.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Humboldt State University Sponsored Programs Foundation

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial Exemption (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(1); Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, § 15268);
Declared Emergency (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(3); Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, § 15269(a));
Emergency Project (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(4); Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, § 15269(b)(c));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number
Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, § 15306
Statutory Exemptions. State code number.
Common Sense Exemption. (Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, §15061(b)(3))

Reasons why project is exempt: The project will only be collecting environmental data related to wind speed and bird flight height. None of the grant project activities would result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. Therefore, this project is exempt under California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15306, Information Collection.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: David Stoms Area code/Telephone/Ext: (916) 327-2381

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: David Stoms Date: 4/10/20 Title: ECS II (RA)

- Signed by Responsible Agency
[X] Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

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