Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

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, Davis, CA 95616
(Address)

Project Title: Elkus Ranch Compost Bunker Project

Project Applicant: University of California

Project Location - Specific:

UC ANR Elkus Ranch Environmental Education Center, 1500 Purisima Creek Road

Project Location - City: _____ Project Location - County: San Mateo

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Elkus Ranch Compost Bunker project would construct compost bunkers to store existing livestock manure and bedding material compost pile at the Elkus Ranch Environmental Education Center. Currently, the compost from bedding and manure is located across from the upper barn and uncovered. The project constructs three compost bunkers made of concrete masonry block. Each bunker is approximate 19 feet by 19 feet with a maximum height of 11 feet. A bioswale would be installed for treatment of any runoff. The existing compost pile would be relocated into the new compost bunkers.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: University of California

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: University of California, 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 15303
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project qualifies as categorically exempt under Exemption Class 3 of the Guidelines for the Implementation to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This exemption applies to the construction of new, small facilities or structures, including accessory structures. This project proposes to build a small (less than 2,500 square feet) structure to support agricultural operations. 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: Heather Davis Date: 8/14/2020 Title: Environmental Planner
on behalf of Matt Dulcich, Director of Environmental Planning

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

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: _____