



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Trustees of The California State University
401 Golden Shore
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Project Title: Acquisition of Property in City of Arcata, Humboldt County

Project Applicant: California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt

Project Location-Specific: Approximately 16 gross acres of land located at 2000 Foster Avenue, Arcata, California and identified as Assessor's Parcel No. 505-161-011.

Project Location – City: Arcata **Project Location – County:** Humboldt

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Nature of Project. Acquisition of vacant land.

Project Purpose. The Board of Trustees of the California State University (CSU) approved the purchase from Foster Avenue LLC of one parcel, totaling approximately 16 acres of vacant land, in the City of Arcata in Humboldt County. The property will remain in its current condition. CSU has not yet made any decision to use the property for any project or change its current use or condition in any way. If and when CSU decides to use the property for any specific project, additional CEQA analysis will be undertaken.

Project Beneficiaries. California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: The California State University Board of Trustees

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt

The project is exempt from CEQA under the following authority:

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268)
- 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))
- Categorical Exemption
- Common Sense Exemption (Sec. 15061(3))
- Statutory Exemption
- Other (Sec. 15378(b)(4))

Reasons why project is exempt: The action to enter into purchase and sale agreements, make payments for the property purchases, and take other actions associated with CSU's costs for the acquisition and assessment of real property is not subject to CEQA because it involves government fiscal activities, which do not involve any commitment to any specific project that may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment (Section 15378(b)(4) of the State CEQA Guidelines). The proposed action is also exempt under the provisions of CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines because the transfer of ownership of interest in land does not include any activity or change in the existing uses or condition of the property that has the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment (Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines). The CSU has not yet made any decision to use the property for any project or change its current use or condition in any way. If and when CSU decides to use the property for any specific project, additional CEQA analysis will be undertaken.

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Title: Principal Environmental Planner, The California State University, Office of the Chancellor

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

State Code Number and Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.