

To: Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation <u>State Clearinghouse CEQAnet</u> <u>https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/</u> County Clerk <u>County of Santa Clara</u> <u>110 West Tasman Drive, 1st Floor</u> <u>San Jose, CA 95134</u>	From: (Public Agency): <u>Foothill College</u> <u>12345 El Monte Road</u> <u>Los Altos Hills, CA 94022</u>
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Project Title: Foothill College Decarbonization Utility Plant Project
Project Applicant: Foothill-De Anza Community College District
Project Location - Specific: Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Road
Project Location - City: Los Altos Hills **Project Location - County:** Santa Clara

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: The Foothill-De Anza Community College District will construct a decarbonization utility plant on Parking Lot 2A. The project includes removing 11 existing parking spaces from Parking Lot 2A. The decarbonization utility plant will be approximately 2,550 square feet in area and include an open-air enclosure with seven concrete pads for electrical equipment, air source heat pumps, and chilled water pumps. The maximum height of the structure is nine feet. Two-inch aluminum acoustic panels will be placed along the interior walls to minimize noise levels in the surrounding areas. The project will serve the Foothill Community College Main Gymnasium and Pool and other campus buildings. There is no tree removal or landscaping included as part of the project. The project does not include changes to student enrollment or campus capacity.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Foothill-De Anza Community College District
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Foothill-De Anza Community College District

Exempt Status: (check one):

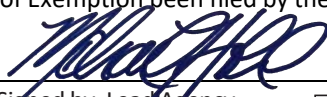
	Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
	Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
	Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4);15269(b)(c));
X	Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 15303, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures; 15314, Minor Addition to Schools
	Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt: The project will take place at a parking lot at Foothill College and includes only the construction of a decarbonization utility plant which fits into the scope of the Class 3 exemption as a single, small structure. The project improves campus utilities and does not include the addition of classrooms nor an increase in student enrollment. The construction activities will not result in a significant effect, and the operational effects of the project will be environmentally beneficial. The project meets the criteria for categorically exempt construction or conversion of small structures in State CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 and minor additions to schools in State CEQA Guidelines Section 15314, and none of the exceptions to the categorical exemptions in State CEQA Guidelines Section 5300.2 apply. Therefore, the project will not have a significant effect on the environment pursuant to CEQA and a Notice of Exemption is appropriate for the project.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Michael Hohl, Project Manager, Bond Program
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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: 3/10/2026 Title: Project Manager, Bond Program
 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 LCI CEQAnet: _____