

Notice of Exemption

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From: (Public Agency): Heather Davis, Director
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Project Title: Clear Lake Hypolimnetic Oxygenation System (HOS)

Project Applicant: University of California, Davis

Project Location - Specific:

Clearlake Oaks arm of Clear Lake and 12525 E. State Hwy 20, Clearlake Oaks

Project Location - City: Unincorporated Project Location - County: Lake

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

UC Davis proposes the Clear Lake HOS project, a pilot water quality treatment that delivers oxygen to the bottom layer of water at Clear Lake during periods of low oxygen. The HOS includes both land and lake components. The land components include a 15,000-gallon liquid oxygen tank on a curbed 25 x 25 ft concrete pad, refill hose and splash pad, evaporator, controls, piping, and discharge manifold. Land components of the HOS will be installed at the Clearlake Oaks County Water District property adjacent to the lake. The in-lake components include two pipelines of approximately 20,000 linear feet reaching from the pier around the west end of Rattlesnake Island and into the deepest part of Oaks Arm where the diffusion takes place. The pipeline will be anchored with approximately 2,000 concrete blocks and rest on top of the lakebed. The project also includes security fencing, lighting for on-land components, and installation of solar panels to power the system.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: University of California, Davis

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: University of California, Davis

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 3 (15303), Class 4 (15304), Class 6 (15306), Class 8 (15308)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is categorically exempt under Class 3, Class 4, Class 6 and Class 8 of the Guidelines for the Implementation to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Class 3 (15303) exemption includes the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures. The Class 4 (15304) exemption includes minor alterations to land including minor grading, trenching and backfill. The Class 6 (15306) and Class 8 (15308) exemption is for information collection and applies to this project since this is pilot program for research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. In addition, none of the exceptions for application of a categorical exemption apply to this project.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Heather Davis Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 530-752-6043

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: 5/20/2026 Title: Director of Campus & Environmental Planning
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 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: _____