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Notice of Exemption
Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: California State University
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Project Title: Parking Structures Solar Photovoltaics (PV) Project

Project Applicant: California State University, San Diego State University (SDSU)

Project Location - Specific: 6th floor of the existing Parking 3 (#96) Structure, 5th floor of the existing Parking 4 (#99) Structure, and 6th floor of the existing Parking 6 (#79) Structure, all located on the San Diego State University – San Diego campus.

Project Location – City: City of San Diego Project Location – County: County of San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project consists of the installation and long-term operation of six new photovoltaic (PV) carport canopies. Parking Structures 3 (#96), 4 (#99), and 6 (#79) will each receive two PV carport canopies on their top floors. Collectively, these canopies are expected to generate approximately 3,560,000 kilowatt-hours (kWh) of solar-powered electricity during the first year of operation. Electricity generated by the PV canopies will be integrated with the SDSU and SDGE grids, supporting SDSU's environmental and economic sustainability goals.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: San Diego State University

Exempt Status (check one):

	Ministerial
	Declared Emergency
	Emergency Project
	Categorical Exemption
X	Statutory Exemption: Section 21080.35
X	Common Sense Exemption: 15061(b)(3)

Reasons Why the Project is Exempt:

This project qualifies for the statutory exemption set forth in Public Resources Code section 21080.35 because it consists of the installation of solar canopy arrays on existing parking garages that have been used for vehicle parking for at least the previous two years. The project is located entirely within existing developed parking structures, and does not expand existing parking footprints or result in the conversion of undeveloped land. All associated equipment will be located on the same parking structure parcels or in immediately adjacent locations as authorized by the statute, will comply with the statute's limitations on ground disturbance, and will not affect any plant species protected under the Native Plant Protection Act.

The project is not subject to any of the Section 21080.35 exceptions to the statutory exemption, as the project will not require any individual permits under Sections 401 or 404 of the Clean Water Act, waste discharge requirements under the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act, any federal or state endangered species take permits, or a streambed alteration agreement. The project does not involve the removal of any protected or mature native trees and does not include any transmission or distribution facilities.

Accordingly, the project is statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.35.

In the alternative, moreover, and for the reasons stated above, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed project may have a significant effect on the environment, and therefore the project also qualifies for the "common sense" exemption to CEQA provided in Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines.

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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 ___ N/A X

Signature:



Name: Kara Peterson

Title: Director, Facilities Planning

X Signed by Lead Agency _____ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Public Resources Code Section 21083 and 21101.

References: Public Resources Code Section 21108, 21152, and 21152.1