



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 San Luis Obispo	From: (Public Agency): California Polytechnic State University 1 Grand Avenue San Luis Obispo, CA 93407	
Project Title: Cal Poly Pier TEAMER Wave Measurement Project		
Project Applicant: California State University, San Luis Obispo		
Project Location - Specific: APN 076-174-010 Cal Poly Pier on Avila Beach Drive (35.163914, -120.737594)		
Project Location—City: Avila Beach	Project Location—County: San Luis Obispo	
Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: Cal Poly CCMS administers the Cal Poly Pier, which operates as a marine research and educational facility. The Cal Poly Pier and surrounding waters have been approved to be a part of the U.S. Department of Energy's Testing Expertise and Access for Marine Energy Research (TEAMER) facility network as an open water test site. The Cal Poly Pier Wave Measurement Project consists of the deployment of a wave measurement buoy to measure existing wave conditions at the Cal Poly Pier testing facility. The deployed buoy measures vertical wave movement. In addition to wave measurements, the buoy transmits information through HF radio link on sea surface temperature, GPS coordinates, and battery life. Data collected on the Waverider follows a long-utilized and reliable path to public access.		
Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California State University, San Luis Obispo		
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Facilities Planning and Capital Projects		
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 6, Information Collection: Sec. 15306; Class 3, New Small Facilities and Equipment: Sec. 15303; Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land: Sec. 15304 ☐ Statutory Exemptions: Common Sense Exemption: Sec. 15061(b)(3)		
Reasons why project is exempt: The project qualifies for Categorical Exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section 15306 (Information Collection) as the project includes a wave measurement program for research and resource evaluation activities which do not result in serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. In this instance, the project is intended to measure the wave activities adjacent to the Cal Poly Pier in San Luis Obispo Bay. The Cal Poly Pier and surrounding waters have been approved to be a part of the U.S. Department of Energy's TEAMER facility network as an open water test site. Deployment of the buoy would provide a clear understanding of the wave conditions surrounding the Cal Poly Pier facility so future users of the TEAMER openwater testing facility can appropriately design, model, manage risks, and deploy marine testing devices. Deployment of the buoy is strictly for information-gathering purposes. Related to the construction, CEQA Guidelines Sections 15303 (New Small Facilities and Equipment) and 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land) are also applicable. Projects found to be exempt under Section 15303 include the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures. Section 15304 includes projects that involve minor alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees and involve minor grading, trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored. The Project will not involve any removal of trees and any alterations to the seafloor would be minor and temporary.		



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In accordance with California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Section 15300.2, the project would not have a significant impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern and would not otherwise impact on a particularly sensitive environment due to its location. In addition, there would be no cumulative impacts related to the project; there are no known unusual circumstances that would have a significant effect on the environment; the project would not be located within an officially designated state highway; no trees, rock outcroppings or historic buildings would be removed or damaged; there are no hazardous waste sites within 1,000 feet of the project site; and the project would not cause a substantial change in the significance of a historical resource.

Based on the aforementioned, the proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment and is, therefore, exempt from the provisions of CEQA.

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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: 20260716 Title: Campus Planner
☒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: _____