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## **NOTICE OF IMPENDING DEVELOPMENT DE MINIMIS: CONSENT CALENDAR**

**DATE:** September 15, 2011

**TO:** All Interested Parties

**SUBJECT:** Notice of Impending Development (NOID) 4-11 (Research Greenhouse) at the University of California at Santa Barbara (UCSB)

Based on project plans and information submitted by the applicant regarding the development described below, the Executive Director of the Coastal Commission believes the proposed development is *de minimis* with respect to the purposes and provisions of the certified LRDP and has therefore scheduled it for review by the Commission on its Consent Calendar, pursuant to Section 13550(c) of the Commission's Regulations (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 5.5).

**Applicant:** University of California Santa Barbara

**Location:** Adjacent to Technical Greenhouse, south of Webb Hall, and north of Noble Hall on Main Campus, University of California Santa Barbara (UCSB)

**Description:** Demolition of 1,300 sq. ft. of existing 2,400 sq. ft. Building 539 and construction of a 23-ft. high, 600 sq. ft. Alpine Greenhouse and a 23-ft. high, 2,700 sq. ft. Research Greenhouse, including removal of two non-native trees, widening of access road, and 450 cu. yds. of grading (440 cu. yds. cut and 10 cu. yds. fill) located adjacent to the Technical Greenhouse on Main Campus at University of California Santa Barbara.

**Rationale:** The proposed project is minor in nature involving partial demolition of Building 539 and construction of two, 23-ft. high greenhouses (600 sq. ft. Alpine Greenhouse and 2,700 sq. ft. Research Greenhouse) within existing developed, landscaped, and paved areas adjacent to the Technical Greenhouse on Main Campus. The site of the proposed Research Greenhouse is occupied by Building 539, a former research facility built in 1961, now used for administrative functions. The site of the proposed Alpine Greenhouse is occupied by an outdoor vehicle storage area. A Technical Greenhouse has been constructed between the two sites, north of the existing greenhouse. The area is densely developed, bordered by two 30-ft. high academic buildings; Webb Hall to the north and Noble Hall to the south. The proposed project is consistent with the subject site's land use designation as "Academic Uses" pursuant to the certified 1990 Long Range Development Plan (LRDP). Additionally, the proposed project height of 23-ft. would not exceed the established 65-ft. building height limit in the project area, as designated on Figure 16 of the 1990 LRDP. The project site is not located within or near any environmentally sensitive habitat areas (ESHA) and the two trees to be removed are non-native species (two ficuses) that would be removed outside of bird nesting season. Further, the subject site is flat and would require minimal grading (440 cu. yds. cut and 10 cu. yds. fill). Thus, the impending project will not result in any adverse effects to coastal resources and the project is consistent with UCSB's certified LRDP.

**IMPORTANT:** This NOID is not valid unless the project site has been posted and until the NOID has been reported to the Coastal Commission. This NOID is proposed to be reported to the Commission at the meeting of October 5, 2011 in Huntington Beach. If three Commissioners request that this NOID be scheduled for a public hearing on the regular permit calendar, this NOID shall be removed from the consent calendar, pursuant to Section 13103 of the Commission's Regulations.

Persons wishing to object to or having questions regarding this NOID should contact the Commission office at the above address or phone number prior to the Commission meeting date.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

By: Kanani Brown, Coastal Program Analyst