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NOTICE OF IMPENDING DEVELOPMENT DE MINIMIS: CONSENT CALENDAR

DATE: February 19, 2015

TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: Notice of Impending Development UCS-NOID-0007-14 (East Gate Non-Native/Invasive Vegetation Removal Project) at Main Campus at the University of California at Santa Barbara

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 (UCSB)

Location: East Gate Entrance to Main Campus (bordered by Highway 217 and East Gate on the north and a bicycle/pedestrian path on the south) Main Campus, University of California Santa Barbara (UCSB)

Description: After-the-fact approval of the removal of 25,500 sq. ft. of dense non-native/invasive vegetation and shrubs (including *Acacia longifolia* (Golden Wattle) and *Plumbago auriculata* (blue plumbago, Cape plumbago, or Cape leadwort)) to improve public safety and conduct campus maintenance. The University also proposes to revegetate the removal site with native vegetation consisting of coastal bluff scrub, remove two invasive trees (Brazilian pepper tree), and monitor the revegetation site for restoration success.

Rationale: The proposed development is minor in nature involving the removal of non-native/invasive vegetation/shrubbery, generally consisting of (including *Acacia longifolia* (Golden Wattle) and *Plumbago auriculata* (Blue plumbago, Cape plumbago, or Cape leadwort)), in an area designated as Open Space in the 2010 UCSB LRDP. The proposed project is consistent with the allowed uses under the Open Space land use designation. Specifically the project involves a request from Southern California Gas (SCG) to clear a 3.5 foot wide strip of non-native vegetation over the top of an existing 10-inch diameter gas main line which results in approximately 6,500 sq. ft. of vegetation removed to maintain and test SCG gas lines. Additionally, the project includes the removal of 19,000 sq. ft. of

non-native vegetation/shrubs along an existing pedestrian and bicycle path to improve public safety. The project site extends from existing turf at East Gate down to the University's property line. The site contains one coast live oak tree and there are no other environmentally sensitive species at the site. Furthermore, the site contains two invasive Brazilian pepper trees. Although the project site contains one coastal live oak, no vegetation will be removed within the dripline and/or protected zone of the coast live oak. No native trees will be removed as part of this project. Moreover, the project will not result in the removal of any native vegetation and will not adversely impact any environmentally sensitive habitat area. Additionally, the University also proposes to revegetate the removal site with native vegetation consisting of coastal bluff scrub species, remove two invasive Brazilian pepper trees, and monitor the revegetation site for restoration success. The impending development will not result in potential adverse effects to any coastal resources and the project is consistent with UCSB's certified 2010 Long Range Development Plan (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 March 11, 2015 in San Diego. 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.

Person 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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