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NOTICE OF IMPENDING DEVELOPMENT DE MINIMIS: CONSENT CALENDAR

DATE: June 28, 2016

TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: Notice of Impending Development UCS-NOID-0004-16 (Solar Photovoltaic Project Phase II) at Storke 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: Parking Lot 50/San Clemente and Parking Lot 38, Storke Campus, University of California Santa Barbara

Description: The addition of approximately 6,820 photovoltaic (PV), low glare solar panels on the top deck of one existing parking structure (Parking Lot 50/San Clemente) and above the ground surface Parking Lot 38 to provide electricity for the campus' electrical grid, and the removal of thirty nine ornamental trees. The University also proposes tree replacement at a ratio of 1:1 for the thirty nine ornamental trees to be removed. The replacement trees will be monitored to ensure restoration success. Additionally, the proposed project incorporates Best Management Practices (BMPs) for erosion control purposes during construction.

Rationale: The proposed development is minor in nature and entirely within a fully developed portion of Storke Campus. At both sites, photovoltaic solar panels are proposed within an existing parking structure and parking lot. Proposed carport canopies will be supported on piers to be installed on the upper deck of Parking Structure 50 and on the ground surface of Parking Lot 38. These carport canopies will have a minimum height of 7-8 feet and a maximum height of 17 feet above the parking surface. All sites are proposed within existing developed locations that do not provide scenic views, and therefore the proposed solar panels and carport canopies will not result in any adverse impacts to public views. Thirty nine ornamental trees will be removed and replaced at a ratio of 1:1 for each tree

removed. Although the trees proposed for removal are not ESHA, they still have the potential to provide habitat for sensitive bird species. Therefore the University is proposing to mitigate for the removal of these trees to ensure that there are no adverse impacts or permanent loss of potential bird nesting habitat. The University is proposing to monitor replacement trees to ensure restoration success. In addition, the University is proposing to conduct preconstruction bird surveys to ensure that potential impacts to nesting bird species are avoided during construction activities. 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 will follow all Best Management Practices (BMPs) during the installation of the photovoltaic solar panels for the protection of water quality. The proposed project is consistent with the allowed uses under the Recreation and Housing land use designations. 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 July 14, 2016 in San Diego. If three Commissioners request that this NOID be scheduled for a public hearing on the Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) 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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