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## NOTICE OF IMPENDING DEVELOPMENT DE MINIMIS: CONSENT CALENDAR

**DATE:** May 17, 2018

**TO:** All Interested Parties

**SUBJECT:** Notice of Impending Development UCS-NOID-0003-18 (Solar Photovoltaic Power Purchase Agreement Project Phase III) 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:** Arts, Intercollegiate Athletics, Theater and Dance, Davidson Library, Kerr Hall and Cheadle Hall, Main Campus, University of California Santa Barbara

**Description:** The addition of approximately 2,760 photovoltaic (PV), low glare solar panels on the roof tops of six building structures to provide electricity for the campus' electrical grid, and the removal of one non-native and four native landscaping trees. The University also proposes tree replacement at a ratio of 1:1 for the non-native tree and 3:1 for the four native trees to be removed. The replacement trees will be monitored to ensure restoration success.

**Rationale:** The proposed development is minor in nature and entirely within a fully developed portion of Main Campus. The photovoltaic solar panels are proposed on the roof tops of existing campus buildings. All sites are proposed within existing developed locations that do not provide scenic views, and therefore the proposed solar panels will not result in any adverse impacts to public views. To accommodate the new solar panels and maximum solar energy collection, five landscaping trees are proposed to be removed and replaced at a ratio of 1:1 for non-native and 3:1 for each native 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 adversely impact any environmentally sensitive habitat area. The proposed project is consistent with the allowed uses under the Academic and Support 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 June 8, 2018 in Chula Vista. 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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