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## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research FROM: San Francisco State University  
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Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 San Francisco, California 94132

**Project Title:** San Francisco State University – Science Building Replacement Infill Project

**Project Location-Specific:**

Address: 1600 Holloway Ave., San Francisco, Calif. 94132  
Cross Streets: Holloway Avenue and 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue (State Route 1)  
Latitude/Longitude: 37.7219° N, 122.4782° W

**Project Location-City:** San Francisco **Project Location-County:** San Francisco

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:**

San Francisco State University is proceeding with the demolition of a portion of the existing approximately 130,679 gross square foot (GSF) science building, renovation of the remainder of the existing building and construction of a new building adjacent to the existing building, which will be connected to the existing building by an atrium space. The Science Replacement Building Project will be approximately 159,735 gross square feet (GSF), of which 53,735 GSF is contained within portions of the existing Science Building to remain and 106,000 GSF will be new construction. The Project incorporates applicable mitigation measures included in the adopted 2007 Master Plan EIR Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, adopted by the CSU Board of Trustees in May 2007. Key mitigation measures include: light and glare measures; construction air quality, noise and traffic control measures; preconstruction surveys for nesting birds; cultural resources measures; laboratory demolition measures; a traffic monitoring measure; and a stormwater management measure. Any new stationary sources of air pollutants associated with the Project (e.g., emergency generators, laboratory fume hoods) will require permits from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District. Given that the Project site is 2.5 acres and greater than 1 acre in size, a Notice of Intent to comply with the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) general construction permit will be required, which includes the implementation of a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) that addresses appropriate erosion-control and water-quality-control measures during site preparation, grading, construction, and post-construction. While not required for a state agency, the stormwater management approach for the Project will be compatible with the most recent stormwater management requirements and design guidelines of the City and County of San Francisco. The Project will advance the educational mission of the California State University in general and provide both immediate and long-term benefits to the San Francisco campus in particular.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** The Trustees of the California State University

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** San Francisco State University

**The project is exempt from CEQA under the following authority:**

- Categorical Exemption. (14 Cal. Code of Regs. §15302) State class number: Class 2
- Categorical Exemption. (14 Cal. Code of Regs. §15332) State class number: Class 32

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

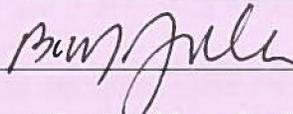
The Project is categorically exempt under Class 2 Replacement or Reconstruction, having met the conditions set forth in CEQA Guidelines Section 15302(a). The Project will provide for renovated and new construction per the California Building Code (California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 10), including seismic requirements, and will not increase capacity by more than 50 percent, as allowed under CEQA Guidelines Section 15302(a). The Project does not meet any of the exceptions for taking a Class 2 Categorical Exemption, under CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2. Specifically, the Project will not be located in a particularly sensitive environment; will not have a significant cumulative impact; will not have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances; will not result in damage to scenic resources, will not be located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to state law; and, will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

In addition, the Project is categorically exempt under Class 32, In-Fill Development Projects, having met each of the conditions in CEQA Guidelines Section 15332. The Project would be located within the city limits of the City and County of San Francisco on an approximately 2.5-acre Project site of no more than 5 acres in size that is substantially surrounded by urban uses. While a minor master plan revision is required to locate the specific Project on the site, the Project is consistent with the existing science building and the future academic building contemplated on the Project site. Therefore, the Project would be consistent with the applicable 2007 master plan for the campus and associated development anticipated under this plan. *See* 2007 master plan shown [here](#) (Bldgs. No. 4 and 14).

Additionally, the Project site has no value as habitat for endangered, rare, or threatened species, as the site is currently developed and consists of an existing building, paved walkways and gathering areas. The only plants on the site are non-native plants for landscaping; no naturally occurring or native plant species or communities exist on the site. 2007 Master Plan EIR mitigations will address the low potential for nesting birds to occur in trees on or near the site; construction air quality, noise and traffic; and operational traffic and stormwater associated with the Project. Compliance with the NPDES general construction permit and compatibility with local municipal stormwater management measures will avoid water quality impacts. The Project can also be served by existing public utilities and services.

**Lead Agency**

**Contact Person:** Brandon Kline, J.D., LL.M. **Area Code/Telephone:** (628) 256-5623

**Signature:** 

**Date:** 7/30/19

**Title:** Associate Vice President, Capital Planning, Design & Construction

Signed by Lead Agency

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