CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

CERTIFICATE OF FEE EXEMPTION: DE MINIMIS IMPACT FINDING

Project Title / Location (include county)

Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Amendments to the California Institute of Technology (Caltech) Master Development Plan

1200 E. California Boulevard
Pasadena, California
Los Angeles County

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Project Description

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• Revisions to the Caltech Master Development Plan design guidelines and thresholds – The Master Plan incorporates a section outlining the design review responsibilities of the City for various new construction and rehabilitation projects on the Caltech campus. The design guidelines would allow for increased variation in architectural and design styles, and changing the building height measurement index from number of stories to height in feet above grade.

Findings of Exemption

The project will not have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS); have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by CDFG or USFWS; have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filing, hydrological interruption, or other means; interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites; conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance, or; conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan.

Certification:

I hereby certify that the Lead Agency has made the above findings of fact and that based upon the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report and public hearing record the project will not individually or cumulatively have an adverse effect on wildlife resources, as defined in Section 711.2 of the Fish and Game Code.

Denver E. Miller

Title: Zoning Administrator

Lead Agency: City of Pasadena Planning and Development Department

Date: __________________________
NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

TO:  County of Los Angeles
      Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk
      Business Filing and Registration
      12400 East Imperial Highway, Room #1101
      Norwalk, CA 90650

      Office of Planning and Research
      P.O. Box 3044
      Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

FROM: City of Pasadena
      Planning and Development Department
      George Ellery Hale Building
      175 North Garfield Avenue
      Pasadena, CA 91101

SUBJECT: Filing Notice of Determination in compliance with §21108 or §21152 of the Public Resources Code

State Clearinghouse Number: 2005031137

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This is to advise that the [ ] City Council of the City of Pasadena [ ] has approved the above described project on [ ] and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The project [ ] will [ ] will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. [ ] A Supplemental Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
   [ ] A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation Measures [ ] were [ ] were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [ ] was [ ] was not] adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [ ] was [ ] was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [ ] were [ ] were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final Supplemental EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, is available to the General Public at: The City of Pasadena Permit Center, 175 N. Garfield Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91101.

__________________________________________  Environmental Administrator  ____________________________
Signature  Title  Date

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code.