

# VENTURA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT



## RESOLUTION NO. 2018.07

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES RESOLUTION

Determining the Solar Projects at Moorpark College, Oxnard College, and Ventura College Are Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act and to Carry Out the Solar Projects  
December 11, 2018

- WHEREAS, the Ventura County Community College District (“District”) has developed three (3) solar array projects consisting of the construction and installation of solar/photovoltaic systems and associated equipment at three (3) District campuses: Moorpark College, Oxnard College, and Ventura College (“Projects”); and
- WHEREAS, Moorpark College is located at 7075 Campus Road, Moorpark, CA 93021. The Moorpark College Project consists of the construction and installation of a solar energy system on the existing parking lots located on the north and northeast sides of the Moorpark College campus. The solar energy system will include approximately 57 solar carports, 55 inverters, and other associated equipment and the removal of 49 light poles and 23 non-native, ornamental trees; and
- WHEREAS, Oxnard College is located at 4000 South Rose Avenue, Oxnard, CA 93033. The Oxnard College Project consists of installation of a solar energy system on an undeveloped portion of the existing Oxnard College campus. The solar energy system will include approximately 58 ground-mounted solar structures, 29 inverters, and other associated equipment, and the removal of 12 non-native, ornamental trees; and
- WHEREAS, Ventura College is located at 4667 Telegraph Road, Ventura, CA 93003. The Ventura Collage Project consists of installation of a solar energy system at existing parking lots at the Ventura College campus. The solar energy system will include approximately 45 solar carports, 45 inverters, and other associated equipment and the removal of 22 light poles and 25 non-native, ornamental trees; and
- WHEREAS, the District must comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) before determining to carry out the Projects; and

- WHEREAS, categorical exemptions to CEQA are set forth in Article 19 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (“CEQA Guidelines”); and
- WHEREAS, the Class 3 Categorical Exemption, set forth in CEQA Guidelines section 15303, exempts a project that consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures and installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures, which expressly includes accessory structures, such as carports; and
- WHEREAS, relative to the campus development, the solar carports and ground-mounts are new small accessory structures to provide supplemental electricity to the campus. The solar carports provide shade for vehicles and underlighting. The ground-mounts are 13-feet high to the top of the solar panels. The equipment pads are approximately 125 square feet; and
- WHEREAS, the Class 11 Categorical Exemption, set forth in CEQA Guidelines section 15311, exempts a project that consists of construction or placement of minor structures accessory to existing institutional facilities; and
- WHEREAS, the Projects consist of the construction and installation of solar carport and ground-mount structures at existing the existing campuses. These are minor, accessory structures to provide supplemental electricity to the campuses. The campuses are institutional facilities providing public community college education; and
- WHEREAS, CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2(c) provides that if unusual circumstances exist, an otherwise categorically exempt project would be disqualified from being exempt; and
- WHEREAS, the Projects are typical solar energy systems within urbanized areas; and
- WHEREAS, the District is unaware of any unusual circumstances that would negate the use of the Class 3 and Class 11 Categorical Exemptions; and
- WHEREAS, Public Resources Code section 21080.35 exempts the installation of a solar energy system on an existing parking lot, where the following conditions are met: 1) the system is located on one parcel; 2) associated equipment installed on the ground does not exceed 500 square feet; 3) no plants protected by the Native Plant Protection Act will be disturbed; 4) no permit is required by the Clean Water Act, Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act, or Federal Endangered Species Act; 5) no streambed alteration permit is required; and 6) removed trees cannot have been required to be planted, maintained, or protected by a local, state, or federal requirement or be native trees over 25 years old; and

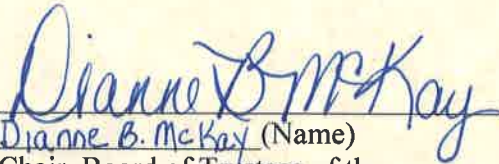
WHEREAS, the Ventura College Project: 1) would be located on one parcel; 2) would have only associated equipment of two approximately 120-square foot equipment pads on the ground; 3) would not disturb any plants protected by the Native Plant Protection Act, since no such plant exist in the project areas; 4) would not require any permits under the Clean Water Act, Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act, or Federal Endangered Species Act, since no waterbody or endangered species exist in the project areas; 5) would not require a streambed alteration permit, since no streambed is involved; and 6) would remove only non-native, ornamental trees that were not required to be planted, maintained or protected by a local, state, or federal requirement.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AND DETERMINED, BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VENTURA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT THE FOLLOWING:

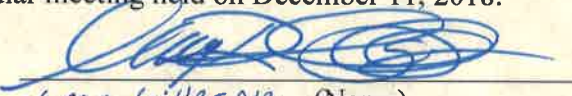
- Section 1: The above recitals are true and correct.
- Section 2: The Projects meet the definition of the Class 3 Categorical Exemption (CEQA Guidelines, § 15303).
- Section 3: The Projects meet the definition of the Class 11 Categorical Exemption (CEQA Guidelines, § 15311).
- Section 4: No unusual circumstances are known that would disqualify the Projects from being categorically exempt from CEQA.
- Section 5: The Projects are categorically exempt from CEQA.
- Section 6: The Ventura College Project also meets the definition of the Statutory Exemption provided in Public Resources Code section 21080.35.
- Section 7: The Ventura College Project is also statutorily exempt from CEQA.
- Section 8: The applicable requirements of CEQA have been fulfilled for the Project.
- Section 8: The District determines to carry out the Projects forthwith.
- Section 9: Staff shall file a Notice of Exemption with the Ventura County Clerk and the State Clearinghouse.

The foregoing Resolution was PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Ventura County Community College District on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of December 2018, by the following vote:

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Josh Chancer	X		
Larry Kennedy	X		
Dianne McKay	X		
Bernardo Perez	X		
Gabriela Torres	X		

  
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Dianne B. McKay (Name)  
Chair, Board of Trustees of the  
Ventura County Community College District

I, Greg Gillespie, Secretary to the Board of Trustees of the Ventura County Community College District, do certify that the foregoing Resolution was regularly introduced, passed, and adopted by the Board of Trustees at its regular meeting held on December 11, 2018.

  
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Greg Gillespie (Name)  
Secretary, Board of Trustees of the  
Ventura County Community College District