

**NOTICE OF IMPENDING APPROVAL
BUILDING A AND B RENOVATION AT WESTSIDE RESEARCH PARK**

Notice is hereby given that the University of California Santa Cruz (UCSC) intends to consider approving the Building A and B renovation project at Westside Research Park (WRP). Project approval is expected to occur no earlier than **September 22, 2023**.

UCSC proposes renovation of Buildings A and B at WRP. The renovation of approximately 32,719 assignable square feet in Buildings A and B is proposed to meet the contemporary academic research requirements and includes renovation to the following: the lobby (Room A0100), the south half of the office spaces to the west of the lobby (Room A0150), and the server room (Room B0190). Updates to the HVAC, plumbing, fire sprinklers, electrical, telecommunications, security systems, fire alarm systems and audio-visual systems would also occur. The capacity of the buildings would not increase under the project. In addition to interior renovations to Buildings A and B, the project includes installation of a new air handling unit (AHU) that would be approximately 360 square feet and located on a new equipment pad within an existing paved area at the western side of the exterior of the building with continuous fencing around the AHU.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and University procedures for the implementation of CEQA, the proposed project was determined to be categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Class 1, Existing Facilities.

The following environmental documents are attached to this notice:

- Environmental Impact Classification (EIC) form
- Notice of Exemption (Draft – not yet filed)

Campus/Field Station/Division Santa CruzProject Account 10638-007**Project Title** Westside Research Park Building A and B Renovations

For purposes of compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (CEQA), and Amended University of California Procedures for Implementation of CEQA, this project has been reviewed and initially classified as indicated below. Please check (X) as appropriate. Include project description and appropriate local map with your submission.

I. EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT OF 1970 - When it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the action will result in physical change to the environment (15061(b)(3)), or the action is specifically exempted by statute (15260-15285), the project is classified as generally exempt from CEQA. General/Statutory Exemption: § [Insert applicable CEQA Guidelines Section]

II. CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT - This project falls under the indicated Class(es) of Exemption(s), none of the exceptions to the exemption apply (15300.2), and there is no significant effect on the environment (for complete list see CEQA Guidelines Section 15300):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Class 1: Existing Facilities	<input type="checkbox"/> Class 17: Open Space Contracts or Easements
<input type="checkbox"/> Class 2: Replacement or Reconstruction	<input type="checkbox"/> Class 23: Normal Operation of Facilities for Public Gatherings
<input type="checkbox"/> Class 3: New Construction or Small Structures	<input type="checkbox"/> Class 25: Transfer of Land: Natural Conditions/Historical Resources
<input type="checkbox"/> Class 4: Minor Alterations to Land	<input type="checkbox"/> Class 30: Minor Actions: Prevent Hazardous Waste/Substances
<input type="checkbox"/> Class 6: Information Collection	<input type="checkbox"/> Class 31: Historical Resource Restoration/Rehabilitation
<input type="checkbox"/> Class 11: Accessory Structures	<input type="checkbox"/> Class 32: In-Fill Development Projects
<input type="checkbox"/> Class 13: Acquisition for Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Class 33: Small Habitat Restoration Projects
<input type="checkbox"/> Class 16: Transfer of Land Ownership for Parks	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>[If other, identify which class under Section 15300]</u>

III. INITIAL STUDY - This project is not statutorily or categorically exempt from CEQA; an Initial Study is to be prepared to determine if the project may have a significant effect on the environment.

Stand-Alone Tiered Initial Study (15152): _____

IV. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) - It is known that the project will have a direct or cumulatively significant effect on the environment and an EIR will be/has been prepared. Identify the type of EIR:

Programmatic Stand-Alone (Project-Specific) _____

Additional project analysis:

None/Findings Only Addendum Subsequent Supplement to EIR: _____

PROJECT DESCRIPTION -

Real estate transaction type: Acquisition Sale Lease Easement License

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In addition to interior renovations to buildings A and B, the project includes installation of a new air handling unit (approximately 360 square feet) on a new equipment pad within an existing paved area at the western side of the exterior of the building. To reduce noise levels at nearby outdoor recreational areas (e.g. nearby exterior patio and the Antonelli Pond), a continuous fence would be installed that would be at least six inches taller than the equipment without any major gaps or cracks, which would provide a continuous noise barrier. The resulting noise levels with installation of the fence/noise barrier would be approximately 50 dBA at approximately 25 feet from the air handling unit, which is within maximum allowable noise exposure levels in the City of Santa Cruz for stationary uses. Therefore, operation of the air handling unit would not exceed applicable noise standards.

The project is categorically exempt from CEQA under Class 1, Existing Facilities because it involves the renovation of existing buildings in order to meet contemporary academic research requirements, which would not involve expansion of an existing use. The project would not result in the disturbance of hazardous materials, damage scenic resources, result in a significant adverse change to a historical resource, and would not result in significant cumulative impacts. Therefore, none of the exceptions to this exemption apply.

The project is consistent with the University's 2021 Long Range Development Plan (LRDP). The project site is located in the Coastal Zone and installation of the air handling unit on the exterior of the buildings meets the guidelines for an exclusion to the Coastal Act, under subsection (c) of Section 30610, per the Repair, Maintenance, and Utility Hook-Up Exclusions from Permit Requirements.

V. Does this project conform to the approved LRDP? YES NO NA [If NO or NA, include explanation in Project Description above]

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July 5, 2023
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Local Approved by Edward Reiskin
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Date

VII. OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Concur with Classification Do not concur with Classification

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Signed

8/29/23
Date

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, 1400 Tenth Street, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
 County Clerk, County of _____

From: University of California Santa Cruz
Physical & Env. Planning Services
1156 High Street
Santa Cruz, California 95064

Project Title: Westside Research Park Building A and B Renovations

Project Applicant: University of California Santa Cruz

Project Location – Specific: 2300 Delaware Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Project Location – City: Santa Cruz

Project Location – County: Santa Cruz

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

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Name of Public Agency Approving Project: University of California Santa Cruz

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: University of California Santa Cruz

Exempt Status (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080 (b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a);
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b) (c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 15301, Class 1: Existing Facilities
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: 20180.35
- General Exemption (Sec. 15061(b)(3)).

Reason why project is exempt:

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Lead Agency Contact Person:
Erika Carpenter, Senior Environmental Planner

Area Code/Telephone/Extension:(831) 212-0187

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Title:

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant