

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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 County Clerk, County of _____

From: University of California Santa Cruz
Physical & Env. Planning Services
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Project Title: Master Service Agreements to Furnish Group Room Reservations for Students

Project Location: The project location is at three hotels: Best Western All Suites Hotel is located at 500 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060; La Quinta Inn & Suites is located at 550 Second Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060; and Fairfield Inn & Suites is located at 2956 Mission Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Project Location – City: Santa Cruz

Project Location – County: Santa Cruz

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project (Project Description): The University of California Santa Cruz is entering into master service agreements with three hotels: Best Western All Suites Hotel, La Quinta Inn & Suites, and Fairfield Inn & Suites in the City of Santa Cruz (project) in order to provide group room reservations for students during the 2022 - 2023 academic year. The master service agreements would provide up to 90 rooms per hotel at pre-negotiated rates and fees including the payment of applicable city, California tourism and Tourism Marketing District (TMD) assessment fees.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: University of California

Parties Undertaking Project: University of California, Best Western All Suites Hotel, La Quinta Inn & Suites, and Fairfield Inn & Suites.

Exempt Status:


- 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: All hotels are located within four miles of the University's main residential campus and in proximity to transit. The provision of rooms at existing hotels with no expansion of the existing use is categorically exempt from CEQA under Class 1, Existing Facilities (CEQA Guidelines Section 15301). The project does not include development in an environmentally sensitive area, a hazardous waste site, or a historic resource. In addition, the project would not result in damage to scenic resources or result in significant cumulative impacts. Therefore, none of the exceptions to this exemption apply.

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- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

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