Notice of Exemption

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From: University of California, San Diego
    Campus Planning, MC 0074
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Project Title: Central Utilities Plant Seismic Improvements
Project Location – North of Scholars Drive South, east of North Torrey Pines Road, UC San Diego West Campus
Project Location – City: San Diego
Project Location – County: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project (Project Description): The proposed Central Utilities Plant (CUP) Seismic Improvements project would install seismic retrofits to the existing CUP to bring the facility up to code and UC seismic compliance. Scope of work includes, but is not limited to, replacing existing lateral frames with new frames, adding new lateral frames to the existing system to drop demands on existing frames, reinforcing existing braces, beams, connections, anchorage and drags, and retrofitting which includes strengthening of the chevron beams and better anchorage to the foundation. All seismic improvements would be reviewed for code compliance with minimal modification.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: University of California, San Diego
Parties Undertaking Project: University of California, San Diego
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: Class 15301: Existing Facilities
☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: 20180.35
☐ General Exemption (Sec. 15061(b)(3)).

Reason Why Project is Exempt: The proposed project qualifies under Class 1 exemption because the project consists of the operation, repair, maintenance or minor alterations of existing structures or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. None of the exceptions to the exemption pursuant to 15300.2 apply.

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☒ Signed by Lead Agency
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