Notice of Exemption

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From:  University of California, San Diego  
Campus Planning, MC 0074  
9500 Gilman Drive  
La Jolla, California 92093-0074

Project Title:  Mandell Weiss Theatre and Shops Seismic Improvements  
Project Location – North of La Jolla Village Dr., east of North Torrey Pines Rd. and south of Revelle College Dr.  
Project Location – City:  San Diego  
Project Location – County:  San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project (Project Description): In 2017, the University of California (UC) proactively launched a comprehensive, multi-year effort to update seismic safety policies systemwide. As such, the proposed project consists of seismic improvements for the Mandell Weiss Theatre and Mandell Weiss Theatre Shop buildings which consists of the replacement of all diagonal bracing with buckling resistant bracing and strengthening of existing beams and columns with welded plates. The project also requires strengthening of existing foundations.

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 is exempt from CEQA under Class 1, Existing Facilities because the project consists of the operation and maintenance of existing structures involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The project would bring the current facilities to meet current standards and safety. None of the exceptions to the exemption pursuant to 15300.2 apply.

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