Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
From: University of California, San Diego
PO Box 5230, 1400 Tenth Street, Room 222
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☐ County Clerk, County of ________

Project Title: UC San Diego Health, Shiley Eye Institute Renovation
Project Location – South of Voigt Drive, west of E Medical Center Drive, UC San Diego East Campus
Project Location – City: San Diego
Project Location – County: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project (Project Description): The existing Shiley Eye Institute building currently has a seismic performance rating V; the proposed project would install improvements that would bring the building to a SPR IV or better, in accordance with the UC Seismic Policy. The proposed project would also upgrade and modify building infrastructure to improve accessibility and path of travel to meet current building codes; repair existing water intrusion problems; complete an architectural/aesthetic refresh of the building exterior; and install a new three-stop patient elevator on the east side of the building. A renovation of the second floor of the building would also convert the existing vacated research and office space to include Procedure Treatment, Clinical, Clinical Administration, Community Ophthalmology, and staff support spaces. The limit of work is within the existing building (primarily the second floor), building exterior, as well as the building entrance and immediately surrounding hardscape areas. In addition to bringing the facility in compliance with UC Seismic Policy and California Building Code, the proposed project would optimize the facility to serve recent growth in patient demand. This growth has already been realized and the project would not induce further program growth. The project would not change the use of the existing facility which is consistent with the existing land use designation of Academic Healthcare. The proposed facility’s intensity of use and physical improvements are consistent with the population and development projections of the 2018 Long Range Development Plan.

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 interior renovations to an existing building involving negligible or no expansion of existing 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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