

Notice of Exemption

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From: University of California, San Francisco
Real Estate - Campus Planning
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Project Title: Parnassus Emergency Fire Water Pump, University of California, San Francisco
Project Location: Parnassus Avenue at Medical Center Way, UCSF Parnassus Heights campus site
Project Location – City: San Francisco
Project Location – County: San Francisco

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project (Project Description): The University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) proposes the Parnassus Emergency Fire Water Pump project at UCSF, which would provide an emergency source of water for the purpose of fire protection. These improvements consist of the construction of a pump house near the existing Ammonia Storage Building to house two new fire pumps, the installation of a new underground main from the pump house to the existing fire water main near the Central Utility Plant, and construction of a retaining wall.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: University of California
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: University of California

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; Section 15303, Class 3 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures; and Section 15304 Class 4 Minor Alterations to Land
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:
- General Exemption. (Sec. 15061(b)(3).

Reason Why Project is Exempt: The pump house, fire water line main, domestic water line, and retaining wall are categorically exempt from environmental review under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301 (Class 1) Existing Facilities and 15303 (Class 3) New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures. Section 15301 Existing Facilities exempts minor alterations to existing structures or facilities, including utility services, involving negligible or no expansion of use. The proposed pump station and associated water lines would represent a minor alteration to the existing water distribution system and would qualify for an exemption under this classification. Section 15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures, exempts the new construction of small structures, including accessory structures. The proposed pump house also would be exempt under this classification. The proposed retaining wall, at a maximum height of approximately 14 feet, would constitute accessory structures and would qualify for an exemption under this classification. Additionally, the retaining wall and associated minor earthwork would qualify for an exemption under Section 15304 Minor Alterations to Land. None of the exceptions to the categorical exemptions identified under CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 would apply to the proposed project.

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Signature:

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Date: September 28, 2021

- Signed by Lead Agency
 - Signed by Applicant
- Date received for filing at OPR:

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