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From: University of California Santa Cruz  
Physical & Env. Planning Services  
1156 High Street  
Santa Cruz, California 95064

**Project Title:** Master Service Agreements to Furnish Group Room Reservations for Students

**Project Applicant:** University of California Santa Cruz

**Project Location – Specific:**

Fairfield Inn & Suites located at 2956 Mission Street, Santa Cruz, California and Hampton Inn Santa Cruz West located at 1505 Ocean St, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

**Project Location – City:** Santa Cruz

**Project Location – County:** Santa Cruz

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:**

The University of California Santa Cruz is entering into master service agreements with Fairfield Inn & Suites Santa Cruz, located at 2956 Mission Street, Santa Cruz, California and Hampton Inn Santa Cruz West, located at 1505 Ocean St, Santa Cruz, CA 95060 (project) in order to provide group room reservations for students during the Winter 2022 and Spring 2022 quarters. The master service agreements would provide 35 rooms per hotel at pre-negotiated rates and fees, as well as the payment of applicable city and hotel taxes during the period of the agreement.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** University of California Santa Cruz

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** University of California Santa Cruz

**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
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: 20180.35
- General Exemption (Sec. 15061(b)(3)).

**Reason why project is exempt:**

The project includes entering into master service agreements for the provision of 70 rooms at existing hotels with no expansion of the existing use, which is categorically exempt from CEQA under Class 1, Existing Facilities (CEQA Guidelines Section 15301). The hotels are not located in an environmentally sensitive area, on a hazardous waste site, and are not considered 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. The project site is not located within a planning area of an established LRDP.

**Lead Agency Contact Person:**

**Area Code/Telephone/Extension:**(831) 212-0187

Erika Carpenter, Senior Environmental Planner

**If filed by applicant:**

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?  Yes  No

**Signature:** Erika Carpenter

**Date:** 12/16/2021

**Title:** Senior Environmental Planner

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant