

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: University of California, Berkeley
Physical & Environmental Planning
200 A&E Building
Berkeley, California 94720-1382

Project Title: CRP 19 Substation 5 Replacement

Project Location – UC Berkeley Campus Park, bounded by Hearst Memorial Mining Building to the east, Cory Hall to the north, Davis Hall and Bechtel Engineering Center to the west, and Hearst Mining Circle to the south

Project Location – City: Berkeley, California

Project Location – County: Alameda

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project (Project Description): UC Berkeley's Electrical Substation 5, housing electrical equipment within an enclosed area, is located adjacent to the Hearst Memorial Mining Building on the UC Berkeley Campus Park. The CRP 19 Substation 5 Replacement project would replace existing electrical substation equipment that is at the end of its useful life, and enclose the switchgears and battery equipment located within the existing substation to protect it from weathering and extend the life of the new equipment. The proposed corrugated steel enclosure, measuring approximately 1,000 square feet, would not expand the footprint of the existing substation and would be painted to match the existing addition to the north side of Hearst Memorial Mining Building, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: University of California, Berkeley

Parties Undertaking Project: University of California, Berkeley

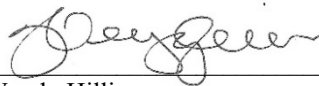
Exempt Status:

- 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 1 & 3
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: 20180.35
- General Exemption (Sec. 15061(b)(3)).

Reason Why Project is Exempt: The project is categorically exempt under Class 1, CEQA Section 15301 Existing Facilities and CEQA Section 15303 Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures. The project is categorically exempt under Class 1, Existing Facilities, as it includes the replacement of maintenance equipment within the substation involving no expansion of existing use. The project is also categorically exempt under Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures, as it includes the installation of a new fenced enclosure, which will not expand the footprint of the substation. The project is not subject to any exceptions to the categorical exemptions. There are not unusual circumstances creating the possibility that the project will have a significant effect on the environment, pursuant to CEQA Section 15300.2.

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Date:

April 17, 2023

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

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