

## Notice of Exemption

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**To:**  Office of Planning and Research  
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 County Clerk, County of \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Project Title:** Central Utilities Plant Seismic Improvements  
**Project Location** – Various locations at UC San Diego West and East Campus  
**Project Location – City:** San Diego  
**Project Location – County:** San Diego

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project (Project Description):** The proposed project, under the California Energy Commission's (CEC's) Convenient, High-Visibility, Low-Cost Level 2 Charging (CHiLL-2) grant funding opportunity, would be led by UC San Diego and supported by equipment and network service provider PowerFlex which would make UC San Diego one of the largest, densest, mixed-use, public-workplace charging hubs in California. The project proposes to provide and install electric vehicle charging stations at various locations throughout the UC San Diego main campus and medical center. General scope of work for each site includes minor modification as needed to tie the stations to existing power and data systems, as well as provision of electrical equipment to support unique power demands of the station.

The demonstration project would be the design, install and commission a total of 653 new Level 2 chargers featuring Adaptive Load Management and ISO-15118 technologies. Installation would include the right sizing of the transformers, switchgear, panels and conduit to install the chargers. The project area would have a 0.85 mile radius containing eight (8) existing and operational parking structures and one (1) surface lot (see attached). Four (4) sites are identified as the primary locations for the deployments and the other five are identified as potential back up sites should one or more primary sites become unavailable. The hub will be powered 100% by renewable electricity with power supplies integrated into a world-renowned microgrid.

**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 project is exempt from CEQA under Class 1: Existing Facilities because the project consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. No exceptions to an exemption apply per 15300.2.

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**Signature:**



**Title:**

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**Date:** 3/8/2023

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant