

Notice of Exemption

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The Trustees of The California State University
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Project Title: PG&E Electrical Conduit Improvement Project – Trenton Court

Project Applicant: California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB)

Project Location - Specific: CSUMB East Campus/Frederick Park I Housing area along Trenton Court and Imjin Parkway. Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APNs) 031-101-058 and 031-101-032

Project Location – City: N/A, unincorporated Monterey County

Project Location County: Monterey

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed project involves emergency repairs to an existing conduit along Trenton Court and Imjin Parkway in the Frederick Park I area of East Campus Housing. The emergency repairs would involve installing new conduit and wire approximately 3 feet underground for approximately 300 feet. Installation would require digging a 10 foot by 15 foot pit, approximately 5 feet deep on each end for the boring machines. Potholing would occur in between the pits to confirm boring is going the right direction. Minor tree trimming would be required near the southern pit, but no trees are proposed for removal. The project would include installation of a panel board on the northern end of the line. Work would require driving vehicles to each end of the line. Excavated material would be backfilled into the hole.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: The Trustees of The California State University

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: CSUMB

Exempt Status (check one):

- Ministerial** (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency** (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project:** Sec. 21080(b)(4) and 15269(b)
- Categorical Exemption.** State type and section number: Section 15301(b), 15302(c), 15304(c) and (f)

- ☒ **Statutory Exemptions.** State code number: 15269(b)
- ☒ **Common Sense Exemption** (Sec. 15063(b)(3))

Reasons why the project is exempt:

The project consists of replacing existing electrical conduit wiring and installing new conduit for the purposes of public utility maintenance and operation. Work would occur in areas of previous ground disturbance, is limited in scope, and would not require extensive site preparation.

- Section 21080(b)(4) and 15269(b): The proposed project consists of emergency repairs to existing conduit necessary to maintain service essential to public health, safety, and welfare. The public service provider informed the campus that the cable has significantly deteriorated and poses a health hazard and public safety concern.
- Section 15301(b): The proposed project consists of existing facilities of both investor and publicly owned utilities used to provide electric power.
- Section 15302(c): The proposed project consists of replacing existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.
- Section 15304(c) and (f): The proposed project would require minor alterations to land, including filling of earth into previously excavated land with material compatible with the natural features of the site and minor trenching and backfilling where the surface will be restored.
- Under CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3), Review for Exemption (14 CCR Sec. 15061(b)(3)), activities are exempt from, and otherwise not subject to, CEQA under the "common sense" exemption where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment. The proposed project would not result in any significant effects on the environment. A biological assessment was completed for the proposed project and determined no significant impacts to sensitive biological resources would occur with implementation of the mitigation requirements of the CSUMB Master Plan EIR, avoidance and minimizations measures required by PG&E's Multiple Region Operation and Maintenance Habitat Conservation Plan, and standard construction best management practices.

The proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances; would not result in damage to scenic resources within a Scenic Highway; is not located on a hazardous waste site pursuant to Sec. 65962.5 of the Government Code; would not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource; and would not result in cumulative impacts.



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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:

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant


Julie Wyrick (Jul 7, 2023 12:24 PDT)

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Authority cited: Public Resources Code Section 21083 and 21110, Public Resources code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.