

# Notice of Exemption

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**From:** University of California, San Diego  
Physical and Community Planning, MC 0074  
9500 Gilman Drive  
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**Project Title:** UC San Diego Thermal Chemical Energy Storage for Disadvantaged Communities

**Project Location – Specific:** UC San Diego East Campus Utility Plant (9413 Voigt Dr, La Jolla, CA 92093)

**Project Location – City:** San Diego

**Project Location – County:** San Diego

**Project Description:**

The University of California San Diego proposes to install energy storage system equipment within an existing pad at the existing East Campus Utility Plant. No off-site trenching or utility upgrades would be required, though on-site utility connections and on-site preparation would be completed. The project would not result in an increase in energy use. The project would also involve research study of the operation and efficiency of the storage system.

**Name of Public or Agency Approving Project:** University of California San Diego

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** University of California San Diego

**Exempt Status:** (check one)

Ministerial (Sec. 21080 (b)(1); 15268);

Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a);

Emergency Project (Se. 21080(b)(4); 15269 (b) (c));

Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: CEQA Sections 15301: Existing Facilities

**Reason why project is exempt:**

The project is classified as exempt from the provisions of CEQA under Section 15301, Class 1 Existing Facilities. The proposed project consists of installation of equipment at an existing facility, which is considered a minor alteration. None of the exceptions to exemptions listed in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 are applicable.

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