

Notice of Exemption

Project Title: Administrative Building HVAC Renewal

Project Applicant: California State University San Marcos

Project Location-Specific:

The project site is located on the California State University San Marcos (CSUSM) campus, located at 333 S. Twin Oaks Valley Road, San Marcos, California 92096. The CSUSM campus encompasses a total of 306 acres and is bounded by Twin Oaks Valley to the west, Barham Drive to the north, La Moree to the east, and residential to the south. The Administrative Building is situated in the southern portion of the campus, east of the intersection of Craven Drive/Campus View Drive, west of the Science Hall 1 and the Academic Hall buildings. The Kellogg Library is to the north and parking to the south. The latitude/longitude of the Project location is: 33°7'40" N, 1178° 9' 36" W.

Project Location – City: San Marcos **Project Location – County:** San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Constructed in 1992, the Administrative Building is a six-story, 154,967-gross-square-foot building that houses 26 departments, including the President and Provost's offices, Human Resources, Admissions, the University's server/data center, and the College of CSTEM Dean and faculty offices.

The purpose of the renovation is to address deferred maintenance, indoor air quality, and energy efficiency and implement energy conservation strategies through upgrades to the existing HVAC system. Diagnostic features will be incorporated to assist Facilities Engineers in monitoring, alarming, and troubleshooting equipment. Upgrades will also enable tracing of energy consumption HVAC system for the main server/data center room by connecting it to the building E-power. The project scope includes replacing the transformer, the main switchboard breaker, and new rooftop units and generator. The existing main building switchgear and secondary electrical service are to be retained and reused. The building use will be unchanged, and the building will remain approximately the same size; upgraded equipment will serve the same building square footage as existing equipment and no expansion of the area to be served is proposed.

The project will benefit California State University, San Marcos and the Trustees of The California State University.

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

Name of the Person of Agency Carrying Out Project: California State University San Marcos

The project is exempt from CEQA under the following authority:

Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 15301 (Class 1)

Reasons why the project is exempt:

The project is categorically exempt under Class 1, Existing Facilities, having met the qualifying criteria provided under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(a)(e), which apply to the minor alteration of existing facilities involving negligible or no expansion of an existing or former use. None of the exceptions to the categorical exemptions as set forth in Section 15300.2 of the State CEQA Guidelines applies to the project,

as the project site is within the already developed campus and not in an environmentally sensitive area, which in any event are qualifying considerations only for Class 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11 categorical exemptions and not Class 1; would not result in cumulative impacts; has no possibility of resulting in significant environmental impacts due to unusual circumstances; would not damage scenic resources within a scenic highway corridor; is not proposed on a listed hazardous waste site; and would not result in a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

Lead Agency

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Signed by Lead Agency

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