

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: The Trustees of The California State
University
401 Golden Shore
Long Beach, CA 90802

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Salinas, CA 9390
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Project Title: Mechatronics Lab at Building 44, Pacific Hall

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

Project Location - Specific: Building 44, Pacific Hall on CSUMB's Main Campus (APN)
031101006000

Project Location – City: Seaside

Project Location County: Monterey

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed project will develop Building 44, Pacific Hall, into academic space supporting the Mechatronics program. The project will renovate interior and exterior space by improving usage and accessibility. Interior renovations include upgrades and improvements to existing restrooms, offices, administrative and teaching spaces supporting the needs of staff, faculty and incoming students while also meeting necessary code compliance. The proposed project's exterior renovations will improve accessibility to Building 44 and surrounding areas by installing modern detectable warnings as well as the necessary modifications to curbs, pathways and sidewalks to improve function while also meeting code compliance.

Project renovations to Building 44 allow the Mechatronics program to meet near term enrollment goals and scheduling deadlines for the Fall 2024 semester. The proposed project is an interim solution allowing the Mechatronics program to operate and develop until a permanent location can be identified.

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**
- Declared Emergency**
- Emergency Project**
- Categorical Exemption.** State type and section number: Section 15301 (Existing Facilities), 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction), 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land)
- Statutory Exemptions.**
- Common Sense Exemption**

Reasons why the project is exempt:

The project will renovate Building 44, Pacific Hall, into faculty and staff office and teaching lab space supporting the Mechatronics program. The project will renovate Building 44 interior space sufficient to meet near-term faculty, staff and student needs while also improving adjacent curbs, pathways and sidewalks for greater accessibility to B44 and the surrounding areas. The project locations are limited in scope to the interior and minor exterior renovations and would not require extensive site preparation beyond what has already been described.

- Section 15301(a): Interior or exterior alterations to existing facilities involving such things as interior partitions, plumbing and electrical conveyances;
- Section 15301(b): Existing facilities of both investor and publicly owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services;
- Section 15301(c): Existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities (this includes road grading for the purpose of public safety, and other alterations such as the addition of bicycle facilities, including but not limited to bicycle parking, bicycle-share facilities and bicycle lanes, transit improvements such as bus lanes, pedestrian crossings, street trees, and other similar alterations that do not create additional automobile lanes).
- Section 15302(c): Replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity;
- Section 15304(e): Minor temporary use of land having negligible or no permanent effects on the environment, including carnivals, sales of Christmas trees, etc.;

Under CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(2), Review for Exemption (14 CCR Sec. 15061(b)(2)), the project is exempt pursuant to the above-named categorical exemptions and the application of the categorical exemptions is not barred by one of the exceptions set forth in Section 15300.2.

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.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Julie Wyrick, CSUMB Director of Campus Planning and Development

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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:


Julie Wyrick (Mar 8, 2024 11:40 PST)

03/08/2024

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

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