

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: University of California
Physical & Environmental Planning
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Project Title: Acquisition of West Hills Hospital and Medical Center

Project Location: 23023 Sherman Way (mailing address 7300 Medical Center Drive) and 7230 and 7240 Medical Center Drive

Project Location – City: Los Angeles

Project Location – County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project (Project Description): The Proposed Action is the acquisition of real property and improvements located at 23023 Sherman Way (mailing address 7300 Medical Center Drive) and 7230 and 7240 Medical Center Drive (collectively, West Hills Hospital and Medical Center) in West Hills, a community within the City of Los Angeles, as well as intended necessary seismic upgrades to bring the existing facilities into compliance with Senate Bill (SB) 1953 requirements for acute care facilities and the UC Seismic Safety Policy. West Hills Hospital and Medical Center (“hospital facility”) is an approximately 240,000 GSF general acute care facility located on an approximately 14.48-acre site in the western San Fernando Valley. Post-acquisition work would likely entail seismic improvements, mandatory code corrections triggered by the seismic work, and repair and restoration of impacted building finishes. This proposed action does not constitute a decision by the University regarding further development of the property beyond the acquisition, the necessary seismic improvements, and any related code corrections.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: University of California

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: University of California

Exempt Status: (check one)

- 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 (15301 & 15302)
- Statutory Exemptions (21080(a))
- Common Sense Exemption (Sec. 15061(b)(3)).

Reason Why Project is Exempt: The proposed project is categorically exempt under Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1, Existing Facilities, because it involves the acquisition of existing facilities and associated assets with no expansion of existing use. On a separate and independent basis, the project is also exempt under Article 19, Section 15302, Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction, because it consists of the intended seismic repair of certain of the existing facilities, which include a hospital and supporting medical facilities, in order to provide earthquake-resistant structures with the same general purpose and capacity as currently exists. No exceptions to the exemptions set forth in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply. Following the University’s acquisition of the properties and implementation of seismic improvements, any subsequent contemplated development would be subject to CEQA compliance.

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Title:

Director, Physical and Environmental Planning

Date:

April 2, 2024

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant