

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: University of California, San Diego
Campus Planning, MC 0074
9500 Gilman Drive
La Jolla, California 92093-0074

Project Title: La Jolla Shores Overlook Project

Project Location: UC San Diego Campus, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, near intersection of La Jolla Shores Drive and Electromagnetic Research Facility Access Road

Project Location – City: La Jolla

Project Location – County: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project (Project Description): The project will construct a new, publicly accessible coastal “overlook” (viewing platform) along a west-facing slope adjacent to La Jolla Shores Drive. The approximately 455-square-foot overlook would be constructed primarily of wood with two Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant parking spaces and access off of an existing paved access road, bench seating, decomposed granite pathway, and solar-powered blue light emergency phone and security camera. The project would remove an invasive eucalyptus tree cluster and would reseed the area with an ecologically appropriate native plant mix. The project site is a heavily disturbed area with minimal native plants present, and the project would not result in significant impacts to native habitat area. Tree removal will occur outside nesting bird season, or will be surveyed to ensure no active nest is present prior to the removal.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: University of California, San Diego

Parties Undertaking Project: University of California, San Diego

Exempt Status:

- 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. State type and section number: Class 15303: New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (Class 3); Section 15304: Minor Alterations to Land (Class 4)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: 20180.35
- General Exemption (Sec. 15061(b)(3)).

Reason Why Project is Exempt: The project is exempt from CEQA under Class 3 and Class 4 as the project involves the construction of a small structure as well as minor alterations to land. No exceptions to an exemption apply per 15300.2.

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Signature:



Lauren Lievers

Title:

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Date: 06/18/2024

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant