

County of Riverside  
Facilities Management  
3450 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Riverside, CA

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## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

April 23, 2024

**Project Name:** Approval of Sublease Amendment No. 1 with Department of General Services Administration (DGS) State of California Employment Development Department (EDD) for 1325 Spruce Street, Riverside

**Project Number:** FM047611020900

**Project Location:** 1325 Spruce Street, west of Iowa Avenue, Riverside, California 92507, Assessor's Parcel Number (APN): 249-110-064

**Description of Project:** DGS administers a sublease on behalf of the EDD at 1325 Spruce Street, Riverside, CA, 92507. DGS subleases approximately 11,798 net useable square feet of office space (consisting of 5,030 net usable square feet of shared space and 6,768 net usable square feet of exclusive space. The Sublease has been in place since October 1, 2020.

Under Sublease Amendment No. 1, the Rentable Square Footage (RSF), will increase from 11,798 to 13,524. Rental payments shall be paid by the State, from legally available funds and subject to the California Constitution. Sublease Amendment No. 1 with CGS is identified as the proposed project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The additional square footage to be leased by CGS would not result in an expansion of the existing building footprint. The operation of the facility will continue to provide services to the public. The Sublease Amendment will not result in an increase in capacity or the intensity of the use of the site. No additional direct or indirect physical environmental impacts are anticipated.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Riverside County

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Riverside County Facilities Management

**Exempt Status:** State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Class 1, Existing Facilities Exemption; Section 15061(b) (3), "Common Sense" Exemption. Codified under California Code of Regulations Title 14, Article 5, Section 15061.

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:** The proposed project is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA specifically by the State CEQA Guidelines as identified below. The project will not result in any specific or general exceptions to the use of the categorical exemption as detailed under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2. The project will not cause an impact to an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern nor would the project involve unusual circumstances that could potentially have a significant effect on the environment. The project would not result in impacts to scenic highways, hazardous waste sites, historic resources, or other sensitive natural environments, or have a cumulative effect to the environment. No significant environmental impacts are anticipated to occur with Sublease Amendment No. 1.

- **Section 15301 – Class 1 Existing Facilities Exemption:** This categorical exemption includes the operation, repair, maintenance, leasing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures or facilities, provided the exemption only involves negligible or no expansion of the previous site’s use. The project, as proposed, is limited to a Sublease Amendment to increase the percentage of allocated space within the building and would result in the continued ongoing use, operation, and maintenance of the facility. The use of the facility would not result in any changes as a result of the occupancy and no expansion of public services would occur. Therefore, the project is exempt as the project meets the scope and intent of the Class 1 Exemption identified in Section 15301, Article 19, Categorical Exemptions of the CEQA Guidelines.
- **Section 15061 (b) (3) – “Common Sense” Exemption:** In accordance with CEQA, the use of the Common Sense Exemption is based on the “general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.” State CEQA Guidelines, Section 15061(b) (3). The use of this exemption is appropriate if “it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.” *Ibid*. This determination is an issue of fact and if sufficient evidence exists in the record that the activity cannot have a significant effect on the environment, then the exemption applies and no further evaluation under CEQA is required. See *No Oil, Inc. v. City of Los Angeles* (1974) 13 Cal. 3d 68. The ruling in this case stated that if a project falls within a category exempt by administrative regulation or 'it can be seen with certainty that the activity in question will not have a significant effect on the environment', no further agency evaluation is required. With certainty, there is no possibility that the project may have a significant effect on the environment. The proposed Sublease Amendment No. 1, which will result in the continued use of space at the 1325 Spruce Street Office Building and will not result in any direct or indirect physical environmental impacts. The use and operation of the facility from the additional space allocation will be substantially similar to the existing use and will not create any new environmental impacts to the surrounding area. No impacts beyond the ongoing, existing use of the site would occur. Therefore, in no way, would the project as proposed have the potential to cause a significant environmental impact and the project is exempt from further CEQA analysis.

Therefore, the County of Riverside Facilities Management hereby concludes that no physical environmental impacts are anticipated to occur and the project as proposed is exempt under CEQA. No further environmental analysis is warranted.

**Signed:**  \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** 4-23-2024

Mike Sullivan  
County of Riverside, Facilities Management

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER**

**AUTHORIZATION  
TO BILL  
BY JOURNAL VOUCHER**

**Project Name: Sublease Amendment #31 with DGS EDD, 1325 Spruce Street, Riverside**

**Accounting String: 524830-47220-7200400000- FM047611063600**

DATE: April 23, 2024

AGENCY: Riverside County Facilities Management (CEQARIVCOFM)

THIS AUTHORIZES THE COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER TO BILL FOR FILING AND HANDLING FEES FOR THE ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENT(S).

NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS INCLUDED: One (1)

AUTHORIZED BY: **Mike Sullivan, Facilities Management**

Signature: 

PRESENTED BY: **April Gallup, Real Property Agent III, Facilities Management**

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Date: April 23, 2024  
To: Office of the County Clerk  
From: Mike Sullivan, Facilities Management  
Subject: **County of Riverside Facilities Management Project FM047611063600**  
Sublease Amendment #1 with GSA, USBK Court, Riverside

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**Attention: Mike Sullivan, Senior Environmental Planner,**

**Facilities Management,**

**3450 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 303, Riverside, CA 92501**

**If you have any questions, please contact Mike Sullivan at 955-8009 or email at [msullivan@rivco.org](mailto:msullivan@rivco.org).**

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