

## Notice of Exemption

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**To:**  Office of Planning and Research  
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 County Clerk, County of \_\_\_\_\_

**From:** University of California, San Diego  
Campus Planning, MC 0074  
9500 Gilman Drive  
La Jolla, California 92093-0074

**Project Title:** SIO Area ADA Improvements  
**Project Location** – Scripps Institution of Oceanography – various locations  
**Project Location – City:** La Jolla  
**Project Location – County:** San Diego

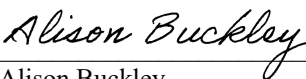
**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project (Project Description):** The proposed project would design and construct new ADA-compliant pathways at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography (SIO) campus at Spiess Hall, Ritter Hall, and Sumner Auditorium. The project would conduct a comprehensive site survey and develop conclusive civil and landscape improvement plans, along with on-site construction documents for the establishment of three ADA-compliant pathways. This includes but not limited to grading, paving, signage, and accessibility features such as ramps and handrails.

**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 15304 Minor Alterations to Land
- 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 4: Minor Alterations to Land because the project consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. No exceptions to an exemption apply per 15300.2.

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**Date:** 1/21/2025

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant