

## 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  
Campus Planning, MC 0074  
9500 Gilman Drive  
La Jolla, California 92093-0074

**Project Title:** Sumner Auditorium Accessibility Project  
**Project Location** – SIO – west of La Jolla Shores Drive and north of El Paseo Grande  
**Project Location** – City: La Jolla  
**Project Location** – County: San Diego

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project (Project Description):** The proposed project would modify the paved pathway that serves as the path of travel between the accessible parking spaces in Parking Lot P003 and the Sumner Auditorium at Scripps Institution of Oceanography (SIO) to make it compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). One portion of the pathway would be reconstructed using the existing design and materials and another portion would be redesigned as a switchback to accommodate the grade. A total of 2,660 square feet of the paved pathway would be demolished and a total of 2,495 square feet of pathways would be constructed. All landscaped areas impacted by the modification and construction activities would be replanted with native and/or climate adaptive plantings.

**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 15301 Existing Facilities
- 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 1: Existing Facilities because the project consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, or replacement of existing structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment where there is no expansion or change in use. No exceptions to an exemption apply per 15300.2.

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Alison Buckley  
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**Signature:**

  
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Alison Buckley

**Title:**

Senior Environmental Planner, Campus Planning

**Date:** 1/22/2025

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant