

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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 County Clerk, County of _____

From: University of California
Physical & Environmental Planning
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Project Title: Cooperage Rehabilitation

Project Location: UC Santa Cruz

Project Location – City: Santa Cruz

Project Location – County: Santa Cruz

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project (Project Description): The proposed Cooperage Rehabilitation project would rehabilitate the historic building, consistent with its historical significance and character-defining features, and provide the campus with a welcoming event space for flexible use, ranging from lectures and symposia to campus tours and exhibits. Site improvements will be limited to providing an entry plaza and event yard with accessible pervious paving and small landscaped areas, an accessible parking spot, and new timber stairs to the upper level.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: University of California

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: UC Santa Cruz

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 (15331)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:
- Common Sense Exemption (Sec. 15061(b)(3)).

Reason Why Project is Exempt: The Cooperage Rehabilitation project is exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15331, Class 31, Historical Resource Restoration/Rehabilitation because the rehabilitation that is consistent with the *Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation*. Therefore, the project would not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. The project would not damage scenic resources or be located on a hazardous waste site. In addition, due to the nature of the project, it would not result in significant cumulative impacts. Therefore, none of the exceptions to the Class 31 exemption apply.

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Date: February 6, 2025

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant