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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Recreation Hall Seismic Renovation
Project Location: East of La Rue Road and north of Hutchison Drive;
University of California, Davis
County: Yolo

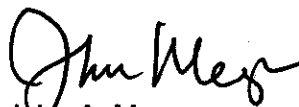
The UC Davis campus (the campus) proposes to provide seismic correction by adding tension cross-bracing along the length of the outer three bays on each side of the Recreation Hall. The Recreation Hall, a multi-level sports facility containing approximately 145,681 gross square feet, is located in the central campus, east of La Rue Road and the Colleges at La Rue student housing complex, north of an intramural sports field and Hutchison Drive, west of the baseball diamond, and south of an intramural sports field and Recreation Way.

In 1998, the Recreation Hall was given a seismic rating of "Very Poor" because the Recreation Hall's Vierendeel truss roof lacks the ability to behave as an adequate horizontal diaphragm. During a seismic event, this could result in weld fractures at the truss joints or buckling in the truss members, leading to a potential gravity failure in the roof structure. The proposed project would provide a seismic strengthening of the Recreation Hall's roof to achieve a seismic rating of "Good".

The project is determined generally exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Title 14 California Code of Regulations, Section 15061 (b)(3), and Categorically Exempt under Sections 15301 (Existing Facilities) and 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land). The project is covered by the general rule that CEQA does not apply to activities where it can be seen with a certainty that there is no possibility that a significant effect on the environment could occur (Section 15061). The project is categorically exempt because it includes minor alterations of an existing structure, involving no expansion of existing use (Section 15301). The project is also categorically exempt because construction staging and contractor parking would include minor alterations in the condition of land that does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, or scenic trees (Section 15304). Thus, the project would not have a significant effect on the environment.

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In accordance with State Guidelines for Implementation of CEQA and the University of California Procedures for Implementation of CEQA, the campus approved the Recreation Hall Seismic Renovation on March 16, 2001. If you have any questions about this project, please contact Sid England, Environmental Planner, at (530) 752-2432.



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