

# Notice of Exemption

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From: (Public Agency): Heather Davis, Director

Campus and Environmental Planning

255 Cousteau Pl, University of California, Davis, CA 95618

(Address)

Project Title: Putah Creek Lodge Renovation

Project Applicant: University of California, Davis

Project Location - Specific:

685 Putah Creek Lodge Drive, Davis, CA 95616

Project Location - City: Davis

Project Location - County: Yolo

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project proposes to renovate the Putah Creek Lodge, an existing building located at 685 Putah Creek Lodge Drive, Davis, CA 95616 on UC Davis Campus. The building is a 3,405 square foot, one-story building and consists of a main assembly room space, an office, a storage room, and associated amenities. The project corrects and upgrades seismic retrofits to achieve an acceptable seismic performance level of IV. The project also provides upgrades to the bathrooms, office, and food preparation areas, as well as repairs dry rot, HVAC, flooring, and roofing. The project scope also includes paint, installation of new cabinetry and doors, and upgrades to accessibility features. The renovation will not cause any changes to existing building function, use or occupancy. The footprint is not being increased. Minimal site work is proposed and includes paving improvements for portions of the path of travel from the south end of the bridge to the building and at various doorways and entrances, as well as site drainage improvements and some trenching and patching for a new conduit and electrical service to the lodge from the transformer yard.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: University of California, Davis

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: University of California, Davis

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. State type and section number: Section 15301 (Class 1- Existing Facilities)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project qualifies as categorically exempt under Exemption Class 1 of the Guidelines for the Implementation to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This exemption applies to the operation, repair, maintenance or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities or mechanical equipment, involving negligible or no expansion of the existing use. The proposed project would provide interior renovations to an existing building, with minimal modifications to the exterior to improve the path of travel and drainage conditions. In addition, none of the other exceptions for application of a categorical exemption apply to this project.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Heather Davis

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 530-752-6043

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?  Yes  No

Signature: Heather Davis

Date: 8/18/2025

Title: Director

Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_