

## Notice of Exemption

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**From:** University of California, Berkeley  
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**Project Title:** *Clark Kerr Campus (CKC) Catering Kitchen*

**Project Location** – *Building 10, Clark Kerr Campus (CKC), UC Berkeley*

**Project Location – City:** Berkeley

**Project Location – County:** Alameda County

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project (Project Description):** The Clark Kerr Campus (CKC) Catering Kitchen project involves the demolition and replacement of the existing one-story standalone portion of Building 10 on the University of California Berkeley's CKC. The project proposes to redevelop the existing commissary kitchen/storage space as a catering kitchen with cooking preparation, production, coolers, freezers and washing area. The existing structure is in poor condition, is at the end of its useful life and requires replacement. The structure will be built on a similar footprint as the original serving the same existing function of approximately 1,941 square feet. The floor will be lowered by approximately 3 inches to align with the other adjacent portions of Building 10. The adjacent exterior stairs on the east will stay in place and not be removed. The proposed building's exterior walls would be in the same locations as the existing on the east, west and north sides, and extend approximately six feet to the south to capture the area that was under a large roof overhanging the existing building.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** University of California, Berkeley

**Parties Undertaking Project:** University of California, Berkeley

**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: Class 1, 2, 3 and 11
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: 20180.35
- ☐ General Exemption (Sec. 15061(b)(3)).

### Reason Why Project is Exempt:

The Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), on a separate and independent basis under:

- **CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Class 1):** The Project is categorically exempt under **Class 1** because it involves the alteration of an existing structure involving negligible or no expansion of existing use. The existing structure is currently being used as a catering kitchen, and the proposed project would remove and replace the existing structure with negligible expansion of the same use.
- **CEQA Guidelines Section 15302 (Class 2):** The Project is categorically exempt under **Class 2 Replacement or Reconstruction** because it involves the replacement of an existing structure on the same site, where the new structure will have the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced.
- **Class CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 (Class 3):** The Project is categorically exempt under **Class 3** because it involves the construction of a small accessory structure (Section 15303(e)) that does not exceed 2,000 square feet. The Project is located within an urbanized area with connections to utility services and infrastructure for a structure of this limited scale.
- **Class CEQA Guidelines Section 15311 (Class 11):** The Project is categorically exempt under **Class 11** because it involves the construction or replacement of a minor structure that is accessory to the existing institutional facilities of the University. The structure is a secondary facility designed to support the primary functions of the Clark Kerr Campus and will not change the fundamental nature of the campus operations.

CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 includes a number of exceptions to categorical exemptions, which include the following: location; cumulative impact; significant effect; scenic highways; hazardous waste sites; and historical resources. These exceptions have been determined not to apply to the Project.

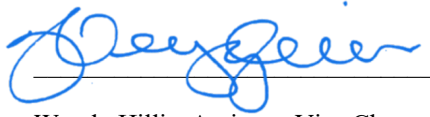
The project is located in Clark Kerr Campus (CKC) which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The main portion of Building 10 is listed as a contributing structure in the National Register nomination. The proposed demolition and reconstruction of the Catering Kitchen is a one story, stand-alone extension to the east called the

Commissary Addition which was built around 1940 and is identified as a structure of no distinction in the National Register nomination, therefore, although CKC is a listed National Register Historic District, the Project will not cause a substantial adverse change in its significance. The structure being replaced is a non-contributing resource and its replacement is compatible with the existing structures of CKC.

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