

**Notice of Exemption**

**To:**  Office of Planning and Research  
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 County Clerk, County of \_\_\_\_\_

**From:** University of California, San Diego  
 Campus Planning, MC 0074  
 9500 Gilman Drive  
 La Jolla, California 92093-0074

**Project Title:** SIO Lower Downwind Way Improvements  
**Project Location** – North of Deep Sea Drilling and East of La Jolla Shores Drive  
**Project Location** – City: San Diego  
**Project Location** – County: San Diego

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project (Project Description):** The proposed project consists of improvements to the lower portion of Downwind Way located north of Deep Sea Drilling and east of La Jolla Shores Drive at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography (SIO). Scope of work would include removal and replacement of damaged asphalt, installation of a retaining wall along the north side of Downwind Way, and installation of a new 10" potable water line which would extend across the intersection of Downwind Way to the west side of La Jolla Shores Drive.

**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 1: Existing Facilities
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: 20180.35
- General Exemption (Sec. 15061(b)(3)).

**Reason Why Project is Exempt:** Based on the above project description, the SIO Lower Downwind Way Improvements project is classified as exempt from the provisions of CEQA under Section 15301 Existing Facilities. The project activities fall under Class 1 because it consists of the operation and minor alteration of existing public or private topographical features, involving negligible expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. None of the exceptions to an exemption apply.

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



**Title:**

Alison Buckley  
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**Date:**

04/22/2019

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

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