

## **Notice of Exemption**

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**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:** The Trustees of The California State  
University  
401 Golden Shore  
Long Beach, CA 90802

**County of:** Monterey  
Salinas, CA 9390  
168 W Alisal Street, 1st Floor

**Project Title:** Fitness Center at Building 29, University Center

**Project Applicant:** California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB)

**Project Location - Specific:** Building 29, University Center on CSUMB's Main Campus (APN)  
031101006000

**Project Location – City:** Seaside

**Project Location County:** Monterey

### **Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:**

The proposed project will develop the former bookstore in Building 29, University Center, into an interim fitness center to include space for cardio and weight-lifting equipment as well as the addition of restrooms featuring showers and changing areas. The project will require the interior renovation of the Building 29 former bookstore with minimal exterior work beyond the staging of equipment and materials in the adjacent parking lot to the south of Building 29. The interim fitness center will provide a fitness service facility as a temporary solution until the development of the proposed Recreation Center.

The project will require interior access to Building 29 through the front entrance at 6th Avenue and through the south entrance of the building via the adjacent parking lot. In addition to the development of restrooms featuring showers and changing areas, renovations will include the replacement of flooring, paint, the expansion of plumbing and the addition of electrical circuits to support the installation of cardio and weight-lifting fitness equipment. No structural or mechanical improvements are required for this project and as such exterior work beyond basic painting and surface preparation won't be required.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** The Trustees of The California State University

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** CSUMB

**Exempt Status (check one):**

- Ministerial**
- Declared Emergency**
- Emergency Project**
- Categorical Exemption.** State type and section number: Section 15301 (Existing Facilities), 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction), 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land)
- Statutory Exemptions.**
- Common Sense Exemption**

**Reasons why the project is exempt:**

The project will develop the former bookstore in Building 29, University Center, into an interim fitness center to include space for cardio and weight-lifting equipment as well as the addition of restrooms featuring showers and changing areas. The project will require the interior renovation of the Building 29 former bookstore with minimal exterior work beyond painting and surface preparation as well as equipment and materials in the adjacent parking lot. The project locations are limited in scope and would not require extensive site preparation beyond what has already been described.

- Section 15301: Interior or exterior alterations to existing facilities involving such things as interior partitions, plumbing and electrical conveyances;
- Section 15301: Existing facilities of both investor and publicly owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services;
- Section 15302: Replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity;
- Section 15304: Minor temporary use of land having negligible or no permanent effects on the environment, including carnivals, sales of Christmas trees, etc.;

Under CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(2), Review for Exemption (14 CCR Sec. 15061(b)(2)), the project is exempt pursuant to the above-named categorical exemptions and the application of the categorical exemptions is not barred by one of the exceptions set forth in Section 15300.2.

The proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances; would not result in damage to scenic resources within a Scenic Highway; is not located on a hazardous waste site pursuant to Sec. 65962.5 of the Government Code; would not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource; and would not result in cumulative impacts.

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Julie Wyrick, CSUMB Director of Campus Planning and Development

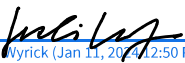
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**If filed by applicant:**

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:**

  
Julie Wyrick (Jan 11, 2024 12:50 PST)

01/11/2024

Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant

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