

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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From:
UC Berkeley
Physical & Environmental Planning
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PROJECT TITLE: Clark Kerr Campus Beach Volleyball Complex
PROJECT LOCATION: Sports Lane & Dwight Way, Clark Kerr Campus, University of California
IN THE CITY OF: Berkeley, CA
COUNTY OF: Alameda County

DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE AND BENEFICIARIES OF PROJECT (PROJECT DESCRIPTION):
The UC Berkeley campus would convert the existing Clark Kerr Campus softball field from a recreational softball field into a recreational and Intercollegiate Athletic beach volleyball facility with four beach volleyball courts, a support building with team rooms, locker rooms, restrooms, coach office and storage, new lighting and scoreboard, and a lawn area. The facility would be available to the community on a reservation basis when not in use by Intercollegiate Athletics. When the facility opens, the existing beach volleyball program, which uses other courts on Clark Kerr Campus, would relocate to the new courts.


PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT: UC Berkeley
AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT: UC Berkeley

EXEMPT STATUS:
Categorical Exemption. Class 3, New Construction or Small Structures

REASONS WHY THE PROJECT IS EXEMPT:
The Project would involve an approximately 3,000 sq ft building for locker rooms, restrooms, and storage to support the recreational uses on the site, which would not exceed the limit of 10,000 sq ft for a given site that is in an urbanized area and that will not involve the use of significant amounts of hazardous substances. The project consists of the conversion of an existing recreation field on a previously developed site used for recreation; normal operations of a sporting facility similar to activity that has occurred on or near the site in the past; entails use of an existing facility in a manner compatible with its original intent, namely to accommodate recreation for the campus and surrounding community; and would not represent a substantial change in activity otherwise occurring on the site or on Clark Kerr Campus today. Consistent with this exemption, the necessary public services and facilities are available to the site; the surrounding area is not environmentally sensitive; and no changes to significant cultural resources would occur.

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

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Signed by Lead Agency

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