

## Notice of Exemption

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From: University of California Santa Cruz  
Physical & Env. Planning Services  
1156 High Street  
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**Project Title:** Master Service Agreement to Furnish Room Reservations at the Best Western All Suites Hotel

**Project Location –** 500 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

**Project Location – City:** Santa Cruz

**Project Location – County:** Santa Cruz

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project (Project Description):** The University of California Santa Cruz entered into a nine-month master service agreement on September 3, 2021 with BW All Suite LLC, DBA Best Western All Suites (project) to provide group room reservations for graduate and undergraduate students at the Best Western All Suites Hotel located at 500 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060 for the Fall 2021, Winter 2022 and Spring 2022 quarters. The master service agreement would provide a block of 60 rooms at pre-negotiated rates and fees, as well as applicable city and hotel taxes for the academic year.

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

**Parties Undertaking Project:** University of California; BW All Suite LLC

**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: Section 15301, Class 1: Existing Facilities
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: 20180.35
- General Exemption (Sec. 15061(b)(3)).

**Reason Why Project is Exempt:** The project includes entering into a master service agreement for the provision of rooms at an existing hotel with no expansion of the existing use, which is categorically exempt from CEQA under Class 1, Existing Facilities (CEQA Guidelines Section 15301). The hotel is not located in an environmentally sensitive area, on a hazardous waste site, and is not a historic resource. In addition, the project would not result in damage to scenic resources or result in significant cumulative impacts. Therefore, none of the exceptions to this exemption apply.

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**Date:**

9/8/2021

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

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