

**Form A**

**Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal**

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**Project Title:** Hopland Laboratory Project

Lead Agency: University of California Contact Person: Shawn Tibor  
Street Address: Agriculture and Natural Resources Phone: (530) 752-5914  
City: Davis Zip: 95616 County: Yolo

**Project Location:**

County: Mendocino City/Nearest Community: Hopland  
Cross Streets: not applicable--internal to large property Zip Code: 95449 Total Acres: 0.75  
Assessor's Parcel No. NA Section: 9 Twp. 13N Range: 11W Base: Ukiah  
Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: Highway 101 Waterways: Russian River  
Airports: \_\_\_\_\_ Railways: \_\_\_\_\_ Schools: \_\_\_\_\_

**Document Type:**

**CEQA:**  NOP  Supplement/Subsequent EIR **NEPA:**  NOI **Other:**  Joint Document  
 Early Cons  (Prior SCH No.) \_\_\_\_\_  EA  Final Document  
 Neg Dec  Other \_\_\_\_\_  Draft EIS  Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 Draft EIR  FONSI

**Local Action Type:**

General Plan Update  Specific Plan  Rezone  Annexation  
 General Plan Amendment  Master Plan  Prezone  Redevelopment  
 General Plan Element  Planned Unit Development  Use Permit  Coastal Permit  
 Community Plan  Site Plan  Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)  Other Project Approval

**Development Type:**

Residential: *Units* \_\_\_\_\_ *Acres* \_\_\_\_\_  Water Facilities: *Type* \_\_\_\_\_ *MGD* \_\_\_\_\_  
 Office: *Sq.ft.* \_\_\_\_\_ *Acres* \_\_\_\_\_ *Employees* \_\_\_\_\_  Transportation: *Type* \_\_\_\_\_  
 Commercial: *Sq.ft.* \_\_\_\_\_ *Acres* \_\_\_\_\_ *Employees* \_\_\_\_\_  Mining: *Mineral* \_\_\_\_\_  
 Industrial: *Sq.ft.* \_\_\_\_\_ *Acres* \_\_\_\_\_ *Employees* \_\_\_\_\_  Power: *Type* \_\_\_\_\_ *Watts* \_\_\_\_\_  
 Educational 5,200 sq. ft. teaching and research building  Waste Treatment: *Type* \_\_\_\_\_  
 Recreational \_\_\_\_\_  Hazardous Waste: *Type* \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Funding** (approx.): Federal \$ -- State \$ 1,300,000 Total \$ \$1,300,000

**Project Issues Discussed in Document:**

Aesthetic/Visual  Flood Plain/Flooding  Schools/Universities  Water Quality  
 Agricultural Land  Forest Land/Fire Hazard  Septic Systems  Water Supply/Groundwater  
 Air Quality  Geologic/Seismic  Sewer Capacity  Wetland/Riparian  
 Archeological/Historical  Minerals  Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading  Wildlife  
 Coastal Zone  Noise  Solid Waste  Growth Inducing  
 Drainage/Absorption  Population/Housing Balance  Toxic/Hazardous  Landuse  
 Economic/Jobs  Public Services/Facilities  Traffic/Circulation  Cumulative Effects  
 Fiscal  Recreation/Parks  Vegetation  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:**

Agriculture and Natural Resource Teaching and Research

**Project Description:**

See attached public notice.

# Reviewing Agencies Checklist

Form A, continued

## KEY

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### Resources Agency

- \_\_\_ Boating & Waterways
- \_\_\_ Coastal Commission
- \_\_\_ Coastal Conservancy
- \_\_\_ Colorado River Board
- \_SX\_ Conservation
- \_SX\_ Fish & Game
- \_\_\_ Forestry & Fire Protection
- \_SX\_ Office of Historic Preservation
- \_\_\_ Parks & Recreation
- \_\_\_ Reclamation Board
- \_\_\_ S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Commission
- \_SX\_ Water Resources (DWR)

### Business, Transportation & Housing

- \_\_\_ Aeronautics
- \_\_\_ California Highway Patrol
- \_SX\_ CALTRANS District # \_\_1\_\_
- \_\_\_ Department of Transportation Planning (headquarters)
- \_\_\_ Housing & Community Development

### Food & Agriculture

### Health & Welfare

- \_\_\_ Health Services \_\_\_\_\_

### State & Consumer Services

- \_\_\_ General Services
- \_\_\_ OLA (Schools)

### Environmental Protection Agency

- \_SX\_ Air Resources Board
- \_\_\_ California Waste Management Board
- \_\_\_ SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
- \_\_\_ SWRCB: Delta Unit
- \_\_\_ SWRCB: Water Quality
- \_\_\_ SWRCB: Water Rights
- \_SX\_ Regional WQCB # 1 \_\_\_\_\_ ( \_\_\_ North Coast \_\_\_\_\_ )

### Youth & Adult Corrections

- \_\_\_ Corrections

### Independent Commissions & Offices

- \_\_\_ Energy Commission
- \_\_\_ Native American Heritage Commission
- \_\_\_ Public Utilities Commission
- \_\_\_ Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
- \_\_\_ State Lands Commission
- \_\_\_ Tahoe Regional Planning Agency

- \_SX\_ Other \_\_\_ Mendocino County AQMD \_\_\_\_\_

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### Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date April 6, 2009

Ending Date May 6, 2009

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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**PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR  
THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
HOPLAND LABORATORY PROJECT—HOPLAND, RESEARCH AND EXTENSION CENTER**

**Proposed Project**

The University of California Hopland Research and Extension Center (HREC) proposes to construct a new building and utility connections near the HREC headquarters. The building would provide a multipurpose room, a specimen collection room, two field laboratory rooms, restrooms, closets, and additional storage space. The 5,200 square-foot wood-frame building will allow flexibility to meet space needs for research/laboratory purposes as well as teaching and meeting space needs. Site improvements for the project would include an access driveway, 3 to 5 parking spaces, walkways of decomposed granite, concrete decks adjacent to the building, and a decomposed granite area around the concrete area to provide a larger area of finished surface for visiting school groups.

The proposed project would be located near the developed headquarters area within the central portion of the HREC property. The project site is accessed from a long entrance road of Eastside Road near Old Hopland. At the developed portion of the HREC, the south side of the access road includes existing residential buildings and the proposed project would be constructed on the north side of the roadway. The project site is currently a grassy area with oak trees and sits approximately 15 feet below the height of the adjacent roadway surface. The site has been previously used as a sheep pasture to support teaching and research.

**Project Objectives**

The proposed project would provide increased laboratory space for the researchers and would provide space for visiting school groups for classroom and field support purposes. The objectives of the project are to:

- Provide increased laboratory space to support field-based research at the HREC.
- Provide space with for visiting school groups to conduct classroom learning and have a base of support (restrooms, picnic area, etc.) while conducting field-based learning at the HREC.
- Locate the desired space near the HREC headquarters in order to obtain efficiency advantages from the research support and residence facilities at the HREC headquarters.

**Environmental Review**

The Draft Initial Study for the proposed University of California HREC Hopland Laboratory Project was prepared in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), state and University of California guidelines for implementation of CEQA. Based on the analysis presented in the Draft Initial Study, it has been determined that one potentially significant impact could result in the unlikely event that certain special-status plants or animals were observed at the project site prior to construction. However, the inclusion of a mitigation measure would reduce this potential impact to a less-than-significant level. Based on the analysis in the Initial Study, the University of California has determined that a Mitigated Negative Declaration will be prepared for this project.

**Public Review and Comment**

The Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed project will be circulated for public and agency review from April 6, 2009 to May 6, 2009. Copies of the document are available during normal operating hours at the HREC headquarters on University Road accessed from Eastside Road from Old Hopland, the Reference Desk at the Ukiah Library, 105 North Main Street in Ukiah and online at <http://www.ormp.ucdavis.edu/environreview/>. Copies of reference materials for the Draft Initial Study are available by contacting Matt Dulcich in the UC Davis Office of Resource Management and Planning at (530) 752-9597 or by email [medulcich@ucdavis.edu](mailto:medulcich@ucdavis.edu).

Comments on this document must be received by 5:00 p.m. on May 6, 2009. They can be e-mailed to [environreview@ucdavis.edu](mailto:environreview@ucdavis.edu) or sent to:

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