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**NOTICE OF COMPLETION
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

Project Title: Crystal Lake Alumni Family Camp and Environmental Education Center

Project Location: South of Interstate 80 near Yuba Gap exit and Eagle Lakes Road exit, (Portion of Section 24 in Township 17 North, Range 12 East, on the Cisco Grove 7.5-minute USGS quadrangle)

Counties: Nevada County (primary project site) and Placer County (off-site road improvements)

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The following specific objectives of the alumni camp and environmental learning center detail the site planning, programming, financial and operational objectives of the project:

- Create an alumni family camp on property with a water feature such as a lake, stream, or river that would allow water recreation opportunities.
- Provide seclusion within a separate special place for visitors to appreciate and treasure.
- Minimize driving distance from Davis, Sacramento, and San Francisco. Remain within a 2.5 hour drive from Davis to facilitate management of the property and employment opportunities for students.
- Operate a camp that is free from poison oak and at an elevation that is not subject to the extreme heat of the Central Valley in order to provide the highest quality camp experience.
- Provide a full-service camp experience with an adequate revenue base to support dining, lodging, and activities included in the design and operation of the camp.
- Operate a camp primarily during summer months to match vacation planning goals of alumni but also generate income from other activities during non-summer months.
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- Utilize development and construction methods that respect the natural environment.
- Provide long-term stewardship of natural features and human historical features.

In addition, the following objectives were identified as items that are specifically not desired and would not be included in camp operations. These are identified here in order to exclude certain activities that could result in particular environmental impacts. Items excluded from camp operation are: pets, equestrian activities, firearms, motorized boats, all-terrain vehicle recreation, and hunting. The project is not located on a listed site of toxic contamination.

Summary of Significant Impacts

The DEIR addresses aesthetics, agriculture and forestry, air quality, biology, cultural resources, geology, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards, hydrology and water quality, land use, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation and utilities. The Draft EIR identifies significant impacts to aesthetics, agriculture and forestry, air quality, biology, cultural resources, geology and soils, hazards, hydrology and water quality, land use, and noise.

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The University of California is the Lead Agency and has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the proposed project (State Clearinghouse No. 2015062034).

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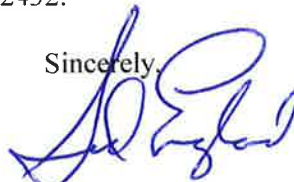
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We appreciate your prompt acknowledgement and review of this Draft EIR. If you have any questions about the project, please contact me at (530) 752-2432.

Sincerely,



Sid England
Assistant Vice Chancellor – Environmental Stewardship
and Sustainability

Enclosures: 15 copies of the Draft EIR Summary and CD's with Tiered EIR
1 Notice of Completion and Environmental Document Transmittal Form
c: Notice of Completion and Environmental Document Transmittal Form, and Draft Environmental Impact Report sent to addressees on attached list.

Form A

Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

SCH # _____

Mail to: State Clearinghouse, PO Box 3044, Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 916/445-0613

Project Title: Crystal Lake Family Alumni Camp and Environmental Education Center

Lead Agency: University of California Contact Person: Sid England
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City: Davis Zip: 95616 County: Yolo

Project Location:

County: Nevada and Placer City/Nearest Community: rural, approximately 21 miles west of Truckee
Cross Streets: two miles east of Lake Valley Road/Crystal Lake Road Zip Code: 95959 Total Acres: 215
Assessor's Parcel No. 64-170-76 and 64-170-76 Section: part of Sect. 24 Twp. 17N Range: 12E Base: M.D.B.M
Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: I-80 Waterways: South Yuba River
Airports: none Railways: Union Pacific Schools: none

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
[x] 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.) [x] Other Project Approval

Development Type:

[] Residential: Units _____ Acres 3.3 [] 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 _____ [] Waste Treatment: Type _____
[x] Recreational Alumni Camp Facility [] Hazardous Waste: Type _____
[] Other: _____

Funding (approx.): Federal \$ -- State \$ -- Total \$ --

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

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

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Residential/recreational

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See attached public notice. State Clearinghouse No. 2015062034

Reviewing Agencies Checklist

Form A, continued

<p>KEY S = Document sent by lead agency X = Document sent by SCH ✓ = Suggested distribution</p>

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 # 3
- Department of Transportation Planning (headquarters)
- SX Housing & Community Development

Food & Agriculture

Health & Welfare

Health Services _____

State & Consumer Services

- General Services
- OLA (Schools)

Environmental Protection Agency

- SX Air Resources Board
- SX California Waste Management Board
- SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
- SWRCB: Delta Unit
- SWRCB: Water Quality
- SWRCB: Water Rights
- SX Regional WQCB # 5 (_____)

Youth & Adult Corrections

Corrections

Independent Commissions & Offices

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

SX Other Northern Sierra AQMD

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

Starting Date September 2, 2015

Ending Date October 16, 2015

Signature 

Date 9/2/15

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

Consulting Firm: _____
 Address: _____
 City/State/Zip: _____
 Contact: _____
 Phone: (____) _____

For SCH Use Only:

Date Received at SCH _____
 Date Review Starts _____
 Date to Agencies _____
 Date to SCH _____
 Clearance Date _____

Notes:

Applicant:

Address: _____
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