

APPENDIX A

Negative Declaration

~~DRAFT PROPOSED~~ NEGATIVE DECLARATION

- Lead Agency:** University of California
- Project Proponent:** University of California, Davis
- Project Location:** University of California, Davis, west of County Road 98 and south of Hutchinson Drive.
- Project Description:** UC Davis proposes to install and operate a renewable energy anaerobic digester (READ) at the former campus landfill on County Road 98 in the west campus area of UC Davis. The proposed waste-to-renewable energy facility would accept agricultural waste, animal manure and bedding, food waste from the campus dining commons, and the organic component of municipal solid waste generated on the campus, process the waste in a biodigester, and use the biogas produced in the biodigester and the campus landfill gas to generate electricity in an microturbine-internal combustion engine (ICE). The facility would be built either initially with a 50 ton per day capacity or in two phases: the Phase 1 facility would process up to 25 tons per day of organic wastes, and Phase 2 would expand the facility to handle up to 50 tons of organic wastes per day.
- Reference:** This ~~Proposed~~ Negative Declaration incorporates by reference in its entirety the text of the Initial Study prepared for the project.
- Determination:** In accordance with CEQA, a Draft Initial Study has been prepared by UC Davis that evaluates the environmental effects of the proposed project. On the basis of the project's Draft Initial Study the campus found that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment that has not been previously addressed in the 2003 LRDP EIR, and no new mitigation measures, other than those previously identified in the 2003 LRDP EIR, are required. A Negative Declaration will be prepared.

Public Review:

In accordance with Section 15073 of the CEQA Guidelines, the Draft Initial Study for the project was circulated for public and agency review from July 2, 2012 to August 1, 2012. Comments received during the review period and responses to these comments are presented in Appendix E of the Initial Study.