

**CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION DETERMINATION
CALIFORNIA REGIONAL PRIMATE RESEARCH CENTER
ANIMAL CARE STAFF LOCKER/OFFICE AND CENTRAL SUPPLY BUILDING**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The UC Davis campus (the campus) proposes to construct an 8,166 gross square feet (gsf) (7,029 assignable square feet [asf]) Animal Care Staff Locker/Office and Central Supply Building at the California Regional Primate Research Center (CRPRC) on the UC Davis campus. Vacated space in the CRPRC would be renovated for reuse by currently overcrowded operations.

The CRPRC is located in the west campus, at the western end of Hutchison Drive and west of County Road 98. The new building would be located in the CRPRC on an undeveloped site south of the Animal Wing and west of Parking Lot 31. The building would provide the following: (1) a centralized locker/shower facility for Animal Care staff; (2) a centralized office area for Animal Care staff; and (3) relocation of the existing Central Supply to a more convenient location. Space vacated in the Primate Colony Office, the Corn Crib Office, and Temporary Buildings 177 and 178 would serve to alleviate existing overcrowded operations.

Construction of the Animal Care Staff Locker/Office and Central Supply Building would disturb a site approximately 0.3 acre in size. The building would be connected to nearby campus utilities, including electricity, natural gas, domestic water, sanitary sewer, and storm drainage. Approximately 1,659 square feet of paved areas would be provided outside the building for vehicle access, loading, and walkways. The project would remove a few ornamental redwood trees located on the site.

Animal Care Staff Locker and Shower Facilities

The existing Animal Care staff locker and shower facilities (located in 1,722 asf dispersed throughout six different locations at the CRPRC) are currently operating at or over capacity. The design of these existing facilities does not facilitate the most efficient infection control and personal hygiene practices, because the facilities lack designated "clean" and "dirty" areas. Thus, Animal Care staff change out of soiled footwear and uniforms, shower, and return to the same place to change into street clothes and shoes. The proposed 2,077.5 asf (1,035.5 asf men's and 1,042 asf women's) locker and shower facilities in the Animal Care Staff Locker/Office and Central Supply Building would address both design and capacity constraints of the existing facilities. Because the existing locker and shower facilities are used by Animal Care staff, locker space is limited or unavailable for CRPRC research staff, veterinary staff, and visitors. Upon completion of the Animal Care Staff Locker/Office and Central Supply Building, the existing shower and locker facilities would be used by research staff, veterinary staff, and visitors.

Animal Care Office Space

Existing office space for Animal Care staff is currently divided among three sites (the Corn Crib Office, a portion of Temporary Building 178, and the Primate Colony Office Building) and totals approximately 1,793 asf. The proposed 2,493.5 asf of office space in the Animal Care Staff Locker/Office and Central Supply Building would consolidate currently dispersed offices, addressing management, supervision, and organization constraints. This space would consist

of: 363 asf individual office space, 180 asf shared work space, 1,285 meeting/break area, and 666.5 asf storage area. After Animal Care offices vacate the Corn Crib Office (a space in very poor condition), that office would be renovated for use as file storage space. After Animal Care vacates the Primate Colony Office, that office would remain as office space for other CRPRC staff, serving to alleviate existing overcrowded conditions. No new staff is proposed. The Animal Care staff office located in Temporary Building 178 was originally designed as animal holding and testing space. Upon relocation of this office to the proposed Animal Care Staff Locker/Office and Central Supply Building, the space would be renovated to return to its original use. This renovation would allow the space to be used for animal holding and testing, but it would not result in a net increase in the size of the CRPRC colony.

Central Supply

The existing Central Supply space, approximately 900 gsf, is located in Temporary Building 177 on the western edge of the CRPRC in a restricted animal area. The use of this facility by delivery, pick up, and vendor personnel and vehicles poses a potential hazard to the animal colony and the security of the facility. Use at Central Supply is expected to increase in the future due to proposed expansion at the CRPRC. The proposed 2,458 asf Central Supply space in the Animal Care Staff Locker/Office and Central Supply Building would relocate Central Supply to a location outside restricted areas and adjacent to Primate Drive because not all new personnel using Central Supply (such as those associated with the new Center for Comparative Medicine) would be allowed to enter CRPRC restricted areas. This relocation would facilitate use by all staff and assist truck access, parking, and loading/unloading of materials.

The new Central Supply space would consist of general office and laboratory supply storage (2,054.5 asf), a receiving office for accepting deliveries (129 asf), chemical storage (54 asf), and biological and radioactive waste storage (220.5 asf). The following table presents information about the types of chemicals, biological waste, and radioactive waste that have been stored recently at the existing Central Supply space. These volumes are consistent with the quantities that would be stored at the new facility:

Chemical Storage ¹	Biological Waste ²	Radioactive Waste ³
Bleach - 48 gallons Ethanol - 30 gallons Acetone - 4 gallons Methanol - 4 gallons	Sharps Animal Remains	14 carbon - beta emitter - 1 milliCurie 51 chromium - gamma emitter - 2 milliCuries 3 Hydrogen - beta emitter - 5 milliCuries 125 Iodine - gamma emitter - 5 milliCuries 55 Iron - gamma emitter - 0.2 milliCuries 32 Phosphorus - beta emitter - 5 milliCuries 35 Sulphur - beta emitter - 0.4 milliCuries

¹ 1998 information reported to the Fire Marshal (Written Communication from Steve Cello, CRPRC. January 2001).

² Would be stored for pick up in appropriate containers only accessible from outside the building (Personal Communication with Steve Cello, CRPRC. January 2001).

³ 1996 maximum one time amount information reported to the Fire Marshall (current volumes generally less). Would be stored for pick up in appropriate containers only accessible from outside the building (Written Communication from Steve Cello, CRPRC. January 2001).

Temporary Building 177, the current location of Central Supply, was originally designed as animal housing and testing space. Upon relocation of Central Supply to the proposed Animal Care Staff Locker/Office and Central Supply Building, Temporary Building 177 would be

renovated to return to its originally intended use. This renovation would allow the space to be used for animal holding and testing, but it would not result in a net increase in the size of the CRPRC colony.

PROJECT DETERMINATION

In compliance with the State Guidelines and University of California procedures for the implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), UC Davis reviewed the proposed project. The proposed project was determined generally exempt from CEQA under the CEQA Guidelines; specifically, title 14, California Code of Regulations (CCR) Section 15061 (b)(3), and Categorically Exempt under title 14, CCR Sections 15301 (Class 1, Existing Facilities), 15303 (Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), and 15332 (Class 32, In-Fill Development Projects).

The proposed project is covered by the general rule that CEQA does not apply to activities where it can be seen with a certainty that there is no possibility that a significant effect on the environment could occur (Section 15061 (b)(3)). The proposed project would construct an approximately 8,166 gsf building on a site adjacent to existing development and renovate the interior of existing buildings. No increase in staff or the primate colony would result from the proposed project. No component of the project would have a significant effect on the environment.

The project is exempt under Section 15301 because work performed on the Corn Crib Office and Temporary Buildings 177 and 178 would consist of interior modifications to existing facilities. The Corn Crib Office would be altered to accommodate file storage, and Temporary Buildings 177 and 178 would be altered to return to their originally designed use as animal testing and holding space. The interior modifications to Temporary Buildings 177 and 178 (including changes to the air circulation systems and interior rehabilitation) would allow these spaces to be used as testing and holding space for animals but would not increase the size of the CRPRC colony size.

The project is exempt under Section 15303 because the proposed Animal Care Staff Locker/Office and Central Supply Building would be under 10,000 square feet in size, would not involve the use of significant amounts of hazardous substances, would be located in an urbanized area zoned for such use (High Density Academic and Administrative), would be served by all necessary public services and facilities, and would be situated in an area that is not environmentally sensitive. In addition, the building would require utility extensions, including street improvements, of a reasonable length.

The project is also exempt under Section 15332 because the proposed Animal Care Staff Locker/Office and Central Supply Building is in-fill development that meets the following conditions: would be consistent with the campus Long Range Development Plan; it would not result in any significant effects to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality; it would be adequately served by all required utilities and public services; and it would occur on a site less than five acres that is substantially surrounded by urban uses and has no value as habitat. The project would be consistent with the 1994 LRDP designation for the project site, High Density Academic and Administrative. The project would construct an 8,166 asf building on a site adjacent to existing development. This growth is consistent with the growth projected in the 1994 LRDP and would not result in significant impacts to traffic, noise, air quality, water quality, or other resources. The project would not add to the campus population nor the CRPRC primate colony.

None of the exceptions to categorical exemptions presented in Section 15300.2 apply to the proposed project. The proposed Animal Care Staff Locker/Office and Central Supply Building would not be located in an area where an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern is designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by a federal, state, or local agency (Section 15300.2 [a]). As the project would not increase the staff or the primate colony at the CRPRC, no significant cumulative impacts are anticipated (Section 15300.2 [b]). There are no unusual circumstances present that produce a reasonable possibility that the proposed project would have a significant effect on the environment (Section 15300.2 [c]). In addition, the project is not located near a scenic highway (Section 15300.2 [d]), a hazardous waste site (Section 15300.2 [e]), nor any historical resources (15300.2 [f]).

In conclusion, it was determined that the construction and operation of the Animal Care Staff Locker/Office and Central Supply Building is exempt from CEQA and no further environmental review is necessary. The proposed project incorporates all relevant mitigation measures from the 1994 UC Davis Long Range Development Plan (1994 LRDP) Environmental Impact Report (EIR) (State Clearinghouse No. 94022005), as updated and revised by the 1997 Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Replacement Project EIR (State Clearinghouse Nos. 95123027 and 96072024), 1997-98 Major Capital Improvement Projects Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) (State Clearinghouse No. 97122016), Center for the Arts Performance Hall and South Entry Roadway and Parking Improvements Tiered Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (State Clearinghouse No. 98092016), USDA Western Human Nutrition Research Center Tiered Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (State Clearinghouse No. 99092060), and the Veterinary Medicine Laboratory and Equine Athletic Performance Laboratory Facilities Focused Tiered EIR (State Clearinghouse No. 2000022057).

Having reviewed and considered the environmental analysis presented above, pursuant to authority delegated from the Board of Regents of the University of California, I hereby approve: (1) the design, construction, and operation of the Animal Care Staff Locker/Office and Central Supply Building, and (2) renovation of existing space vacated when operations move to the new facility.

Signed _____ Date _____

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