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**NOTICE OF INTENT
TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

Project Title: UC Davis Memorial Union Bookstore Renovation and Expansion

Project Location: University of California, Davis; central campus

County: Yolo County

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code Section 2100 et seq.), the CEQA Guidelines (Title 14 Code of Regulations Section 1500 et seq.), and the University of California Procedures for the Implementation of CEQA, a Draft Tiered Initial Study for the above-named project was prepared (please see enclosure). The document identifies and evaluates the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project. The campus proposes to prepare a Negative Declaration for the project.

Project Description

UC Davis proposes to remodel and expand the existing UC Davis bookstore. The bookstore renovation and expansion project site is in the core campus at UC Davis and is southwest of the intersection of North Quad and East Quad Avenues. The project site for construction activity is approximately two acres, of which, the existing bookstore occupies approximately 42,000 square feet at ground level. The proposed expansion would include new space in the basement, on the first floor, and a new second floor to provide approximately 41,000 gross square feet of new space. The Memorial Union area includes a pedestrian plaza area surrounded by Freeborn Hall, North Quad Street, the existing bookstore, and the Memorial Union Building. The proposed expansion of the bookstore would take place within the existing pedestrian plaza and would also add a second-story to the existing bookstore and enlarge the existing basement area. The expanded bookstore would provide needed space for student course books and materials, additional display space during periods of high demand, display space for general merchandise, and an area for a small café within the expanded bookstore.

Environmental Review and Comment

Based on the analysis presented in the Draft Tiered Initial Study, the campus proposes to adopt a Negative Declaration for the proposed project. Copies of the Draft Tiered Initial Study and proposed Negative Declaration are available during normal operating hours at the UC Davis Office of Resource Management and Planning in 376 Mrak Hall on the UC Davis campus; at Reserves in Shields Library on the UC Davis campus; at the Yolo County Public Library, 2801 Second Street

Street, Davis; at the Vacaville Public Library, 1020 Ulatis Drive, Vacaville; and online at <http://www.ormp.ucdavis.edu/environreview/>.

We appreciate your prompt acknowledgement and review of this Draft Tiered Initial Study and proposed Negative Declaration. Due to the time limits mandated by state law, the document's 30-day review period will extend from September 25, 2009 through October 26, 2009. Comments must be received before 5:00 p.m. on October 26, 2009. They may be e-mailed to environreview@ucdavis.edu or sent to:

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If you have any questions about the project, please contact Sid England, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability at (530) 752-2432.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures: 15 copies of the Draft Tiered Initial Study and Proposed Negative Declaration
1 Notice of Completion and Environmental Document Transmittal Form

c: Notice of Intent, Notice of Completion and Environmental Document Transmittal Form, and
Draft Tiered Initial Study sent to addresses 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

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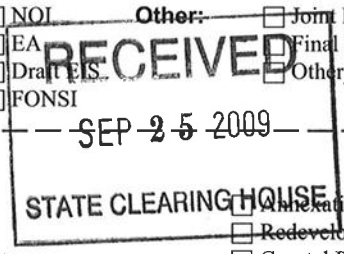
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City: Davis Zip: 95616 County: Yolo

Project Location:

County: Yolo City/Nearest Community: Davis
Cross Streets: North Quad Avenue and East Quad Avenue Zip Code: 95616 Total Acres: 2.0
Assessor's Parcel No. NA Section: 18 Twp. 8N Range: 2E Base: Mt. Diablo
Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: SR 113 and I-80 Waterways: Putah Creek
Airports: University Airport Railways: Union Pacific Schools: Davis Joint Unified

Document Type:

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



Local Action Type:

[] General Plan Update [] Specific Plan [] Rezone [] Amendment
[] 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 _____ [] 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 _____
[x] Educational Campus Academic and Administrative Space [] Waste Treatment: Type _____
[] Recreational _____ [] 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:

Academic and Administrative

Project Description:

See attached public notice.

Reviewing Agencies Checklist

Form A, continued

<p>KEY</p> <p>S = Document sent by lead agency</p> <p>X = Document sent by SCH</p> <p>✓ = 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 _____ Yolo-Solano AQMD _____

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

Starting Date September 25, 2009

Ending Date October 26, 2009

Signature 

Date 9/25/09

<p>Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):</p> <p>Consulting Firm: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City/State/Zip: _____</p> <p>Contact: _____</p> <p>Phone: (____) _____</p>

<p>For SCH Use Only:</p> <p>Date Received at SCH _____</p> <p>Date Review Starts _____</p> <p>Date to Agencies _____</p> <p>Date to SCH _____</p> <p>Clearance Date _____</p> <p>Notes:</p>

<p>Applicant: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City/State/Zip: _____</p> <p>Phone: (____) _____</p>
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**PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT
A NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE MEMORIAL UNION BOOKSTORE RENOVATION AND
EXPANSION PROJECT**

Proposed Project

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Project Objectives

The Memorial Union Bookstore Renovation and Expansion Project will provide new building space to meet the bookstore needs caused by increased student enrollment at UC Davis. The new space will be designed to provide increased access for wheelchair users and will provide improved display area for merchandise and a small café within the bookstore. The objectives of the proposed project are to:

- Provide increased space at the existing UC Davis bookstore to provide a central shopping area for UC Davis materials, books, and supplies;
- Provide increased office space for bookstore administration;
- Provide café space for beverage and snack service within the expanded bookstore;
- Improve the exterior and interior physical appearance of the bookstore; and,
- Provide improved circulation for all users with particular improvements for wheelchair access.

Environmental Review

The Draft Tiered Initial Study and Proposed Negative Declaration for the project were prepared in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and state and University of California guidelines for implementing CEQA. The environmental analysis is tiered from the 2003 Long Range Development Plan (2003 LRDP) Environmental Impact Report (EIR) (State Clearinghouse No. 2002102092). The 2003 LRDP and EIR are available for review during normal operating hours at the UC Davis Office of Resource Management and Planning in 376 Mrak Hall on the UC Davis campus; at Reserves in Shields Library on the UC Davis campus; at the Yolo County Public Library, 315 E. 14th Street, Davis; at the Vacaville Public Library, 1020 Ulatis Drive, Vacaville; and online at <http://www.ormp.ucdavis.edu/enviroreview/>.

The 2003 LRDP EIR is a Program EIR, prepared pursuant to Section 15168 of the CEQA Guidelines (Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Sections 15000 et seq.) and Section 21080.09 of the Public Resources Code. The 2003 LRDP EIR analyzed full implementation of uses and physical development proposed under the 2003 LRDP through the year 2015-16 to accommodate a projected total enrollment level of 31,500 students and identified measures to mitigate the significant adverse

project and cumulative impacts associated with that growth. The proposed project is within the scope of the campus development that was anticipated in the 2003 LRDP and evaluated in the 2003 LRDP EIR.

The Draft Tiered Initial Study for the Memorial Union Bookstore Renovation and Expansion Project is tiered from the 2003 LRDP EIR in accordance with Sections 15152 and 15168(d) of the CEQA Guidelines and Public Resource Code Section 21094. Based on the analysis presented in the Draft Tiered Initial Study, the Memorial Union Bookstore Renovation and Expansion Project will result in no potentially significant impacts beyond those previously addressed in the 2003 LRDP EIR.

Public Review and Comment

Based on the analysis in the Draft Tiered Initial Study, the campus has determined that a Negative Declaration will be prepared for this project. The public and agency review period for the Draft Tiered Initial Study will be from September 25, 2009 to October 26, 2009. Copies of the Draft Tiered Initial Study are available during normal operating hours at the UC Davis Office of Resource Management and Planning in 376 Mrak Hall on the UC Davis campus; at Reserves in Shields Library on the UC Davis campus; at the Yolo County Public Library, 315 E. 14th Street, Davis; at the Vacaville Public Library, 1020 Ulatis Drive, Vacaville; and online at <http://www.ormp.ucdavis.edu/environreview/>.

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The proposed Negative Declaration, along with any comments received by the above-listed deadline, will be considered by the University in conjunction with consideration of the project for approval. The Negative Declaration will become final if adopted by the University.

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