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November 21, 2008

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Office of Planning and Research
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**NOTICE OF INTENT
TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

Project Title: UC Davis 2008-2008 Central Campus Major Capital Improvement Projects

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 Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project.

Project Description

The proposed project consists of three new buildings and an addition to the campus chilled water underground utility infrastructure. In total, the building projects would occur on approximately 6.5 acres within the Central Campus at UC Davis and the utility project would extend for approximately 3,500 feet through a corridor of ranging from 20 to 30 feet in width. The following text provides details for each of the developments.

Segundo Services Center. The Segundo Services Center would provide a new building to serve ancillary functions for campus housing occupants. The building and surrounding improvements would take place on approximately 3.5 acres east of La Rue Road. The proposed project would construct a three-story building on a site immediately west of the original Segundo Dining commons. The original Segundo Dining Commons building would be demolished as a part of the project allowing for completion of a central quad area consistent with the district master plan. The project would construct approximately 33,300 gross square feet (gsf) and 23,100 assignable square feet (asf). In addition, the development would include a new mechanical room for steam generation.

Student Community Center. The Student Community Center building would occupy a site of approximately 2 acres to provide space for student support functions such as food service, lounges, studying space, and counseling space. The development would construct an approximately 40,000 gsf (26,300 asf) facility for several student service programs that focus on

student life, campus diversity, and campus community development. The project will enhance the quality of student life through the provision of inviting spaces that reinforce academic success while offering a relaxed, comfortable and informal environment. The development would be located within the core campus east of California Avenue and south of Shields Avenue and would include landscaping along the perimeter of the development site. The currently developed site includes a collection of 15 one-story temporary buildings that would be demolished prior to construction.

Music Instruction and Recital Building. The Music Instruction and Recital Building would occupy a site of approximately one acre within the core campus east of the existing Music Building and south of Hutchison Drive. The development would be located within the core campus and would include landscaping along the perimeter of the development site. The development would provide approximately 18,000 gsf (10,100 asf). The building would include a recital hall designed for appropriate acoustical standards and built specifically to accommodate small to medium-sized instrumental and choral performances. The existing buildings at the site were previously a campus steam generation building but is currently unused and a small temporary building that will both be demolished as part of the development.

Chilled Water Phase 7. The Chilled Water Phase 7 development would extend underground chilled water and steam utilities through the core campus to provide increased distribution for the chilled water system. The project would require approximately 3,500 linear feet of chilled water and steam piping and the construction process would occupy a corridor approximately 30 feet in width.

Environmental Review and Comment

Based on the analysis presented in the Draft Tiered Initial Study, the campus proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed project. Copies of the Draft Tiered Initial Study and proposed Mitigated 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, 315 E. 14th 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 November 21, 2008 through December 22, 2008. Comments must be received before 5:00 p.m. on December 22, 2008. 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

Project Title: UC Davis 2008-2009 Central Campus Major Capital Improvement Projects

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

Project Location:

County: Yolo City/Nearest Community: Davis
Cross Streets: Old Davis Road/Interstate 80 Zip Code: 95616 Total Acres: 6.6
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 [] 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 _____ [] 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:

Housing and Academic and Administrative

Project Description:

See attached public notice.

Reviewing Agencies Checklist

Form A, continued

KEY

- S** = Document sent by lead agency
- X** = Document sent by SCH
- ✓ = Suggested distribution

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 November 21, 2008

Ending Date December 22, 2008

Signature 

Date 11/20/08

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: _____
 City/State/Zip: _____
 Phone: (____) _____

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT
A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE UC DAVIS 2008-2009 CENTRAL CAMPUS
MAJOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

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Project Objectives

The UC Davis 2008-2009 Central Campus Major Capital Improvement Projects will provide an assembly of new buildings and increased chilled water and steam distribution to serve the UC Davis campus. The new buildings are needed to serve student enrollment increases that have resulted in increased demand for student services. The increased chilled water and steam distribution are needed to serve existing and future buildings to provide adequate building cooling and steam load.

Environmental Review

The Draft Tiered Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated 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/environreview/>.

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 2008-2009 Central Campus Major Capital Improvement Projects 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 2008-2009 Central Campus Major Capital Improvement Projects project will have a potentially significant project impact that was not addressed in the 2003 LRDP EIR. The potentially significant project-specific impact involves construction detours for bicyclists and pedestrians and a project-specific mitigation measure has been identified to reduce the potentially significant impact to a less-than-significant level.

Public Review and Comment

Based on the analysis in the Draft Tiered Initial Study, the campus has determined that a Mitigated Negative Declaration will be prepared for this project. The public and agency review period for the Draft Tiered Initial Study will be from November 21, 2008 to December 22, 2008. 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 Mitigated 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 Mitigated Negative Declaration will become Final if adopted by the University.

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