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**NOTICE OF PREPARATION
TIERED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

Project Title: Conference Center, Hotel, and Graduate School of Management Building

Project Location: University of California, Davis
South of Old Davis Road and north of the Union Pacific Railroad line; and south of Brooks Road and west of State Route 113

County: Yolo and Solano

Project Description

UC Davis proposes to construct and operate a conference center facility, a hotel, and a building for the Graduate School of Management on approximately five acres in the south entry area of the central campus. The proposed Conference Center, Hotel, and Graduate School of Management Building project site is in Yolo County and is located east of the UC Davis Center for the Arts Performance Hall and South Entry Quad (currently under construction), north of the Union Pacific Railroad line, and south of Old Davis Road and the Department of Environmental Horticulture buildings and gardens.

The proposed conference center facility would comprise approximately 75,000 square feet and would include a restaurant, a pub, a 500-person capacity ballroom, meeting rooms, and office space for units in the Office of University Relations. The proposed hotel would comprise approximately 40,000 square feet and would include 75 guestrooms. The Graduate School of Management Building would comprise approximately 45,000 square feet and would accommodate office space for the Graduate School of Management, units within the Office of University Relations, and Career Recruiting Programs. The project would also include the establishment of associated open space and landscaping and the construction of a 100-space parking area. In addition, Department of Environmental Horticulture teaching and research field activities currently located on a portion of the project site would be relocated to the west campus on a parcel located in Solano County

west of State Route 113, south of Brooks Road, and northeast of the Hydraulics Lab. A greenhouse and an agricultural support building would be constructed on less than two acres at this new location.

The project description, location, and the potential environmental effects associated with the proposed project are addressed further in the Draft Tiered Initial Study (attached).

Environmental Review and Comment

The University of California will be the Lead Agency and will prepare a Focused Tiered Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed Conference Center, Hotel, and University Relations Building project. This EIR will specifically evaluate impacts in the following resource areas: land use and planning (physical changes in the City of Davis that could result from the economic impact of operating the proposed conference center and hotel, and potential conflicts with the City of Davis General Plan); transportation and circulation (impacts from increased vehicle trips and parking demand); noise (increased noise levels associated with increased vehicle trips); and biological resources (potential loss of Swainson's hawk foraging habitat).

Pursuant to Sections 15152 and 15168(c) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, the analyses and conclusions in the EIR will be tiered under the programmatic EIR prepared by the 1994 Long Range Development Plan (1994 LRDP) (State Clearinghouse No. 94022005), as updated and revised by subsequent documents. Specifically, the 1994 LRDP EIR was updated and revised by the 1997 Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Replacement Project EIR (State Clearinghouse Nos. 95123027 and 96072024), the 1997-98 Major Capital Improvement Projects Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) (State Clearinghouse No. 97122016), the Center for the Arts Performance Hall and South Entry Roadway and Parking Improvements Tiered Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (State Clearinghouse No. 98092016), the 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).

Copies of the above listed documents and 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/>.

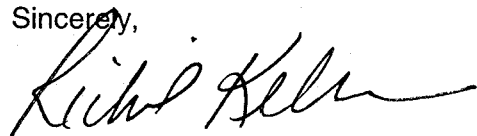
We appreciate your prompt acknowledgement and review of this Draft Tiered Initial Study. Due to the time limits mandated by state law, the document's 30-day review period will extend from August 17, 2001 to September 17, 2001. Comments must be received before 5:00 p.m. on September 17, 2001. They may be e-mailed to environreview@ucdavis.edu or mailed to:

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Sincerely,



for

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

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

Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

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

Project Title: Conference Center, Hotel, and Graduate School of Management Building Project

Lead Agency: University of California Contact Person: Sid England
Street Address: Office of Resource Management and Planning, UC Davis Phone: (530) 752-2432
City: Davis Zip: 95616 County: Yolo

Project Location:

County: Yolo and Solano City/Nearest Community: Davis
Cross Streets: Old Davis Rd./Mrak Hall Dr.; Brooks Rd./Levee Rd. Zip Code: 95616 Total Acres: 7
Assessor's Parcel No. NA Section: 16 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: [X] NOP [] Supplement/Subsequent EIR NEPA: [] NOI Other: [] Joint Document
[] Early Cons (Prior SCH No.) [] EA [] Final Document
[] 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
[] Office: Sq.ft. Acres Employees
[] Commercial: Sq.ft. Acres Employees
[] Industrial: Sq.ft. Acres Employees
[] Educational
[] Recreational
[] Water Facilities: Type MGD
[] Transportation: Type
[] Mining: Mineral
[] Power: Type Watts
[] Waste Treatment: Type
[] Hazardous Waste: Type
[X] Other: Conference Center, Hotel, Academic Offices

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:

High Density Academic and Administrative with Potential Enterprise Opportunity and Parking; Teaching and Research Fields

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Reviewing Agencies Checklist

Form A, continued

KEY
S = Document sent by lead agency
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- 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 August 17, 2001

Ending Date September 17, 2001

Signature *Rich Kellm*

Date August 15, 2001

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Clearance Date _____

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