

**CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT FINDINGS
IN CONNECTION WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION
OF THE COMMUNICATION RESOURCES RELOCATION PROJECT, DAVIS
CAMPUS**

I. ADOPTION OF THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION

The findings set forth below support the approval of the Communications Resources Relocation Project (the project). Pursuant to Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Section 15074(b), the Facilities and Enterprise Policy Committee (FEPC) of the University of California, Davis campus (the campus) pursuant to authority delegated from the Board of Regents of the University of California (The Regents) (hereinafter referred to collectively as “The University”), hereby finds that an Initial Study was prepared for the project in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act, Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq. (CEQA) on the basis of which the adoption of the Negative Declaration is proposed.

The Initial Study for the Communications Resources Relocation Project is tiered from UC Davis’ LRDP EIR, which was approved by The Regents in November 2003. The Project is consistent with the 2003 LRDP, which describes the scope and nature of campus development through 2015-16, as well as land use principles and policies to guide the location, scale and design of individual capital projects, and identifies measures to mitigate the significant adverse impacts and cumulative impacts associated with that growth.

The University received the proposed Negative Declaration, the Initial Study, and the 2003 LRDP EIR, and reviewed and considered the information contained in these documents and any comments on these documents prior to approving the design of the project. The University hereby finds that the Initial Study and proposed Negative Declaration reflect the independent judgment and analysis of the University and adopts the Mitigated Negative Declaration.

II. FINDINGS

The University hereby adopts the following Findings pursuant to Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Section 15074, in conjunction with the approval of the project, which is set forth in Section III, below.

A. Background

The UC Davis Communications Resources division provides voice and data communication infrastructure and services to the UC Davis campus. The Communication Resources division utilizes approximately 10,000 square feet of modular office space within the Tercero dormitory housing area north of South La Rue Road and south of the Tercero Dining Commons building. The planned expansion of Tercero housing beginning in 2009 will create an option for an open space landscaped area on the site currently occupied by the Communication Resources modular

office buildings. To allow development of the open space landscaped area in the Tercero housing area, UC Davis proposes the following actions:

- Develop approximately five acres on the west campus with utilities, completed building sites, landscaping, parking, and drainage facilities to accommodate the proposed project;
- Install 20,000 square feet of new modular office buildings at the site and relocate the Communication Resources staff to these buildings;
- Move the existing Communication Resources modular office buildings (approximately 10,000 square feet of space) from the Tercero area to the site to provide additional office space for campus units.

The Communication Resources Relocation project (the project) would be located on the UC Davis west campus approximately 800 feet west of the intersection of Hopkins Road and Airport Road. The project would provide a total of 30,000 square feet of office space for approximately 180 people and would include utilities, infrastructure, and parking to serve the occupants. Approximately 60 of the occupants would be relocated from current facilities and the project would provide space to add an additional 120 employees to the campus population. Construction and occupancy would occur in 2009. The proposed project does not include construction of the landscaping project in the Tercero Housing area.

B. Environmental Review Process

A Tiered Initial Study (State Clearinghouse No. 2008102021) was prepared for the project in accordance with CEQA and the University of California Procedures for Implementation of CEQA. The Initial Study for the project, in accordance with Section 15168 of the CEQA Guidelines, is tiered from the campus 2003 Long Range Development Plan Environmental Impact Report (2003 LRDP EIR) (State Clearinghouse No. 2002109092), which was certified by The Regents in connection with the approval of the 2003 LRDP in November 2003.

The project is part of the physical development proposed in the 2003 LRDP; therefore, the environmental analysis for the project is presented and analyzed within the context of the 2003 LRDP and incorporates by reference applicable portions of the 2003 LRDP EIR. The 2003 LRDP EIR, which is a program EIR pursuant to Section 15168 of the CEQA Guidelines, analyzes the overall effects of campus growth and facility development through 2015-16, and identifies measures to mitigate the significant adverse impacts and cumulative impacts associated with that growth.

As a tiered document, the Initial Study for the project relies on the 2003 LRDP EIR for: (1) a discussion of general background and setting information for environmental topic areas; (2) overall growth-related issues; (3) issues that were evaluated in sufficient detail in the 2003 LRDP EIR for which there are no significant new information, changes in the project, or changes in circumstances that would require further analysis; and (4) cumulative impacts. The purpose of the Tiered Initial Study is to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the project with

respect to the existing 2003 LRDP EIR analysis in order to determine what level of additional environmental review, if any, would be appropriate.

During the public review period, the university developed several project changes to refine the site planning and development options at the Communications Resources Relocation project site. In addition, the Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District provided a comment letter related to existing conditions for air quality planning in the Sacramento Valley Air Basin and requested that the Initial Study reflect this updated information. The revised site plan and the air quality planning information would not result in additional environmental impacts and would not increase the severity of the environmental impacts described in the Draft Initial Study.

The project changes for site planning resulted in an increased project size from 20,000 square feet of buildings to 30,000 square feet. The expected occupancy levels of these buildings would increase from 120 to 180 people. In addition, the project was revised to expand and consolidate the proposed parking to a central parking lot. The new parking lot would provide approximately 130 spaces and the project would install approximately 10 spaces near the proposed building. The revised project would include a total of approximately 5 acres of land rather than the 4 acres as originally described. The revised project resulted in minor additional analysis and changes to the Air Quality and the Land Use and Planning sections that supersede the analysis provided in Draft Initial Study. These revised sections are provided as items 4.2 and 4.3 in the Initial Study.

The Tiered Initial Study analyzed the revised project and considered the comment letters submitted during the 30-day comment period. The Tiered Initial Study analyzed the potential impacts of the project and the adequacy of the existing environmental analysis in the 2003 LRDP EIR with regard to the following environmental topic areas: (1) aesthetics, (2) agricultural resources, (3) air quality, (4) biological resources, (5) cultural resources, (6) geology, soils, and seismicity, (7) hazards and hazardous materials, (8) hydrology and water quality, (9) land use and planning, (10) mineral resources, (11) noise, (12) population and housing, (13) public services, (14) recreation, (15) transportation, circulation and parking, and (16) utilities and service systems.

Based on the analysis contained in the Tiered Initial Study, it is determined that the proposed project would result in no potentially significant effects on the environment or result in impacts not previously addressed in the 2003 LRDP EIR, and that no new project-specific mitigation measures were required. The University found that the project may incrementally contribute to, but would not exceed, significant environmental impacts previously identified in the 2003 LRDP EIR. Based on this analysis, the University prepared a Negative Declaration that reflects these conclusions.

The project's proposed Negative Declaration and Draft Tiered Initial Study were submitted to the State Clearinghouse in the Governor's Office of Planning and Research and circulated for a 30-day public review period beginning on October 3, 2008 and concluding on November 3,

2003. During that time, the document was available for review by various state and local agencies, as well as by interested individuals and organizations. One letter was received during the comment period from the California Regional Water Quality Control Board and the one letter was received from the Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District. Responses to the comments can be found in Appendix B of the Initial Study.

C. Relation of the Project to the LRDP EIR

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 project would result in an increase in the campus population of approximately 120 people, which would not exceed the population increase projected in the 2003 LRDP EIR. Additionally, the proposed project is consistent with and is part of the campus development that was anticipated in the 2003 LRDP and evaluated in the 2003 LRDP EIR.

The Tiered Initial Study for the Communications Resources Relocation Project is tiered from the 2003 LRDP EIR in accordance with Sections 15152 and 15168(d) of the CEQA Guidelines and Public Resources Code Section 21094. Based on the analysis presented in the Tiered Initial Study, no project-specific impacts are identified and no project-specific mitigation measures are proposed.

D. Environmental Summary

The following sections summarize the environmental evaluation provided in the Tiered Initial Study for the proposed project.

1. Significant and Unavoidable Adverse Impacts Associated with the 2003 LRDP and Related Mitigation Measures

The Initial Study did not identify any significant impacts associated with implementing the Communications Resources Relocation Project, but did recognize that the project would contribute to several significant and unavoidable adverse cumulative impacts associated with implementation of the 2003 LRDP. The 2003 LRDP EIR identified mitigation measures that would reduce to the extent feasible, but not avoid, these significant and unavoidable adverse impacts. These mitigation measures were adopted as part of the approval of the 2003 LRDP and are currently being implemented. The Tiered Initial Study did not identify any additional project-specific mitigation measures that would further reduce or avoid these impacts. All of the

cumulative significant and unavoidable impacts, discussed below in Finding II.D, were adequately addressed in the 2003 LRDP EIR and its associated Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations. 2003 LRDP EIR mitigation measures are also identified and briefly discussed below. For a detailed description of these mitigation measures, please see the text in the Initial Study.

a. Cumulative Impacts on aesthetics from effects on scenic vistas west across agricultural lands to the Coast Range and changes in overall visual character (LRDP Impacts 4.1-1 and 4.1-4).

The 2003 LRDP EIR identified significant and unavoidable adverse cumulative impacts associated with aesthetic changes to scenic vistas and visual character. The proposed project, as part of the overall growth pursuant to the 2003 LRDP, would contribute to loss of views across open agricultural lands. Previously adopted LRDP Mitigation Measures 4.1-1 and 4.1-4(a-b), would reduce impacts on scenic views, and local jurisdictions can and should implement policies that support the long-term establishment and preservation of scenic vistas. The Tiered Initial Study did not identify any additional project-specific mitigation measures that would avoid or substantially lessen the project's contribution to this impact. While the 2003 LRDP mitigation measures would reduce the magnitude of this cumulative impact, it is still considered significant and unavoidable.

This impact was adequately analyzed and addressed the 2003 LRDP EIR and in the Findings and Overriding Considerations adopted by The Regents in connection with its approval of the 2003 LRDP and certification of the 2003 LRDP EIR. The University finds that the remaining significant and unavoidable cumulative impact associated with growth pursuant to the 2003 LRDP, including the proposed project, continues to be acceptable and the benefits of the project outweigh this and other unavoidable environmental impacts for the reasons set forth in Section II.F of these Findings.

b. Cumulative impacts on aesthetics from increased light and glare (LRDP Impact 4.1-6).

The 2003 LRDP EIR identified significant and unavoidable adverse cumulative impacts associated with increased light sources that would create new sources of light and glare that could adversely affect daytime and nighttime views. The proposed project, as part of the overall campus growth pursuant to the 2003 LRDP, would contribute to increased light and glare. Previously adopted LRDP Mitigation Measures 4.1-3 (a-c) (design shall use nonreflective exterior surfaces and glass, use shielded and cutoff type light fixtures for outdoor lighting, and any use of non-cutoff, non-shielded lighting fixtures shall require review by the Campus Design Review Committee to ensure that a minimum amount of such lighting needed to achieve the desired nighttime emphasis and that such lighting creates no adverse effect on nighttime views) and 4.1-6(a-b) (implementation of 4.1-3(a-b) and surrounding jurisdictions should implement

standards and guidelines which support minimal use of site lighting) would continue to be implemented and would aid in reducing the potential lighting impact identified in the 2003 LRDP. The Tiered Initial Study did not identify any additional project-specific mitigation measures that would avoid or substantially lessen the project's contribution to this impact. While the 2003 LRDP mitigation measures would reduce the magnitude of this cumulative impact, it is still considered significant and unavoidable.

This impact was adequately analyzed and addressed the 2003 LRDP EIR and in the Findings and Overriding Considerations adopted by The Regents in connection with its approval of the 2003 LRDP and certification of the 2003 LRDP EIR. The University finds that the remaining significant and unavoidable cumulative impact associated with growth pursuant to the 2003 LRDP, including the proposed project, continues to be acceptable and the benefits of the project outweigh this and other unavoidable environmental impacts for the reasons set forth in Section II.F of these Findings.

**c. Impacts on agricultural resources from loss of Prime Farmland
(LRDP Impacts 4.2-1 and 4.2-3.**

The 2003 LRDP EIR identified significant and unavoidable adverse cumulative impacts associated with loss of prime farmland. The proposed project, as part of the overall growth pursuant to the 2003 LRDP, would be built on Prime Farmland and would contribute both to the project-level impact identified in the LRDP and to the cumulative impact in the region. These impacts are considered significant and unavoidable because they are considered irreversible. Previously adopted LRDP EIR and Mitigation measures 4.2-1 and 4.2-3 are relevant to the proposed project to reduce the significance of agricultural impacts to the extent feasible. The campus continues to investigate land areas that would be appropriate to designate as prime farmland in compliance with LRDP Mitigation Measure 4.2-1. At this time, the Russell Ranch or Kidwell parcels may still be used for this purpose. Prior to converting the teaching and research fields at the project site, the Chancellor will select a site for farmland preservation associated with the Communication Resources Relocation Project. The Tiered Initial Study did not identify any additional project-specific mitigation measures that would avoid or substantially lessen the project's contribution to this impact. While the 2003 LRDP mitigation measures would reduce the magnitude of this cumulative impact, it is still considered significant and unavoidable.

These impacts were adequately analyzed and addressed the 2003 LRDP EIR and in the Findings and Overriding Considerations adopted by The Regents in connection with its approval of the 2003 LRDP and certification of the 2003 LRDP EIR. The University finds that the remaining significant and unavoidable project-level impact and cumulative impact associated with growth pursuant to the 2003 LRDP, including the proposed project, continues to be acceptable and the benefits of the project outweigh this and other unavoidable environmental impacts for the reasons set forth in Section II.F of these Findings.

d. Impacts on air quality from emissions that exceed YSAQMD Thresholds (LRDP Impacts 4.3-1 and 4.3-3).

The 2003 LRDP EIR identified significant and unavoidable adverse impacts associated with increased emissions of criteria pollutants that could contribute to overall operational emissions exceeding the Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District Thresholds. The proposed project, as part of the overall growth pursuant to the 2003 LRDP, would contribute to increased emissions of criteria pollutants. Previously adopted LRDP Mitigation Measures 4.3-1(a) (requiring the campus to reduce emissions from vehicles), (b) (requiring reduction of emissions from area sources) and (c) (requiring the campus to participate in YSAQMD planning efforts) are continuing to be implemented and will aid in reducing the potential impact to air quality identified in the 2003 LRDP. Previously adopted LRDP Mitigation Measures 4.3-3(a-c) (requiring the campus to reduce emissions from construction activities) are continuing to be implemented and will aid in reducing the potential impact to air quality identified in the 2003 LRDP. The Tiered Initial Study did not identify any additional project-specific mitigation measures that would avoid or substantially lessen the project's contribution to this impact. While the 2003 LRDP mitigation measures would reduce the magnitude of this impact, it is still considered significant and unavoidable.

This impact was adequately analyzed and addressed the 2003 LRDP EIR and in the Findings and Overriding Considerations adopted by The Regents in connection with its approval of the 2003 LRDP and certification of the 2003 LRDP EIR. The University finds that the remaining significant and unavoidable impact associated with growth pursuant to the 2003 LRDP, including the proposed project, continues to be acceptable and the benefits of the project outweigh this and other unavoidable environmental impacts for the reasons set forth in Section II.F of these Findings.

e. Cumulative impacts on air quality from emissions that exceed YSAQMD Thresholds (LRDP Impact 4.3-6).

The 2003 LRDP EIR identified significant and unavoidable adverse impacts associated with a cumulatively considerable increase of non-attainment pollutants. The proposed project, as part of the overall campus growth pursuant to the 2003 LRDP, would contribute to emissions of non-attainment pollutants. Previously adopted LRDP Mitigation Measure 4.3-6 (requiring the campus to implement Measure 4.3-1(a-c), described in the above item II.D.1.c) would continue to be implemented and would aid in reducing emissions. The Tiered Initial Study did not identify any additional project-specific mitigation measures that would avoid or substantially lessen the project's contribution to this impact. While the 2003 LRDP mitigation measures would reduce the magnitude of this cumulative impact, it is still considered significant and unavoidable.

This impact was adequately analyzed and addressed the 2003 LRDP EIR and in the Findings and Overriding Considerations adopted by The Regents in connection with its approval of the 2003 LRDP and certification of the 2003 LRDP EIR. The University finds that the remaining significant and unavoidable cumulative impact associated with growth pursuant to the 2003 LRDP, including the proposed project, continues to be acceptable and the benefits of the project outweigh this and other unavoidable environmental impacts for the reasons set forth in Section II.F of these Findings.

f. Cumulative loss of habitat for Swainson's hawk and burrowing owl (LRDP Impact 4.4-12).

The 2003 LRDP EIR identified significant and unavoidable adverse cumulative impacts associated with loss of habitat for Swainson's hawks and burrowing owls. The proposed project, as part of the overall growth pursuant to the 2003 LRDP, in combination with expected regional growth, would contribute to the loss of agricultural land that provides habitat for Swainson's hawk and burrowing owl. Previously adopted LRDP Mitigation Measure 4.4-12 would preserve habitat, which would reduce LRDP impacts to less than significant. However, cumulative loss of agricultural land in the region is irreversible and was determined to be a cumulatively significant impact. The Tiered Initial Study did not identify any additional project-specific mitigation measures that would avoid or substantially lessen the project's contribution to this impact. While the 2003 LRDP mitigation measures would reduce the magnitude of this cumulative impact, it is still considered significant and unavoidable.

This impact was adequately analyzed and addressed the 2003 LRDP EIR and in the Findings and Overriding Considerations adopted by The Regents in connection with its approval of the 2003 LRDP and certification of the 2003 LRDP EIR. The University finds that the remaining significant and unavoidable cumulative impact associated with growth pursuant to the 2003 LRDP, including the proposed project, continues to be acceptable and the benefits of the project outweigh this and other unavoidable environmental impacts for the reasons set forth in Section II.F of these Findings.

g. Impacts on archaeological resources (LRDP Impact 4.5-3).

The 2003 LRDP EIR identified significant and unavoidable adverse impacts to archaeological resources. The proposed project, as part of the overall growth pursuant to the 2003 LRDP, could contribute to potential changes to archaeological resources. Previously adopted LRDP Mitigation Measures 4.5-1 through 4.5-5 (requiring the campus to evaluate project sites for historic buildings and archaeological resources and protect discovered resources; to take appropriate steps to minimize the potential for such disturbance and; if disturbance occurs, to follow all requirements to protect the human remains and complete the proper reinterment procedures) would continue to be implemented and would aid in reducing disturbance to archaeological resources. The campus would prefer to preserve significant resources where possible; however, because there may be cases in which avoidance or preservation of such a

resource is not feasible, this project-level impact is considered significant and unavoidable. The Tiered Initial Study did not identify any additional project-specific mitigation measures that would avoid or substantially lessen the project's contribution to this impact. While the 2003 LRDP mitigation measures would reduce the magnitude of this impact, it is still considered significant and unavoidable.

This impact was adequately analyzed and addressed the 2003 LRDP EIR and in the Findings and Overriding Considerations adopted by The Regents in connection with its approval of the 2003 LRDP and certification of the 2003 LRDP EIR. The University finds that the remaining significant and unavoidable impact associated with growth pursuant to the 2003 LRDP, including the proposed project, continues to be acceptable and the benefits of the project outweigh this and other unavoidable environmental impacts for the reasons set forth in Section II.F of these Findings.

h. Cumulative impacts on archaeological resources (LRDP Impact 4.5-5).

The 2003 LRDP EIR identified significant and unavoidable adverse cumulative impacts associated with disturbances to archaeological resources. The proposed project, as part of the overall growth pursuant to the 2003 LRDP, could contribute to disturbance of archaeological resources. Previously adopted LRDP Mitigation Measures 4.5-1 through 4.5-5 (as described in the above item II.D.1.e) would still be implemented and would aid in reducing disturbance to archaeological resources. The Tiered Initial Study did not identify any additional project-specific mitigation measures that would avoid or substantially lessen the project's contribution to this impact. While the 2003 LRDP mitigation measures would reduce the magnitude of this cumulative impact, it is still considered significant and unavoidable.

This impact was adequately analyzed and addressed the 2003 LRDP EIR and in the Findings and Overriding Considerations adopted by The Regents in connection with its approval of the 2003 LRDP and certification of the 2003 LRDP EIR. The University finds that the remaining significant and unavoidable cumulative impact associated with growth pursuant to the 2003 LRDP, including the proposed project, continues to be acceptable and the benefits of the project outweigh this and other unavoidable environmental impacts for the reasons set forth in Section II.F of these Findings.

i. Groundwater impacts associated with increase in withdrawals from the deep and shallow/intermediate aquifers (LRDP Impacts 4.8-5, 4.8-6, and 4.8-13)

The 2003 LRDP EIR identified significant and unavoidable adverse cumulative impacts associated with withdrawals from the deep and shallow/intermediate aquifers. The proposed project, as part of the overall growth pursuant to the 2003 LRDP, would contribute to the demand for water from the shallow/intermediate aquifers and would increase the amount of

impermeable surfaces which could substantially interfere with recharge of both the deep and shallow/intermediate aquifers. Previously adopted LRDP Mitigation Measures 4.8-5(b, d) and 4.8-6 (a-e) would require continued water conservation efforts, efforts to determine the ability of the both aquifers to provide for the campus' long-term water needs, efforts to minimize withdrawals by UC Davis and the City of Davis from the same deep aquifer, monitoring of both aquifers, and identification of alternative water sources, including surface water and recycled water. Regardless of these mitigation measures, UC Davis' future demand for water could reduce groundwater levels in one or both of these aquifers, contributing to a net deficit in the overall groundwater budget. Previously adopted LRDP Mitigation Measure 4.8-13 (a, b) addresses cumulative withdrawals associated with both campus and City of Davis water demand. However, the combined effects are not well understood, and could result in a long term reduction in groundwater levels. Therefore, this impact is considered significant and unavoidable, both on a project and cumulative level. The Tiered Initial Study did not identify any additional project-specific mitigation measures that would avoid or substantially lessen the project's contribution to this impact. While the 2003 LRDP mitigation measures would reduce the magnitude of this project level and cumulative impact, it is still considered significant and unavoidable.

This impact was adequately analyzed and addressed the 2003 LRDP EIR and in the Findings and Overriding Considerations adopted by The Regents in connection with its approval of the 2003 LRDP and certification of the 2003 LRDP EIR. The University finds that the remaining significant and unavoidable project-level impact and cumulative impact associated with growth pursuant to the 2003 LRDP, including the proposed project, continues to be acceptable and the benefits of the project outweigh this and other unavoidable cumulative environmental impacts for the reasons set forth in Section II.F of these Findings.

j. Cumulative impacts on water quality associated with increased impervious surface resulting in increased storm water runoff (LRDP Impact 4.8-10)

The 2003 LRDP EIR identified significant and unavoidable adverse cumulative impacts associated with increased storm water runoff. The proposed project, as part of the overall growth pursuant to the 2003 LRDP, would contribute to increased storm water runoff. Previously adopted LRDP Mitigation Measure 4.8-10 (a-c) requires the campus and regional jurisdictions to comply with NPDES Phase II requirements and implement SWPPPs for specified industrial and construction activities. However, implementation of LRDP Mitigation Measure 4.8-10(b) and (c) cannot be guaranteed by the University of California because it falls within other jurisdictions to enforce and monitor. Therefore, the impact is considered significant and unavoidable. The Tiered Initial Study did not identify any additional project-specific mitigation measures that would avoid or substantially lessen the project's contribution to this impact. While the 2003 LRDP mitigation measures would reduce the magnitude of this cumulative impact, it is still considered significant and unavoidable.

This impact was adequately analyzed and addressed the 2003 LRDP EIR and in the Findings and Overriding Considerations adopted by The Regents in connection with its approval of the 2003 LRDP and certification of the 2003 LRDP EIR. The University finds that the remaining significant and unavoidable cumulative impact associated with growth pursuant to the 2003 LRDP, including the proposed project, continues to be acceptable and the benefits of the project outweigh this and other unavoidable environmental impacts for the reasons set forth in Section II.F of these Findings.

k. Cumulative increases in traffic noise associated with increased vehicular traffic (LRDP Impact 4.10-2 and 4.10-5)

The 2003 LRDP EIR identified significant and unavoidable adverse cumulative impacts associated with increased traffic noise. The proposed project, as part of the overall growth pursuant to the 2003 LRDP, would contribute to increased noise levels. LRDP Mitigation Measure 4.10-2(a-b) would address this impact by requiring specific noise abatement and noise control programs on campus and in the City of Davis. However, the campus cannot ensure that LRDP Mitigation Measure 4.10-2(a) would be implemented by the City, and it is uncertain whether this measure would effectively reduce noise to acceptable levels. Therefore, the impact would still be considered significant and unavoidable. The Tiered Initial Study did not identify any additional project-specific mitigation measures that would avoid or substantially lessen the project's contribution to this impact. While the 2003 LRDP mitigation measures would reduce the magnitude of this cumulative impact, it is still considered significant and unavoidable.

This impact was adequately analyzed and addressed the 2003 LRDP EIR and in the Findings and Overriding Considerations adopted by The Regents in connection with its approval of the 2003 LRDP and certification of the 2003 LRDP EIR. The University finds that the remaining significant and unavoidable cumulative impact associated with growth pursuant to the 2003 LRDP, including the proposed project, continues to be acceptable and the benefits of the project outweigh this and other unavoidable environmental impacts for the reasons set forth in Section II.F of these Findings.

l. Growth associated with increased campus population (LRDP Impact 4.11-1)

The 2003 LRDP EIR identified significant and unavoidable adverse impacts associated with increased campus population. The proposed project, as part of the overall growth pursuant to the 2003 LRDP, would contribute to increased population growth. The 2003 LRDP EIR did not identify any mitigation measures to reduce the significance of impacts associated with population and housing. Therefore, the impact would still be considered significant and unavoidable. The Tiered Initial Study did not identify any additional project-specific mitigation measures that would avoid or substantially lessen the project's contribution to this impact.

This impact was adequately analyzed and addressed the 2003 LRDP EIR and in the Findings and Overriding Considerations adopted by The Regents in connection with its approval of the 2003 LRDP and certification of the 2003 LRDP EIR. The University finds that the significant and unavoidable impact associated with growth pursuant to the 2003 LRDP, including the proposed project, continues to be acceptable and the benefits of the project outweigh this and other unavoidable environmental impacts for the reasons set forth in Section II.F of these Findings.

m. Cumulative demands on public services including regional fire and police protection schools, and parks (LRDP Impact 4.12-6, 4.12-7, and 4.13-2)

The 2003 LRDP EIR identified significant and unavoidable adverse cumulative impacts associated with public service demands. The proposed project, as part of the overall growth pursuant to the 2003 LRDP, would contribute to cumulative demand for public services by contributing to the regional demand for fire and police services and to the requirement for new school and park facilities. Construction of those new facilities could result in development of agricultural areas and loss of habitat. Previously adopted LRDP Mitigation Measures 4.12-6, 4.12-7 and 4.13-2 would provide for UC Davis to contribute a fair share of costs for feasible mitigation to reduce environmental effects of providing those services. However, impacts associated with loss of prime farmland and habitat would be irreversible, and the cumulative impacts are thus considered significant and unavoidable. The Tiered Initial Study did not identify any additional project-specific mitigation measures that would avoid or substantially lessen the project's contribution to this impact. While the 2003 LRDP mitigation measures would reduce the magnitude of this cumulative impact, it is still considered significant and unavoidable.

This impact was adequately analyzed and addressed the 2003 LRDP EIR and in the Findings and Overriding Considerations adopted by The Regents in connection with its approval of the 2003 LRDP and certification of the 2003 LRDP EIR. The University finds that the remaining significant and unavoidable cumulative impact associated with growth pursuant to the 2003 LRDP, including the proposed project, continues to be acceptable and the benefits of the project outweigh this and other unavoidable environmental impacts for the reasons set forth in Section II.F of these Findings.

n. Traffic impacts resulting in unacceptable level of service (LOS) at off-campus intersections and roadways (LRDP Impact 4.14-2)

The 2003 LRDP EIR identified significant and unavoidable adverse cumulative impacts associated with traffic congestion. The proposed project, as part of the overall growth pursuant to the 2003 LRDP, would contribute to increased traffic levels. Previously adopted LRDP Mitigation Measures 4.14-1(a-c) and 4.14-2(a-c) would address these impacts by requiring the campus to continue to pursue Transportation Demand Management strategies to reduce vehicle-trips, monitor peak hour traffic operations at critical locations, review individual projects to

determine if operations will degrade to unacceptable levels, and contribute fair share costs to roadway improvements if operations degrade. Because the feasibility and/or implementation of off-campus roadway and intersection improvements is ultimately within the jurisdiction of other authorities and cannot be guaranteed by the University, this impact is considered significant and unavoidable. The Tiered Initial Study did not identify any additional project-specific mitigation measures that would avoid or substantially lessen the project's contribution to this impact. While the 2003 LRDP mitigation measures would reduce the magnitude of this cumulative impact, it is still considered significant and unavoidable.

This impact was adequately analyzed and addressed the 2003 LRDP EIR and in the Findings and Overriding Considerations adopted by The Regents in connection with its approval of the 2003 LRDP and certification of the 2003 LRDP EIR. The University finds that the remaining significant and unavoidable cumulative impact associated with growth pursuant to the 2003 LRDP, including the proposed project, continues to be acceptable and the benefits of the project outweigh this and other unavoidable environmental impacts for the reasons set forth in Section II.F of these Findings.

o. Cumulative demands for wastewater treatment facilities in the region, construction of which could result in significant environmental impacts (LRDP Impact 4-15-10)

The 2003 LRDP EIR identified significant and unavoidable adverse cumulative impacts associated with increased demand at wastewater treatment facilities. The proposed project, as part of the overall growth pursuant to the 2003 LRDP, would contribute to cumulative demand for wastewater treatment facilities. Previously adopted LRDP Mitigation Measure 4.15-10 would provide for UC Davis to contribute a fair share of costs for feasible mitigation. However, impacts associated with an irreversible loss of prime farmland and habitat could not be mitigated to less-than-significant levels, and the cumulative impacts are thus considered significant and unavoidable. The Tiered Initial Study did not identify any additional project-specific mitigation measures that would avoid or substantially lessen the project's contribution to this impact. While the 2003 LRDP mitigation measures would reduce the magnitude of this cumulative impact, it is still considered significant and unavoidable.

This impact was adequately analyzed and addressed the 2003 LRDP EIR and in the Findings and Overriding Considerations adopted by The Regents in connection with its approval of the 2003 LRDP and certification of the 2003 LRDP EIR. The University finds that the remaining significant and unavoidable cumulative impact associated with growth pursuant to the 2003 LRDP, including the proposed project, continues to be acceptable and the benefits of the project outweigh this and other unavoidable environmental impacts for the reasons set forth in Section II.F of these Findings.

2. **Significant and Potentially Significant Impacts that would be Mitigated to “Less-than-Significant” Levels and Related Mitigation Measures**

The Tiered Initial Study for the Communications Resources Relocation Project identified the following significant and potentially significant impacts associated with project that would be reduced to "less-than-significant" levels by the continued implementation of previously adopted 2003 LRDP mitigation measures. The impacts resulting from the Project would be no greater than the level of impacts described in the 2003 LRDP EIR and were included within the analysis of the overall development in the 2003 LRDP EIR. The associated mitigation measures are identified and briefly discussed below. For a detailed description of these mitigation measures, please see the text in the Tiered Initial Study for the Communication Resources Relocation Project.

a. **Development under the 2003 LRDP could create substantial light and glare on campus that could adversely affect daytime or nighttime views in the area (LRDP Impact 4.1-3)**

The project calls for lighting to be used in the buildings and site areas which would result in additional glare and nighttime lighting on the campus. As analyzed in the TIS for the Communication Resources Relocation Project, outdoor lighting installed as part of the Communication Resources Relocation incorporates previously adopted 2003 LRDP Mitigation Measure 4.1-3 (b)-(c), which requires the campus to utilize directional lighting methods with shielded and cutoff type light fixtures, and to require review of any non-directional lighting elements by the Campus Design Review Committee. As a result, the Communication Resources Relocation Project's contribution to this impact will be less-than-significant level.

b. **Regional growth could result in an increase in toxic air contaminants (LRDP Impact 4.3-8).**

The Communication Resources Relocation Project would contribute to a regional increase in toxic air contaminants. Growth from the 2003 LRDP, in combination with expected regional growth, could result in a cumulatively considerable increase of toxic air contaminants which could expose sensitive receptors to increased pollutant concentrations. As analyzed in the TIS the Communication Resources Relocation Project incorporates previously adopted LRDP Mitigation Measure 4.3-8 (requiring the campus to monitor new regulations and programs from responsible regulating agencies and implement appropriate changes on campus) to aid in reducing toxic air contaminants (TAC) impacts to a less-than-significant level. Because the responsible regulating agencies (California Air Resources Board (CARB), Federal Environmental Protection Agency) are giving priority to air toxics regulation, there are reduction programs under development and/or in effect, and technologies are available to achieve substantial additional TAC reductions, CARB's projections of continuing regional TAC

reductions are well supported. As a result, the Communication Resources Relocation Project's contribution to this impact will be less-than-significant level.

c. Development under the 2003 LRDP could result in the loss of special-status plant species or species that may be added to the special-status plant list in the future (LRDP Impacts 4.4-1)

The Communication Resources Relocation Project could contribute to loss of special-status plant species. Growth from the 2003 LRDP could result in loss of habitat special-status plant species. In accordance with previously adopted 2003 LRDP Mitigation Measure 4.4-1(a and b), the Communication Resources Relocation site was surveyed for special-status plant potential and determined to not have any potential for special-status plants. The campus continues to implement this mitigation measure when needed to ensure adequate protection special-status plant species. Implementation of the mitigation measures would reduce the Communication Resources Relocation Project's contribution to this impact to a less-than-significant level.

d. Development under the 2003 LRDP could result in the loss of habitat and disruption of nesting efforts and the loss of active nest sites for burrowing owls, Swainson's hawks or other birds of prey (LRDP Impacts 4.4-2, 4.4-3, 4.4-4 and 4.4-5)

The Communication Resources Relocation Project would result in loss of agricultural land that could serve as foraging habitat for Swainson's hawk and nesting area for burrowing owl. Growth from the 2003 LRDP could result in the loss of active nest sites for Swainson's hawk or disrupt nesting efforts. Burrowing owls have not been found on the Communication Resources Relocation Project site. Swainson's hawks have not nested on the Communication Resources Relocation Project site, but they have nested within ½ mile of the project site. Previously adopted 2003 LRDP Mitigation Measures 4.4-2, 4.4-3 (a)-(d), 4.4-4 (a)-(b), and 4.4-5 require the campus to preserve agricultural land and conduct pre-construction and annual surveys for nesting birds, to take feasible action if potential disturbance to nesting raptors is identified, and to allow the campus to minimize the potential impact. The campus continues to implement this mitigation measure when needed to ensure adequate protection of nesting efforts by burrowing owls, Swainson's hawks and other birds of prey. Implementation of the mitigation measures would reduce the Communication Resources Relocation Project's contribution to this impact to a less-than-significant level.

e. Development allowed under the 2003 LRDP would result in the loss of potential habitat for the VELB (LRDP Impact 4.4-6).

The Communication Resources Relocation Project could contribute to removal of elderberry bushes which are habitat for the Valley Elderberry Longhorn Beetle. Growth from the 2003 LRDP could result in loss of habitat for the Valley Elderberry Longhorn Beetle (VELB). In accordance with previously adopted 2003 LRDP Mitigation Measure 4.4-6(a), the

Communication Resources Relocation Project site was surveyed for VELB habitat. There are five elderberry bushes near the Communication Resources Relocation Project site. The elderberry bushes near the Communication Resources Relocation Project site would be preserved and there would be no contribution to the identified effect on VELB habitat. Implementation of the mitigation measure would reduce the Communication Resources Relocation Project's contribution to this impact to a less-than-significant level.

f. Implementation of the 2003 LRDP could damage, destroy or cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource or historic building or structure as the result of grading, excavation, ground disturbance or other project development (LRDP Impacts 4.5-1, 4.5-2).

The Communication Resources Relocation Project does not have any historic buildings on the proposed site and the site was previously disturbed for construction of the existing parking lot. The Communication Resources Relocation would require excavation and grading and, although unlikely, could result in damage, destruction, or substantial adverse change in the significance of archaeological resources. As analyzed in the TIS incorporates previously adopted 2003 LRDP Mitigation Measures 4.5-1 (a)-(b) and 4.5-2 which require the campus to evaluate project sites for archaeological resources and protect discovered resources. These mitigation measures ensure adequate protection of archaeological resources. Implementation of these mitigation measures would reduce the Communication Resources Relocation Project's contribution to this impact to a less-than-significant level.

g. Implementation of the 2003 LRDP could disturb human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries (LRDP Impact 4.5-4).

The Communication Resources Relocation would require excavation and grading and, although unlikely, could result in disturbance of human remains undiscovered during survey testing. Campus development allowed under the 2003 LRDP could result in disturbance of human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries. As analyzed in the TIS the Project incorporates previously adopted 2003 LRDP Mitigation Measure 4.5-4 (a, b) requiring the campus to take appropriate steps to minimize the potential for such disturbance and, if disturbance occurs, to follow all requirements to protect the human remains and complete the proper reinterment procedures. As a result, the Communication Resources Relocation Project's contribution to this impact will be at a less-than-significant level.

h. Implementation of the 2003 LRDP could include campus development within two miles of public use airports, which could result in safety hazards for people residing or working in the area, and would include lighting on recreation fields that could result in a hazard for aircraft (LRDP Impact 4.7-15).

The Communication Resources Relocation Project would occur within ¼ mile of the campus public use airport. Campus development allowed under the 2003 LRDP within two miles of the public use airport could result in potential safety hazards. The Communication Resources Relocation Project would be constructed adjacent to the University Airport. Previously adopted 2003 LRDP Mitigation Measure 4.7-15 will require that lighting for the Communication Resources Relocation Project be tested by night flights and adjusted as necessary to eliminate glare that could pose a hazard for aircraft. Implementation of the mitigation measure would reduce the the Communication Resources Relocation Project's contribution to this impact to a less-than-significant level.

i. Campus development under the 2003 LRDP could physically interfere with the campus Emergency Operations Plan (LRDP Impact 4.7-17).

The Communication Resources Relocation Project could introduce activity that could interfere with the campus Emergency Operations Plan. Campus development allowed under the 2003 LRDP could physically interfere with the campus Emergency Operations Plan. Previously adopted 2003 LRDP Mitigation Measure 4.7-17 requires the campus to either maintain existing access routes for emergency vehicles or provide suitable construction related detours for emergency vehicles. The campus continues to implement this mitigation measure when needed to ensure adequate emergency vehicle access for the campus. Implementation of the mitigation measure would reduce the Communication Resources Relocation Project's contribution to this impact to a less-than-significant level.

j. Campus development under the 2003 LRDP would increase impervious surfaces on the campus and could alter drainage patterns, thereby increasing runoff and loads of pollution in storm water, which could affect water quality (LRDP Impact 4.8-2).

The Communication Resources Relocation Project would result in a slight increase to impervious surfaces. Campus development allowed under the 2003 LRDP would increase stormwater runoff and pollution. As analyzed in the TIS, with the Project incorporates previously adopted 2003 LRDP Mitigation Measure 4.8-2 which requires the campus to comply with storm water management plan measures to minimize additional pollutants. This mitigation measure would reduce the Communication Resources Relocation Project's contribution to this impact to a less-than-significant level.

k. Implementation of the 2003 LRDP in combination with regional development could alter drainage patterns in the project area and increase impervious surfaces, which could exceed the capacity of storm water drainage systems and result in localized flooding and contribution to offsite flooding (LRDP Impacts 4.8-3 and 4.8-11).

The Communication Resources Relocation Project would slightly increase impervious surfaces. Campus development allowed under the 2003 LRDP in combination with regional development would increase impervious surfaces which could result in runoff exceeding the capacity of storm drainage systems. As analyzed in the TIS with the Project incorporates previously adopted 2003 LRDP Mitigation Measure 4.8-3 (a, b) which requires the campus to perform storm drainage studies for each new development and design and implement any needed improvements. Implementation of the mitigation measure would reduce both the Communication Resources Relocation Project's contribution and cumulative impacts to a less-than-significant level.

- l. Campus growth under the 2003 LRDP in combination with regional development would increase discharge of treated effluent from the campus wastewater treatment plant into the South Fork of Putah Creek, which could exceed waste discharge requirements and degrade receiving water quality. (LRDP Impacts 4.8-4 and 4.8-12).**

Campus development allowed under the 2003 LRDP in combination with regional development would increase discharge of treated effluent which could degrade receiving water quality. Previously adopted 2003 LRDP Mitigation Measure 4.8-4 (a, b) requires the campus to continue to monitor and modify its pretreatment program, Wastewater Treatment Plant operation, and/or treatment processes as necessary to comply with waste discharge requirements. The campus continues to implement this mitigation measure so that water quality effects of discharge are minimized. Implementation of the mitigation measure would reduce the Communication Resources Relocation Project's contribution and cumulative impacts to a less-than-significant level.

- m. Development under the 2003 LRDP could place non-residential structures within a 100-year floodplain, which could expose people and structures to risks associated with flooding and/or impede or redirect flows, contributing to flood hazards. (LRDP Impacts 4.8-9).**

Campus development allowed under the 2003 LRDP could increase flood hazards for buildings constructed within a 100-year floodplain. In accordance with LRDP Impacts 4.8-9 (a and b), the campus continues to evaluate the final site selection for proposed buildings and, where necessary, implement flood protection measures to minimize the flood hazard to non-residential structures. Implementation of the mitigation measure for the Communication Resources Relocation Project would reduce the potentially significant impact to a less-than-significant level.

n. Construction of campus facilities under the 2003 LRDP could expose nearby receptors to excessive groundborne vibration and airborne or groundborne noise (LRDP Impact 4.10-1).

Noise from construction of the proposed Communication Resources Relocation, would be audible and would temporarily elevate the local ambient noise level. Campus development allowed under the 2003 LRDP could increase the potential for noise impacts near construction sites. As analyzed in the TIS the Project incorporates previously adopted 2003 LRDP Mitigation Measure 4.10-1 which requires the campus to enact a construction noise mitigation program to minimize the effects of construction noise. Implementation of the mitigation measure would reduce the contribution from the Communication Resources Relocation Project to this impact to a less-than-significant level.

o. Implementation of the 2003 LRDP would result in unacceptable intersection operations at on-campus intersections (LRDP Impact 4.14-1).

Campus development allowed under the 2003 LRDP would increase traffic and could increase the potential for unacceptable operation of on-campus intersections. Previously adopted 2003 LRDP Mitigation Measures 4.14-1(a-c) and 4.14-2 (a-c) require the campus to continue to pursue Transportation Demand Management strategies to reduce vehicle-trips, monitor peak hour traffic operations at critical locations, and review individual projects to determine if operations will degrade to unacceptable levels. The campus continues to implement these mitigation measure when needed so that the traffic impacts are minimized. Implementation of these mitigation measures would reduce the Communication Resources Relocation Project's contribution to this impact to a less-than-significant level.

p. Implementation of the 2003 LRDP would create additional parking demand (LRDP Impact 4.14-3).

The Communication Resources Relocation Project would add to the parking demand in the west campus at UC Davis by approximately 130 parking spaces and would provide approximately 140 spaces through new construction. As analyzed in the TIS, parking demand as part of the Communication Resources Relocation will become part of the overall assessment for the previously adopted 2003 LRDP Mitigation Measure 4.14-3(a-b) which requires the campus to continue to pursue Transportation Demand Management strategies to reduce parking demand, and provide additional parking as needed. The Project incorporates this mitigation measure so that the parking impacts from the Communication Relocation Project would be reduced to a less-than-significant level.

q. Implementation of the 2003 LRDP would create increase demand for transit services (LRDP Impact 4.14-4).

Campus development allowed under the 2003 LRDP would create demand for transit services. Previously adopted 2003 LRDP Mitigation Measure 4.14-4 requires the campus to continue to provide additional transit services or new transit routes as needed. The campus continues to implement this mitigation measure when needed so that the traffic impacts are minimized. Implementation of this mitigation measure would reduce the contribution from the Communication Resources Relocation Project to this impact to a less-than-significant level.

3. Less-than-Significant Impacts for which Mitigation Measures Have Been Incorporated and Related Mitigation Measures

The TIS for the Communication Resources Relocation Project identified the following less-than-significant impacts for which 2003 LRDP mitigation measures have been incorporated as part of the project. Mitigation to further reduce less-than-significant impacts is not required by CEQA. The impacts resulting from the Communication Resources Relocation Project would be no greater than the level of impacts described in the 2003 LRDP EIR and the impacts of the proposed project were included within the analysis of the overall development in the 2003 LRDP EIR. The mitigation measures identified below are presented in summary form. For a detailed description of these measures, please see the TIS.

a. Implementation of the 2003 LRDP would increase routine hazardous chemical use on campus by UC Davis laboratories and departments and in maintenance and support operations, which would not create significant hazards to the public or the environment (LRDP Impact 4.7-1).

The Communication Resources Relocation, as a component growth under the 2003 LRDP, would include use of building construction and cleaning materials, which would not expose employees or campus occupants to significant levels of potentially hazardous materials. This impact was determined in the TIS for the Communication Resources Relocation Project to be less-than-significant because of the low hazard risk to the public and to the environment. The impact continues to be less-than-significant and, although not required, the Project incorporates previously adopted 2003 LRDP Mitigation Measure 4.7-1 (implementation of chemical safety plans and programs) which will further reduce this less-than-significant impact.

b. Implementation of the 2003 LRDP could increase routine generation of hazardous wastes on campus by UC Davis laboratories and departments and from maintenance and support

operations, which would not create significant hazards to the public or the environment (LRDP Impact 4.7-2).

The Communication Resources Relocation, as a component of growth under the 2003 LRDP, would include use of building construction materials, which would not expose employees or campus occupants to significant levels of potentially hazardous materials. This impact was determined in the TIS to be less-than-significant because of the low hazard risk to the public and to the environment. The impact continues to be less-than-significant and, although not required, the Project incorporates previously adopted 2003 LRDP Mitigation Measure 4.7-2 (a and b) (continued implementation of chemical safety plans and programs and continued implementation of hazardous waste management programs) that will further reduce this less-than-significant impact.

c. Implementation of the 2003 LRDP would increase the routine transport of hazardous materials to and from campus, which would not significantly increase hazards to the public or the environment (LRDP Impact 4.7-8).

The Communication Resources Relocation, as a component of growth under the 2003 LRDP, would include transport of building construction materials to and from the project site, which would not expose employees or campus occupants to significant levels of potentially hazardous materials. This impact was determined in the TIS to be less-than-significant because of the low hazard risk to the public and to the environment. The impact continues to be less-than-significant and, although not required, the Project incorporates previously adopted 2003 LRDP Mitigation Measure 4.7-8 (continued implementation of requirement to transport chemicals on public roads in conformance with all legal transportation requirements) that will further reduce this less-than-significant impact.

d. Implementation of the 2003 LRDP would not create a significant hazard to the public or to the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment (LRDP Impact 4.7-9).

The Communication Resources Relocation, as a component of growth under the 2003 LRDP, would include use and transport of building construction and cleaning materials to and from the project site, which would not expose employees or campus occupants to significant levels of potentially hazardous materials. This impact was determined in the TIS to be less-than-significant and, although not required, the Project incorporates previously adopted 2003 LRDP Mitigation Measure 4.7-9 (standard practices for storage and transportation of hazardous materials) that will continue to further reduce this less-than-significant impact.

e. Construction activities on campus under the 2003 LRDP would not expose construction workers or campus occupants to contaminated soils or groundwater (LRDP Impact 4.7-12).

The Communication Resources Relocation, as a component of growth under the 2003 LRDP, would include ground-disturbing construction activities which could expose construction workers or campus occupants to contaminated soils or groundwater. This impact was determined in the TIS to be less-than-significant because of the low hazard risk. The impact continues to be less-than-significant and, although not required, the Project incorporates previously adopted 2003 LRDP Mitigation Measure 4.7-12 (performance of due diligence assessments of sites where ground-disturbing construction is proposed) that will further reduce this less-than-significant impact.

f. Campus construction activities associated with implementation of the 2003 LRDP would not contribute substantial loads of sediment or other pollutants in storm water runoff that could degrade receiving water quality (LRDP Impact 4.8-1).

The Communication Resources Relocation, as a component of growth under the 2003 LRDP, would contribute to sediment in stormwater runoff. This impact was determined in the TIS to be less-than-significant because the campus will continue to implement erosion control measures to eliminate or reduce non-storm and storm water discharges to receiving waters. The impact continues to be less-than-significant and, although not required, the Project incorporates previously adopted 2003 LRDP Mitigation Measure 4.8-1 (implementation of erosion control for construction projects) that will further reduce this less-than-significant impact.

g. Implementation of the 2003 LRDP would require the expansion of campus domestic/fire water extraction and conveyance systems, which would not cause significant environmental impacts (LRDP Impact 4.15-1).

The Communication Resources Relocation, as a component growth under the 2003 LRDP, would contribute to the potential future expansion of the campus utility water extraction and conveyance systems. This impact was determined in the TIS to be less-than-significant because of the multiple options available for completing system improvements. The impact continues to be less-than-significant and, although not required, the Project incorporates previously adopted 2003 LRDP Mitigation Measure 4.15-1 (a and b) (conducting utility assessments prior to connecting new projects and implementing conservation strategies) that will further reduce this less-than-significant impact.

- h. Implementation of the 2003 LRDP would require the expansion of wastewater treatment and conveyance facilities, the construction and operation of which would not result in significant environmental impacts (LRDP Impact 4.15-3).**

The Communication Resources Relocation, as a component of growth under the 2003 LRDP, would contribute to the potential future expansion of the campus wastewater treatment and conveyance facilities. This impact was determined in the TIS to be less-than-significant and, although not required, the Project incorporates previously adopted 2003 LRDP Mitigation Measure 4.15-3 (conducting utility assessments prior to connecting new projects) that will continue to further reduce this less-than-significant impact.

- i. Implementation of the 2003 LRDP would require the expansion of campus storm water drainage conveyance and detention facilities, which would not result in significant environmental impacts (LRDP Impact 4.15-4).**

The Communication Resources Relocation, as a component of growth under the 2003 LRDP, would contribute to the potential future expansion of the campus storm drainage conveyance and retention facilities. This impact was determined in the TIS to be less-than-significant because of the multiple options available for completing system improvements. The impact continues to be less-than-significant and, although not required, the Project incorporates previously adopted 2003 LRDP Mitigation Measure 4.15-4 (conducting utility assessments prior to connecting new projects) that will further reduce this less-than-significant impact.

- j. Implementation of the 2003 LRDP would require the expansion of the campus electrical system, which would not result in significant adverse environmental impacts (LRDP Impact 4.15-6).**

The Communication Resources Relocation, as a component of growth under the 2003 LRDP, would contribute to the potential future expansion of the campus electrical system. This impact was determined in the TIS to be less-than-significant because of the multiple options available for completing system improvements. The impact continues to be less-than-significant and, although not required, the Project incorporates previously adopted 2003 LRDP Mitigation Measure 4.15-6 (a and b) (conducting utility assessments prior to connecting new projects and implementing conservation measures) that will further reduce this less-than-significant impact.

- k. Implementation of the 2003 LRDP would require the expansion of the natural gas system, which would not result in significant adverse environmental impacts (LRDP Impact 4.15-7).**

The Communication Resources Relocation, as a component of growth under the 2003 LRDP, would contribute to the potential future expansion of the natural gas system. This impact was

determined in the TIS to be less-than-significant and, although not required, the Project incorporates previously adopted 2003 LRDP Mitigation Measure 4.15-7 (a) (conducting utility assessments prior to connecting new projects) that will continue to further reduce this less-than-significant impact.

1. Implementation of the 2003 LRDP would require expansion of campus communication facilities, which would not result in significant environmental impacts (LRDP Impact 4.15-9).

The Communication Resources Relocation, as a component of growth under the 2003 LRDP, would contribute to the potential future expansion of the campus communication facilities. This impact was determined in the TIS to be less-than-significant and, although not required, the Project incorporates previously adopted 2003 LRDP Mitigation Measure 4.15-9 (conducting utility assessments prior to connecting new projects) that will continue to further reduce this less-than-significant impact.

E. Additional Findings

1. Incorporation by Reference

These Findings incorporate by reference in their entirety the text of the Negative Declaration for the project; the Initial Study for the project; the 2003 LRDP; the 2003 LRDP EIR, the 2003 LRDP Mitigation Monitoring Program, and the Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations adopted by The Regents in connection with its approval of the 2003 LRDP. Without limitation, this incorporation is intended to elaborate on the scope and nature of mitigation measures, project and cumulative impacts, and the basis for determining the significance of impacts, and the reasons for approving the project.

2. Mitigation Monitoring Program

When making findings, a lead agency must adopt a reporting or monitoring program for the changes to the project that it has adopted or made a condition of project approval in order to mitigate or avoid significant effects on the environment. The proposed project includes no project-specific mitigation measures and accordingly, no mitigation monitoring program is required for the project. The Project incorporates all applicable mitigation measures contained in the 2003 LRDP EIR Mitigation Monitoring Program. All relevant 2003 LRDP EIR mitigation measures identified in the Final Tiered Initial Study and Negative Declaration will be monitored through the LRDP EIR Mitigation Monitoring Program adopted by the University in connection with its approval of the 2003 LRDP in order to ensure compliance during Project implementation.

3. Record of Proceedings

Various documents and other materials constitute the record of proceedings upon which the University bases its findings and decisions contained herein. Most documents related to this project are located in the campus Office of Resource Management and Planning, University of California, One Shields Avenue, 376 Mrak Hall, Davis, California 95616. The record of proceedings for the 2003 LRDP approval is also located in the Office of Resource Management and Planning. The custodian for these documents is the Office of Resource Management and Planning.

4. Other Considerations

Section 15093(b) of the State CEQA Guidelines provides that when the decision of the public agency results in the occurrence of significant impacts that are not avoided or substantially lessened, the agency must state in writing the reasons to support its actions based on the NOP, Initial Study, Negative Declaration, and/or other information in the record. The Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations adopted by The Regents in connection with its approval of the 2003 LRDP and certification of the 2003 LRDP EIR previously addressed all of the significant and unavoidable impacts associated with implementation of the LRDP. The University has balanced the benefits of the proposed Communication Resources Relocation Project against the significant and unavoidable adverse environmental effects, discussed in the Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations adopted by The Regents in connection with its approval of the 2003 LRDP, in determining that specific economic, legal, social, technological, and other benefits of this project outweigh these adverse environmental effects and finds those Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations are equally relevant to, and are reaffirmed as a part of, this project.

G. Summary

1. Based on the foregoing Findings and the information contained in the record, the University has made one or more of the following Findings with respect to the significant environmental effects of the Communication Resources Relocation Project:

a. Changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into, the project which mitigate or avoid the significant effects on the environment.

b. Those changes or alterations are within the responsibility and jurisdiction of another public agency and have been, or can and should be, adopted by that other agency.

2. Based on the foregoing Findings and the information contained in the record, it is hereby determined that:

a. All significant impacts on the environment due to the project have been eliminated or substantially lessened where feasible.

b. The Negative Declaration for the Communication Resources Relocation Project did not identify any additional, feasible, project-specific mitigation measures to mitigate significant impacts to less-than-significant levels.

c. Any significant impacts to which the project contributes and that are found to be unavoidable were fully analyzed and adequately addressed in the Initial Study and Negative Declaration for the Communication Resources Relocation Project and in the 2003 LRDP EIR, and are acceptable due to the factors described and adopted in the Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations in adopted in connection with The Regents' approval of the 2003 LRDP as described in Section II.F, above.

d. The Communication Resources Relocation Project will not result in any new significant environmental effects or substantially increase the severity of the significant environmental effects previously identified in the 2003 LRDP EIR.

e. This determination reflects the University's independent judgment and analysis.

III. APPROVAL

The University hereby takes the following actions:

- A.** Adopts the Negative Declaration for the project as described in Section 1 above.
- B.** Approves and incorporates into the project all project elements and relevant 2003 LRDP EIR mitigation measures identified in the project's Tiered Initial Study.
- C.** Adopts the Findings in their entirety as set forth in Section II, above.
- D.** Having adopted the Negative Declaration, independently reviewed and analyzed the Negative Declaration and Tiered Initial Study and any comments received on these documents, and adopted the Findings, the University hereby approves the design and construction of the Communication Resources Relocation Project.