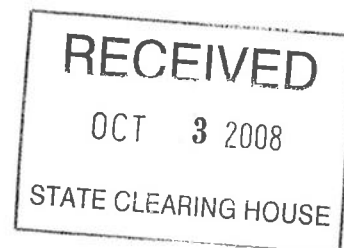




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October 3, 2008



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

Project Title: UC Davis Communication Resources Relocation
Project Location: University of California, Davis; west campus west of Hopkins Road
County: Yolo County

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

Project Description

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 four acres on the west campus with utilities, completed building sites, landscaping, parking, and drainage facilities to accommodate the proposed project;
- Install 10,000 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 20,000 square feet of office space for approximately 120 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 60 employees to the campus population. Construction and occupancy would occur in 2009.

The project would provide relocation space for the Communication Resources division and could be completed within a time-frame that matches the construction of the upcoming Tercero housing expansion project. The project objectives are to: (1) provide the needed space for landscaping within the Tercero housing area; (2) provide a relocation space for the Communication Resources division; and (3) economize on the site development and utility infrastructure at the relocation site to provide additional space.

Environmental Review and Comment

Based on the analysis presented in the Draft Tiered Initial Study, the campus proposes to adopt a Negative Declaration for the proposed project. Copies of the Draft Tiered Initial Study and proposed Negative Declaration are available during normal operating hours at the UC Davis Office of Resource Management and Planning in 376 Mrak Hall on the UC Davis campus; at Reserves in Shields Library on the UC Davis campus; at the Yolo County Public Library, 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 October 3, 2008 through November 3, 2008. Comments must be received before 5:00 p.m. on November 3, 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,



John A. Meyer
Vice Chancellor – Resource Management and Planning

- 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

Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

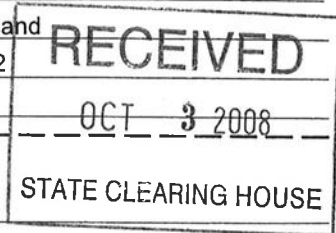
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Mail to: State Clearinghouse, PO Box 3044, Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 916/445-0613

Project Title: UC Davis Communication Resources Relocation

Lead Agency: University of California
Street Address: Office of Resource Management and Planning, UC Davis
City: Davis Zip: 95616

Contact Person: Sid England
Phone: (530) 752-2432
County: Yolo



Project Location:

County: Yolo City/Nearest Community: Davis
Cross Streets: Old Davis Road/Interstate 80 Zip Code: 95616 Total Acres: 4.0
Assessor's Parcel No. NA Section: 18 Twp. 8N Range: 2E Base: Mt. Diablo
Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: SR 113 and I-80 Waterways: Putah Creek
Airports: University Airport Railways: Union Pacific Schools: Davis Joint Unified

Document Type:

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

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 _____
[X] Educational Campus Administrative Space
[] Recreational _____
[] Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____
[] Transportation: Type Transit Terminal
[] Mining: Mineral _____
[] Power: Type _____ Watts _____
[] Waste Treatment: Type _____
[] Hazardous Waste: Type _____
[] Other: _____

Funding (approx.): Federal \$ -- State \$ -- Total \$ 3,000,000

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:

Research Park Low Density

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 October 3, 2008

Ending Date November 3, 2008

Signature 

Date 10/3/08

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 NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE UC DAVIS COMMUNICATION RESOURCES RELOCATION

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Environmental Review

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

The 2003 LRDP EIR is a Program EIR, prepared pursuant to Section 15168 of the CEQA Guidelines (Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Sections 15000 et seq.) and Section

21080.09 of the Public Resources Code. The 2003 LRDP EIR analyzed full implementation of uses and physical development proposed under the 2003 LRDP through the year 2015-16 to accommodate a projected total enrollment level of 31,500 students and identified measures to mitigate the significant adverse project and cumulative impacts associated with that growth. The proposed project is within the scope of the campus development that was anticipated in the 2003 LRDP and evaluated in the 2003 LRDP EIR.

The Draft Tiered Initial Study for the Communication Resources Relocation project is tiered from the 2003 LRDP EIR in accordance with Sections 15152 and 15168(d) of the CEQA Guidelines and Public Resource Code Section 21094. Based on the analysis presented in the Draft Tiered Initial Study, the Communication Resources Relocation project will have no significant project or cumulative impacts that were not addressed in the 2003 LRDP EIR. No project-specific mitigation measures are identified and no project-specific mitigation measures are proposed.

Public Review and Comment

Based on the analysis in the Draft Tiered Initial Study, the campus has determined that a Negative Declaration will be prepared for this project. The public and agency review period for the Draft Tiered Initial Study will be from October 3, 2008 to November 3, 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 Negative Declaration, along with any comments received by the above-listed deadline, will be considered by the University in conjunction with consideration of the project for approval. The Negative Declaration will become Final if adopted by the University.

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