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January 28, 2015

State of California
Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
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**NOTICE OF INTENT
TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

Project Title: UC Davis Large Lecture Hall Building
Project Location: University of California, Davis; Central Campus
County: Yolo

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

Project Description

UC Davis proposes to construct and occupy a two-story lecture hall of approximately 17,500 square feet within the UC Davis core campus. The project site at the southwest intersection of Kleiber Hall Drive and California Avenue would include additional bike parking and a pedestrian plaza as part of the project. The lecture hall would provide 550 to 600 seats for campus lectures and would help to better serve the increasing demand for lecture space on the campus.

The proposed Gold certification under the US Green Building Council Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design program and certification process would require the project to implement energy and water efficiency by using efficient appliances and insulating materials, increase storm water infiltration by using detention basins and reducing impermeable surfaces, using low emitting paints and materials during construction, and a variety of other sustainability measures. The 2003 Long Range Development Plan is the guiding land use planning document for the UC Davis campus. The 2003 LRDP land use designation for the project site is Academic/Administrative High Density indicating that the intended long-term use of the project site is for buildings that facilitate the teaching, research, and public service mission of the University of California.

Environmental Review and Comment

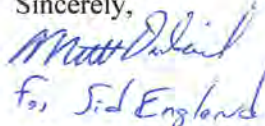
Based on the analysis presented in the Draft Tiered Initial Study, the campus proposes to adopt a Negative Declaration for the proposed project. Copies of the Draft Tiered Initial Study and proposed Negative Declaration are available during normal operating hours at the UC Davis Office of Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability in 436 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, and online at http://sustainability.ucdavis.edu/progress/commitment/environmental_review/index.html.

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 January 28, 2015 to February 27, 2015. Comments must be received before 5:00 p.m. on February 27, 2015. 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,



Sid England
Assistant Vice Chancellor – Environmental Stewardship
and Sustainability

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

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

Form A

Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

SCH # _____

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

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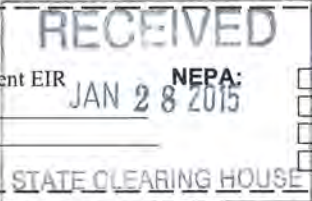
Lead Agency: University of California, 1 Shields Avenue Contact Person: Sid England
Street Address: Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability, UC Davis Phone: (530) 752-2432
City: Davis Zip: 95616 County: Yolo

Project Location:

County: Yolo City/Nearest Community: Davis
Cross Streets: California Avenue/Kleiber Hall Drive Zip Code: 95616 Total Acres: 1.5
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 (Prior SCH No.) [] Other
[] Early Cons [] Other
[x] 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 17,500 sq. ft.
[] Recreational _____
[] Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD
[] Transportation: Type _____
[] Mining: Mineral _____
[] Power: Type _____ Watts
[] Waste Treatment: Type _____
[] Hazardous Waste: Type _____
[] Other: _____

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

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

[x] Aesthetic/Visual [x] Flood Plain/Flooding [x] Schools/Universities [x] Water Quality
[x] Agricultural Land [x] Forest Land/Fire Hazard [x] Septic Systems [x] Water Supply/Groundwater
[x] Air Quality [x] Geologic/Seismic [x] Sewer Capacity [x] Wetland/Riparian
[x] Archeological/Historical [x] Minerals [x] Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading [x] Wildlife
[] Coastal Zone [x] Noise [x] Solid Waste [x] Growth Inducing
[x] Drainage/Absorption [x] Population/Housing Balance [x] Toxic/Hazardous [x] Landuse
[] Economic/Jobs [x] Public Services/Facilities [x] Traffic/Circulation [x] Cumulative Effects
[] Fiscal [x] Recreation/Parks [x] Vegetation [] Other _____

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

University classroom space.

Project Description:

See attached public notice.

Reviewing Agencies Checklist

Form A, continued

<p>KEY S = Document sent by lead agency X = Document sent by SCH ✓ = Suggested distribution</p>

Resources Agency

- Boating & Waterways
- Coastal Commission
- Coastal Conservancy
- Colorado River Board
- SX Conservation
- SX Fish & Game
- Forestry & Fire Protection
- SX Office of Historic Preservation
- Parks & Recreation
- Reclamation Board
- S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Commission
- SX Water Resources (DWR)

Business, Transportation & Housing

- Aeronautics
- California Highway Patrol
- SX CALTRANS District # 3
- Department of Transportation Planning (headquarters)
- SX Housing & Community Development

Food & Agriculture

Health & Welfare

- Health Services

State & Consumer Services

- General Services
- OLA (Schools)

Environmental Protection Agency

- SX Air Resources Board
- SX California Waste Management Board
- SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
- SWRCB: Delta Unit
- SWRCB: Water Quality
- SWRCB: Water Rights
- SX Regional WQCB # 5 ()

Youth & Adult Corrections

- Corrections

Independent Commissions & Offices

- Energy Commission
- SX Native American Heritage Commission
- Public Utilities Commission
- Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
- State Lands Commission
- Tahoe Regional Planning Agency

- SX Other Yolo-Solano AQMD

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

Starting Date January 28, 2015 Ending Date February 27, 2015

Signature *Matt Dublin For Sid England* Date *1/28/15*

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
LECTURE HALL BUILDING**

Proposed Project

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Project Objectives

UC Davis enrollment increases have occurred through the prior decade and additional lecture hall space is needed to support the prior increase. Through the academic year 2013-14, Freeborn Hall was being used as a temporary space for lectures and this use has been discontinued because of seismic safety issues within Freeborn Hall. The discontinuation of the use of Freeborn Hall has exacerbated the need for lecture hall space. The objectives of the proposed project are to:

- Construct new lecture hall space within the core campus to address the space need.
- Provide modern facilities with energy efficient heating and cooling systems.
- Provide site improvements to support learning and improvement of the campus landscape.
- Develop bike parking and pedestrian circulation to support the large crowds of campus students exiting and entering the lecture hall.

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 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 Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability in 436 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; and online at http://sustainability.ucdavis.edu/progress/commitment/environmental_review/index.html.

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 Lecture Hall 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 project would result in no project-specific significant impacts.

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 January 28, 2015 to February 27, 2015. Copies of the Draft Tiered Initial Study are available during normal operating hours at the UC Davis Office of Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability in 436 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; and online at http://sustainability.ucdavis.edu/progress/commitment/environmental_review/index.html.

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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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