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September 8, 2006

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**NOTICE OF INTENT
TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

Project Title: UC Davis King Hall Renovation and Expansion

Project Location: University of California, Davis; west of Mrak Hall Drive and south of Parking Lot 3

County: Yolo County

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.), the CEQA Guidelines (Title 14 Code of Regulations Section 15000 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

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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/>.

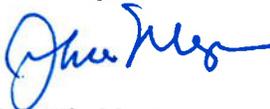
We appreciate your prompt acknowledgement and review of this Draft Tiered Initial Study and Proposed Negative Declaration. Due to the time limits mandated by state law, the document's 30-day review period will extend from September 8, 2006 through October 9, 2006. Comments must be received before 5:00 p.m. on October 9, 2006. 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, Director of Environmental Planning, at (530) 752-2432 or Rick Keller, Assistant Vice Chancellor – Capital Resource Management, at (530) 752-2433.

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

Form A

Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

SCH # _____

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

Project Title: King Hall Renovation and Expansion

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

Project Location:

County: Yolo City/Nearest Community: Davis
Cross Streets: Mrak Hall Drive (Yolo) Zip Code: 95616 Total Acres: approximately 2.0
Assessor's Parcel No. NA Section: 16 Twp. 8N Range: 2E Base: Mt. Diablo
Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: SR 113 and I-80 Waterways: Putah Creek
Airports: University Airport Railways: Union Pacific Schools: Davis Joint Unified

Document Type:

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

Local Action Type:

[] General Plan Update [] Specific Plan [] Rezone [] Annexation
[] General Plan Amendment [] Master Plan [] Prezone [] Redevelopment
[] General Plan Element [] Planned Unit Development [] Use Permit [] Coastal Permit
[] Community Plan [] Site Plan [] Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) [x] Other Project Approval

Development Type:

[] Residential: Units _____ Acres _____ Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____
[] Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Transportation: Type _____
[] Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Mining: Mineral _____
[] Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Power: Type _____ Watts _____
[x] Educational Offices & classrooms addition; library remodel [] Waste Treatment: Type _____
[] Recreational _____ [] Hazardous Waste: Type _____
[] Other: _____

Funding (approx.): Federal \$ -- State \$ 17,925,000 Total \$ 21,849,000

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:

Academic and Administrative

Project Description:

See attached public notice.

Reviewing Agencies Checklist

Form A, continued

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

Resources Agency

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

Business, Transportation & Housing

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

Food & Agriculture

Health & Welfare

- Health Services _____

State & Consumer Services

- General Services
- OLA (Schools)

Environmental Protection Agency

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

Youth & Adult Corrections

- Corrections

Independent Commissions & Offices

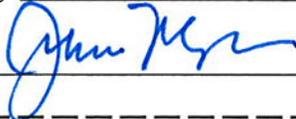
- Energy Commission
- SX Native American Heritage Commission
- Public Utilities Commission
- Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
- State Lands Commission
- Tahoe Regional Planning Agency

- SX Other Yolo-Solano AQMD _____

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

Starting Date September 8, 2006

Ending Date October 9, 2006

Signature 

Date 9/7/2006

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: (____) _____

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Project Objectives

The proposed project is a component of growth consistent with the 2003 Long Range Development Plan (LRDP). The primary objective of the 2003 LRDP is to plan for anticipated growth in student enrollment, faculty and staff employment and UC-affiliated activities on the campus. In addition, the 2003 LRDP aims to:

- create a physical framework to support the teaching, research, and public service mission of the campus;
- manage campus lands and resources in a spirit of stewardship for the future; and
- provide an environment that enriches campus life and serves the greater community.

The campus has identified the following objectives for the proposed King Hall Renovation and Expansion project:

- Provide expanded and improved office and library spaces;
- Upgrade the existing building from its 40-year-old condition;
- Reorganize the library to improve circulation and security;
- Consolidate faculty offices into a single wing;
- Consolidate instructional space;
- Consolidate and expand student services;
- Provide space to expand academic and administrative functions not accommodated in the original 40-year-old design;
- Install fire alarm and fire sprinkler systems throughout the facility and provide domestic water connections to support the fire sprinkler system;
- Move all non-clinical functions from the temporary buildings to King Hall; and
- Implement sustainable design features.

Environmental Review

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and state and University of California guidelines for implementing CEQA, a Draft Tiered Initial Study was prepared to determine if an Environmental Impact Report, Mitigated Negative Declaration, or a Negative Declaration is required for the project. Based on the analysis in the Draft Tiered Initial Study, the campus has proposed that a Negative Declaration be prepared for this project. Based on the analysis presented in the Draft Tiered Initial Study, no project-specific mitigation measures are identified or proposed. The final determination of the environmental review document will be made after comments have been received on the Draft Tiered Initial Study and Proposed Negative Declaration.

The Draft Tiered Initial Study for the King Hall Renovation and Expansion project is tiered from the 2003 LRDP EIR (State Clearinghouse No. 2002102092) in accordance with Sections 15152 and 15168(d) of the CEQA Guidelines (Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Sections 15000 et seq.) and Public Resource Code Section 21094. The 2003 LRDP EIR is a Program EIR, prepared pursuant to Section 15168 of the CEQA Guidelines 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 2003 LRDP and its 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

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