

APPENDIX B

NEES CENTRIFUGE SUPPORT BUILDING NEGATIVE DECLARATION

- Lead Agency:** University of California
- Project Proponent:** University of California, Davis
- Project Location:** Yolo County; UC Davis; west of Brooks Road on the west campus.
- Project Description:** UC Davis proposes to construct and operate a new 4,720 gross square foot building to support research activities at the Network for Earthquake Engineering Simulation (NEES) Centrifuge site. The building would be located adjacent to the existing centrifuge facility near the hydraulics laboratory west of Brooks Road on the west campus. The proposed building would include space for offices, a conference and computer area, and space for preparing testing materials. The building is expected to be constructed on a concrete foundation with a steel frame structure, metal panel sheathing, and a metal panel roof. Project elements surrounding the building would include a new gravel area for employee parking, a new gravel entrance drive, and a new septic system.
- Incorporation by Reference:** This Negative Declaration incorporates by reference in their entirety the texts of the Tiered Initial Study prepared for the project; the 1994 LRDP; the 1994 LRDP EIR; the WWTP Replacement Project EIR; the 1997-98 Major Capital Improvement Projects SEIR; the Center for the Arts Performance Hall and South Entry Roadway and Parking Improvements Tiered Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration; the USDA Western Human Nutrition Research Center Tiered Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration; the Veterinary Medicine Laboratory and Equine Athletic Performance Laboratory Facilities Focused Tiered EIR; and the Findings and Overriding Considerations adopted by The Regents in connection with the LRDP EIR, the WWTP Replacement Project EIR, the 1997-98 Major Capital Improvement Projects, and the Veterinary Medicine Laboratory and Equine Athletic Performance Laboratory Facilities Focused Tiered EIR.
- Determination:** In accordance with CEQA, a Tiered Initial Study has been prepared by UC Davis that evaluates the environmental effects of the proposed project. On the basis of the project's Tiered Initial Study, the campus found that the proposed project may incrementally contribute to, but not exceed, certain cumulative significant impacts previously identified in the 1994 LRDP EIR, and that for such impacts, no new mitigation measures, other than those previously identified in the 1994 LRDP EIR, are

required or available. As analyzed in the Draft Tiered Initial Study, with implementation of all relevant 1994 LRDP EIR mitigation measures, there is no substantial evidence that the project as mitigated may have a significant effect on the environment. Therefore, preparation of an environmental impact report is not required.

Public Review:

In accordance with Section 15073 of the CEQA Guidelines, the Draft Tiered Initial Study for the project was circulated for public and agency review from October 12 to November 13, 2001. Comments received during the review period and responses to these comments are presented in the final Tiered Initial Study.

ATTEST:

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