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**NOTICE OF PREPARATION
FOCUSED TIERED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

Project Title: UC Davis California National Primate Research Center 2007 Research Laboratory Project

Project Location: University of California, Davis:
Yolo County, west of County Road 98

Counties: Yolo

Project Description

UC Davis proposes to construct five buildings and provide new utility connections to increase the space available for existing and proposed laboratory research and support at the UC Davis California National Primate Research Center (CNPRC). In total, the proposed project would provide approximately 16,000 gsf of new space and would increase the campus population by approximately 20 employees. None of the proposed buildings would provide housing for animals and the proposed project would not increase the number of laboratory research animals at the CNPRC. The proposed use of biohazardous substances in one building would require that the building be constructed and operated as a biosafety level (BSL) 3 facility. Biosafety ratings range from Level 1 to Level 4 and indicate the varying degrees of building containment and laboratory precautions that must be followed while conducting research with particular organisms. The buildings would be located west of County Road 98 and approximately two miles west of the UC Davis main campus within the developed area of the CNPRC north of the existing Primate Center Laboratory building. Utility upgrades to serve the proposed project and future growth at the CNPRC include new telecommunications, natural gas, and domestic water mains.

Environmental Review and Comment

The University of California will be the Lead Agency and will prepare a Focused Tiered Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed project. This EIR will specifically evaluate the

potential impact areas of hazards and hazardous materials.

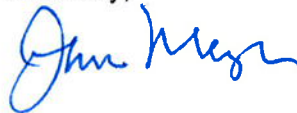
Pursuant to Sections 15152 and 15168 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, the analyses and conclusions in the EIR will be tiered under the programmatic EIR prepared for the 2003 UC Davis Long Range Development Plan (LRDP). Copies of the 2003 LRDP and the project's Tiered Initial Study 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 at 315 E. 14th Street in Davis; at the Vacaville Public Library at 1020 Ulatis Drive in Vacaville; and online at <http://www.ormp.ucdavis.edu/environreview/>.

We appreciate your prompt acknowledgement and review of this Tiered Initial Study. The document's comment period will extend from October 16, 2006 to November 15, 2006. Comments must be received before 5:00 PM on November 15, 2006 and they can 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, UC Davis Director of Environmental Planning, at (530) 752-2432.

Sincerely,



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

c: Notice of Preparation, Notice of Completion and Environmental Document Transmittal Form, and Tiered Initial Study sent to addressees 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: UC Davis CNPRC 2007 Research Laboratory Project

Lead Agency: University of California Contact Person: Sid England
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City: Davis Zip: 95616 County: Solano & Yolo

Project Location:

County: Yolo City/Nearest Community: Davis
Cross Streets: Hutchison Drive and County Road 98 Zip Code: 95616 Total Acres: 3
Assessor's Parcel No. NA Section: 13 Twp. 8N Range: 1E 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: [X] NOP [] Supplement/Subsequent EIR NEPA: [] NOI Other: [] Joint Document
[] Early Cons (Prior SCH No.) [] EA [] Final Document
[] 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 Research Buildings (16,000 sq.ft.) [] Waste Treatment: Type Plant Expansion
[] Recreational _____ [] Hazardous Waste: Type _____
[] Other: _____

Funding (approx.): Federal \$ 5,000,000 State \$ 2,000,000 Total \$ 7,000,000

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:

Academic and Administrative

Project Description:

Research buildings and utility upgrades totalling 16,000 square feet. See attached project description.

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, NOAA Fisheries _____

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

Starting Date October 16, 2006

Ending Date November 15, 2006

Signature 

Date 10/13/06

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

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Date Review Starts _____

Date to Agencies _____

Date to SCH _____

Clearance Date _____

Notes:

**Project Summary—
UC Davis California National Primate Research Center
2007 Research Laboratory Project**

UC Davis proposes to construct five buildings and provide new utility connections to increase the space available for existing and proposed laboratory research and support at the UC Davis California National Primate Research Center (CNPRC). The first building would be approximately 10,000 gross square feet (gsf) and would be constructed to focus on virology and immunology research. The proposed virology and immunology building would encompass 10,000 gsf (6,700 assignable square feet (asf)). The proposed use of biohazardous substances in this building would require that the building be constructed and operated as a biosafety level (BSL) 3 facility. Biosafety ratings range from Level 1 to Level 4 and indicate the varying degrees of building containment and laboratory precautions that must be followed while conducting research with particular organisms. Section 3.5.1 of the Initial Study provides additional details regarding biosafety levels.

The second building would be a modular building of approximately 1,500 gsf and would focus on general biomedical research with activities including National Institutes of Health (NIH) supported studies on stem and progenitor cells. The third building would be a modular building of approximately 1,500 gsf and would provide office support for the stem and progenitor cell research laboratory. The fourth building would be approximately 1,500 gsf and would be utilized for general biomedical research. The fifth building would be approximately 1,500 gsf and provide office support space for the general biomedical research building. The four proposed modular laboratory and office buildings would provide: 1) additional laboratory and office space for existing research programs that currently require increased space, and 2) general biomedical research with activities including NIH supported studies utilizing stem and progenitor cells.

In total, the proposed project would provide approximately 16,000 gsf of new space and would increase the campus population by approximately 20 employees. None of the proposed buildings would provide housing for animals and the proposed project would not increase the number of laboratory research animals at the CNPRC. The buildings would be located west of County Road 98 and approximately two miles west of the UC Davis main campus within the developed area of the CNPRC north of the existing Primate Center Laboratory building. Utility upgrades to serve the proposed project and future growth at the CNPRC include new telecommunications, natural gas, and domestic water mains. These improvements would be installed as part of the proposed project with connections extending west, across County Road 98 to connection points in Hutchison Drive.

Based on the analysis in this Initial Study, it has been determined that the proposed project would not result in any potentially significant impacts that are not sufficiently addressed and mitigated by the 2003 LRDP EIR. Therefore, this Tiered Analysis provides adequate environmental review of the project, and a Negative Declaration could be prepared. However, the proposed project is potentially controversial because it is located at the California National Primate Research Center, which houses laboratory space for non-human primate research. Therefore, a focused Tiered EIR will be prepared for the project. The focused Tiered EIR will evaluate the potential impacts of the project in the area of Hazards and Hazardous Materials, specifically, impacts from increased use and generation of hazardous chemicals and waste and generation of biohazardous materials and waste associated with the proposed project.

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