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

Project Title: UC Davis Veterinary Medicine 3B (State Clearing House No. 2007032123)

Project Location: University of California, Davis; west of Garrod Drive and south of Hutchison Drive

County: Yolo

Project Description

UC Davis proposes to construct and operate the Veterinary Medicine 3B project. The project would consist of an approximately 124,700 gross square foot (gsf) (76,100 assignable square foot (asf)) four-story building encompassing: offices and workspace (28,100 asf); research laboratories (27,000 asf) and laboratory support space (17,500 asf), which includes 495 asf of biosafety level 3 laboratory space; rodent vivarium space (1,500 asf); and centralized research support space (2,000 asf), which could be used as future rodent vivarium expansion space.

The proposed project would not increase the campus population, and would relocate existing members of the campus population from Surge 3 and Haring Hall in the core of campus to the Health Sciences District. The vacated core campus space would be released to address existing demand for general academic space in the core campus, and the existing Surge 3 and Haring Hall buildings would be renovated as necessary; such renovations would be analyzed separately. These renovations are not proposed at this time, thus specific, detailed plans regarding such renovations have not been developed.

The project would be located in the Health Sciences District of the central campus, adjacent to Parking Lot 50 and the Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital, west of Garrod Drive, and south of Hutchison Drive.

The project would be designed to allow for a possible realignment of Garrod Drive approximately 250 feet north of the current alignment, and to allow for a possible bicycle crossing at a realigned Garrod Drive. The realignment and bike crossing are being evaluated as part of the project, but funding for these elements has not been finalized, therefore the realignment and crossing could be implemented

concurrent with the proposed building or be implemented at a later date. The project would install a new segment of steam line in order to complete a steam utility loop in the Health Sciences District, and the project would make chilled water, steam, electrical, natural gas, telecommunications, domestic and utility water, sanitary sewer and storm drain connections.

Construction is anticipated to start in fall 2008 and last approximately two years. The construction timing for the realignment of Garrod Drive is uncertain and depends upon funding.

Environmental Review and Comment

In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the state and University of California guidelines for implementation of CEQA, a Focused Tiered Draft EIR has been prepared that identifies and evaluates potential significant and unavoidable impacts identified in the 2003 Long Range Development Plan (2003 LRDP) Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to which this project contributes: specifically, air quality impacts from daily operational and construction emissions that would exceed Yolo-Solano Air Management District thresholds; cultural resources impacts causing substantial adverse change in the significance of a unique archaeological resource, as defined in CEQA guidelines 15064.5, where the values that contribute to the significance of the resources could not be preserved through documentation and data recovery; and hydrology impacts to the deep and shallow/intermediate aquifers from increased water extraction and increased areas of impervious surfaces. The environmental analysis is tiered from the 2003 LRDP EIR (State Clearinghouse No. 2002102092) in accordance with Sections 15152 and 15168(c) of the CEQA Guidelines (Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Section 15000 et seq.) and Public Resources Code Section 21094. These documents 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 Reserves in Carlson Health Sciences 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 www.ormp.ucdavis.edu/environreview/ .

Pursuant to Section 15161 of the CEQA Guidelines, the Focused Tiered Draft EIR evaluates certain potential environmental impacts of the proposed project. As provided for in the CEQA Guidelines, the environmental analysis for the proposed project incorporates by reference relevant information contained in the 2003 LRDP EIR. Based on the Tiered Initial Study prepared for the proposed project, it has been determined that the project, with mitigation, would not result in any new potentially significant impacts or impacts that were not sufficiently addressed and mitigated to the extent feasible by the 2003 LRDP EIR. The Initial Study identified five potential impacts in three resource areas that the 2003 LRDP EIR identified as significant and unavoidable to which the proposed project may contribute. This Focused Tiered EIR re-evaluates those impacts to determine whether there is any additional project-specific mitigation or alternatives to the proposed project that would eliminate or reduce the project's contribution to those impacts. The analysis in this EIR determined that the project would contribute to these significant and unavoidable impacts. It further determined that there are no feasible project-specific mitigation measures beyond those identified in the 2003 LRDP EIR that would further reduce the significant and unavoidable impacts.

We appreciate your prompt acknowledgement and review of this Draft Environmental Impact Report. The document's comment period will extend from May 7, 2007 to June 21, 2007. Comments must be received before 5:00 PM on June 21, 2007 and they can be e-mailed to environreview@ucdavis.edu or sent to:

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In addition, a public hearing will be held for this project on May 17, 2007 at 7:00 PM in the West Conference Room at the UC Davis Buehler Alumni and Visitors Center.

If you have any questions about the project, please contact Sid England, UC Davis Director of Environmental Planning, at (530) 752-2432.

Sincerely,



John A. Meyer
Vice Chancellor - Resource Management and Planning

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Enclosures: 15 copies of the Draft Environmental Impact Report
1 Notice of Completion and Environmental Document Transmittal Form

c: Notice of Completion, Notice of Completion and Environmental Document Transmittal Form, and Draft Environmental Impact Report sent to addressees on attached list

Form A

Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

SCH # 2007032123

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

Project Title: UC Davis Veterinary Medicine 3B Project

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: Garrod Drive and La Rue Road 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: [] 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.) [] Other Project Approval

Development Type:

[] Residential: Units Acres
[] Office: Sq.ft. Acres Employees
[] Commercial: Sq.ft. Acres Employees
[] Industrial: Sq.ft. Acres Employees
[] Educational Office & laboratory Space
[] Recreational
[] Water Facilities: Type MGD
[] Transportation: Type
[] Mining: Mineral
[] Power: Type Watts
[] Waste Treatment: Type
[] Hazardous Waste: Type
[] Other:

Funding (approx.): Federal \$ -- State \$ 65,500,000 Total \$ 84,568,000

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 and office building totalling approximately 124,700 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
- Conservation
- Fish & Game
- Forestry & Fire Protection
- Office of Historic Preservation
- Parks & Recreation
- Reclamation Board
- S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Commission
- Water Resources (DWR)

Business, Transportation & Housing

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

Food & Agriculture

Health & Welfare

- Health Services _____

State & Consumer Services

- General Services
- OLA (Schools)

Environmental Protection Agency

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

Youth & Adult Corrections

- Corrections

Independent Commissions & Offices

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

- Other Yolo-Solano AQMD, NOAA Fisheries

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

Starting Date May 7, 2007

Ending Date June 21, 2007

Signature *John Meyer*

Date 5/7/07

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

Consulting Firm: _____
 Address: _____
 City/State/Zip: _____
 Contact: _____
 Phone: (____) _____

Applicant:

Address: _____
 City/State/Zip: _____
 Phone: (____) _____

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 Date Review Starts _____
 Date to Agencies _____
 Date to SCH _____
 Clearance Date _____

Notes:

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PUBLIC NOTICE**

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Project Objectives

The proposed project would accomplish four key objectives for the Davis campus: to provide modern laboratory space to support biomedical research programs in the School of Veterinary Medicine (SVM); to consolidate SVM teaching, research, and clinical programs in the Health Sciences District of the Davis campus; to release space in the core of campus to accommodate general campus enrollment growth that has already occurred on the Davis campus; and to complete the facilities plan submitted to the American Veterinary Medical Association.

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Public Review and Comment

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A **PUBLIC HEARING** to receive testimony as part of the formal record on the Draft EIR is scheduled as follows:

Date:	May 17, 2007
Time:	7:00 p.m.
Place:	West Conference Room in the Buehler Alumni and Visitors Center on the UC Davis campus

Written comments received during the public review period, scheduled to end at 5:00 p.m. on June 21, 2007, will be part of the formal public record and may be submitted to:

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