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

Project Title: UC Davis Veterinary Medicine 3B

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

County: Yolo County

Project Description

UC Davis proposes to construct and operate the Veterinary Medicine 3B project, 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 consist of an approximately 124,700 gross square feet (gsf) (76,100 assignable square feet (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 demand for general academic space in the core campus, and could be renovated as necessary; such renovations would be analyzed separately.

The project would be designed in such a manner as to allow for a possible future realignment of Garrod Drive approximately 250 feet north of the current alignment, and to allow for a possible future bike undercrossing at a realigned Garrod Drive. The realignment and bike undercrossing are being considered part of the project, but funding for these elements has not been finalized, therefore the realignment and undercrossing 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

The University of California will be the Lead Agency and will prepare a Focused Tiered Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed project. This Focused EIR will specifically evaluate the potential impact areas of air quality, cultural resources, and hydrology.

Pursuant to Sections 15152 and 15168 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, the analyses and conclusions in the Focused 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 Reserves at Carlson Health Sciences 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 March 23, 2007 to April 23, 2007. Comments must be received before 5:00 PM on April 23, 2007 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: Veterinary Medicine 3B

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

Project Location:

County: Yolo City/Nearest Community: Davis
Cross Streets: Garrod Drive & La Rue Road 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: [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 Office & laboratory space Waste Treatment: Type _____
[] Recreational 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 gross square feet. See attached project description.

Reviewing Agencies Checklist

Form A, continued

KEY

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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

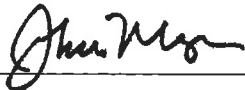
___ Tahoe Regional Planning Agency

__SX__ Other ___ Yolo-Solano AQMD _____

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

Starting Date March 23, 2007

Ending Date April 23, 2007

Signature 

Date 3/22/07

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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