

## **APPENDIX B**

### **WATERSHED SCIENCE RESEARCH PROJECT NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

- Lead Agency:** University of California
- Project Proponent:** University of California, Davis
- Project Location:** Yolo County; UC Davis; northeast intersection of South La Rue Road and California Avenue
- Project Description:** UC Davis proposes to construct and operate a new 19,000 gross square foot building to support teaching and research activities in the watershed sciences and to provide space for future academic needs. The building would be located on Parking Lot 46 south of the to the existing Academic Surge Building on the core campus. The proposed building would include space for offices, laboratories, a conference room, administrative space, and an outdoor storage area for field equipment. The building would be constructed as a two-story building on the east side of Parking Lot 46 adjacent to the Academic Surge Building service area
- 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, the Equine Athletic Performance Laboratory Facilities Focused Tiered EIR, and the Segundo Housing Improvement Projects Tiered Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration; and the Findings and Overriding Considerations adopted by The Regents in connection with the 1994 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, and the Conference Center, Hotel, and Graduate School of Management Building 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 July 16 to August 14, 2002. Comments received during the review period and responses to these comments are presented in the final Tiered Initial Study.

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