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

Project Title: Campus Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion

Project Location: University of California, Davis:

- Solano County, Southeast of the I-80/Old Davis Road Intersection (Wastewater Treatment Plant)
- Yolo County, Southwest of the California Ave./Putah Creek Lodge Dr. Intersection (Central Campus Influent Pump Station)

Counties: Solano and Yolo

Project Description

The University of California, Davis (UC Davis) proposes to expand specific modular components of the campus' wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) to meet campus demands for treatment capacity anticipated through 2013. The current WWTP is designed to treat an average daily flow of 2.5 million gallons per day (mgd), and the expansion would allow for an average treatment of 3.6 mgd. The expansion would also improve treatment reliability and the plant's ability to meet current and anticipated future effluent regulatory requirements. Most construction activities associated with the proposed project would occur within the boundaries of the existing WWTP site, which is located in the south campus, south of the Union Pacific Railroad's right of way, east of Old Davis Road, and approximately ¼ mile north of the South Fork of Putah Creek. In addition, the project would make interior upgrades to increase the capacity of the central campus influent pump station, which is located within a developed area south of La Rue Road and north of the Arboretum Waterway. The project would allow for an increase in the volume of treated effluent discharged to the South Fork of Putah Creek, but it would not establish a new discharge site or degrade the current quality of water discharged.

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

following potential impact areas: increased emissions of criteria pollutants associated with operation of the expanded WWTP; impacts on special status species and their habitats associated with construction activities and increased discharge of treated effluent; water quality impacts on surface water and groundwater resources associated with operation of the expanded WWTP; hydrologic impacts (such as erosion and flooding) associated with increased discharge of treated effluent; and potential exceedences of regulatory requirements associated with discharge of treated effluent.

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/>.

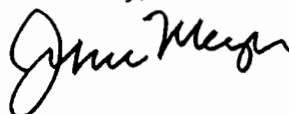
We appreciate your prompt acknowledgement and review of this Tiered Initial Study. The document's comment period will extend from May 28, 2004 to June 28, 2004. Comments must be received before 5:00 PM on June 28, 2004 and they can be e-mailed to environreview@ucdavis.edu or sent to:

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Davis, CA 95616

In addition, an open house-style scoping meeting will be held for this project on June 17, 2004 from 6 to 8 PM at the UC Davis University Club's main conference room (a map and parking information are available online at <http://www.ormp.ucdavis.edu/environreview/wwtp.html>).

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
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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: Campus Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion

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: Solano & Yolo

Project Location:

County: Solano & Yolo City/Nearest Community: Davis
Cross Streets: I-80/Old Davis Rd; California Ave/Putah Creek Lodge Dr Zip Code: 95616 Total Acres: 1
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 _____
[] Educational _____ [X] Waste Treatment: Type Plant Expansion
[] Recreational _____ [] Hazardous Waste: Type _____
[] Other: _____

Funding (approx.): Federal \$ 0 State \$ 3,543,000 Total \$ 6,623,000

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:

Support

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The project involves expansion of specific modular components of the campus' wastewater treatment plant to meet campus demands for treatment capacity anticipated through 2013. The current WWTP is designed to treat an average daily flow of 2.5 million gallons per day (mgd), and the expansion would allow for an average treatment of 3.6 mgd. The expansion would also improve treatment reliability and the plant's ability to meet current and anticipated future effluent regulatory requirements.

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 May 28, 2004

Ending Date June 28, 2004

Signature 

Date 5/25/04

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

Consulting Firm: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Contact: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

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Date Received at SCH _____

Date Review Starts _____

Date to Agencies _____

Date to SCH _____

Clearance Date _____

Notes:

Applicant:

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