NOTICE OF INTENT
TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Project Title: UC Davis Physical Sciences Expansion and Service Unit Park

Project Location: University of California, Davis; east of California Ave on Central Campus and west of Hopkins Road on West Campus

County: Yolo County

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code Section 2100 et seq.), the CEQA Guidelines (Title 14 Code of Regulations Section 1500 et seq.), and the University of California Procedures for the Implementation of CEQA, a Draft Tiered Initial Study for the above-named project was prepared (please see enclosure). The document identifies and evaluates the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project. The campus proposes to prepare a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project.

Project Description

UC Davis is proposing the Physical Sciences Expansion and Service Unit Park (the project) that includes the construction and operation of two new campus facilities. The proposed project would relocate existing operations and maintenance facilities from a location in the Central Campus to a new Service Unit Park in the West Campus. The new operations and maintenance facilities are needed to provide modernized space and increased area at a single consolidated location. The existing buildings at the Central Campus location would then be demolished to provide a site for the Physical Sciences Expansion project. The Physical Sciences Expansion project would be a new academic building that would house the Department of Geology and teaching laboratory space for the Departments of Chemistry and Physics.

Elements of the Service Unit Park proposal include the construction and operation of a consolidated facility on the West Campus at UC Davis that would house service functions related to the operations and maintenance of UC Davis infrastructure such as plumbing, mechanical, and electrical operations. These uses are similar in function to a municipal corporation yard. In addition, the proposed Service Unit Park would provide facilities for specialized University services such as the campus reprographics unit, architects and engineers office, building alarm staff, shipping and receiving, mail services, and other similar services that support the administration and operation of the UC Davis campus.
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The proposed 24-acre Service Unit Park would be located west of the University Airport along the west side of Hopkins Road. The Service Unit Park project would be constructed gradually as needed to meet campus growth and to consolidate operations for approximately 750 service employees and approximately 326,200 gross square feet of building area. The first phase of the Service Unit Park would be constructed beginning as early as 2005, and upon completion, the first phase would be located on approximately 16 acres of developed area, would provide approximately 59,800 gross square feet of building area, and would be utilized by approximately 175 employees on a daily basis. After the first phase, the remaining components of the Service Unit Park could be constructed within the next 10 to 15 years but a schedule for this future construction has not been identified. The Initial Study identifies the potential environmental effects of constructing the entire 24-acre Service Unit Park.

The proposed Physical Sciences Expansion project includes the construction and operation of a new academic building that would provide approximately 52,000 assignable square feet (89,000 gross square feet). The Physical Sciences Expansion building would be located in an area north of the University Arboretum, east of California Avenue, south of the existing Physics/Geology building, and west of King Hall, the site of the UC Davis School of Law.

The Physical Sciences Expansion project would provide new instruction and research space to meet critical campus needs resulting from increased enrollment and faculty research. It would provide teaching laboratories, academic offices, and research laboratories, laboratory support facilities and departmental administrative office space to support expansion of the physical sciences. The Physical Sciences Expansion project would allow reorganization of released space in four buildings to meet critical research and academic support space needs for the physical sciences, responding to a projected enrollment increase of 13 percent between 2001-02 and 2010-11. Existing class laboratory space would be converted to research space or demolished. Existing Geology departmental space would be converted to Physics departmental, instructional and research space providing essential facilities for existing and new initiatives in Physics.

Environmental Review and Comment

Based on the analysis presented in the Draft Tiered Initial Study, the campus proposes to adopt a Negative Declaration for the proposed project. Copies of the Draft Tiered Initial Study and proposed Negative Declaration are available 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, 315 E. 14th Street, Davis; at the Vacaville Public Library, 1020 Ulatis Drive, Vacaville; and online at http://www.ormp.ucdavis.edu/environreview/.

We appreciate your prompt acknowledgement and review of this Draft Tiered Initial Study and proposed Negative Declaration. Due to the time limits mandated by state law, the document's 30-day review period will extend from January 14, 2005 through February 14, 2005. Comments must be received before 5:00 p.m. on February 14, 2005. They may be e-mailed to environreview@ucdavis.edu or sent to:
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John A. Meyer
Vice Chancellor - Resource Management and Planning
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If you have any questions about the project, please contact Sid England, Director of Environmental Planning, at (530) 752-2432 or Rick Keller, Assistant Vice Chancellor – Capital Resource Management, at (530) 752-2433.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
John A. Meyer
Vice Chancellor – Resource Management and Planning

Enclosures: 15 copies of the Draft Tiered Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration
1 Notice of Completion and Environmental Document Transmittal Form

c: Notice of Intent, Notice of Completion and Environmental Document Transmittal Form, and Draft Tiered Initial Study sent to addresses on attached list
Form A
Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

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

Project Title: Physical Sciences Expansion and Service Unit Park

Lead Agency: University of California
Street Address: Office of Resource Management and Planning, UC Davis
City: Davis Zip: 95616
Contact Person: Sid England Phone: (530) 752-2432
County: Yolo

Project Location:
County: Yolo City/Nearest Community: Davis
Cross Streets: La Rue Rd, at California Ave, and Hopkins Rd at Airport
Assessor’s Parcel No.: NA Section: 16 and 18
Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: SR 113 and I-80
Waterways: Putah Creek
Railways: Union Pacific
Airports: University Airport
Schools: Davis Joint Unified

Document Type:
CEQA: ☑ NOP ☐ Supplement/Subsequent EIR NEPA: ☑ NOI ☑ Joint Document ☐ Other
☐ Early Cons (Prior SCH No.) ☐ Draft EIR ☑ Final Document
☐ Neg Dec ☐ Other ☐ Spooner Siding
☐ 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 ☐ 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 ☐ Waste Treatment: Type
☐ Recreational ☐ Hazardous Waste: Type
☒ Other: Institutional Research, Teaching, and Support

Funding (approx.): Federal $ -- State $ 50,000,000 Total $ 60,000,000

Project Issues Discussed in Document:
☒ Aesthetic/Visual ☒ Flood Plain/Flooding ☒ Schools/Universities ☒ Water Quality
☒ Agricultural Land ☒ Forest Land/Fire Hazard ☒ Septic Systems ☒ Water Supply/groundwater
☒ Air Quality ☒ Geologic/Seismic ☒ Sewer Capacity ☒ Wetland/Riparian
☒ Archeological/Historical ☒ Minerals ☒ Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading ☒ Wildlife
☒ Coastal Zone ☒ Noise ☒ Solid Waste ☒ Growth Inducing
☒ Drainage/Absorption ☒ Population/Housing Balance ☒ Toxic/Hazardous ☒ Landuse
☒ Economic/Jobs ☒ Public Services/Facilities ☒ Traffic/Circulation ☒ Cumulative Effects
☒ Fiscal ☒ Recreation/Parks ☒ Vegetation ☒ Other

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:
Physical Sciences Expansion Site designated Academic and Administrative; Service Unit Park designated Research Park

Project Description:
Two new campus facilities at multiple sites to provide increased academic space and increased space for campus service and maintenance operations. See additional project description details on the attached public notice.

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Reviewing Agencies Checklist

Resources Agency
- Boating & Waterways
- Coastal Commission
- Coastal Conservancy
- Colorado River Board
- SX_Conservation
- SX_Fish & Game
- SX_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: January 14, 2005
Ending Date: February 14, 2005
Signature: [Signature]
Date: January 13, 2004

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):
Consulting Firm:
Address:
City/State/Zip:
Contact:
Phone: (______)

Applicant:
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City/State/Zip:
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Date Received at SCH
Date Review Starts
Date to Agencies
Date to SCH
Clearance Date
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION UC DAVIS PHYSICAL SCIENCES EXPANSION AND SERVICE UNIT PARK

Project Title: UC Davis Physical Sciences Expansion and Service Unit Park
Project Location: University of California, Davis
Lead Agency: University of California
County: Yolo

Proposed Project
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The Physical Sciences Expansion would house the entire Department of Geology, plus class laboratory space for the Departments of Chemistry and Physics. The project would provide new instruction and research space to meet critical campus needs resulting from increased enrollment and faculty research. It would provide teaching laboratories, academic offices, and research laboratories, laboratory support facilities and departmental administrative office space to support expansion of the physical sciences. The Physical Sciences Expansion project would allow reorganization of released space in four buildings to meet critical research and academic support space needs for the physical sciences, responding to a projected enrollment increase of 13 percent between 2001-02 and 2010-11. Existing class laboratory space would be converted to research space or demolished. Existing Geology departmental space would be converted to Physics departmental, instructional and research space providing essential facilities for existing and new initiatives in Physics.

**Project Objectives**
The proposed project is a component of growth consistent with the 2003 Long Range Development Plan (LRDP). The primary objective of the 2003 LRDP is to plan for anticipated growth in student enrollment, faculty and staff employment, and UC-affiliated activities on the campus. In addition, the 2003 LRDP aims to:

- create a physical framework to support the teaching, research, and public service mission of the campus;
- manage campus lands and resources in a spirit of stewardship for the future; and
- provide an environment that enriches campus life and serves the greater community.

The following are essential goals and objectives of the proposed Physical Sciences Expansion facility:

- Bring together within the Physical Sciences Expansion facility the Geology Department, and Physics and Chemistry Department program activities dispersed over multiple campus locations;
- Improvement of the ability to recruit top quality faculty and students by providing top quality facilities;
- Provision of space to accommodate departmental growth;
- Provision of flexible teaching and research facilities that anticipate changing future needs;
• Enhancement of the identity of the Geology Department on campus;
• Creation of more opportunities for interaction within the faculty research community;
• Reconciliation of program and building costs with project budget; and

Construction of the Service Unit Park on Hopkins Road would achieve the following goals:

• Places the facility in an area outside the core campus;
• Allows sufficient space and consolidates over 50 campus service units to increase efficiency and cost-effectiveness in their operations;
• Creates space in the central core for academic buildings;
• Creates the opportunity for the people employed by the service units to work in better, safer conditions;
• Fosters a spirit of communication, cooperation and community within the facility through the building architecture and arrangement of functions;
• Releases core campus sites for new academic projects;
• Creates an architecture appropriate to the facility’s function and rural location;
• Creates a built environment that is flexible, adaptable over time, can be built in phases, and is readily expandable in the future;
• Provides the appropriate site infrastructure to support the Service Unit Park in coordination with adjacent planned facilities;
• Provides safe and convenient access to the site via bicycles, automobiles, service vehicles and delivery vehicles of every size;

Environmental Review
The Draft Tiered Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Physical Sciences Expansion and Service Unit Park were prepared in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and state and University of California guidelines for implementing CEQA. The environmental analysis is tiered from the 2003 Long Range Development Plan (2003 LRDP) Environmental Impact Report (EIR) (State Clearinghouse No. 2002102092). The 2003 LRDP and EIR 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, 315 E. 14th Street, Davis; at the Vacaville Public Library, 1020 Ulatis Drive, Vacaville; and online at http://www.ormp.ucdavis.edu/environreview/.

The 2003 LRDP EIR is a Program EIR, prepared pursuant to Section 15168 of the CEQA Guidelines (Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Sections 15000 et seq.) and Section 21080.09 of the Public Resources Code. The 2003 LRDP EIR analyzed full
implementation of uses and physical development proposed under the 2003 LRDP through
the year 2015-16 to accommodate a projected total enrollment level of 31,500 students
and identified measures to mitigate the significant adverse project and cumulative impacts
associated with that growth. The proposed project is within the scope of the campus
development that was anticipated in the 2003 LRDP and evaluated in the 2003 LRDP EIR.

The Draft Tiered Initial Study for the Physical Sciences Expansion and Service Unit Park
project is tiered from the 2003 LRDP EIR in accordance with Sections 15152 and
15168(d) of the CEQA Guidelines and Public Resource Code Section 21094. Based on
the analysis presented in the Draft Tiered Initial Study, a project-specific mitigation
measure is included to lessen the potential effect of Service Unit Park traffic on the campus
roadway intersection at Hutchison Drive and La Rue Road.

Public Review and Comment
Based on the analysis in the Draft Tiered Initial Study, the campus has determined that a
Mitigated Negative Declaration will be prepared for this project. The public and agency
review period for the Draft Tiered Initial Study will be from January 14, 2005 to February
14, 2005. Copies of the Draft Tiered Initial Study are available during normal operating
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The proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration, along with any comments received by the
above-listed deadline, will be considered by the University in conjunction with
consideration of the project for approval. The Mitigated Negative Declaration will
become Final if adopted by the University.