NOTICE OF INTENT
TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Project Title: Quail Ridge Reserve Road Connector

Project Location: Quail Ridge Reserve south of Lake Berryessa and north of Highway 128. Township 8 North, Range 3 West, Section 36. Mt Diablo Base.

County: Napa

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 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 university proposes to prepare a Negative Declaration for the project.

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Comments on this document must be received by 5:00 p.m. on May 11, 2007. They can be e-mailed to environreview@ucdavis.edu or sent to:

John A. Meyer  
Vice Chancellor - Resource Management and Planning  
University of California  
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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,

[Signature]

John A. Meyer  
Vice Chancellor  
Office of Resource Management and Planning

Enclosures:  
15 copies of the Draft Initial Study and Proposed 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 Initial Study sent to addresses on the attached list
### Project Title: Quail Ridge Reserve Road Connector

#### Lead Agency: University of California  
Street Address: Office of Resource Management and Planning, UC Davis  
City: Davis  
County: Yolo

#### Project Location:
- **Cross Streets:** Highway 128 near Wragg Canyon Road  
- **Assessor’s Parcel No.:** NA  
- **Within 2 Miles:** State Hwy #: Highway 128  
- **Airports:**  
- **Railways:**  
- **Document Type:**  
- **CEQA:**  
  - [ ] NOP  
  - [ ] Supplement/Subsequent EIR  
  - [X] Neg Dec  
  - [ ] Draft EIR  
- **NEPA:**  
  - [ ] NOI  
  - [ ] EA  
  - [ ] Draft EIS  
  - [ ] FONSI
- **Local Action Type:**  
  - [ ] General Plan Update  
  - [ ] General Plan Amendment  
  - [ ] General Plan Element  
  - [ ] Community Plan  
  - [ ] Specific Plan  
  - [ ] Master Plan  
  - [ ] Planned Unit Development  
  - [ ] Site Plan  
  - [ ] Rezone  
  - [ ] Prezone  
  - [ ] Use Permit  
  - [ ] Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)  
  - [X] Coastal Permit  
  - [ ] Annexation  
  - [ ] Redevelopment  
  - [ ] Other: Project Approval
- **Development Type:**  
  - [ ] Residential: Units Acres Employees  
  - [ ] Office: Sq.ft. Acres Employees  
  - [ ] Commercial: Sq.ft. Acres Employees  
  - [ ] Industrial: Sq.ft. Acres Employees  
  - [ ] Educational  
  - [ ] Recreational  
  - [ ] Water Facilities: Type MGD  
  - [X] Transportation: Type 1,500 foot connector road  
  - [ ] Mining: Mineral  
  - [ ] Power: Type Watts  
  - [ ] Waste Treatment: Type  
  - [ ] Hazardous Waste: Type  
  - [ ] Other:

#### Funding (approx.)
- **Federal:** $---  
- **State:** $---  
- **Total:** $15,000

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

#### Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:
Natural Resource Teaching and Research

#### Project Description:
See attached public notice.

Revised: 3-31-99
Reviewing Agencies Checklist

--- 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 # 4
--- Department of Transportation Planning (headquarters)
--- Housing & Community Development

Food & Agriculture

Health & Welfare
--- Health Services

State & Consumer Services
--- General Services
--- OLA (Schools)

--- Environmental Protection Agency
--- SX_Air Resources Board
--- California Waste Management Board
--- SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
--- SWRCB: Delta Unit
--- SWRCB: Water Quality
--- SWRCB: Water Rights
--- SX_Regional WQCB #______ (Bay Area______)

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
--- SX_Other Bay Area AQMD__________

Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)
Starting Date: April 11, 2007
Ending Date: May 11, 2007
Signature: [Signature]
Date: 4/10/07

--- Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):
Consulting Firm: ____________________________
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City/State/Zip: ______________________________
Contact: ________________________________
Phone: (_____) ___________________________

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The Honorable Lois Wolk  
California State Assembly  
State Capital  
Sacramento, CA 95814
Dear [Recipient's Name],

I am writing to request your assistance with the following matters:

1. Michael J. Bocchicchio, Asst. Vice President – Facilities Administration, University of California, Office of the President, 1111 Franklin Street, 6th Floor #6201, Oakland, CA 94607-5200
2. James E. Holst, Office of the General Counsel of The Regents, University of California, 300 Lakeside Drive, 7th Floor, Oakland, CA 94612-3550
3. Phil Zeniner, State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Quality, P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95801
4. State of California, Native American Heritage Commission, 915 Capitol Mall, Room 364, Sacramento, CA 95814
5. Department of Toxic Substances Control, 1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814-2828
6. Craig Stowers, Department of Fish and Game, 7400 Hendon Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758
7. Rosanne Taylor, Department of Conservation, 801 K Street, MS-24-02, Sacramento, CA 95814
8. Bijan Sartipi, Caltrans District 4, PO Box 23660, Oakland, CA 94623-0660
9. State of California, Office of Planning and Research, 1400 Tenth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 (15 copies)
10. Napa County Clerk, Carithers Building, 900 Coombs Street, Room 116, Napa, CA 94559
11. Hans Kreutzberg, Office of Historic Preservation, P.O. Box 942896, Sacramento, CA 94296-0001
12. Sue O'Leary, Permitting and Inspection Branch, MS #15, California Integrated Waste Management Board, 1001 I Street, PO Box 4025, Sacramento, California 95812-4025

I appreciate your prompt attention to these matters. Please let me know if you require any further information.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]
PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR THE UC DAVIS QUAIL RIDGE RESERVE ROAD CONNECTOR

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Project Objectives
The proposed project would provide access to an area that is currently inaccessible by vehicle. Objectives of the project include:

- The opportunity to patrol portions of the reserve to prevent illegal hunting and access.
- Maintenance and improvement of the existing easement road that is currently inaccessible to the University and emergency egress for people at the Quail Ridge Reserve.
- Access for teaching and research use to the northwest portion of the Quail Ridge Reserve.

Environmental Review
The Draft Initial Study for the proposed UC Davis Quail Ridge Road Extension was prepared in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), state and University of California guidelines for implementation of CEQA. Based on the analysis presented in the Draft Initial Study, it has been determined that there is no substantial evidence that the project may
have a significant effect on the environment. Based on the analysis in the Initial Study, the campus has determined that a Negative Declaration will be prepared for this project.

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