NOTICE OF INTENT
TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Project Title: Sciences Laboratory and Lecture Hall Facilities

Project Location: University of California, Davis; between Haring Hall and Briggs Hall, north of Hutchison Drive and East of La Rue Road

County: Yolo

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

The University of California, Davis proposes to construct and operate a new Sciences Laboratory Building and Lecture Hall on campus. The project site for the proposed Sciences Laboratory and Lecture Hall facilities is located in the central campus (the central campus is bounded approximately by Russell Boulevard to the north, SR 113 to the west, I-80 and the Union Pacific Railroad tracks to the south, and 1st or A Street to the east), on the north side of Hutchison Drive and east of Kleiber Hall Drive between Haring Hall and Briggs Hall.

The proposed project would include the demolition of three existing buildings on the project site. The new facilities would include a three-story, approximately 142,135 gross square foot Sciences Laboratory Building and a one-story, approximately 12,250 gross square foot Lecture Hall. The project would also include the reassignment of uses currently occupying six existing buildings on campus.

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Environmental Review and Comment

Based on the analysis presented in the Tiered Initial Study, the campus proposes to prepare a mitigated negative declaration for the proposed project. Copies of the Draft Tiered Initial Study 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 mitigated negative declaration. Due to the time limits mandated by state law, the document's 30-day review period will extend from March 6, 2001 to April 5, 2001. Please submit your comments prior to 5:00 p.m. on April 5, 2001 to:

John A. Meyer  
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University of California  
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If you have any questions about the project, please contact Sid England, UC Davis Environmental Planner, at (530) 752-2432.

Sincerely,

John A. Meyer  
Vice Chancellor – Resource Management and Planning

Enclosures: 15 copies of the Draft Tiered Initial Study Mitigated 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 and Mitigated Negative Declaration sent to addresses on attached list
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Notice of Completion and Environmental Document Transmittal Form

1. Project Title Science Lab Bldg. and Lecture Hall Facilities
2. Lead Agency University of California
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3b. City Davis
3c. County Yolo
3d. Zip 95616
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Project Location University of Californias, Davis; between Briggs Hall & Haring Hall, N of Hutchison Drive & East of LaRu Rd
4. County Yolo
4a. City/Community Davis
4b. Assessor's Parcel No. N/A
4c. Section 16
4d. Street Hutchinson & Klieber Hall Dr.
4e. Twp. 3N
4f. For Rural, Nearest Community
5. Cross Streets
5a. Range 2E
5b. Airports University Airport
5c. Within 2 miles: a. State Hwy #; 1136 1-60
6. Railways b. Waterways Union Pacific

6. Document Type
   CEQA 01. □ NOP [05 □ Supplement/Subsequent EIR (Prior SCH No: )]
   02. □ Early Cons
   03. □ Neg Dec
   04. □ Draft EIR
   05. □ NOE
   06. □ NOC
   07. □ NO
   08. □ NOD
   NEPA 09. □ NOI
   OTHER 13. □ Joint Document
   10. □ DPLDM
   11. □ Draft EIS
   12. □ EA
   14. □ Final Document
   15. □ Other

8. Local Action Type
   01. □ General Plan Update
   02. □ New Element
   03. □ General Plan Amendment
   04. □ Master Plan
   05. □ Annexation
   06. □ Specific Plan
   07. □ Community Plan
   08. □ Redevelopment
   09. □ Rezone
   10. □ Land Division (Subdivision, Parcel Map, Tract Map, etc.)
   11. □ Use Permit
   12. □ Waste Mgmt Plan
   13. □ Cancel Ag Preserve
   14. □ Other Project Approval

9. Development Type
   01. □ Residential: Units ______ Acres ______
   02. □ Office: Sq.Ft. ______ Acres ______ Employees ______
   03. □ Shopping/Commercial: Sq.Ft. ______ Acres ______ Employees ______
   04. □ Industrial: Sq.Ft. ______ Acres ______ Employees ______
   05. □ Water Facilities: MGD ______
   06. □ Transportation: Type ______
   07. □ Mining: Mineral ______ Type ______ Watts ______
   08. □ Power: Type ______
   09. □ Waste Treatment: Type ______
   10. □ OCS Related: Laboratory and Lecture Hall Facilities
   11. □ Other: ______

10. Total Acres 1.5
    11. Total Jobs Created 130

12. Project Issues Discussed in Document
   01. □ Aesthetic/Visual
   02. □ Agricultural Land
   03. □ Air Quality
   04. □ Archaeological/Historical
   05. □ Coastal Zone
   06. □ Economic
   07. □ Fire Hazard
   08. □ Flooding/Drainage
   09. □ Geologic/Seismic
   10. □ Jobs/Housing Balance
   11. □ Minerals
   12. □ Noise
   13. □ Public Services
   14. □ Schools
   15. □ Septic Systems
   16. □ Sewer Capacity
   17. □ Social
   18. □ Soil Erosion
   19. □ Solid Waste
   20. □ Toxic/Hazardous
   21. □ Traffic/Circulation
   22. □ Vegetation
   23. □ Water Quality
   24. □ Water Supply
   25. □ Wetland/Riparian
   26. □ Wildlife
   27. □ Growth Inducing
   28. □ Incompatible Land Use
   29. □ Cumulative Effects
   30. □ Other ______

13. Funding (approx.) Federal $ 0 State $ 98,510,000 Total $ 98,510,000

14. Present Land Use and Zoning High Density Academic and Administrative

15. Project Description SEE ATTACHED PUBLIC NOTICE

16. Signature of Lead Agency Representative

Date 3/5/01

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Date to SCH
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Proposed Project

UC Davis proposes to construct and operate a new Sciences Laboratory Building and Lecture Hall on campus. The campus prepared a Draft Tiered Initial Study analyzing the potential environmental effects of the proposed project with respect to the 1994 Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to determine what level of environmental review, if any, is appropriate. The purpose of this notice is to provide the public with an opportunity to review and comment on the Draft Tiered Initial Study.

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Project Objectives

The proposed project is generally intended to support the instruction and research missions of the University of California by providing essential facilities for undergraduate and graduate education. Specifically, the campus has identified the following objectives for the proposed project:

• provide replacement space for the Division of Biological Sciences laboratory teaching programs currently located in outdated and inadequate teaching laboratories in Briggs, Robbins, Hutchison, and Storer Halls;

• allow for the reorganization of released space to meet critical research and academic support space needs for the biological and physical sciences and other disciplines;

• provide sufficient space in an integrated facility to teach the laboratory courses for Division of Biological Sciences for the year 2005;
• design the initial layouts of the laboratory space to incorporate the unique aspects of the biological sciences and develop flexible space which will be able to response to new teaching delivery methods (e.g., inquiry based teaching), take into account technological changes, and allow for anticipated growth in new areas of discovery in biology;

• provide laboratories and support spaces for Introductory Chemistry (College of Letters and Science), and identify specific courses from the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences and other academic units which could share teaching laboratories designed for biology;

• provide a 500-seat lecture hall for general campus use;

• develop a building to achieve good value to maximize the return for the funds invested; and

• select the most suitable site based on consideration of campus land-use planning issues, program adjacencies, site clearance issues, and the availability of utility service.

Environmental Review

The Draft Tiered Initial Study for the Sciences Laboratory Building and Lecture Hall was prepared in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the state and University of California guidelines for implementation of CEQA. The environmental analysis is tiered from the 1994 LRDP EIR (State Clearinghouse No. 94022005), as updated and revised by a number of subsequent documents. Specifically, the 1994 LRDP EIR was updated and revised by the 1997 Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Replacement Project EIR (State Clearinghouse Nos. 95123027 and 96072024), the 1997-98 Major Capital Improvement Projects Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) (State Clearinghouse No. 97122016), the Center for the Arts Performance Hall and South Entry Roadway and Parking Improvements Tiered Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (State Clearinghouse No. 98092016), the USDA Western Human Nutrition Research Center Tiered Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (State Clearinghouse No. 99092060), the Veterinary Medicine Laboratory and Equine Athletic Performance Laboratory Facilities Focused Tiered EIR (State Clearinghouse No. 2000022057), and the Genome and Biomedical Sciences Facility Focused Tiered EIR (State Clearinghouse No. 2000042028). These documents 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/ (technical appendices are not available online). A document summarizing amendments to the 1994 LRDP and revisions to the 1994 LRDP EIR also is available online and is included as an appendix to the Sciences Laboratory Building and Lecture Hall Draft Tiered Initial Study.

The 1994 LRDP EIR, as updated and revised, is a Program EIR, prepared pursuant to Section 15168 of the CEQA Guidelines (Title 14, California Code of Regulations,
Sections 15000 et seq.). The 1994 LRDP EIR analyzed full implementation of uses and physical development proposed under the 1994 LRDP through the year 2005-06 and identified measures to mitigate the significant adverse project and cumulative impacts associated with that growth.

The Draft Tiered Initial Study for the Sciences Laboratory Building and Lecture Hall is tiered from the 1994 LRDP EIR in accordance with Sections 15152 and 15168(c) of the CEQA Guidelines and Public Resource Code Section 21094. Based on the analysis presented in the Draft Tiered Initial Study, it has been determined that the project may incrementally contribute to, but not exceed, certain cumulative significant impacts previously identified in the 1994 LRDP EIR. However, most of these impacts would be reduced to a level that is clearly less than significant through implementation of mitigation measures identified in the 1994 LRDP EIR.

The proposed project may incrementally contribute to, but not exceed, certain significant and unavoidable cumulative impacts previously identified in the 1994 LRDP EIR. These impacts are related to: traffic impacts, noise levels, criteria and toxic air emissions, exposure to existing hazardous materials during construction, biohazardous materials use, water quality, groundwater recharge, demand from the deep aquifer, seismic groundshaking, loss of cultural resources, demand for fire and police services, and increased need for schools. The analysis concluded that for these significant and unavoidable impacts, no new mitigation measures, other than those previously identified in the 1994 LRDP EIR are required. These significant and unavoidable impacts have been addressed in the Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations adopted by The Regents in connection with their approval of the 1994 LRDP EIR, as amended. Mitigation measures to reduce many of these significant and unavoidable cumulative impacts to a less-than-significant level are not within the jurisdiction of the University of California to enforce and monitor.

In addition, the analysis identified that the proposed project may result in potentially significant impacts that are not sufficiently addressed and mitigated by the 1994 LRDP EIR, as revised. These potential project-specific impacts include increased demand for parking and loss of a bat roost site in Haring Barn. Proposed project-specific mitigation measures would reduce the effect of such impacts to a point that clearly no significant impacts would occur.

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 Sciences Laboratory Building and Lecture Hall Draft Tiered Initial Study will be from March 6, 2001 to April 5, 2001. Copies of the Draft Tiered Initial Study 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/.

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