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March 6, 2001

State of California
Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
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**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.

The proposed Sciences Laboratory Building would provide modern facilities to meet the current and planned instructional program needs in the biological and physical sciences. The building

would allow uses currently occupying several outdated and inadequate spaces in the central campus to be relocated to the new building, thereby consolidating teaching facilities and allowing for future flexibility and expansion of classes consistent with projected enrollments. Once uses are moved to the new building, released class laboratory space would be converted primarily to office and laboratory research space and other academic support functions to meet critical research and support space needs. The Lecture Hall would be designed to serve a variety of academic disciplines and types of instruction.

Environmental Review and Comment

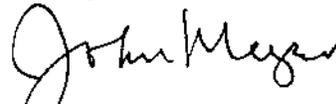
Based on the analysis presented in the Tiered Initial Study, the campus proposes to prepare a mitigated negative declaration for the proposed project. Copies of the Draft Tiered Initial Study are available during normal operating hours at the UC Davis Office of Resource Management and Planning in 376 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/enviroreview/>.

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
Office of Resource Management and Planning, 376 Mrak Hall
University of California
One Shields Avenue
Davis, CA 95616

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
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- 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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See NOTE below

SCH # _____

Notice of Completion and Environmental Document Transmittal Form

1. Project Title Science Lab Bldg. and Lecture Hall Facilities
2. Lead Agency University of California
3a. Street Address Office of Resource Management & Planning
3c. County Yolo 3d. Zip 95616
3. Contact Person Sid England
3. Contact Person
3b. City Davis
3e. Phone 530 - 752-2432

Project Location University of California, Davis; between Briggs Hall & Haring Hall, N of Hutchison Drive & East of LaRue Rd.
4. County Yolo
4a. City/Community Davis
4b. Assessor's Parcel No. N/A
4c. Section 16 Twp. 8N Range 2E
5a. Cross Streets Hutchison & Klieber Hall Dr.
5b. For Rural, Nearest Community
6. Within 2 miles: a. State Hwy # 113 & I-80 b. Airports University Airport
c. Railways Union Pacific d. Waterways Putah Creek

6. Document Type

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

8. Local Action Type

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

9. Development Type

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

10. Total Acres 1.5 11. Total Jobs Created 130

12. Project Issues Discussed in Document

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

13. Funding (approx.) Federal \$ 0 State \$ \$48,510,000 Total \$

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

15. Project Description SEE ATTACHED PUBLIC NOTICE

16. Signature of Lead Agency Representative John Meyer Date 3/5/01

NOTE: Clearinghouse will assign identification numbers for all new projects. If a SCH number already exists for a project (e.g. from a Notice of Preparation or previous draft document) please fill it in.

Reviewing Agencies

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish and Game | <input type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Colorado River Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Statewide Health Planning |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> S.F. Bay Conservation and Development Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> General Services |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Rights | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Yolo-Solano AQMD</u> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Quality | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

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Date Received at SCH _____ Catalog Number _____
 Date Review Starts _____ Applicant _____
 Date to Agencies _____ Consultant _____
 Date to SCH _____ Contact _____ Phone _____
 Clearance Date _____ Address _____

Notes:

PUBLIC NOTICE
SCIENCES LABORATORY BUILDING AND LECTURE HALL, AT UC DAVIS

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.

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), between Haring Hall and Briggs Hall. The proposed project would include the construction of 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.

The proposed Sciences Laboratory Building would provide modern facilities to meet the current and planned instructional program needs in the biological and physical sciences. The building would allow uses currently occupying several outdated and inadequate spaces in the central campus to be relocated to the new building, thereby consolidating teaching facilities and allowing for future flexibility and expansion of classes consistent with projected enrollments. Once uses are moved to the new building, released class laboratory space would be converted primarily to office and laboratory research space and other academic support functions to meet critical research and support space needs. The Lecture Hall would be designed to serve a variety of academic disciplines and types of instruction.

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 respond 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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