APPENDIX B

SEGUNDO HOUSING IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS
PROPOSED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Lead Agency: University of California

Project Proponent: University of California, Davis

Project Location: Yolo County; UC Davis; southeast of the intersection of Russell Boulevard and La Rue Road

Project Description: UC Davis proposes to construct and operate a new dining commons building and three new infill housing dormitory buildings for up to 400 freshmen students. The proposed projects are located on the UC Davis campus in the Segundo student residential area south and east of the Russell Boulevard and La Rue Road intersection. The dining commons building would be approximately 45,000 gross square feet in size and would be located on the recreation field area east of La Rue road, north of Parking Lot 25, and south of the existing Segundo dormitories. The proposed dormitory buildings would be located on Parking Lot 23 at the southeast intersection of Russell Boulevard and La Rue Road. The dormitory buildings would total 115,000 gross square feet and would be designed for up to 400 students.

Mitigation Measure: As identified in the Draft Tiered Initial Study for the project, the project incorporates the following project-specific mitigation measure, in addition to relevant mitigation measures from the 1994 Long Range Development Plan Environmental Impact Report.

1. The Regents shall amend the 1994 LRDP land use map to change the proposed dining commons area from land designated for PE/ICA/Recreation to land designated for Housing.

2. In addition to the noise mitigation provided by 1994 LRDP EIR Mitigation Measure 4.4-1, the campus shall include the following additional noise reduction features in the dining commons and infill housing construction contracts:

   (a) During the school year (fall through spring quarters), heavy equipment shall be restricted to the hours of 8:00 A.M and 5:00 PM during weekdays and weekends.

   (b) To the extent feasible, noise generating activities that would cause disturbance to building occupants shall be scheduled during summer, Thanksgiving, winter, and spring breaks when fewer people would be disturbed by construction noise;
Incorporation by Reference: This Mitigated Negative Declaration incorporates by reference in their entirety the texts of the Tiered Initial Study prepared for the project; the 1994 LRDP; the 1994 LRDP EIR; the WWTP Replacement Project EIR; the 1997-98 Major Capital Improvement Projects SEIR; the Center for the Arts Performance Hall and South Entry Roadway and Parking Improvements Tiered Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration; the USDA Western Human Nutrition Research Center Tiered Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration; the Veterinary Medicine Laboratory and Equine Athletic Performance Laboratory Facilities Focused Tiered EIR; and the Findings and Overriding Considerations adopted by The Regents in connection with the LRDP EIR, the WWTP Replacement Project EIR, the 1997-98 Major Capital Improvement Projects, and the Veterinary Medicine Laboratory and Equine Athletic Performance Laboratory Facilities Focused Tiered EIR.

Determination: In accordance with CEQA, a Tiered Initial Study has been prepared by UC Davis that evaluates the environmental effects of the proposed project. On the basis of the project's Tiered Initial Study, the campus found that the proposed project may incrementally contribute to, but not exceed, certain cumulative significant impacts previously identified in the 1994 LRDP EIR, and that for such impacts, no new mitigation measures, other than those previously identified in the 1994 LRDP EIR, are required or available. In addition, the proposed project may result in potentially significant impacts not previously identified in the 1994 LRDP EIR, but proposed project-specific mitigation measures would reduce the effects of the impacts to a point that clearly no significant impact would occur. As analyzed in the Draft Tiered Initial Study, with implementation of all relevant 1994 LRDP EIR and project-specific mitigation measures, there is no substantial evidence that the project as mitigated may have a significant effect on the environment. Therefore, preparation of an environmental impact report is not required.

Public Review: In accordance with Section 15073 of the CEQA Guidelines, the Draft Tiered Initial Study for the project was circulated for public and agency review from September 17 to October 17, 2001. Comments received during the review period and responses to these comments are presented in the final Tiered Initial Study.

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