

April 26, 2017

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT – MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Project Title: Barn Expansion
Project Location: UC Riverside Campus
County: Riverside

In accordance with the State CEQA Guidelines and University of California (UC) Procedures for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act, an Initial Study for the above named project has been prepared. The Initial Study is tiered from UC Riverside (UCR) 2005 Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) Environmental Impact Report (EIR) as supplemented and updated by the UCR 2005 LRDP Amendment 2 EIR. Based upon the Tiered Initial Study, it has been determined that a Mitigated Negative Declaration is appropriate for this project.

The existing Barn Group, which consists of Barn Dining, Barn Theater, and Barn Stable, is located near the intersection of West Campus Drive with the future Barn Walk and the western terminus of Eucalyptus Walk in the western portion of UCR's East Campus. The proposed Barn Expansion project would involve the demolition of the existing Barn Stable; the renovation and expansion of the Barn Dining building (i.e., new kitchen addition, serving area [servery], and seating); the construction of a Faculty/Staff Dining building; the construction of a Campus Meeting Room (for meetings and private event space) and Restroom building; and renovation of the Barn Theater. With implementation of the proposed project, there would be a total of 18,795 gross square feet (gsf) of development associated with the expanded Barn Complex, a net increase of 10,700 gsf at the approximately 1.7-acre project site. The University is considering an option to the proposed project that would involve demolition and replacement of the Barn Theater at a location slightly to the north of the existing building (Barn Theater Replacement Option), which would result in a net increase of 10,765 gsf. The Initial Study evaluates the proposed project and the Barn Theater Replacement Option.

In addition to the building demolition, renovation, and construction, the proposed project would involve the construction of an outdoor West Courtyard and stage, and the existing East Courtyard would be renovated. Landscape and hardscape features, exterior lighting, and utility infrastructure would be installed to support the planned renovation and expansion. No new vehicular parking spaces or roadways would be added; however, bicycle parking would be installed and non-vehicular circulation would be maintained. Additionally, a loading dock/service yard would be constructed in the southwest portion of the site.

The Barn Expansion would increase the amount of seating provided at the Barn Complex, and would accommodate an increased number of events. There would be a potential increase of nine career staff, which could be new employees on campus. The potential increase in student employees and guests at the Barn would not increase the average daily on campus population, as most of these individuals are already on campus.

The project site is not identified on any lists of hazardous waste sites compiled pursuant to California Government Code Section 65962.5.

It has been determined that with incorporation of applicable LRDP Planning Strategies (PSs), Programs and Practices (PPs), and Mitigation Measures (MMs), and project-specific Mitigation Measures (for construction-related vibration and potential impacts to cultural/tribal cultural resources), the proposed project would not result in any new significant impacts that are not examined in the UCR 2005 LRDP EIR as supplemented and updated by the UCR 2005 LRDP Amendment 2 EIR, and the project Draft Initial Study, or in a significant increase in the previously identified impacts. This letter is intended to serve as the Notice of Completion for the project. The project's anticipated environmental effects are discussed in the Draft Initial Study. Copies of the Draft Initial Study and all documents referenced therein are available for review at the address below. In addition, the Initial Study is available for review on the web at <http://cpp.ucr.edu/environmental/ceqadocs.html>.

Pursuant to CEQA, the 30-day public review period will extend from **April 26, 2017 through May 25, 2017**. Comments on the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration must be received no later than **5:00 p.m. on May 25, 2017**. Submit your comments to CEQA@ucr.edu or send written comments to:

Tricia D. Thrasher, ASLA, LEED AP
Principal Environmental Planner
UCR Capital Planning, Capital Asset Strategies
1223 University Avenue, Suite 200
Riverside, CA 92507