Notice of Determination

To: Office of Planning and Research

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From: University of California

Campus Planning & Enviro Planning
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Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination
in Compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resource Code.

State Clearinghouse Number: 2017012008
Project Title: Agricultural Research Services Watershed Research Unit Phase II
Parties Undertaking Project: US Department of Agriculture
Project Location: Hopkins Road, University of California, Davis
County: Yolo

Project Description: The USDA Agricultural Research Service proposes the construction and operation of the Sustainable Agricultural Water Systems Research Unit Phase II. The project will be located within the existing USDA ground lease with the University located west of Hopkins Road and Bee Biology Road intersection. The project will install a pre-manufactured single-story approx. 4,000 square foot modular building and a small 5-parking space lot accessed via an existing gravel road. The project includes lab space, refrigeration, storage, and an outdoor walkway connecting to Phase I. The Project will be built, operated and maintained by the USDA ARS under the terms of a ground lease with the University.

This Notice of Determination is to advise that the University of California Lead Agency has approved the above-described project on June 22, 2021 and has made the following determinations:

1. Addendum February 2021 to the UC Davis 2018 Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) EIR (SCH# 2017012008) was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
2. UC Davis 2018 LRDP EIR sufficiently analyzes and addresses potential environmental impacts from the project, and the project will not trigger any of the criteria requiring additional CEQA review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15162. The project will not result in new significant impacts or a substantial increase in the severity of the environmental impacts identified in the UC Davis 2018 LRDP EIR.
3. Mitigation measures from the UC Davis 2018 LRDP EIR were made a condition of the approval of the project; no new project-specific mitigation measures are required.
4. The implementation of applicable 2018 LRDP Final EIR mitigation measures will be monitored and reported pursuant to the 2018 LRDP Final EIR’s Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.
5. The previous statement of overriding considerations in the 2018 LRDP Final EIR was reaffirmed for this project.
6. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the Addendum February 2021 to the UC Davis 2018 LRDP EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the general public at: https://environmentalplanning.ucdavis.edu/current-projects or UC Davis Office of Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability, 436 Mrak Hall, University of California, Davis, CA 95616, Attn: Matt Dulcich, (530) 752-9597.

Signature: Heather Davis   For   Date: 7/28/2021
Title: Director, Environmental Planning

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