

**CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT FINDINGS IN CONNECTION WITH
THE APPROVAL OF FINAL DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF
THE EQUINE PERFORMANCE CENTER, PROJECT ELEMENT 3, OF THE
VETERINARY MEDICAL CENTER VISION, DAVIS CAMPUS**

I. OVERALL APPROVAL OF VETERINARY MEDICAL CENTER VISION

Pursuant to Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Section 15074, the President of the University of California pursuant to authority delegated from the Board of Regents of the University of California (The Regents) (hereinafter referred to collectively as the “University”), took the following actions on the Veterinary Medical Center Vision (“VMC Vision,”) on July 17, 2018:

- A. Adopted the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and Tiered Initial Study (Initial Study) (State Clearinghouse No. 2017052051) prepared for the VMC Vision;
- B. Adopted Findings pertaining to the MND, which is tiered from the 2003 Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) Environmental Impact Report (EIR);
- C. Adopted a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) for the VMC Vision; and
- D. Approved the VMC Vision, which includes 14 project elements.

The VMC Vision project elements are listed with their status in Table 1.

Table 1: VMC Vision Projects

Element	Name	Description	Start*	End*	Status
1	Site Utilities and Parking Expansion	Off-site connections to the campus central plant and district utilities, and reconfiguration of existing parking lots and construction of new parking lots. These improvements will be completed in two parts: VMC site utilities west and VMC site utilities east. As a component of Element 1, Primary Electrical Feeders was previously approved and is now referred to as Element 1a (see below).	Q1 2019	Q4 2021	A portion of the site utility connections was approved with the Primary Electrical Feeders project (see 1a, below).
1a	Primary Electrical Feeders	Install a new feeder between the Health Science District (HSD) electrical switchgear and the S2 switchgear to provide redundancy and allow for full utilization of the HSD switchgear	Q1 2019	Q3 2019	Approved July 17, 2018
2	All Species Imaging Center	New construction and renovation of VMTH space. Includes relocation of utility runs to buildings B, C, and D.	Q3 2019	Q3 2022	
3	Equine Performance Center	New construction and site improvements.	Q4 2020	Q3 2021	Currently Proposed for Approval
4	Small Animal Clinic West Wing 1	Renovation of existing space in VMTH.	Q4 2020	Q3 2022	
5	Small Animal Clinic South Wing 1	Renovation of existing space in Veterinary Medicine 2.	Q4 2021	Q3 2022	
6	Equine Surgery and Critical Care Wing	New construction and site improvements. This facility would be linked to the new Equine	Q13 2023	Q1 2025	

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		Performance Center via an open breezeway to create a unified Equine Health Center.			
7	Equine Hospital Renovation	Renovation of existing space in building B.	Q1 2025	Q3 2025	
8	Clinical Research Center	Renovation of existing space in Veterinary Medicine 2.	Q1 2025	Q4 2025	
9	Small Animal Clinic East Wing 1	New construction and site improvements.	Q4 2021	Q4 2024	
10	Small Animal Clinic West Wing 2	Renovation of existing space in VMTH.	Q1 2025	Q3 2026	
11	Small Animal Clinic East Wing 2	Build out of shell space created as part of East Wing 1.	Q4 2024	Q4 2025	
12	Small Animal Clinic South Wing 2	Renovation of existing space in Veterinary Medicine 2.	Q1 2025	Q1 2026	
13	Community Practice Consolidation	Renovation of existing space in Center for Companion Animal Health.	Q3 2025	Q4 2026	
14	Equine Isolation Facility	New construction and site improvements. Includes demolition of the existing 14,000 sf isolation facility.	Q1 2025	Q3 2026	

* Estimated construction start and end dates by calendar quarter and year.

The Equine Performance Center, Project Element 3 of the VMC Vision is now being considered for final design approval and construction separately and subsequently by the University.

II. APPROVAL OF THE EQUINE PERFORMANCE CENTER, PROJECT ELEMENT 3 OF THE VETERINARY MEDICAL CENTER VISION

The University hereby adopts the following Findings pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15074, 15091, 15092 and 15093, in conjunction with the approval (set forth in Section III, below) of the Equine Performance Center, VMC Vision Project Element 3 (Project), as listed in Table 3-1, illustrated in Figures 3-5 and 3-7, and evaluated in the VMC Vision Initial Study/MND. The Initial Study/MND evaluated the Equine Performance Center as a 46,500 square foot (sf) facility. The Equine Performance Center site plan (dated January 12, 2018) provides for an approximately 48,600 sf facility, including building area, arena, forecourt and stalls, and a balcony. Excluding the unconditioned balcony and the forecourt and stalls, the building and arena is approximately 44,100 sf. The VMC Vision Initial Study/MND appropriately evaluated the location, footprint, building square footage, and associated construction and operational impacts related to the Equine Performance Center. No changes in this project element of the VMC Vision have occurred since the July 17, 2018 approval and adoption of the MND, Findings and MMRP.

However, since adoption of the MND and approval of the VMC Vision, the University certified the 2018 LRDP EIR and approved the 2018 LRDP, which is considered a change in the circumstances under which the Project will be implemented. The VMC Vision is consistent with the land uses, land use density, and location of this type of land use in the 2018 LRDP. The campus is now implementing the 2018 LRDP MMRP that was adopted by the University in connection with its approval of the 2018 LRDP and certification of the 2018 LRDP EIR. To address this consideration and ensure the Project implements the appropriate mitigation required for campus projects, the University has prepared a project-specific MMRP with the mitigation measures from the VMC Vision IS/MND (inclusive of mitigation measures identified

in the 2003 LRDP EIR, from which it is tiered) and 2018 LRDP EIR that address the Equine Performance Center Project's contribution to impacts in the following resource categories: Aesthetics; Air Quality; Biological Resources; Cultural Resources; Hazards and Hazardous Materials; Hydrology and Water Quality; Noise; and Transportation, Circulation, and Parking. The adopted VMC Vision MND identified three feasible, project-specific mitigation measures to mitigate significant impacts to less-than-significant levels for the Equine Performance Center, consistent with the project-specific MMRP, and in proportion to their portion of the VMC Vision development. The project-specific MMRP for the Equine Performance Center is included as Attachment 1.

The impacts associated with the Equine Performance Center Project were addressed in the VMC Vision Project Initial Study/MND. Any significant impacts to which the Equine Performance Center contributes were fully analyzed and adequately addressed in the VMC Vision Initial Study/MND and the 2003 LRDP EIR. The project will not result in any new significant environmental effects or substantially increase the severity of the significant environmental effects previously identified and mitigated in the VMC Vision Initial Study/MND.

III. FINDINGS

Based on the adopted Initial Study/MND, VMC Vision Project Findings, comments received on these documents and the information contained in the record, it is hereby determined that:

- A. The Equine Performance Center is within the scope of activities anticipated in the VMC Vision and VMC Vision Initial Study/MND.
- B. The Equine Performance Center will not result in substantial changes that require major revisions in the VMC Vision Initial Study/MND or the 2003 LRDP EIR.
- C. Since adoption of the VMC Vision MND, the University certified the 2018 LRDP EIR and approved the 2018 LRDP, which is considered a change in the circumstances under which the project will be implemented.
- D. The University has prepared a project-specific MMRP listing all mitigation measures adopted in the MND, as well as the applicable mitigation measures from the 2018 LRDP EIR which were adopted by the University in connection with its approval of the 2018 LRDP.
- E. Mitigation measures shall be implemented for the Equine Performance Center consistent with the project-specific MMRP, in proportion to their portion of the VMC Vision development.
- F. The Equine Performance Center will not result in any new unmitigable significant environmental effects or substantial increases in the severity of the significant environmental effects previously identified in the 2003 LRDP EIR. No major revision to the VMC Vision MND is required by the change in circumstances.
- G. This determination reflects the University's independent judgment and analysis.

IV. APPROVAL

Having independently reviewed and analyzed the Veterinary Medical Center (VMC) Vision Final Initial Study, Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND), Findings and comments received on these documents, the University hereby takes the following actions:

- A. Adopt a project-specific Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) incorporating project-specific mitigation measures adopted in the VMC Vision MND and 2018 Long Range

Development Plan Environmental Impact Report, to mitigate or avoid significant effects on the environment.

- B. Approve the design, construction, and operation of the Equine Performance Center, Project Element 3 of the VMC Vision.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1:	Mitigation Monitoring And Reporting Program For the Equine Performance Center, Project Element 3 of Veterinary Medical Center Vision.
Attachment 2:	2018 LRDP and LRDP EIR http://campustomorrow.ucdavis.edu/app_pages/view/433
Attachment 3:	Veterinary Medical Center Vision Mitigated Negative Declaration and Tiered Initial Study (State Clearinghouse No. 2017052051) https://sustainability.ucdavis.edu/local_resources/docs/onlinedocs/Vet_Med_Vision/Vet%20Med_Public%20IS.MND_5.19.17.pdf