

**SUMMARY OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, RIVERSIDE
BARN EXPANSION
INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project 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. Specifically, the project site is bound by West Campus Drive to the west and south, Sproul Hall to the east, and the Humanities and Social Sciences (H&SS) building to the north.

The existing Barn Group (consisting of the Barn Dining, Barn Theater, and Barn Stable) continues to be one of the most popular campus dining venues and is a social gathering place for UCR's campus community. The Barn Group offers a quiet, relaxed dining atmosphere and is a place for entertainment to the campus and community. However, the current Barn dining program is at capacity and constrained due to the size and configuration of the kitchen and limited seating. This has resulted in dining deficiencies in the southwest part of the East Campus. Additionally, there is currently no faculty club on campus that offers faculty and staff a place to meet and interact in a relaxed environment. Further, the Barn Theater requires attention to extend the useful life of the building and to support the academic and student organizations that utilize the space.

The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) evaluated the proposed project along with an optional treatment for the Barn Theater building. The project as now proposed includes the optional treatment for the Barn Theater building and is shown in the conceptual site plan provided in Section 3 of the Final IS/MND. The proposed project involves the demolition of the existing Barn Stable; the renovation and expansion of the Barn Dining building (i.e., new Kitchen Addition, serving area, and seating); the construction of a Faculty/Staff Dining building; and demolition of the existing Barn Theater with construction of a replacement Barn Theater building and restrooms at a location slightly north of the existing location. Collectively, the new, renovated, and expanded buildings with the proposed project are referred to as the "Barn Complex". With implementation of the proposed project, there would be approximately 16,445 gross square feet (gsf) of development associated with the expanded Barn Complex, a net increase of approximately 8,350 gsf at the project site.

The proposed project involves the construction of an outdoor West Courtyard and stage, and renovation of the existing East Courtyard. Landscape and hardscape features, exterior lighting, and utility infrastructure would be installed to support the planned renovation and expansion. A temporary dining deck would also be constructed east of the existing Barn facility and south of Sproul Hall, and would be used while the proposed project is under construction. Food trucks would serve this temporary facility. 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.

Construction of the proposed project is anticipated to begin in March 2018 and be completed by June 2019 (construction duration of approximately 18 months). With the exception of existing vehicular and pedestrian access within the project site, during construction, existing vehicular, emergency, and pedestrian access, including access to buildings that surround the Barn Group, would be maintained.

2. SUMMARY OF INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION IMPACT CONCLUSIONS

A Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) (State Clearinghouse No. 2017041076) was prepared for the Barn Expansion in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the State CEQA Guidelines, and UC Procedures for Implementing CEQA. The Draft IS/MND for the proposed project is tiered from the 2005 Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) EIR (2005 LRDP EIR) (SCH No. 2005041164), certified by the University of California Board of Regents (The Regents) in November 2005, as augmented, revised and supplemented by the 2005 LRDP Amendment 2 EIR (SCH No. 2010111034) certified by The Regents on November 28, 2011. The Draft IS/MND analyzed the project's potential impacts with regard to the following environmental topical areas: (1) aesthetics, (2) agriculture and forest resources, (3) air quality, (4) biological resources, (5) cultural resources, (6) geology and soils, (7) greenhouse gas emissions, (8) hazards and hazardous materials, (9) hydrology and water quality, (10) land use and planning, (11) mineral resources, (12) noise, (13) population and housing, (14) public services, (15) recreation, (16) transportation/traffic, (17) tribal cultural resources, and (18) utilities and services systems.

The proposed project, as analyzed in the Draft IS/MND, incorporates all relevant UCR Planning Strategies (PSs), Campus Programs and Practices (PPs), and Mitigation Measures (MMs), as revised by the 2005 LRDP Amendment 2 EIR for purposes of determining environmental impacts of project implementation. Based on the project-specific analysis presented in the Draft IS/MND it was determined that the Barn Expansion, which includes all relevant PSs, PPs and MM from the 2005 LRDP Amendment 2 EIR, for each topical area would have either no impact, a less than significant impact, or that project impacts were adequately analyzed in the 2005 LRDP EIR as augmented, revised and supplemented by the 2005 LRDP Amendment 2 EIR.

The Draft IS/MND concluded that the proposed project would have no impact or a less-than significant project-specific impact in the following topical areas: aesthetics (page 26), agricultural resources (page 33), air quality (page 35), biological resources (page 51), geology and soils (page 64), greenhouse gas emissions (page 71), hazards and hazardous materials (page 78), hydrology and water quality (page 87), land use and planning (page 98), mineral resources (page 107), noise (page 107), population and housing (page 117), public services (page 119), recreation (page 125), transportation and traffic (page 128), and utilities and services systems (page 141).

The Draft IS/MND concluded that the proposed project would have a less-than-significant project-specific impact, with project-level mitigation incorporated in the following topical areas: (1) cultural and tribal cultural resources (pages 61 and 139) related to the potential to cause an adverse impact to previously unidentified cultural or tribal cultural resources; and, (2) vibration during construction adjacent to academic buildings (page 111).

A Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program is included in the Final IS/MND (page 4-1).

3. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS AND COMMENTS RECEIVED

On April 27, 2017, the Draft IS/MND was submitted to the State Clearinghouse in the Governor's Office of Planning and Research; and its public review period concluded May 26, 2017. The IS/MND was provided to approximately 20 interested agencies, organizations and individuals, and 15 copies were sent to the State Clearinghouse for

distribution to state agencies; it was also made available on the UCR Capital Asset Strategies website and at the UCR Campus Planning-Capital Asset Strategies offices.

During the public review period, the University received one letter from the Governor's Office of Planning and Research State Clearinghouse (OPR) confirming that UCR complied with CEQA review requirements and transmitting the comment letter from the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC); no response to the letter from OPR is required. UCR received the letter from the DTSC directly. DTSC provided comments primarily addressing the potential to encounter previously unidentified hazardous materials during construction, and the need to have measures in place to ensure that if such materials are encountered they are handled in accordance with applicable regulations. UCR's LRDP EIR mitigation measures (MMs), programs and practices (PPs), which are incorporated into the proposed project, and standard construction contract specifications, address the issues raised. The University's response to the DTSC letter is included in the Final IS/MND (Section 2). The letters do not contain any substantive comments requiring reconsideration of, or changes to the conclusions set forth in the Draft IS/MND. No other agencies commented on the Draft IS/MND.