

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Project Title: Verano 8 Graduate Student Housing and LRDP Student Housing Amendment
Location: University of California, Irvine
Lead Agency: University of California
County: Orange

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines and University of California Guidelines for Implementation of CEQA, an Initial Study for the Verano 8 Graduate Student Housing project (Verano 8) and LRDP Student Housing Amendment was prepared by the University of California, Irvine (UCI), and was determined that a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) is the appropriate level of analysis.

The proposed Verano 8 project would demolish the existing 6,000 gross-square-foot (GSF) maintenance and operations facility and Lot 27 to construct approximately 1,200 graduate student beds in the existing Verano Place graduate student housing complex. The student beds and a community center would be housed in approximately four apartment buildings. An approximately 1,000-space parking structure with an attached replacement maintenance and operations facility would be constructed in support of the residential facilities, and a driveway would be installed on California Avenue to allow vehicular access to the proposed parking structure.

UCI is also proposing to amend its 2007 Long Range Development Plan (LRDP). The Amendment would increase the on-campus student housing capacity to a total of 22,000 beds, and change the land use designations of a six-acre parcel in the Academic Core and a 12-acre parcel in the West Campus.

The Verano 8 project and LRDP Amendment have been analyzed in the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (Draft IS/MND) and determined that, with the incorporation of mitigation, neither will have a significant effect on the environment. The document is available on the UCI website at:
<http://www.eps.uci.edu/EnvironmentalPlanning/index.html>.

Hard copies of the Draft IS/MND and referenced documents are available for review during business hours at the University of California, Irvine's Office of Physical and Environmental Planning. Comments will be received July 11, 2019 through August 10, 2019, and can be emailed to hashimol@uci.edu or mailed to:

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The Draft IS/MND, along with comments received during the public review period, will be considered by the Regents in conjunction with project approval.

Sincerely,



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