

Notice of Determination

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**Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination
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State Clearinghouse Number: 2019110389
Project Title: Vista Parking Lot Vegetation Treatment Project
Project Applicant: University of California, Berkeley
Parties Undertaking Project: University of California, Berkeley
Project Location: University of California, Berkeley, Hill Campus
County: Alameda County

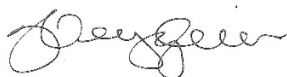
Project Description: UC Berkeley proposes to conduct the Vista Parking Lot vegetation treatment project (Project) from January 15, 2022, through February 1, 2022, as part of on-going fuel management activities it implements in the Hill Campus. As described in the Wildland Vegetative Fuel Management Plan (WVFMP), the project is a fire hazard reduction project to reduce hazardous fire conditions in a hillside area of approximately seven and half acres located below the Vista Parking Lot adjacent to the Lawrence Hall of Science and Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. The project is consistent with the fuel management activities evaluated in the WVFMP Environmental Impact Report.

The project would focus on removing understory vegetation, including small eucalyptus, and shrubs, particularly coyote brush, cotoneaster and French broom. Shrubs would be removed from under and within six feet of the tree canopy. Lower limbs of trees would be pruned and removed up to fifteen feet. The project could remove dead, unhealthy, structurally unsound or highly flammable trees that are likely to torch and distribute embers; or remove short understory trees. Treatments would involve manually removing high fire hazard vegetation and trees using hand-held mechanized tools; no heavy equipment would be used. To prevent resprouting, an herbicide would be applied by a licensed applicator to specific tree stumps immediately following removal.

This Notice of Determination is to advise that the University of California Lead Agency has approved the above-described project on *December 16, 2021*, and has made the following determinations:

1. The project will have a significant effect on the environment.
2. The Wildland Vegetative Fuel Management Plan Environmental Impact Report (SCH #2019110389) was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations was adopted for this project.
6. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the general public at: <https://capitalstrategies.berkeley.edu/environmental-review>



Title: Associate Vice Chancellor, Campus Architect
Date: December 16, 2021

Date Received for Filing at OPR: