

Notice of Determination

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: University of California, Berkeley
Physical & Environmental 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: 2019110389
Project Title: UC Wildland Fire Hazard Reduction Project
Project Applicant: University of California, Berkeley
Project Location: University of California, Berkeley, Hill Campus
County: Alameda

Project Description: The University of California (UC) would conduct focused vegetation management, including removal of selected hazardous trees, ladder fuels, and leaf litter, on three areas of UC-owned property managed respectively by UC Berkeley and UC Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL). The Project areas total ~35 acres. Project work would last approximately 16 weeks spread out over 2024-2026. The Project purpose is to reduce the risk of wildland fire in critical UC Berkeley and UC LBNL campus areas, including near major egress/exit roads and student housing. UC Berkeley and UC LBNL would partner in executing the Project; both UC campuses are therefore issuing Notices of Determination to exercise their independent judgement to participate in this Project.

This Notice of Determination is to advise that the University of California (Lead Agency) has approved the above-described project on October 30, 2023, and has made the following determinations:

1. The project would not cause any significant environmental impacts nor an increase in the severity of significant impacts previously analyzed in the UC Berkeley WVFMP EIR and the LBNL 2006 LRDP EIR, as supplemented.
2. An EIR Addendum was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA demonstrating that the project was adequately analyzed in the following certified CEQA documents: the *UC Berkeley Hill Campus Wildland Vegetative Fuel Management Plan* (WVFMP) Final EIR (SCH # 2019110389, certified in February 2021); and the LBNL *2006 Long Range Development Plan Environmental Impact Report* (SCH # 2000102046) certified in July 2007, as supplemented by the *Supplementation of the LBNL 2006 LRDP EIR With Respect to Traffic Impacts at One Intersection* (SCH # 2008122030) and the *Supplementation of the 2006 LRDP EIR With Respect to Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Energy Impacts* (SCH # 2016062007).
3. Relevant mitigation measures and environmental protection measures from the UC Berkeley WVFMP EIR and the LBNL 2006 LRDP EIR, as supplemented were made a condition of project approval; no new project-specific mitigation measures are required.
4. The implementation of applicable UC Berkeley WVFMP EIR and LBNL 2006 LRDP EIR, as supplemented, mitigation measures will be monitored and reported pursuant to the respective Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Programs.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted for this project.
6. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

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Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21087, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.

This is to certify that the UC Berkeley WVFMP Final EIR and the LBNL 2006 LRDP Final EIR with comments and responses and records of project approval are respectively available to the general public at UC Berkeley, 200 A&E Building, Berkeley, California 94720-1382, Attn: Raphael Breines, rbreines@berkeley.edu and at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, One Cyclotron Road, Berkeley, California 94720, Attn. Jeff Philliber, jgphilliber@lbl.gov.



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