

Public Notice: Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report: Clark Kerr Campus Beach Volleyball Complex

August 5, 2020

UC Berkeley will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Clark Kerr Campus Beach Volleyball Complex project.

Project Description: The proposed project would include two components: 1) development of the beach volleyball complex for the women's Intercollegiate Athletic beach volleyball program and other recreational uses; and 2) partial demolition of Building 21.

Currently, there are two beach volleyball courts located on Clark Kerr Campus, approximately 800 feet from the proposed project site. These courts do not meet Title IX requirements.

The proposed project would involve the construction of an Intercollegiate Athletics and recreational beach volleyball facility with four courts, a support building with team rooms, locker rooms, restrooms, coaches' offices and storage, new lighting and scoreboard, a public address system, and a lawn area for spectators attending matches, to support UC Berkeley's ongoing compliance with Title IX. The facility would be primarily used by female student athletes who participate in the Intercollegiate Athletics beach volleyball program. The new facility would be constructed on the site of the existing CKC recreational softball field.

The proposed project involves the partial demolition of Building 21 which has not been occupied since 1979 due to seismic issues and has been used for storage. The partial demolition addresses the seismic safety risk posed by the building pursuant to University of California Seismic Safety Policy. It also complies with the 1982 Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions that UC Berkeley entered into with neighbors of Clark Kerr Campus.

Environmental Review: UC Berkeley has determined that an EIR will be prepared for the proposed project following the outcome of CEQA litigation brought in 2019. Therefore, as allowed under Section 15060 of the CEQA Guidelines (Title 14 Cal. Code Regs.), UC Berkeley has not prepared an Initial Study and will instead begin work directly on the EIR process. As required, the EIR will focus on the significant effects of the proposed project and will document the reasons for concluding that other effects will be less than significant. Where significant or potentially significant environmental impacts are identified, the EIR will also discuss feasible mitigation measures to avoid or reduce these impacts, and a reasonable range of potentially feasible alternatives.

Public Comment: UC Berkeley requests comments and guidance on the scope and content of the EIR from interested public agencies, organizations, and individuals. Due to time limits mandated by State law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible date, but **no later than the close of the 32-day Notice of Preparation (NOP) review period at 5:00 p.m. September 7, 2020**. Please e-mail or send your written response to: Shraddha Navalli Patil, Senior Planner, Physical & Environmental Planning, University of California, Berkeley, 300 A&E Building, Berkeley, CA 94720-1382, or

email: planning@berkeley.edu(link sends e-mail) (please include "Clark Kerr Campus Beach Volleyball Complex EIR" as the subject).

Scoping Session: As a result of the expanding outbreak of COVID-19 and restrictions placed on in-person gatherings throughout the State of California, in consultation with UC Office of the President and the Office of General Counsel, UC Berkeley will host an online scoping session to receive public comments on the scope of the EIR, rather than an in-person event. The online scoping session will be hosted on the evening of Monday, August 24, 2020, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and conducted via a live video feed; there will not be an in-person session.

To participate in the online public session, please submit your comments in advance but no later than 1:00 p.m. on Monday, August 24, 2020, via email to planning@berkeley.edu(link sends e-mail), with: 1) Your first and last name, and 2) Write in your email that "I grant permission to UC Berkeley to read my comments aloud" as part of the online public session.

There is a 500 word limit for all comments read aloud. While all comments received will be included in the public record, if you would like your comments read aloud, please submit a condensed version that is no more than 500 words. Depending on the volume of comments received (as is typical with all public hearings) because of time constraints we may limit each person's comments read aloud on the live video stream to no more than two minutes to make sure all comments are heard.

On Monday, August 24, 2020, starting at 5:30 p.m., via live video feed, the university will provide a brief presentation of the proposed project on the Clark Kerr Campus Beach Volleyball Complex project page. Immediately following, staff will read aloud public comments received to date by persons granting permission to UC Berkeley to do so.

Download: [Notice of Preparation \(PDF\)](#)

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Public Notice: Levine-Fricke Softball Field Improvements Project

Posted: July 17, 2020

In accordance with established University of California procedures, UC Berkeley Chancellor Christ will consider approval of the [Levine-Fricke Softball Field Improvements Project](#); approval is anticipated no sooner than Friday, July 31, 2020. In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the University of California guidelines for the implementation of the CEQA, UC Berkeley has published an [Addendum to the 2020 Long Range Development Plan Environmental Impact Report](#)(link is external) for the proposed Levine-Fricke Softball Field Improvements Project. The purpose of this notice is to advise the public of the proposed approval action of the project.

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Public Notice: Berkeley Law Library Conversion

Posted: May 1, 2020

In accordance with established University of California procedures, UC Berkeley Chancellor Christ will consider approval of the [Law Library Conversion Project](#); approval is anticipated no sooner than May 22, 2020. In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the University of California guidelines for the implementation of the CEQA, the campus finds that the project would be categorically exempt pursuant to 14 CCR §15301, and that no exceptions to the exemption apply. The purpose of this notice is to advise the public of the proposed approval action of the project.

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Public Notice: Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report: University of California, Berkeley Long Range Development Plan Update and Housing Projects #1 and #2

Posted: April 7, 2020

UC Berkeley will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the [Long Range Development Plan \(LRDP\) Update \(“LRDP Update” or “proposed project”\)](#)(link is external). The EIR will function as a Program EIR that can be used in the environmental review of subsequent campus development projects during implementation of the LRDP Update. In addition to analyzing the environmental effects of campus growth under the LRDP Update at a programmatic level, the EIR will also provide a project-specific analysis of the environmental effects associated with the development of two off-campus housing projects (i.e., Housing Projects #1 and #2), which would likely be some of the first projects developed under the LRDP Update.

Project Description: The purpose of an LRDP is to provide adequate planning capacity for potential campus population growth. An LRDP does not mandate on-going growth or the provision of new facilities. Varying factors affect whether campus population levels may increase, decrease, or remain unchanged and the provision of new facilities may or may not occur with the increased population. In the event that population growth does occur, an LRDP provides a guide to the land development patterns and associated physical infrastructure that could be built to support a forecasted level of enrollment and growth. The LRDP Update does not set a future population capacity for the campus and does not indicate whether a future LRDP or LRDP update will be undertaken prior to or after the forecast horizon year in the EIR. The LRDP Update EIR will use the 2018-19 academic year as a key baseline year to reflect existing environmental conditions and will use the 2036-37 academic year to forecast the potential environmental impacts of the LRDP Update. This corresponds to 39,300 students and 15,400 faculty and staff for the baseline year, and 48,200 students and 19,000 faculty and staff for the potential future population. To support the future population, the LRDP Update proposes to add up to 11,700 student housing

beds, 385 employee housing units, and approximately 4 million gross square feet (GSF) of academic and campus life space, comprising approximately 3 million GSF of academic, research, and support space and approximately 1 million GSF of campus life space.

Since there is significant need to provide more student housing at UC Berkeley, the LRDP Update EIR evaluates the physical environmental effects of the LRDP Update proposed development program that includes two specific student housing projects located off of the Campus Park. [Housing Project #1](#)(link is external) would include up to 850 beds for UC Berkeley students, with ground floor retail, and commercial office, events, and student-serving space. [Housing Project #2](#) would consist of three components to be constructed on the roughly 2.8-acre site known as People's Park. It would include up to 1,200 beds for UC Berkeley students with associated amenities; permanent supportive housing with on-site services and up to 125 apartments for lower-income (non-university affiliated) individuals; and open space. The supportive housing would be included on-site in a building separate from the student housing and would be developed and managed by one or more non-profit organizations partnering with the University of California.

Environmental Review: UC Berkeley has determined that an EIR will be prepared for the proposed project. Attachment B of the Notice of Preparation includes a description of the environmental topic areas in which the proposed project would have no impact, and therefore, will not be addressed in the EIR. As required, the EIR for the LRDP Update will focus on the significant effects of the proposed project and will document the reasons for concluding that other effects will be less-than-significant. Where significant or potentially significant environmental impacts are identified, the EIR will also discuss feasible mitigation measures to avoid or reduce these impacts, and a reasonable range of potentially feasible alternatives.

Public Comment: UC Berkeley requests comments and guidance on the scope and content of the EIR from interested public agencies, organizations, and individuals. With respect to the views of Responsible and Trustee Agencies as to significant environmental issues, UC Berkeley needs to know the significant environmental issues and reasonable alternatives and mitigation measures that are germane to each agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project.

Due to time limits mandated by State law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible date, but no later than the close of the 39-day Notice of Preparation (NOP) review period at 5:00 p.m. on May 15, 2020. Please e-mail or send your written response to: Raphael Breines, Senior Planner, Physical & Environmental Planning, University of California, Berkeley, 300 A&E Building, Berkeley, CA 94720-1382 or email: planning@berkeley.edu(link sends e-mail)

Scoping Meeting: As a result of the expanding outbreak of COVID-19 and restrictions placed on in-person gatherings throughout the State of California, UC Berkeley will host an online public session to receive public comments on the scope of the EIR, rather than an in-person event. The online public session will be hosted on the evening of April 27, 2020, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and conducted via a live video feed; there will not be an in-person session.

On April 27, 2020, starting at 6:30 p.m., via live video feed, the university will provide a brief presentation of the proposed project at the following link: <https://lrdp.berkeley.edu/scoping-meeting>(link is external). Immediately following, staff will read aloud public comments

received to date by persons granting permission to UC Berkeley to do so. **If you would like to submit a comment to be read, please email planning@berkeley.edu(link sends e-mail), include your full name, and write that UC Berkeley has permission to read your comment. Emailed comments received by 5:00 p.m. on April 27, 2020, will be read out loud;** depending on the number of emailed comments received by the cut-off time, university staff will read each letter up to 500 words. All written comments, whether emailed or sent via US Mail, received within the comment period will be equally considered.

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Public Notice: Notice of Availability - Addendum to the 2020 LRDP EIR for Levine-Fricke Softball Field Improvements Project

Posted: December 13, 2019

UC Berkeley has published an [Addendum tiered from its 2020 Long Range Development Plan Environmental Impact Report](#)(link is external) for the proposed [Levine-Fricke Softball Field Improvements Project](#).

Project Description: Levine-Fricke Softball Field (Levine-Fricke Field; field), located in Strawberry Canyon on Centennial Drive, is the home of UC Berkeley's Intercollegiate Athletics (IA) Women's Softball Program. The Levine-Fricke Field Improvements Project (Project) would upgrade the existing facility to meet modern safety and competition standards for the IA Women's Softball Program and Recreational Sports Intramural softball players. The Project will also support campus compliance with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 USC 1681 et seq.) (Title IX) through the provision of equitable athletics facilities for male and female student-athletes. The use of the field would remain largely similar to current uses, primarily providing additional spectator and player amenities and seating for up to 1,500 spectators.

Public Comment: Under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) an Addendum need not be circulated for public review; however, the campus invites comments on the Addendum which must be received by 5:00 pm on January 17, 2020. Please send your written or electronic responses to: Shraddha Navalli Patil, Senior Planner, Physical & Environmental Planning, UC Berkeley, 300 A&E Building, Berkeley, CA 94720-1382 or email: planning@berkeley.edu(link sends e-mail).

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Public Notice: Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report – Wildland Vegetative Fuel Management Plan

Posted: November 20, 2019

Project Description: UC Berkeley proposes to implement its Wildland Vegetative Fuel Management Plan (Plan) to treat vegetation that could become fire fuel within the Hill Campus. The proposed Plan includes three vegetation treatment types within the Hill Campus: 1) evacuation support treatments, 2) fire hazard reduction treatments, and 3) fuel break treatments. The Hill Campus or Plan Area is 800 acres and located in the hills adjoining and east of the UC Berkeley Campus Park and California Memorial Stadium. Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory manages approximately 200 acres adjacent to the Hill Campus, which are located outside of the Plan Area.

Environmental Review: UC Berkeley has prepared an [Initial Study](#) to identify the appropriate document under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Initial Study, which is included with the Notice of Preparation in the link below, contains a full description of the proposed project including location, objectives, and preliminary identification of potential environmental effects associated with the implementation of the Plan. As documented in the Initial Study, UC Berkeley has determined that it will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Plan.

Public Comment: UC Berkeley has prepared a [Notice of Preparation \(NOP\)](#) to provide Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies and other Interested Parties with a description of the proposed project and to identify potential environmental impacts pursuant to State CEQA requirements. UC Berkeley invites comments on the scope and content of the environmental analysis, including the significant environmental issues, the proposed range of alternatives, and mitigation measures that should be included in the EIR. In accordance with the time limits mandated by State law, the NOP will be circulated for a 30-day review period, which will extend from November 20, 2019, to December 20, 2019. Responses to this NOP must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 20, 2019. Please send your written or electronic responses to: Raphael Breines, Senior Planner, Physical & Environmental Planning, University of California, Berkeley, 300 A&E Building, Berkeley, CA 94720-1382 or email: planning@berkeley.edu(link sends e-mail).

Scoping Meeting: A public scoping meeting will be held on Monday, December 2, 2019, at Julia Morgan Hall located in the Hill Campus at the UC Botanical Garden, 200 Centennial Drive, Berkeley, CA 94720, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The scoping meeting will include a brief presentation of the proposed project followed by public comment on the scope and content of the EIR analysis.

Download (PDF): [Notice of Preparation and Initial Study](#)

Download (PDF): [Public Scoping Meeting Presentation \(Facilities Services\)](#)

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Public Notice: Availability of Final Supplemental EIR

Posted: May 2, 2019

UC Berkeley has completed a [Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report \(Final SEIR\)](#) tiered from its 2020 Long Range Development Plan Environmental Impact Report for the Upper Hearst Development for the Goldman School of Public Policy.

Project Description: Located at the northeast edge of campus, the project would demolish the existing Upper Hearst Parking Structure and adjacent Ridge Surface Parking Lot and build an academic building for the Goldman School of Public Policy and a separate residential building on top of a parking structure. The academic building would be the third building associated with the Goldman School of Public Policy and include approximately 37,000 gross square feet ("GSF") and would be four-stories over one subterranean level. The residential component would be roughly 145,000 GSF and provide 150 residential units in a mixture of studios, and one- and two-bedroom apartments. The residential building would be five-stories of residential atop a three-story mostly subterranean parking structure that would provide approximately 170 parking spaces. The project includes a Minor Amendment (#4) to UC Berkeley's 2020 Long Range Development Plan to accommodate the proposed housing land use on the project site.

Environmental Review: A Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (Draft SEIR) was prepared for the project and released for a 49-day public review period. All oral and written comments that were received during the public review period have been compiled and responded to in the Final SEIR. The Draft SEIR, along with responses to comments, text revisions, and mitigation monitoring and reporting program, comprise the Final SEIR for the project. A copy of the Final SEIR/Response to Comments document is available for viewing during regular business hours on the UC Berkeley campus, [Architects & Engineers \(A&E\) Building](#)(link is external), Berkeley, CA 94720. The Final SEIR is also available online on the UC Berkeley Capital Strategies website.

The Regents of the University of California will consider certification of the Final SEIR and approval of project design on May 15, 2019.

Download (PDF): [Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report](#)

Download (PDF): [Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report](#)

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Public Notice: Availability of Draft Supplemental EIR (Updated)

Posted: March 14, 2019

UC Berkeley has prepared a [Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report \(EIR\)](#) tiered from its 2020 Long Range Development Plan's EIR. The Draft Supplemental EIR addresses

the environmental impacts associated with the proposed development of two buildings on University-owned property on the northwest corner of Hearst Avenue and La Loma Avenue. This proposed project comprises a 37,000 square-foot academic building and a separate residential building of up to 150 units on top of a mostly subterranean parking structure. The Draft Supplemental EIR also analyzes any changes in environmental impacts as a result of enrollment greater than projected in the 2020 Long Range Development Plan's EIR, which has led to a new baseline for the overall campus population.

UC Berkeley has prepared a [Notice of Availability](#) to inform interested agencies and the public of the availability of the Draft Supplemental EIR, as well as the start and end dates of a review period during which comments on the Draft Supplemental EIR can be submitted. The review period is 45-days beginning February 20, 2019, and ending April 8, 2019.

A public hearing, during which public comments will be received, will be held at UC Berkeley on March 12, 2019, at 6:30 p.m., at [Alumni House](#)[\(link is external\)](#).

Updated March 14, 2019: The [Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report \(EIR\)](#) will be circulated beyond the 45-day review and comment period by agencies and the public. The comment period began on February 20, 2019 and was scheduled to end on April 8, 2019. [The comment period has been extended and will now end on April 12, 2019.](#) Written responses to the Draft SEIR must be received by 5:00 PM on Friday, April 12, 2019.

Updated March 5, 2019: UC Berkeley will host a second public hearing for the [Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report \(EIR\)](#), during which public comments will be received. The additional public hearing will be held on March 21, 2019, at 6:30 p.m., at [University Hall, room 150, 2199 Addison Street, Berkeley](#)[\(link is external\)](#).

Download (PDF): [Notice of Extended Public Comment Period](#)

Download (PDF): [Notice of Availability](#)

Download (PDF): [Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report \(EIR\)](#)

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Public Notice: Clark Kerr Campus Beach Volleyball Facility

Posted: January 4, 2019

In accordance with established University of California procedures, UC Berkeley Chancellor Christ considered and approved the Clark Kerr Campus Beach Volleyball Facility project on Friday, January 4, 2019. In accordance the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the University of California guidelines for CEQA implementation, the campus found that the project meets the criteria for and is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 (Class 3) New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures. The campus finds that the proposed project satisfies the criteria set forth under CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 and that none of the exceptions to the exemptions as specified in

CEQA Guideline 15300.2 apply to the project. This notice is to advise the public of the design and CEQA approval action for the project.

Download (PDF): [Notice of Exemption \(NOE\)](#)

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Public Notice: Bakar BioEnginuity Hub

Posted: December 4, 2018

Following approval by the UC Regents, UC Berkeley has filed for, and been granted by the State of California, a Notice of Exemption (NOE) for the Bakar BioEnginuity Hub project at Woo Hon Fall Hall. A NOE may be filed, but is not required, after a public agency decides that a project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and grants approval of the project.

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Public Notice: Preparation of a Supplemental EIR

Posted: August 17, 2018

UC Berkeley proposes expanding the existing Goldman School of Public Policy and improving the availability of near-campus housing by developing a 37,000 gross square foot academic building and a separate residential building on top of the Upper Hearst Parking Structure located on a portion of University-owned property on the northeastern region of Campus Park.

UC Berkeley has determined that it will prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) tiered from its 2020 Long Range Development Plan (2020 LRDP) Environmental Impact Report to evaluate the potential environmental effects of the project. The SEIR will also analyze the environmental impacts of an increase in campus population beyond levels analyzed in the 2020 LRDP.

[UC Berkeley has prepared a Notice of Preparation \(NOP\)](#) to provide Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies and other Interested Parties with a description of the proposed project and to identify potential environmental impacts pursuant to State CEQA requirements. UC Berkeley invites comments on the scope and content of the SEIR. Due to the time limits mandated by State law, the NOP will be circulated for a 30-day review period, which will extend from August 16, 2018, to September 14, 2018. Responses to this NOP must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 14, 2018.

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