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**Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination
 in Compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.**

State Clearinghouse Number: 2021040047

Project Title: Site and Make-Ready portion of the UC Medical Educational Building Project

Project Applicant: University of California

Parties Undertaking Project: University of California

Project Location: Merced Campus

County: Merced County

Project Description: The UC Merced Medical Education Building will house the medical education program, developed in partnership with UCSF and UCSF-Fresno, allied healthcare-related programs developed in partnership with community colleges, the departments of Psychological Sciences and Public Health, the Health Sciences Research Institute, and a range of medical education and general assignment learning environments. The building will be approximately 185,000 gross square feet, four floors, fully electrified, and a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED™) Platinum building.

The proposed action is for the Site and Make-Ready Work associated with the Medical Education Building, consisting of two elements: 1) The first element entails studying the feasibility of pulling two additional Pacific Gas and Electric electrical feeds into the campus to increase service power to the campus and implementing the most cost-effective approach. Upgrading the power will include augmenting the existing transformer capacity to enable the building to be fully electrified; and 2) The second element of the project is the relocation of the campus’s primary stormwater retention basin from Cottonwood Meadow to the south and east of the campus to clear the site for the Medical Education building.

Pursuant to State law and University procedures for implementation of CEQA, the project has been analyzed in the UC Merced Medical Education Building Project Environmental Impact Report (SCH 2021040047). The EIR also includes an updated supplemental program-level transportation impact analysis of campus growth under the 2020 Long Range Development Plan using a vehicle miles traveled metric consistent with updates to the State CEQA Guidelines pursuant to Senate Bill 743 (Section 15064.3(b)).

This Notice of Determination is to advise that the University of California Lead Agency has approved the above-described project on *November 17, 2022* and has made the following determinations:

1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report 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 not adopted for this project.
6. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final Environmental Impact Report with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the general public at: University of California, Physical and

Dated Received for filing at OPR:

Environmental Planning, UC Merced Downtown Campus Center 655 18th Street, Merced, CA 95340 and <https://planning.ucmerced.edu/ceqa-environmental-documents>. Please contact Phillip Woods at (209) 349-2561 or pwoods3@ucmerced.edu for any questions.

Signature:  _____

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Date: *November 17, 2022*

Dated Received for filing at OPR:

Authority cited: Sections 21082 and 21087, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.

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