

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report University of California, Davis Sacramento Campus Central Utility Plant Expansion Project

In accordance with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the University of California, Davis (UC Davis) has released for public review a Notice of Preparation (NOP) to solicit comments on the scope of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Central Utility Plant (CUP) Expansion Project. This EIR will tier from the 2020 Long Range Development Plan Update Supplemental EIR. The NOP is intended to satisfy the requirements of CEQA (Public Resources Code [PRC], Division 13, Sections 21000–21177) and the CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Sections 15000–15387).

Project Location: The UC Davis Sacramento Campus is located off U.S. 50 near the Highway 99/Business 80 interchange in the city of Sacramento. The Sacramento Campus consists of approximately 150 acres and houses UC Davis Health (UCDH), which includes the UC Davis Medical Center, UC Davis School of Medicine, extensive research facilities, outpatient clinics, support facilities, and the Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing, as well as the UC Davis Graduate School of Management’s Sacramento Master in Business Administration program. UCDH includes a 625-bed teaching hospital, a National Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center, and a nationally ranked children’s hospital. The existing CUP is bounded on the north and east by 2nd Ave, on the south by 49th Street, and on the west by the Facilities Support Services building.

Project Overview: The CUP Expansion Project involves demolishing a portion of the Facility Support Services Building (FSSB) to accommodate a new annex building, construction of a new 40 megavolt amperes (MVA) electrical yard and new feed from the SMUD East City Substation, changes to Parking Structure 6 access, and a minor land use amendment to the 2020 Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) Update.

The CUP Expansion will also address code-required upgrades and utility requirements for the Hospital and other future projects. These upgrades include fire protection upgrades to the bracing of the fire sprinkler system. Additionally, new water and sewer storage tanks are required for CUP operations to be maintained in the event of a significant water and sewage outage. The current footprint of the CUP is not sufficient to accommodate the needed storage improvements to meet these code requirements. The proposed expansion would provide the necessary space and install the required tanks.

Environmental Effects: The University of California will be the lead agency under CEQA (PRC Section 21000 et seq.) and will prepare a Tiered EIR as required by CEQA Guidelines Section 15152. UC Davis has determined that an EIR will be required for the CUP Expansion Project, and when the decision to prepare an EIR has already been made, CEQA states that an initial study is not required. As such, an initial study has not been prepared. This NOP has been prepared pursuant to Sections 15082 and 15083 of the CEQA Guidelines.

UC Davis requests input regarding the scope and content for the draft EIR that is relevant to your agency’s statutory/regulatory responsibilities or is of interest to individuals to ascertain potential environmental impacts of the project. The NOP comment period extends from May 23, 2023 to June 22, 2023.

Where to Review the NOP: The NOP is available for review at the following locations.

Online: <https://environmentalplanning.ucdavis.edu/CUP-Expansion>

Public Review Copies:

- UC Davis Health Center, Facilities Design and Construction, 4800 Second Avenue, Suite 3010, Sacramento, CA 958178.
- Sacramento Colonial Heights Library, 4799 Stockton Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95820.
- UC Davis Office of Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability in 436 Mrak Hall on the UC Davis campus, Davis, CA 95616.
- Reserves at Shields Library on the UC Davis campus, Davis, CA 95616.

Comment Opportunities: Formal comments regarding the NOP may be submitted in writing via mail or email during the NOP comment period. Written comments regarding the scope and content of information in the NOP and the scope and content of the upcoming draft SEIR should be submitted no later than **June 22, 2023 at 5:00 pm**. Comments should be submitted to:

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