

# Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

**Form F**

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SCH #: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Title: South Coast Research and Extension Center (REC) Engagement Center Project

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Project Location: 7601 Irvine Boulevard, Irvine, California

Orange  
*County*

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The proposed project would construct a new Engagement Center at the southeast corner of the South Coast REC to support existing programming. Overall, the Engagement Center would include approximately 13,750 square feet of building space, including a conference center, demonstration kitchen, classrooms, audio/video (AV) technical center, and ancillary uses. The construction of a new Engagement Center would also include a new access point at Modjeska and Still Night and internal roadway improvements to facilitate ingress/egress to the proposed development and through the South Coast REC. In addition to these improvements, the project would protect and enhance the existing agricultural research space.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

During construction, potential impacts to biological resources, cultural and tribal cultural resources may occur. To reduce potential impacts to nesting birds (including, but not limited to, the Cooper's hawk and California horned lark) during the nesting bird season (February 1 through August 31 for non-raptors), Mitigation Measure BIO-1 requires a pre-construction nesting bird clearance survey be conducted to determine the presence/absence, location, and status of any active nests on or adjacent to the project site. Mitigation Measure BIO-1 requires buffers to ensure that any nesting migratory native birds are protected pursuant to the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, if present. Project-related excavation could uncover previously undiscovered archaeological resources during excavation into native soil. In the unlikely event that archaeological resources are encountered during ground disturbing activities, Mitigation Measure CUL-1 would require all project excavation efforts to halt until a qualified archaeologist is retained by UC ANR, or their designee, and examines and evaluates the find. If the archaeological find is determined to be significant under CEQA, the archaeologist would prepare and implement a data recovery plan, in consultation with a culturally-affiliated Native American if applicable. Last, construction of the circulation and utility improvements along Modjeska would require partial lane closures. While lane closures would be temporary, the proposed project would be required to comply with Mitigation Measure TRA-1 which requires a Transportation Management Plan (TMP) to ensure public safety and maintain emergency access during construction.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

No known areas of controversy have been identified at this time.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

The Regents of the University of California, or their Designee (Lead Agency)

- University Approval; and
- Approval of California Environmental Quality Act Document.

University of California Fire Marshall, or their Designee (Responsible Agency)

- Fuel Modification Program; and
- Fire Permit.

The City of Irvine (Responsible Agency)

- Traffic-Signal Improvement Plan Approval; and
- Public Street Tree Removal Permit.

Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board (Santa Ana RWQCB) (Responsible Agency)

- National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Construction General Permit.

Orange County Flood Control (OCFC)/Santa Ana RWQCB (Responsible Agencies)

- Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit.