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## **Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Cal Beach Volleyball Complex Project**

January 17, 2025

Pursuant to Section 21092 and 21092.3 of the Public Resources Code and CEQA Guidelines Section 15072, as amended to date, this notice is to advise you that the University of California, Berkeley (UC Berkeley or University) has prepared an Initial Study to evaluate the environmental impacts of the project identified below. The Initial Study concludes that the project described below, with mitigation identified in the Initial Study, would not result in a significant effect on the environment and, therefore, UC Berkeley proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND). The purpose of this notice is to inform the public of UC Berkeley's intent to adopt a MND for the project, and to provide an opportunity for public comments on the draft MND and Initial Study.

**To:** UC Berkeley requests comments from agencies, organizations and interested parties regarding the environmental impacts associated with construction and operation of the proposed project.

**Project Title:** Cal Beach Volleyball Complex Project

**Lead Agency:** University of California, Berkeley

**Public Review Period:** Friday, January 17, 2025 through Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

### **Project Location:**

The project site is an approximately 1.1-acre part of the Campus Park zone of the UC Berkeley Campus, located in the City of Berkeley, Alameda County. The project site is at the western end of the Campus Park zone, on an area currently developed with a surface parking lot and landscaping. The project site is on the east side of Oxford Street, which becomes Fulton Street along the project site frontage. Bancroft Way is at the southern boundary of the project site. Edwards Stadium marks the eastern boundary of the site.

### **Project Description:**

The proposed project would involve replacing the existing parking lot and landscaping with a five-court sand volleyball facility, a viewing capacity of approximately 500 spectators on berm seating (with no fixed seating) and an approximately 3,500 square-foot team building for locker rooms and restrooms. The seating area would consist of a flat area and a sloped berm with a synthetic turf surface. The turf on the north side would be at ground level. The turf on the east side would be elevated to seat height, and the front of the raised pad built as a concrete bench. The proposed project also includes lighting and a public-address (PA) system for sound amplification, modifications to the existing sidewalk on Fulton/Oxford Street along the site frontage, and reconfiguration of on-street parking on this segment of the road.

Once operational, the beach volleyball complex would be used for Intercollegiate Athletics training and competitions (UC Berkeley women's beach volleyball team), club/intramural play, recreational sports, youth camps, training camps, and recreational rentals. There would be up to 14 games per regular- and post-season play based on conference obligations and existing or future contracts. The existing women's beach volleyball program would move away from the Clark Kerr Center Sand Courts, where volleyball events currently happen.

**Hazardous Materials/Waste On-Site:**

Pursuant to Section 15072(g)(5) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, the UC Berkeley campus is a hazardous waste site enumerated on a list under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code; however, no known hazardous contamination exists within the project site.

**Document Availability:**

This NOI and the Initial Study and MND are available online at <https://capitalstrategies.berkeley.edu/environmental-review>

In addition to the digital copy of the Initial Study and MND available online at the above website, a printed copy of the Initial Study and MND is available for review during the public comment period on the UC Berkeley campus at 200 A&E Building, Berkeley, California 94720. (By appointment only.)

If assistance accessing documents is needed, including documents incorporated by reference in the Draft EIR, please contact UC Berkeley's Physical & Environmental Planning office at (510) 495-5786 or by email at [planning@berkeley.edu](mailto:planning@berkeley.edu).

**Public Review and Comment Period:**

UC Berkeley is soliciting written comments on the Initial Study and MND for a period of no less than 30 days, pursuant to Section 21092 and 21092.3 of the Public Resources Code and CEQA Guidelines Section 15072. The comment period begins on Friday, January 17, 2025, and ends on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. Written comments via e-mail and regular mail can be provided no later than Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

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Include "MND Comments: Cal Beach Volleyball Complex Project" in the subject line.