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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: 2018041010
Project Title: Classroom and Office Building III
Project Applicant: University of California, Merced
Parties Undertaking Project: University of California, Merced
Project Location: Merced Campus
County: Merced County

Project Description: The proposed Classroom and Office Building III (COB III) is a 53,000-square-foot building that would be located on a lot currently occupied by temporary modular trailers on the UC Merced campus. These trailers house adjunct academic staff, who will be relocated on campus before the site is cleared. The COB III project will support the delivery of 12 new undergraduate academic majors and minors with the addition of three large instructional venues including two lecture halls and an auditorium.

This Notice of Determination is to advise that the University of California Lead Agency has approved the above-described project on *March 20, 2025*, and has made the following determinations:

1. The Project would not cause any significant environmental impacts nor an increase in the severity of significant impacts previously studied in the UC Merced 2020 LRDP Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) (SCH#2018041010)
2. Addendum No. 3 to UC Merced 2020 LRDP SEIR was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Relevant mitigation measures and continuing best practices from the 2020 LRDP SEIR were made a condition of the approval of the project; no new project-specific mitigation measures are required.
4. The implementation of applicable UC Merced 2020 LRDP SEIR mitigation measures will be monitored and reported pursuant to the 2020 LRDP SEIR's Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.
5. A Statement of Overriding Consideration was not adopted for this project.
6. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the UC Merced 2020 LRDP SEIR and Addendum No. 3 to UC Merced 2020 LRDP SEIR and record of project approval is available to the general public at: University of California, Physical and 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: *March 20, 2025*

Dated Received for filing at OPR: