

## **Notice of Determination**

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**To:**  Office of Planning and Research  
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Sacramento, CA 95812-3044  
 County Clerk County of \_\_\_\_\_

**From:** University of California  
Campus Planning: Physical Planning  
9500 Gilman Drive, M.C. 0074  
San Diego, California 92093-0074

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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** LRDP Program EIR (SCH. No. 2016111019)  
**Project Title:** Pepper Canyon Amphitheater, Public Realm Improvements,  
Warren Field House Replacement, and Public Art  
**Project Location:** University of California, San Diego (UC San Diego)  
San Diego County

**Project Description:** UC San Diego would construct a new 3,000-person capacity amphitheater and associated public realm improvements within the Pepper Canyon Neighborhood, located on the West Campus of UC San Diego. The amphitheater would infill the area between the Visual Arts Facility, Structural and Materials Engineering (SME) Building, the Design and Innovation Building (D&IB), and the planned Pepper Canyon West Student Housing Project. The eastern façade of the Visual Arts Facility would have existing paint removed and would be prepared for the application of a new mural intended to unify and improve the visual quality of the Pepper Canyon Neighborhood. Additionally, UC San Diego would construct the Warren Field House Replacement / Warren Athletic Training Center at the eastern end of Warren Field, adjacent to Gilman Drive. This proposed facility would replace the existing Warren Field House, which is planned for demolition by the San Diego Mid-Coast Transit Constructors (MCTC) to support the planned construction of the Lyman Lane turnaround associated with the Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project.

The Pepper Canyon Amphitheater would serve as a multi-functional performance venue intended to provide a space for a wide variety of University-sponsored and non-University-sponsored events including art exhibitions, theater, dance, music, education, and general assembly, which would occur throughout the calendar year during both daytime and evening hours. The amphitheater would consist of a stage, shell, and back-of-house facilities as well as a bench seating area capable of accommodating 1,500 people and a lawn seating area accommodating an additional 1,500 people. Other facilities supporting the proposed amphitheater would include a ticket kiosk, and two new public restroom facilities accessible from the pathways along the seating areas. Operation of the Pepper Canyon Amphitheater would be subject to the Policy on Major Events on Campus described in UC San Diego Policy & Procedure Manual 510-1 Section V.A. as well as policies and requirements developed by the Facility Manager for the amphitheater. When not hosting an event, the amphitheater could serve as a place of passive recreation, socialization, and informal gathering for students, faculty, and staff.

The proposed Public Realm Improvements would include the construction of Concordance Walk and Pepper Canyon Plaza. The proposed Concordance Walk would be located immediately south of the proposed amphitheater, and together with the planned Rupertus Walk, would serve as a main thoroughfare from the future Pepper Canyon Station through the Pepper Canyon Neighborhood and into the University Center Neighborhood. Concordance Walk would span a width of 26 feet and extend for approximately 650 feet with downcast lighting and wayfinding signage. Further, Concordance Walk would include a Stuart Collection artwork installation by Ann Hamilton that would visually link and unify the proposed Pepper Canyon Amphitheater and associated public realm improvements with the surrounding development in the Pepper Canyon Neighborhood, creating a visually distinct arrival experience for students, faculty, staff, and visitors. Other public realm improvements would include the construction of the Pepper Canyon Plaza, located south of the D&IB and adjacent to Pepper Canyon Station. The Pepper Canyon Plaza would serve as spill out space from the future Pepper Canyon Station and the initial point of connection to the Concordance Walk and the rest of West Campus. The plaza would be furnished with landscaped vegetation, lighting, and pedestrian future (e.g., benches).

With the construction of the proposed Pepper Canyon Amphitheater and associated public realm improvements, the rear of the Visual Arts Facility would become much more visible to the public, especially concert goers who would have direct views of the eastern façade. The architecture of the Visual Arts Facility building is unique in that it is relatively flat, making it an opportune site for the placement of artwork. UC San Diego would remove the existing paint from eastern façade of the Visual Arts Facility and prepare it for the application of a new mural intended to unify and improve the visual quality of the Pepper Canyon Neighborhood.

The existing Warren Field House is currently located along Lyman Lane, between the SME Building and the western edge of Warren Field. The Warren Field House provides storage, maintenance, and custodial space for the nearby Warren Field as well as restroom facilities. During construction activities associated with of the Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project, the existing Warren Field House is planned for demolition by MCTC to facilitate the construction of the planned Lyman Lane turnaround. Under the Project UC San Diego would construct the approximately 2,700 square foot (SF) Warren Field House / Warren Athletic Training Center on the eastern side of the of Warren Field, adjacent to Gilman Drive. This replacement facility would provide equipment storage space, consultation and rehabilitation spaces, and separate restroom facilities. The UC San Diego Recreation Sports Clubs Athletic Trainers would use this facility for treatment, rehabilitation, evaluation, concussion management, and baseline concussion appointments.

This is to advise that the University of California  Lead Agency has approved the above described Project on July 13, 2020 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described Project:

1. The Project would have no impact or a less than significant impact on the environment.
2.  Addendum #4 to the UC San Diego 2018 Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was prepared for this Project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Relevant mitigation measures  from the 2018 LRDP Program EIR mitigation measures will be monitored and reported pursuant to the 2018 LRDP Program EIR's Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.
4. Findings  were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the Final Addendum and record of Project approval is available to the general public at: University of California, San Diego, Campus Planning Office, 9500 Gilman Drive, Mail Code 0074, La Jolla Ca, 92093-0074, Attn: Alison Buckley, (858) 534-4464.



**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Date:** July 13, 2020

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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