NOTICE OF PREPARATION
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

Project Title: Environmental Health & Safety Expansion

Lead Agency: University of California

Project Location: University of California, Riverside
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County: Riverside County

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The University of California proposes to develop an expanded Environmental Health & Safety (EH&S) facility and carry out related reorganization of campus support functions on the University of California, Riverside (UCR) campus in Riverside, California. The proposed project would: (1) construct a new EH&S Expansion building that would allow UCR to relocate the EH&S functions from their present location in the south-central area of the campus and provide space for administrative/office uses, training, laboratories, and materials handling and storage; (2) construct a new parking lot (Lot 27) to serve the new facility and provide parking for existing nearby recreation fields; (3) reorganize and relocate existing uses at the campus Corporation Yard, including demolition of two buildings and construction of a replacement warehouse; and (4) relocate campus Mail Services and Printing and Reprographic Services from their existing locations on- and off-campus to the existing EH&S buildings. The project would require approval by the UC Board of Regents.

The proposed project would not add to the total enrollment projected by the 2005 LRDP. The proposed project would not change any of the existing land use designations on the East Campus.
Environmental Review and Comment

The University of California will be the Lead Agency and will prepare an EIR for the proposed project. An Initial Study has been prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the CEQA Guidelines, and the University of California Guidelines for the Implementation of CEQA to identify potential environmental impacts that will be addressed in the EIR (see Attachment A). The attached Initial Study also includes a description of the proposed project. At this time, it is anticipated that the EIR will address environmental impacts in the following resource areas: aesthetics, air quality, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, noise, transportation and traffic, and utilities.

The University will hold a public scoping meeting on Wednesday, July 6, 2011 for the EIR. The meeting will be held at Bannockburn J-102 located at 3637 Canyon Crest Drive, from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM.

A copy of this NOP and Initial Study will be placed on the following website:

http://www.odc.ucr.edu/

We request your views as to the scope and contents of the EIR for the proposed project. This NOP is being circulated for 30 days from June 3 through July 6, 2011. Your response must be received no later than 5:00 PM on July 6, 2011. Your name should be included with your response. Please send your response to the attention of Tricia D. Thrasher at the address noted above. Responses can also be submitted via email to the following address: CEQA@ucr.edu. Email responses must also be received no later than 5 PM on July 6, 2011.

If you have any questions regarding this NOP, please contact Tricia D. Thrasher at the above address or via email at CEQA@ucr.edu.

Signature: ____________________________ Date: __6/3/11__

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Attachment A: Initial Study