

August 26, 2014

NOTICE OF COMPLETION–NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Project Title: Creekside Terrace Slope Stabilization Project
Project Location: North of Central Avenue and east of Chicago Avenue in Riverside
County: Riverside

In accordance with the State CEQA Guidelines and University of California (UC) Procedures for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act, an Initial Study for the above named project has been prepared. The Initial Study incorporates by reference the UC Riverside (UCR) 2005 Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) Environmental Impact Report (EIR) as supplemented and updated by the UCR 2005 LRDP Amendment 2 EIR. The project is located off-campus, outside of the LRDP planning area. While the LRDP does not specifically address this location, the analysis in this document takes into account LRDP Planning Strategies (PSs), Programs and Practices (PPs), and Mitigation Measures (MMs) that are applicable to resources potentially impacted by the proposed project. Based upon the Initial Study, it has been determined that a Negative Declaration is appropriate for this project.

The proposed UCR Creekside Terrace Slope Protection project is located within and adjacent to an off-campus residential development known as Creekside Terrace (Tract 31671), approximately 770 feet from the southern boundary of UC Riverside’s West Campus area. The site is generally located north of Central Avenue and east of Chicago Avenue in the Canyon Crest area of the City of Riverside. The proposed project involves stabilization of the north bank of an existing drainage channel located adjacent to the University-owned residential development and partially located on property owned by others. The channel will be reshaped and rip-rap will be placed on the north bank to match existing conditions on the south bank. The proposed improvements will require the removal of all vegetation located on the north bank as well as the channel bottom. Proposed ongoing activity will maintain a vegetation-free condition on the north bank to ensure channel flow capacity is maintained. Existing vegetation on the south bank will remain in place, and native vegetation will be allowed to naturally reestablish within the drainage channel bank on the south side. The proposed project involves the recommended remedial measures which consist of stabilization improvements within a previously improved stream channel to ensure long-term stability of the stream bank in proximity to substantial keystone retaining walls along the north side of the drainage. The project site is not identified on any lists of hazardous waste sites compiled pursuant to California Government Code Section 65962.5.

It has been determined that with incorporation of project-specific mitigation, along with applicable LRDP PSs, PPs, and MMs, this project will not result in any significant environmental impacts. This letter is intended to serve as the Notice of Completion for the project. The project’s anticipated environmental effects are discussed in the enclosed Draft Initial Study. Copies of the Draft Initial Study and all documents referenced therein are available for review at the address below. In addition, the Initial Study is available for review on the web at <http://odc.ucr.edu/legal.html>.

Pursuant to CEQA, the 30-day public review period will extend from **August 26 through September 25, 2014**. Comments on the Draft Initial Study/Negative Declaration must be received no later than **5:00 p.m. on September 25, 2014**. Submit your comments to CEQA@ucr.edu or send written comments to:

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