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Project Title: Plant Growth Environments Facility
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Project Location: County: Riverside
City/Nearest Community: Riverside
Zip Code: 92521

Cross Streets: East Campus Drive and Eucalyptus Drive
Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 33 ° 58 ' 19.36" N / -117 ° 19 ' 23.34" W Total Acres: 1.25
Assessor's Parcel No.: 253-100-005
Section: 29 Twp.: 2S Range: 4W Base: San Bernardino
Waterways: N/A
Railways: BNSF Schools: UCR Child Development Center

Document Type: CEQA: [ ] NOP [ ] Draft EIR [ ] NEPA: [ ] NOI [ ] Other: [ ] Joint Document [ ] Final Document [ ] Other: [ ]

Local Action Type: [ ] General Plan Update [ ] Specific Plan [ ] Rezoning [ ] Redevelopment [ ] General Plan Amendment [ ] Master Plan [ ] Use Permit [ ] Coastal Permit [ ] General Plan Element [ ] Planned Unit Development [ ] Other: [ ] Community Plan [ ] Site Plan [ ] Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)

Development Type: [ ] Residential: Units \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_
[ ] Office: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_
[ ] Commercial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_
[ ] Industrial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_
[ ] Educational: approximately 38,000-square-foot Plant Growth Environments Facility
[ ] Recreational: \_\_\_\_\_ MGD
[ ] Water Facilities: Type \_\_\_\_\_

Project Issues Discussed in Document: [ ] Fiscal [ ] Recreation/Parks [ ] Vegetation [ ] Aesthetic/Visual [ ] Flood Plain/Flooding [ ] Schools/Universities [ ] Water Quality [ ] Agricultural Land [ ] Forest Land/Fire Hazard [ ] Septic Systems [ ] Water Supply/Groundwater [ ] Air Quality [ ] Geologic/Seismic [ ] Sewer Capacity [ ] Wetland/Riparian [ ] Archeological/Historical [ ] Minerals [ ] Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading [ ] Growth Inducement [ ] Biological Resources [ ] Noise [ ] Solid Waste [ ] Land Use [ ] Coastal Zone [ ] Population/Housing Balance [ ] Toxic/Hazardous [ ] Drainage/Absorption [ ] Public Services/Facilities [ ] Traffic/Circulation [ ] Economic/Jobs [ ] Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation: \_\_\_\_\_
Academics \_\_\_\_\_
Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)

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State Review Began: 2-15-2019
SCH COMPLIANCE 3-18-2019
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[ ] Central Valley Flood Prot. [ ] Transportation Projects
[ ] Coastal Comm [ ] Major Industrial/Energy
[ ] Colorado Rvr Bd [ ] Resources, Recycl.& Recovery
[ ] Conservation [X] SWRCB: Div. of Drinking Water
[ ] CDFW # [ ] SWRCB: Div. Drinking Wtr #
[ ] Cal Fire [ ] SWRCB: Div. Financial Assist.
[ ] Historic Preservation [ ] SWRCB: Wtr Quality
[ ] Parks & Rec [ ] SWRCB: Wtr Rights
[ ] Bay Cons & Dev Comm. [X] Reg. WQCB # 4
[ ] DWR [X] Toxic Sub Ctrl-CTC
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Starting Date February 15, 2019

Ending Date March 18, 2019

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*James Campbell* Date: 2/12/2019

# ATTACHMENT A

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The proposed project would involve the demolition of the existing Lathhouse B, four plant growth glass houses, one Arabidopsis plant growth house, a temporary compost toilet, and a metal shed totaling approximately 13,106 square feet. Subsequent to demolition activities, the proposed project would include construction of a 2-story, approximately 38,000 gross square feet, approximately 33-foot high, cast-in-place concrete PGEF structure; including an on-site stationary equipment (packaged air handlers, evaporative cooling and fan coil units, and standby generator); a 20-foot wide fire access lane along the south portion of the site; new east-west crosswalks at the intersection of East Campus Drive at Eucalyptus Drive; an Americans with Disabilities (ADA) compliant pedestrian pathway; one ADA parking space; and associated landscape, hardscape, utility, and infrastructure improvements. The proposed project would comply with the UC Policy on Sustainable Practices (Sustainable Practices Policy).

The proposed project would have the same operating hours as that of the existing Lathhouse B facility. A potential increase of 20 personnel have been assumed with implementation of the project which are expected to be filled by the local labor pool and students already on campus.

