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Project Title: Hill Campus Wildland Vegetative Fuel Management Plan

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 City: Berkeley Zip: 94720 County: Alameda County

Project Location: County: Alameda County/Contra Costa County City/Nearest Community: Berkeley, CA
 Cross Streets: Grizzly Peak Boulevard and Stadium Rim Way Zip Code: 94720
 Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 37 ° 52 ' 27 " N / 122 ° 14 ' 03 " W Total Acres: 800
 Assessor's Parcel No.: see separate page Section: NA Twp.: NA Range: NA Base: NA
 Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: SR-13 and SR-24 Waterways: Strawberry Creek, Derby Creek, Claremont Creek, Lake Anza, Lake Temescal, San Pablo Dam
 Airports: None Railways: Bay Area Rapid Transit Schools: see separate page

Document Type:

CEQA: NOP Draft EIR NEPA: NOI Other: Joint Document
 Early Cons Supplement/Subsequent EIR EA Final Document
 Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) Draft EIS Other: _____
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Local Action Type:

General Plan Update Specific Plan Rezone Annexation
 General Plan Amendment Master Plan Prezone Redevelopment
 General Plan Element Planned Unit Development Use Permit Coastal Permit
 Community Plan Site Plan Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) Other: Fuel Management Plan

Development Type:

Residential: Units _____ Acres _____ Transportation: Type _____
 Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Mining: Mineral _____
 Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Power: Type _____ MW _____
 Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____
 Educational: _____ Hazardous Waste: Type _____
 Recreational: _____ Other: Vegetation Treatments
 Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

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

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

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Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)

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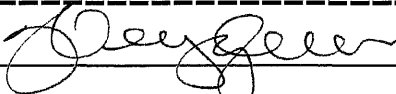
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Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date 11/20/2019 Ending Date 12/20/2019

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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Signature of Lead Agency Representative:  Date: 11/20/19

Authority cited: Section 21088, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.

Assessor's Parcel Numbers:

All or portions of the following Assessor's Parcel Numbers are in the Plan Area: Alameda County: 048H-7750-001-03, 048H-7753-039-01, 048H-7755-029-01, 048H-7800-002-01, 048H-7900-002-04, 048H-7900-002-06, 048H-7900-004-01 and 057 -2042-004-10; Contra Costa County: 265-160-005-4 and 265-160-006-2.

Schools within Two Miles:

Oxford Elementary School, Thousand Oaks Elementary School, Jefferson Elementary School, Washington Elementary School, Emerson Elementary School, John Muir Elementary School, Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School, Bayhill Hill School, and Berkeley High School.

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

The 800-acre Plan Area is located within the University of California, Berkeley (UC Berkeley) Hill Campus subarea designated in the 2020 Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) in the hills adjoining and east of the UC Berkeley Campus Park and California Memorial Stadium. Development within the Plan Area includes several campus public and research facilities such as the Lawrence Hall of Science, Botanical Garden, Space Sciences Laboratory, and the Mathematical Sciences Research Institute. However, the primary use of the Hill Campus is natural open space, including 300-acres, referred to as the Ecological Study Area, preserved by UC Berkeley for education and research.

The land within the Plan Area is zoned for high-density (R-5) residential by the City of Berkeley, residential hillside (RH) by the City of Oakland, and Forestry Recreational (F-R) and General Agriculture (A-2) by Contra Costa County; Alameda County has not assigned a zoning district to this area. The Plan Area is designated as Open Space by the City of Berkeley General Plan, Resource Conservation Area by the City of Oakland General Plan, and Parks and Recreation by the Contra Costa General Plan; Alameda County has not assigned a land use designation to this area.

Description of the Project:

UC Berkeley proposes to implement its Wildland Vegetative Fuel Management Plan (Plan) for the UC Berkeley Hill Campus to treat vegetation that could become fire fuel within the 800-acre Plan Area. The proposed Plan includes implementation of three vegetation treatment types within the Plan Area, including evacuation support treatments, fuel break treatments, and fire hazard reduction treatments. Five types of vegetation treatment activities are proposed to implement the three vegetation treatment types: manual treatment, mechanical treatment, prescribed burning, managed herbivory (livestock grazing), and targeted ground application of herbicides. Additionally, UC Berkeley is proposing specific fuel break and fire hazard reduction treatment projects. Implementation of the various treatment types and activities will be reviewed for use throughout the Plan Area at a programmatic level in the Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The identified fuel break and fire hazard reduction treatment projects will be studied at a project level of detail in the EIR. The near-term implementation of the identified treatment projects along with the longer-term implementation of treatment types together comprise the proposed "project" as defined in State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378. The Plan includes the project as defined by CEQA for the purposes of review in this EIR as well as ongoing vegetation treatment maintenance actions described in the 2020 Hill Area Fire Fuel Management Program that have been approved under UC Berkeley's 2020 Long Range Development Plan EIR (SCH #2003082131). Maintenance activities included in the 2020 Hill Area Fire Fuel Management Program are not part of the proposed action that will be studied in the Draft EIR.

UC Berkeley has prepared an Initial Study to identify the appropriate document under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), which is included as Attachment B to the Notice of Preparation. The Initial Study contains a full description of the proposed project including location, objectives, and a preliminary identification of potential environmental effects associated with implementation of the proposed project. As documented in the Initial Study, UC Berkeley determined that it will prepare an EIR. The Initial Study also serves to focus the EIR on the effects determined to be potentially significant, pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15063(c)(3).