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Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal**

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Project Title: UC Berkeley Long Range Development Plan Update and Housing Projects #1 and #2

CEQA Document: Draft Environmental Impact Report

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Project Location (City and County): Berkeley, parts of Oakland and Orinda; Alameda and Contra Costa Counties

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences):

The Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) provides a high-level planning framework for University of California, Berkeley's planning area and surrounding campus environs. The most recent LRDP forecasted development through the year 2020. The LRDP will forecast development through the 2036-2037 academic school year and proposes to add up to 11,700 student housing beds, 385 employee housing units, and approximately 4,000,000 gross square feet (GSF) of academic and administrative facilities. The project includes two specific student housing projects (Housing Projects #1 and #2). Housing Project #1 includes up to 850 beds for students, and Housing Project #2 would include up to 1,200 beds for UC Berkeley students, and a separate housing unit for lower income (non-university affiliated) individuals with up to 125 units. UC Berkeley will develop an Environmental Impact Report that will analyze project impacts at the programmatic level for the LRDP update, and at the project level for the two housing projects.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

See attached "UC Berkeley Long Range Development Plan Update and Housing Projects #1 and #2 EIR: Environmental Factors Not Affected", which is Attachment B from the project Notice of Preparation.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

N/A

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

N/A

ATTACHMENT B

**UC Berkley Long Range Development Plan Update and Housing Projects #1 and #2
EIR: Environmental Factors Not Affected**

The EIR for the LRDP Update will determine whether the implementation of the proposed project may result in environmental impacts that require mitigation measures to offset potential impacts. As briefly described below, the proposed project would have no impact on the following criteria, listed by environmental topic area, pursuant to Appendix G of the 2019 California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines and these issues will not be addressed in the EIR.

AESTHETICS

Would the proposed project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant	No Impact
Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

The planning area is not on or within the viewshed of a State scenic highway.¹ Regional access to UC Berkeley is provided by Interstate Highways 80 and 580, and State Routes 24 and 13. None is a designated or presently eligible scenic route. Therefore, no impact would occur under this criterion and this issue will not be discussed in the EIR.

AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY RESOURCES

Would the proposed project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant	No Impact
Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forestland (as defined in Public Resources Code Section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code Section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code Section 51104(g))?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forestland (as defined in Public Resources Code Section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code Section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code Section 51104(g))?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

As a result of the project’s location in a primarily urbanized setting, the proposed project would not have a significant effect on Agriculture and Forestry Resources. Maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and

¹ California Department of Transportation California Scenic Highways Program, Scenic Highway System Lists, List of eligible and officially designated State Scenic Highways, <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/design/lap-landscape-architecture-and-community-livability/lap-liv-i-scenic-highways>, accessed February 28, 2020.

Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency categorize land within the planning area as Urban and Built-Up Land, and “Other Land”; the LRDP Update Planning Area does not contain farmland or grazing land.² In addition, the cities of Berkeley and Oakland do not contain land zoned for farmland or timberland production.^{3, 4} Portions of the planning area contain land designated as Open Space, but do not contain State or national forest lands. Consequently, there would be no impacts regarding agriculture and forestry resources and this issue will not be discussed in the EIR.

BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

Would the proposed project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant	No Impact
Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

The planning area not located within any area designated for an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved conservation plan. Therefore, no impact would occur under this criterion and this issue will not be discussed in the EIR.

GEOLOGICAL HAZARDS

Would the proposed project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant	No Impact
Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of wastewater?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

The proposed project would not include the use of septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems. Therefore, no impact would occur under this criterion and this issue will not be discussed in the EIR.

HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Would the proposed project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant	No Impact
For a project within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, result in a safety hazard for people living or working in the project area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

² California Resources Agency, Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program. Alameda County Important Farmland 2016, and Contra Costa County Important Farmland 2016, accessed February 26, 2020.

³ City of Oakland, 2018. Zoning and Estuary Policy Plan Maps. https://cao-94612.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/Zoning_EPP_Map_20181211.pdf, accessed February 27, 2020.

⁴ City of Berkeley, 2014. Land Use Zoning Districts, https://www.cityofberkeley.info/uploadedFiles/IT/Level_3_-_General/Zoning%20Map%2036x36%2020050120.pdf, accessed on accessed February 27, 2020.

The planning area is not located within an airport land use plan or within two miles of an airport^{5, 6} The nearest public airport is the Oakland International Airport roughly t10 miles south of the planning area.^{7, 8} Therefore, no impact would occur under this criterion and this issue will not be discussed in the EIR.

MINERAL RESOURCES

Would the proposed project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant	No Impact
Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be a value to the region and the residents of the state?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Result in the loss of availability of a locally important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan, or other land use plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

The California Department of Conservation, Geological Survey (CGS) classifies lands into Aggregate and Mineral Resource Zones (MRZs) based on guidelines adopted by the California State Mining and Geology Board, as mandated by the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act of 1974. These MRZs identify whether known or inferred significant mineral resources are present in areas. There are no areas in planning area with development potential that contain areas for mineral resources where there is adequate information indicating significant mineral deposits or the high likelihood of significant mineral deposits present.^{9,10,11} Therefore, there would be no impact with regard to the loss of a valuable mineral resource and this issue will not be discussed in the EIR.

NOISE

Would the proposed project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant	No Impact
For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip or an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within 2 miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

As stated in Section V, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, above, the planning area is not located within the vicinity of a private airstrip or an airport land use plan, or within two miles of a public airport or public use airport. Therefore, no impact would occur under this criterion and this issue will not be discussed in the EIR.

⁵ Contra Costa County Airport Land Use Commission, 2000. Contra Costa County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan. <https://www.contracosta.ca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/851/Cover-Introduction-and-County-wide-Policies?bidId=>, accessed February 27, 2020.

⁶ Alameda County, 2019. California Airport Land Use Commissions (ALUC). <https://www.acgov.org/cda/planning/generalplans/airportlandplans.htm>, accessed February 27, 2020.

⁷ AirNav, 2016. Browse Airports, United States of America, California. <http://www.airnav.com/airports/us/CA>, accessed February 27, 2020.

⁸ Google Map data, 2020. Airports near Berkeley, California. <https://www.google.com/maps/search/airport/@37.849113,-122.3818286,10.75z>, accessed February 27, 2020.

⁹ California Geological Survey, 2018. Aggregate Sustainability in California. https://www.conservation.ca.gov/cgs/Documents/MS_052_California_Aggregates_Map_201807.pdf, accessed February 27, 2020.

¹⁰ California Department of Conservation, 2016. Mines Online. <https://maps.conservation.ca.gov/mol/index.html>, accessed February 27, 2020.

¹¹ California Department of Conservation, 1982. Mineral Land Classification Map Special Report 146 Plates 2.7, 2.19, 2.20.