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SCH #: 2021040047

Project Title: UC Merced Medical Education Building Project

Lead Agency: University of California, Merced

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Project Location: Merced, Merced County
City *County*

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

The proposed UC Merced Medical Education Building Project consists of two components: 1) development of the proposed Medical Education Building, including a site access road and a small surface parking lot, and 2) installation of electrical infrastructure and the construction of a new storm water detention basin in the southern portion of the UC Merced campus. The proposed Medical Education building would be an approximately 190,000 outside gross square foot, four-story building, consisting of two wings that would wrap around a central courtyard. The new storm water basin would be about 8 acres in surface area and about 6 feet deep on average.

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

The Environmental Impact Report evaluates impacts and identifies mitigation measures, as needed, for the following environmental topics:

- Air Quality (2020 LRDP Mitigation Measures AQ-1a, AQ-1b, AQ-2a, and AQ-2b)

- Hydrology and Water Quality

- Public Services (fire protection)

- Transportation

- Tribal Cultural Resources (2020 LRDP Mitigation Measures CUL-2 and CUL-3)

- Utilities (wastewater system capacity)

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

Issues of concern and issue areas raised during the scoping process include :

- Project potential for impacts to a historical resource or tribal cultural resources;
- Consideration of drainage and sewer capacity for future buildings as part of previous analyses conducted for the 2020 LRDP;
- Project details including the anticipated construction schedule for the UCM-ME Building and whether a medical school will be developed on the campus;
- Recommendations from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) regarding potential impacts to nesting birds and burrowing owls;
- Recommendation to consult with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) on potential impacts to federally-listed species, including, but not limited to, California tiger salamander;
- Consideration of mitigation measures put forth by Merced Irrigation District (MID) for potential effects on MID facilities on the campus; and,
- Recommendation by the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) that UC Merced conduct consultation with California Native American Tribes that are traditionally and culturally affiliated with the geographic area of the proposed Project to avoid inadvertent discoveries of Native American human remains and best protect tribal cultural resources.

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

N/A