

**CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT FINDINGS IN CONNECTION  
WITH THE APPROVAL OF ADDENDUM No. 1 TO THE  
2018 LONG RANGE DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND DESIGN APPROVAL FOR THE  
FRANKLIN ANTONIO HALL PROJECT, SAN DIEGO CAMPUS**

**I. CONSIDERATION OF 2018 LRDP FEIR AND ADDENDUM NO. 1**

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, Public Resources Code Sections 21000 *et seq.* (“CEQA”) and the State CEQA Guidelines, Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Sections 15000 *et seq.* (“CEQA Guidelines”), the Board of Regents of the University of California (the “University”), or its delegate (collectively referred to herein as the “University”), has considered the Final Environmental Impact Report prepared for the University of California, San Diego (“UC San Diego” or “San Diego campus”) 2018 Long Range Development Plan (“LRDP”), State Clearinghouse Number 2016111019, which was certified by the University in November 2018 (“2018 LRDP FEIR”), and the Addendum No. 1 thereto, dated May 2019, for the University’s design approval of the Franklin Antonio Hall Project (“Addendum No. 1”). The University certifies that the 2018 LRDP FEIR and Addendum No. 1 have been completed in compliance with CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines. The University further certifies that the information contained in the 2018 LRDP FEIR and Addendum No. 1 reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the University.

The 2018 LRDP FEIR, including the information contained in the Addendum No. 1, contains the environmental analysis and information necessary to support approval of the Franklin Antonio Hall Project (hereafter, the “Project”), as set forth in Section III, below.

**II. FINDINGS**

The following Findings are hereby adopted by the University as required by Public Resources Code Sections 21081, 21081.5, 21081.6, and 21166, and CEQA Guidelines Sections 15091, 15092, 15162, 15164, 15168, 15303, and 15304 in conjunction with the approval of the Project, which is set forth in Section III, below.

**A. Description of Proposed Project**

UC San Diego would construct a new engineering interdisciplinary building of approximately 191,500 gross square feet (GSF), including 131,800 assignable square feet (ASF) located on a 3.12-acre site in the West Campus portion of UC San Diego, west of Interstate 5, north of Voigt Drive, and west of Equality Lane. The Project site is in the Warren College Neighborhood. The Project would include approximately 13 research laboratories and faculty offices (96,200 ASF). The building would also include space for the Institute for the Global Entrepreneur (5,000 ASF); collaborative work space for undergraduate student extracurricular projects (1,600 ASF); education space and general assignment classrooms including a 250-seat auditorium and executive outreach center (22,000 ASF); and public spaces including an atrium/building lobby and a café (7,000 ASF). The Project site is currently a 355-space parking lot that would be removed. The Project does not propose to provide parking but would utilize the campus’ robust parking and transportation system to accommodate access and parking needs. An

extension of the Campus Meander trail is proposed along the western, northern, and eastern perimeters of the site. A new pedestrian crossing is proposed at Voigt Drive to lead pedestrians to the building.

Planning for the Project is guided by the UC San Diego 2018 LRDP. The UC San Diego 2018 LRDP designates the Project site as Academic, defined as land and structures that include classrooms, class and research laboratories, and ancillary support facilities (such as administrative, housing and dining facilities, parking, and facilities supporting academic operations), graduate programs, and professional schools. The Project would construct an engineering interdisciplinary building with education space and general assignment classrooms, research laboratories, faculty offices, and shared meeting space. These uses would be academic in nature and consistent with the land use designation for the Project site. Therefore, it has been determined that the Project is consistent with the land use categories in the 2018 LRDP.

The 2018 LRDP anticipated that up to 3.8 million net new gross square feet (GSF) of academic and support space would be developed on the West Campus over the lifetime of the 2018 LRDP, and over 12.2 million net new GSF within the entire area governed by the 2018 LRDP. These growth envelopes were analyzed in the 2018 LRDP FEIR. The Project would demolish an existing surface parking lot and construct approximately 191,500 GSF of academic space in the West Campus. Therefore, the Project would result in space levels below levels anticipated in the 2018 LRDP.

#### **B. Environmental Review Process**

In November 2018, the University certified the 2018 LRDP FEIR in accordance with CEQA, the CEQA Guidelines, and the University of California Procedures for Implementation of CEQA and adopted the 2018 LRDP. Both the 2018 LRDP and the 2018 LRDP FEIR analyzed the scope and nature of development proposed to meet the goals of the UC San Diego campus through academic year 2035-2036, including projects of growth in both campus headcount and campus space during this timeframe. The 2018 LRDP FEIR identified measures to mitigate, to the extent feasible, the significant adverse project and cumulative impacts associated with growth of the UC San Diego campus under the 2018 LRDP.

The 2018 LRDP EIR was prepared in accordance with CEQA Section 21094 and CEQA Guidelines 15168 and analyzed the environmental impacts of the 2018 LRDP. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines 15168(c) “subsequent activities in the program must be examined in the light of the program EIR to determine whether an additional environmental document must be prepared.” Pursuant to §15168(c)(4), an agency should use “...a written checklist or similar device to document the evaluation of the site and the activity to determine whether the environmental effects of the operation were covered in the program EIR.” An addendum was prepared to document that none of the conditions described in CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 calling for the preparation of a subsequent EIR have occurred and an addendum to the 2018 LRDP EIR may be prepared (per CEQA Guidelines Section 15164).

The Project would develop a site identified in the 2018 LRDP as a future academic development site. The net square footage resulting from the Project is well within the LRDP planning envelope. Please see Addendum No. 1 for full documentation of consistency with 2018 LRDP objectives, and detailed analysis of the Project by FEIR subject area, illustrating consistency with the 2018 LRDP FEIR.

Addendum No. 1 for the Franklin Antonio Hall Project was prepared in compliance with CEQA Section 21166 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 to examine the potential environmental impacts of approving the Project. Addendum No. 1 analyzes the impacts of Project implementation. Addendum No. 1 has been prepared in conjunction with the 2018 LRDP FEIR which fully analyzes all of the potential environmental impacts of the 2018 LRDP.

The University must consider the 2018 LRDP FEIR, including Addendum No. 1, prior to making a decision on the Project.

The legal criteria for preparation of an addendum to the 2018 LRDP FEIR are met here. None of the conditions or circumstances that would require preparation of subsequent or supplemental environmental review pursuant to CEQA Section 21166 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 exists in connection with the approval of the Project. There have not been any substantial changes with respect to the circumstances under which implementation of the 2018 LRDP would be undertaken that would require major revisions to the previously certified 2018 LRDP FEIR. In addition, there is no new information of substantial importance, which was not known and could not have been known at the time that the 2018 LRDP FEIR was certified showing that new or more severe environmental impacts not addressed in the 2018 LRDP FEIR would occur, that mitigation measures or alternatives found infeasible in the 2018 LRDP FEIR would in fact be feasible, or that different mitigation measures or alternatives from those analyzed in the 2018 LRDP FEIR would substantially reduce one or more significant impacts.

Addendum No. 1 analyzes and summarizes the potential impacts of the Project in relation to the environmental analysis in the 2018 LRDP FEIR with regard to the following environmental topic areas: Aesthetics; Air Quality; Biological Resources; Cultural and Tribal Cultural Resources; Geology and Soils; Hazards and Hazardous Materials; Hydrology and Water Quality; Land Use and Planning; Noise; Population and Housing; Public Services; Recreation; Transportation/Traffic; and Utilities, Service Systems, and Energy. It also identifies mitigation measures adopted as part of the 2018 LRDP FEIR relevant to the Project that have been incorporated into and must be implemented as part of the Project. All mitigation measures in the 2018 LRDP FEIR relevant to the Project, as well as all components of the Project described in Addendum No. 1, are included in the Approval and are made conditions of the Project.

The Project would not result in any new impacts or increase the severity of any significant impact previously identified in the 2018 LRDP FEIR. No revisions or specific mitigation measures applicable to the Project were identified in Addendum No. 1 that would further reduce the impacts of the 2018 LRDP implementation.

**C. Impacts of the Proposed Project**

As described in greater detail below, the analysis in Addendum No. 1 indicates that the Project would not result in any new significant impacts, increase the severity of significant impacts previously identified in the 2018 LRDP FEIR, or cause any significant environmental effects not previously examined in the 2018 LRDP FEIR. All potential significant impacts that could result from implementation of the 2018 LRDP have been addressed in Addendum No. 1 and/or the 2018 LRDP FEIR and in the 2018 LRDP FEIR Findings adopted by the University. The Project does not involve new information of substantial importance that would require mitigation measures or alternatives that are considerably different from those analyzed in the 2018 LRDP FEIR. No additional mitigation measures are feasible to substantially lessen any significant and unavoidable impacts previously identified in the 2018 LRDP FEIR.

The Project would not result in any new significant cumulative impacts not previously examined in the 2018 LRDP FEIR, increase the severity of significant cumulative impacts previously identified in the 2018 LRDP FEIR, or cause any environmental effects not previously examined in the 2018 LRDP FEIR. The 2018 LRDP FEIR examined all significant cumulative impacts to which implementation of the 2018 LRDP would contribute; these have been addressed in the 2018 LRDP FEIR and in the 2018 LRDP FEIR Findings adopted by the University.

**D. Additional Findings**

**1. Prior Environmental Reviews**

All of the environmental effects of implementation of the 2018 LRDP, as reflected in the Findings adopted by the University in November 2018, were adequately addressed in the certified 2018 LRDP FEIR in that those impacts: (1) have been mitigated or avoided, (2) have been examined at a sufficient level of detail to enable those effects to be mitigated or avoided by site specific revisions, the imposition of conditions, or by other means in connection with the approval of the 2018 LRDP, or (3) cannot be mitigated to avoid or substantially lessen the significant impacts despite the University's willingness to accept all feasible mitigation measures, and the only purpose of including analysis of such effects in another environmental impact report would be to put the agency in a position to adopt a statement of overriding considerations with respect to the effects.

The Project is within the scope of the 2018 LRDP, analyzed by the 2018 LRDP FEIR, and does not implicate any of the conditions set forth in CEQA Section 21166 or CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 requiring the preparation of a subsequent or supplemental EIR to the 2018 LRDP FEIR. No new significant environmental impacts have been identified in connection with the Project that were not considered in the 2018 LRDP FEIR. As a result, no new environmental impacts are anticipated to occur, and no new mitigation measures will be required other than as addressed in the 2018 LRDP FEIR. The potential environmental effects of the implementation of the 2018 LRDP (including any contribution of the Project to significant/mitigated and significant/unavoidable impacts) have been fully addressed by the

2018 LRDP FEIR, and the 2018 LRDP Findings. In accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15168(c), the University hereby finds that none of the circumstances described in Section 15162(a) of the CEQA Guidelines is present, and no further environmental review or documentation is required for the Project.

The Project does not otherwise provide an opportunity to eliminate or substantially reduce any of the significant and unavoidable adverse impacts of implementing the 2018 LRDP identified in the 2018 LRDP FEIR.

## **2. Incorporation by Reference**

These Findings incorporate by reference in their entirety the text of Addendum No. 1 prepared for the Project, the 2018 LRDP FEIR, and the Findings adopted in support of the 2018 LRDP previously certified and/or adopted by the University. Without limitation, this incorporation is intended to elaborate on the scope and nature of the Project, its potential environmental impacts and the basis for determining the significance of the Project's impacts.

## **3. Mitigation Monitoring**

CEQA Section 21081.6 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15091(d) require the lead agency approving a project to adopt a mitigation monitoring or reporting program for feasible mitigation measures identified that would avoid or substantially lessen significant environmental impacts. The University adopted a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program ("MMRP") in connection with the certification of the 2018 LRDP FEIR for the approval of the 2018 LRDP. The adopted 2018 LRDP MMRP includes mitigation measures applicable to the Franklin Antonio Hall Project. The 2018 LRDP MMRP designates responsibility and anticipated timing for the implementation of mitigation measures for conditions within the jurisdiction of UC San Diego. Implementation of the mitigation measures specified in the 2018 LRDP FEIR and contained in the 2018 LRDP MMRP will be accomplished through administrative controls over project planning and implementation. Monitoring and enforcement of these measures will be accomplished through inspection and documentation by appropriate UC San Diego personnel.

The University finds that the impacts of the Project will be mitigated by the mitigation measures identified in the 2018 LRDP FEIR and in the applicable 2018 LRDP MMRP and are hereby incorporated into the Franklin Antonio Hall Project:

Environmental Issue Area	Impact and Mitigation Measure
Aesthetics	<p>The Project would result in potentially significant aesthetic impacts related to visual character on the campus. (<i>See</i> 2018 LRDP Addendum No. 1 Pages 4-3 through 4-4, Impact 4.1.1).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>2018 LRDP FEIR Mitigation Measure Aes-2A:</b> Prior to project design approval, the Project shall undergo design review by the UC San Diego Design Review Board as described in 2018 LRDP Addendum No. 1 Page 4-1.</li> </ul>
Air Quality	<p>The Project would result construction and operational emissions that could violate air quality standards or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation (<i>See</i> 2018 LRDP Addendum No. 1 Pages 4-5 through 4-6, Impact 4.1.2).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>2018 LRDP FEIR Mitigation Measure AQ-2A:</b> The Project shall implement measures to control particulate matter emissions as described in 2018 LRDP Addendum No. 1 Pages 4-1 and 4-2.</li> <li>• <b>2018 LRDP FEIR Mitigation Measure AQ-2B:</b> The Project shall incorporate off-road construction equipment emission minimization measures, as described in 2018 LRDP Addendum No. 1 Page 4-2.</li> </ul>
Biological Resources	<p>The Project may result in indirect impacts to sensitive biological species during construction and post-construction (<i>See</i> 2018 LRDP Addendum No. 1 Pages 4-8 through 4-9, Impact 4.1.3).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>2018 LRDP FEIR Mitigation Measure Bio-2D:</b> If project construction is scheduled to commence during the raptor nesting season, pre-construction surveys for raptor nests shall be performed as described in 2018 LRDP Addendum No. 1 Page 4-2.</li> <li>• <b>2018 LRDP FEIR Mitigation Measure Bio-2E:</b> No grubbing, trimming, or clearing of vegetation shall occur during the general avian breeding season. If grubbing, trimming, or clearing cannot feasibly occur outside of the general avian breeding season, a qualified biologist shall perform a pre-construction nesting bird survey as described in 2018 LRDP Addendum No. 1 Page 4-2.</li> <li>• <b>2018 LRDP FEIR Mitigation Measure Bio-3E:</b> Prior to construction, a pre-construction meeting shall be held as described in 2018 LRDP Addendum No. 1 Pages 4-2 and 4-3.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>2018 LRDP FEIR Mitigation Measure Bio-3F:</b> During project construction, a biological monitor shall visit the site weekly during site preparation and rough grading activities, and monthly following completion of rough grading, until construction is completed as described in 2018 LRDP Addendum No. 1 Page 4-3.</li> <li>• <b>2018 LRDP FEIR Mitigation Measure Bio-3G:</b> The Project shall implement the best management practices for removing or installing tree species that may be used as host trees by SHBs as described in 2018 LRDP Addendum No. 1 Pages 4-3 and 4-4.</li> <li>• <b>2018 LRDP FEIR Mitigation Measure Bio-3I:</b> Landscaping adjacent to the Open Space Preserve shall comply with the requirements to prevent the introduction of invasive species as described in 2018 LRDP Addendum No. 1 Page 4-4.</li> <li>• <b>2018 LRDP FEIR Mitigation Measure Bio-3J:</b> Permanent lighting installed for the Project shall follow the requirements described in 2018 LRDP Addendum No. 1 Page 4-5.</li> <li>• <b>2018 LRDP FEIR Mitigation Measure Bio-3K:</b> The Project shall implement the best management along areas that interface with the Open Space Preserve to address runoff/water quality impacts from landscaping as described in 2018 LRDP Addendum No. 1 Page 4-5.</li> <li>• <b>2018 LRDP FEIR Mitigation Measure Bio-3L:</b> Signage and fencing shall be installed along the edge of the Ecological Reserve to protect sensitive habitats from human disturbance as described in 2018 LRDP Addendum No. 1 Page 4-5.</li> </ul>
Hazards and Hazardous Materials	<p>The Project could potentially encounter underground storage tanks or undocumented areas of contamination during construction. (<i>See</i> 2018 LRDP Addendum No. 1 Pages 4-16 through 4-18, Impact 4.1.5)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>2018 LRDP FEIR Mitigation Measure Haz-4C:</b> In the event that undocumented areas of contamination are encountered during construction, work shall be discontinued until appropriate health and safety procedures are implemented as described in 2018 LRDP Addendum No. 1 Page 4-7.</li> <li>• <b>2018 LRDP FEIR Mitigation Measure Haz-6:</b> Prior to construction the contractor and/or Project Manager shall ensure that the UC San Diego Fire Marshal and campus community at large are notified of lane closures, as described in 2018 LRDP Addendum No. 1 Page 4-7.</li> </ul>

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Noise	<p>The Project would result in temporary or periodic increases in ambient noise levels at locations on- and off-campus during construction (<i>See</i> 2018 LRDP Addendum No. 1 Pages 4-24 through 4-25, Impact 4.1.6).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <p><b>2018 LRDP FEIR Mitigation Measure Noi-1F:</b> Project construction shall implement measures integrated into the construction specifications to minimize temporary noise caused by construction activities as described in 2018 LRDP Addendum No. 1 Pages 4-7 and 4-8.</p> </li> </ul>

UC San Diego reserves the right to make amendments and/or substitutions to the mitigation measures and 2018 LRDP MMRP in accordance with the provisions of CEQA if, in the exercise of its discretion, it determines that the amended or substituted mitigation measure will mitigate the identified potential environmental impact to at least the same degree as the original mitigation measure, or would attain an adopted performance standard for mitigation, and where the amendment or substitution would not result in a new significant impact on the environment which cannot be mitigated.

#### 4. Record of Proceedings

Various documents and other materials constitute the record of proceedings upon which the University bases its findings and decision contained herein. Because of the complexity of the issues addressed in connection with the review of the Project, these documents and materials are located in various offices of the San Diego campus, the Office of Campus Planning, and/or offices of consultants retained by the University to assist with the development and analysis of the Project. The custodian for these documents and materials is the San Diego campus Office of Campus Planning, located at 9500 Gilman Drive, MC 0074, La Jolla, California 92093-0074.

#### E. Summary

Based on the foregoing Findings and the information contained in the administrative record, the University has made one or more of the following Findings with respect to the significant environmental effects of the Project:

1. The Project will not increase the severity of significant environmental impacts previously identified in the 2018 LRDP FEIR.

2. All 2018 LRDP FEIR mitigation measures relevant to the Project, as identified in Addendum No. 1, as well as all components of the Project described in Addendum No. 1, are made a condition of approval.



3. All significant effects on the environment due to the implementation of the 2018 LRDP have been eliminated or substantially lessened where feasible through 2018 LRDP FEIR mitigation measures adopted in connection with the University's approval of the 2018 LRDP FEIR. Some of those mitigation measures are within the responsibility and jurisdiction of another public agency that has adopted, or can and should adopt such changes, and the University lacks concurrent jurisdiction to adopt or implement such mitigation measures.

4. The Project will not result in environmental effects that were not adequately examined in the 2018 LRDP FEIR.

### **III. APPROVALS**

The University hereby takes the following actions:

- A. Adopt the CEQA Findings for Franklin Antonio Hall having considered the 2018 LRDP EIR for the La Jolla Campus, as well as Addendum No. 1 to the 2018 LRDP EIR for Franklin Antonio Hall.
- B. Make a condition of approval, the implementation of applicable mitigation measures within the responsibility and jurisdiction of UC San Diego as identified in the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program adopted in connection with the 2018 LRDP EIR.
- C. Approve the design of Franklin Antonio Hall, San Diego Campus, based on the information contained herein.

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