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**ACTION UNDER EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT-- BUSINESS OPERATIONS AUTHORITY --  
AMENDMENT OF UC BERKELEY 2020 LONG RANGE DEVELOPMENT PLAN, SUSTAINABLE  
CAMPUS CHAPTER, BERKELEY CAMPUS**

It is recommended that, upon review and consideration of the environmental consequences of the proposed UCB 2020 Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) Amendment #1, Sustainable Campus Chapter 3.1.11 as indicated in the attached 2020 LRDP Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Addendum #5, the Executive Vice President – Business Operations:

- (1) Determine that none of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), conditions requiring the preparation of a subsequent EIR to the 2020 LRDP EIR have occurred,
- (2) Adopt the attached modifications to the Mitigation Monitoring Program for the 2020 LRDP,
- (3) Adopt the attached Findings pursuant to the CEQA, and
- (4) Amend the UC Berkeley 2020 LRDP, Chapter 3.1.11, to reflect existing campus commitments to address climate change to the following:
  - (a) Delete LRDP Policy “DEVELOP A CAMPUS STANDARD FOR SUSTAINABLE DESIGN SPECIFIC TO OUR SITE, CLIMATE, AND FACILITY INVENTORY” and modify LRDP Policy “DESIGN NEW BUILDINGS TO LEED 2.1 CERTIFICATION” to require new buildings to meet “A MINIMUM STANDARD EQUIVALENT TO LEED™ SILVER OR SYSTEMWIDE SUSTAINABILITY POLICY STANDARDS, WHICHEVER IS MORE STRINGENT” and to require that the campus also use stringent standards for the design of laboratory buildings and for the energy performance of new buildings.
  - (b) Add a new LRDP Policy “DESIGN ALL ASPECTS OF NEW PROJECTS TO ACHIEVE CAMPUS SHORT- AND LONG-TERM CLIMATE CHANGE EMISSIONS TARGETS ESTABLISHED IN THE CAMPUS CLIMATE ACTION PLAN.”

On behalf of the Regents of the University of California and pursuant to the authority granted under University Delegations of Authority (DA 2135) the Executive Vice President – Business Operations is authorized to approve the proposed action. Pursuant to CEQA, the CEQA Guidelines, and the University of California Procedures for Implementation of CEQA, UC Berkeley Capital Projects/Facilities Services (the “Campus”) has prepared an Addendum #5 (“Addendum”) to the January 2005 certified 2020 Long Range Development Plan Environmental Impact Report (SCH #2003082131) (the 2020 LRDP EIR) to document the proposed amendments to the 2020 LRDP (the “proposed action”). On the basis of the 2020 LRDP EIR and the Addendum the University has concluded that the proposed action would not cause any new significant environmental effect that was not considered in the 2020 LRDP EIR, or increase the severity of any impact previously found significant in the 2020 LRDP EIR.

### *Proposed Project – Climate Change Amendment to 2020 LRDP*

The proposed action under consideration is amendment of Chapter 3.1.11 Sustainable Campus (See Attachment 1), of the UC Berkeley 2020 Long Range Development Plan (hereafter, 2020 LRDP or LRDP), in order to explicitly reference existing campus climate change commitments.

The 2020 LRDP anticipates development of up to 2.2 million gross square feet of net new academic and support space on the core campus and adjacent blocks by 2020. The LRDP and an associated draft environmental impact report (SCH #2003082131) were published in April 2004. Federal, regional, and local agencies, and more than 320 people reviewed and commented on the Draft EIR. The University adopted the 2020 LRDP and certified the Final EIR in January, 2005. The 2020 LRDP and Final EIR are published on the web at [lrdp.berkeley.edu](http://lrdp.berkeley.edu). The University has completed other 2020 LRDP EIR addenda to document projects tiered from the EIR; therefore, this would be Addendum #5 to the 2020 LRDP EIR<sup>1</sup>. However, the proposed action would be the first amendment to the 2020 LRDP itself since its adoption by the Regents in January 2005.

Addendum #5 describes existing climate change conditions and evaluates the potential for development under the UC Berkeley 2020 LRDP to affect climate change. The Addendum provides a summary of the current regulatory framework applicable to climate change. The Addendum discusses the existing global, national, and statewide conditions for greenhouse gases (GHG) and global climate change, and evaluates the potential impacts on global climate from the implementation of the 2020 LRDP, as amended. The Addendum documents existing UC Berkeley climate action strategies. Addendum #5 also provides a discussion of the applicable federal, state, regional, and local agencies that regulate, monitor, and control GHG emissions. In the Addendum the conclusion is reached that the proposed amendment to the 2020 LRDP does not trigger a need to prepare a subsequent EIR to the 2020 LRDP EIR.

On June 3, 2009, the Campus published a notice of availability of the proposed amendment and Addendum #5 to the certified 2020 LRDP EIR, which was distributed broadly to agencies, city council and commissions of the City of Berkeley, and to community members and groups. The comment period closed July 6, 2009. Five community members commented (two representing community groups) in six letters. No comments were received from public agencies. Comments received, and responses, are included as attachments to this document.

The University has reviewed the proposed Amendment #1 to the 2020 LRDP, the certified LRDP EIR and Addendum #5 thereto (attached), all comments received (attached), and the Findings prepared in accordance with CEQA and the University's procedures for the implementation of CEQA (attached). Based on the foregoing, the University finds that the proposed changes would not cause any new significant environmental effect not considered in the 2020 LRDP EIR, or increase the severity of any impact previously found significant in the 2020 LRDP EIR, and that none of the circumstances that would require preparation of a subsequent or supplemental EIR under CEQA exist.


### *Findings*

The attached Findings discuss the conclusions regarding approval of this proposed action, in conformance with CEQA.

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<sup>1</sup> Earlier addenda to the UC Berkeley 2020 LRDP EIR were completed for the Center for Biomedical and Health Sciences (Addendum #1, May 2007), the Campbell Hall Replacement Building (Addendum #2, March 2008), the Durant Hall Renovation Project (Addendum #3, March 2008), and the Naval Architecture Building Restoration and Addition (Addendum #4, December 2008).

Recommended by:

  
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Associate Vice President Michael J. Bocchicchio, A.I.A.

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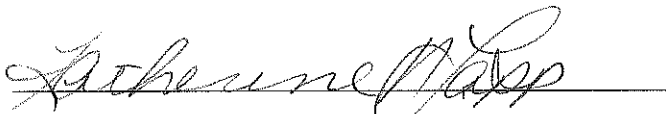
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APPROVAL

I hereby:

1. Determine that based upon a review and consideration of the 2020 LRDP EIR and Addendum #5, none of the CEQA conditions requiring the preparation of a subsequent EIR to the 2020 LRDP EIR have occurred with respect to the proposed LRDP Amendment.
2. Adopt the attached modifications to the Mitigation Monitoring Program for the 2020 Long Range Development Plan.
3. Adopt the attached Findings pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.
4. Amend the UC Berkeley 2020 LRDP, Chapter 3.1.11, to reflect existing campus commitments to address climate change.

  
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Executive Vice President Katherine N. Lapp

7/30/09  
Date

Attachments:

1. LRDP Amendment #1
2. Addendum #5 to the LRDP EIR
3. Addendum #5 CEQA findings
4. Addendum #5 Comments and Responses
5. Mitigation Monitoring Program
6. One CD containing the following items:
  - 2020 LRDP EIR
  - 2020 LRDP EIR Findings

cc: Vice President Lenz (with attachments)  
Chancellor Birgeneau (without attachments)  
Vice Chancellor Denton (without attachments)  
Acting Director Strem (without attachments)  
University Counsel Drumm (without attachments)  
Principal Planner McDougall (without attachments)