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**Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination  
 in Compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resource Code.**

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2025021134

**Project Title:** UC ANR Desert REC Engagement Center Project

**Project Applicant:** UC ANR

**Parties Undertaking Project:** UC ANR

**Project Location:** Desert Research and Extension Center, 1004 Holton Road, Holtville, CA

**County:** Imperial County

**Project Description:** *The proposed project would redevelop the southeast corner of the Desert REC site with a new engagement center and site improvements to support existing programming. The Desert REC is a 255-acre facility located at 1004 Holton Road, west of the City of Holtville, Imperial County, California. Overall, the Engagement Center would include approximately 6,975 square feet of building space, including a classroom, office, and storage areas, as well as bathrooms, an engagement space, and a demonstration kitchen. The Proposed Project will construct a new 600 square foot greenhouse, an outdoor space with an arrival plaza, an approximately 3,475 square foot covered plaza, and presentation gardens. The project will demolish a former residence and garage, remodel a former residence, and improve the central driveway to widen it and provide a bus pickup/drop off area and 15 new parking spaces.*

This Notice of Determination is to advise that the University of California  Lead Agency has approved the above-described project on June 25, 2025 and has made the following determinations:

1. The Project would have no impact, or a less than significant impact with the adoption of Project-level Mitigation Measures and incorporation of all relevant Mitigation Measures identified in the 20XX Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) Final EIR.
2. A  Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation Measures  were made a condition of approval of the Project and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) has been prepared. All relevant Mitigation Measures will be monitored pursuant to the MMRP.
4. Findings  were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final Mitigated Negative Declaration with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the general public at: University of California, UC ANR; 2801 2nd St, Davis, CA 95618, Attn: Brian Oatman.

**Signature:**  \_\_\_\_\_

Brian Oatman

**Title:** Associate Director, Physical and Environmental Planning

**Date:** June 30, 2025

Dated Received for filing at OPR: