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

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Project Title: Big Shift Project #2/c and Long Range Development Plan Amendment No. 3

Project Applicant: University of California, Davis Campus

Parties Undertaking Project: University of California, Davis Campus

Project Location: University of California, Davis

County: Yolo County

Project Description: The proposed project is the Big Shift Project #2/c and Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) Amendment No. 3 which includes the demolition of wastewater treatment plant facilities and construction of the proposed hot-water Thermal Energy Storage (TES) plant. The new TES plant would be constructed immediately south of the existing chiller plant on Putah Creek Lodge Road. The project delivers two new Heat Recovery Chillers (HRC), associated pumps, and required electrical infrastructure. The TES tank would be approximately 100 feet in diameter and approximately 60 feet tall. Other site improvements include new lighting, concrete paving and asphalt, fencing, landscaping, and stormwater drainage connections. The project also includes a minor LRDP Amendment #3 to the 2018 LRDP to redesignate the land use of 0.71 acres, from Academic and Administrative to Campus Utilities.

This Notice of Determination is to advise that the University of California Lead Agency has approved the above-described project on *March 18, 2026* and has made the following determinations:

1. The Project would not cause any new significant environmental impacts nor an increase in the severity of significant impacts previously studied in the UC Davis 2018 Long Range Development Plan (2018 LRDP) Environmental Impact Report (EIR).
2. An Addendum (Hot Water Phase 2 Conversion Project, September 2023) to the 2018 LRDP EIR was prepared, which included the proposed project as a component, pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Relevant mitigation measures from the 2018 LRDP EIR were made a condition of the approval of the project; no new project-specific mitigation measures are required.
4. The implementation of applicable 2018 LRDP EIR mitigation measures will be monitored and reported pursuant to the 2018 LRDP EIR's Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.
5. A Statement of Overriding Consideration was not adopted for this project.
6. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final Environmental Impact Report and September 2023 Addendum and record of project approval is available at: <https://environmentalplanning.ucdavis.edu/current-projects> and UC Davis Campus and Environmental Planning, University of California, 255 Cousteau Place, Davis, CA. 95618, Attn: Heather Davis, environreview@ucdavis.edu.

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Date: *March 18, 2026*

Dated Received for filing at OPR: