NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR A DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL EIR) AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO PROVIDE COMMENTS ON DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL EIR

University of California, Davis Weill School of Veterinary Medicine Development Project
State Clearinghouse No. 2017012008

Pursuant to the California Public Resources Code (PRC) 21091(a) and the Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA Guidelines), contained in Chapter 3 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, the University of California, Davis (UC Davis) has released for public review a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (Draft SEIR) for the UC Davis Weill School of Veterinary Medicine (WSVM) Development Project, tiered from the 2018 Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) EIR.

Project Title: UC Davis Weill School of Veterinary Medicine Development Project

Draft Supplemental EIR Review Period: October 6, 2026 to November 20, 2026

Project Location: The Project would be located within the existing WSVM in the southwestern portion of UC Davis's central campus, an area characterized by veterinary medicine-related and other academic, clinical, and research uses. The Project area is bound loosely by Garrod Drive, La Rue Road, and Hutchinson Drive, which connects to SR 113 and I-80.

Project Overview: The Project includes the implementation of a series of veterinary medicine-related redevelopment and expansion projects, over a 10- year period within the existing Health Sciences District on the UC Davis campus. The Project includes approximately 320,000 square feet (sf) of new construction, 188,000 sf of renovations, and 68,000 sf of demolition, along with associated upgrades to utilities, transportation systems, and site infrastructure. The Project is intended to address critical deficiencies in existing veterinary care and treatment facilities, including space shortages, outdated layouts, and inefficiencies that constrain integrated patient care, hands-on teaching, and leading-edge research. It will enable the WSVM to increase veterinary student enrollment (from 150 to 200 per class), accommodate growing patient demand, and advance interdisciplinary clinical and translational research through modernized, co-located facilities.

The Project will be developed in phases. Phase 1 includes the Small Animal Hospital project and the Veterinary Education Pavilion and Primary Care Hospital project. Future phase projects are expected to be completed over the next 5 to 10 years and include a Large Animal Hospital, Veterinary Cancer Center expansion, Equine Reproduction Facility, Equine Performance Arena, All-Species Imaging Center expansion, a Raptor Experience facility for public education, and a surface parking lot. Because detailed design information is available for Phase 1 projects, the SEIR provides project-level analysis for those improvements. Future phase projects, for which only conceptual information is available, are evaluated programmatically using a conservative maximum design envelope to ensure comprehensive environmental review.

The Project would retain the overall mix of Academic and Administrative, Arboretum and Public Garden, Utilities, Parking, and Streetscapes and Roadways land, with land use reassignments requiring an amendment to the 2018 LRDP.

Environmental Effects: The Draft SEIR demonstrates that the Project is within the scope of the 2018 LRDP and that the Project's impacts on the following environmental resource areas were adequately evaluated in the 2018 LRDP EIR. Therefore, no additional detailed environmental analysis is required for these topics: Aesthetics; Agricultural and Forestry Resources; Air Quality; Biological Resources; Energy; Geology, Soils, and Seismicity;

Hazards and Hazardous Materials; Hydrology and Water Quality; Land Use and Planning; Population and Housing; Public Services; Recreation; Transportation, Circulation, and Parking; and Utilities and Service Systems.

In addition, the Draft SEIR evaluates Archaeological, Historical, and Tribal Cultural Resources; Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Climate Change; and Noise in detail because these resource areas were identified as having the potential for new or more severe significant impacts than those analyzed in the 2018 LRDP EIR. However, the analysis concludes that the Project would not result in any new significant environmental impacts or substantially increase the severity of previously identified significant impacts. As a result, the Project would not cause any new significant and unavoidable impacts.

Hazardous Materials/Waste On-Site: The State of California maintains the linked EnviroStor and Geotracker databases of known contamination sites pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5. Based on the information gathered from these databases, there are no hazardous materials sites located within the Project site.

Document Availability: Copies of the Draft SEIR are available at the following locations:

- Online: https://environmentalplanning.ucdavis.edu/current-projects#VetMedDevPlan
- UC Davis: Campus and Environmental Planning, 255 Cousteau Place, Davis, CA
- Public Libraries:

  Davis: Mary L. Stephens Branch Library, 315 East 14th Street, Davis, CA 95616

  UC Davis: Shields Library Reserves Section, Shields Avenue, University of California

Public Review and Comment Period: A 45-day public review period is being provided for the Draft SEIR. The public review period begins on October 6, 2026 and ends on November 20, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. Please send your written comments, with appropriate contact information, to the following address:

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Public Hearing: In addition to the opportunity to provide written comments, UC Davis will host a virtual (on Zoom) public hearing on November 10, 2026, starting at 5:00 p.m., to receive oral public comment from public agencies, interested parties and the public regarding the Draft SEIR. Oral public comment will be recorded. The public hearing will be held via webinar only.

Participants must register to attend the public meeting. Interested parties can register to attend by visiting the project's webpage: https://environmentalplanning.ucdavis.edu/current-projects#VetMedDevPlan.

After registering, you will receive the link to log-in to the public hearing.