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NOTICE OF PREPARATION: DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

Lead Agency: University of California

Project Title: Kresge College Project

Project Location: UC Santa Cruz main campus, Santa Cruz (Exhibit 1)

County: Santa Cruz

The University of California will be the Lead Agency and will prepare an Environmental Impact Report ("EIR) for the project described below.

Proposed Project: The proposed Kresge College project to be analyzed in the project-level EIR includes new construction, renovation, and selective removal of buildings in the existing Kresge College complex. Kresge College, one of ten residential colleges on the UC Santa Cruz Campus, was originally constructed in 1973. Its 23 buildings support a complete living and learning community with student residences, academic buildings and classroom spaces, administrative offices, lecture and performance venues, outdoor social areas, and other community-serving spaces. The Project would provide additional square footage for residential, academic and student support programs while addressing issues of accessibility, code compliance, and sustainability in the existing buildings. One of the project objectives includes embracing the important legacy of the site by retaining key character-defining elements such as the relationship to the natural environment, the existing site organization and landscape features, and the majority of existing buildings.

The new construction would be located on the periphery of the college to allow for rehabilitation of the majority of the existing buildings and site, and includes two to three residential buildings, one academic building and a new community assembly space. Fourteen buildings would be renovated; some of these are existing residential buildings that would be rehabilitated as academic and student support spaces. Nine existing buildings, two of which were not part of the original college, would be removed in order to provide an accessible route through the college, recycled water storage, larger gathering spaces to anchor the college communities, and expanded program space.

The project would also include rehabilitation of the site infrastructure, including utilities, pedestrian and bicycle circulation, stormwater management systems; and elevating a pedestrian footbridge that provides primary access to the College.

The residential and college program would provide 175-225 additional student beds (in addition to the approximately 365 beds currently provided within Kresge complex), social lounges and kitchens at a variety of scales, community rooms and a community assembly building. The academic building would provide office space for the Kresge College academic administration and several academic departments, and new instructional spaces including a large lecture hall. The project would provide space for existing and expanded student support programs which are currently housed elsewhere on campus. The total square footage of the current college is approximately 133,000 gsf. The proposed project will increase the total square footage to approximately 200,000 gsf.

Background: The 2005 LRDP, which was approved by the UC Regents in September 2006, provides a comprehensive framework for the physical development of the UC Santa Cruz campus, to accommodate an on-campus 3-quarter-average enrollment of 19,500 students, or an increase of approximately 5,100 students from the 2003-04 baseline.

The 2005 LRDP includes a building program to accommodate UCSC's academic, research, and public service mission as enrollment grows, and a land use plan that assigns elements of the building program to designated land-use areas and describes general objectives that will guide development within those areas. The building program identifies a total of about 3,175,000 gross square feet of building space, including 1,196,000 gross square feet of student and employee housing.

The land use plan assigns the land use designation Colleges and Student Housing (CSH) to 288 acres of land to the east, north, and west of the academic core, including the proposed project site. This land use designation accommodates the construction of new colleges, expansion of existing colleges through infill, new undergraduate and graduate student housing, and family student housing projects.

The 2005 LRDP identifies on-campus housing targets of 50 percent of undergraduate students and 25 percent of graduate students. Therefore, the 2005 LRDP EIR evaluated the addition of 2,300 student beds to the inventory of 6,891 beds existing in fall 2004, for a total of 9,190 beds.

Under the 2008 LCRP Comprehensive Settlement Agreement (CSA), the University agreed to provide housing to accommodate 67 percent of new-student enrollment above 15,000 within four years of reaching that enrollment level. At a total enrollment of 19,500, UCSC would need to have university housing available for 10,125 students, which would be 935 more beds than were analyzed in the 2005 LRDP EIR.

Along with the Student Housing West project, the Kresge College project would help address the goals of the 2005 LRDP to accommodate enrollment increases, and would also help satisfy the conditions of the 2008 LRDP CSA, by providing 200 new student beds, a new general assignment lecture hall, and additional academic space.

Environmental Review and Comment: The EIR for the Kresge College project will be a project-level EIR focused on the environmental impacts from the construction and operation of the proposed project. As appropriate, the analysis will be tiered from the analyses contained in the previously-certified UC Santa Cruz 2005 LRDP EIR (SCH # 2005012113). The Kresge College EIR will address all of the issues identified in Appendix G to the CEQA Guidelines: aesthetics, agriculture and forestry resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, mineral resources, noise,

population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation and traffic, utilities and service systems.

As a project-level EIR tiered from the 2005 LRDP EIR, the EIR will rely on the cumulative impact analysis contained in the 2005 LRDP EIR. The population and housing section and the water supply analysis will not be tiered from the 2005 LRDP EIR due to the terms of the 2008 LRDP CSA. Instead, these analyses will tier from the LRDP Supplement included within the Student Housing West EIR. In addition, the GHG emissions sections will not be tiered from either the 2005 LRDP EIR or LRDP EIR Supplement contained in the Student Housing West EIR. Instead, the Kresge College EIR will include a new, project-specific assessment of GHG emissions and climate change.

In compliance with the State and University of California guidelines for implementation of CEQA, this NOP is hereby provided to inform you that UC Santa Cruz is preparing a Draft EIR for the above-named project. As Lead Agency we need to know the views of you or your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information that is germane to you or your agency's statutory responsibilities, if any, in connection with the proposed project.

UC Santa Cruz requests input regarding the scope and content of the Draft EIR that is relevant to you or your agency's statutory/regulatory responsibilities or is of interest to interested individuals, to ascertain potential environmental impacts of the project. Responses to this NOP are requested to identify: 1) the significant environmental issues, reasonable alternatives, and mitigation measures that should be explored in the Draft EIR; and 2) whether your agency will be a responsible or trustee agency for the project.

We appreciate your prompt acknowledgement and review of this NOP. Due to the time limits mandated by state law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible date, but not later than 30 days after receipt of this notice.

COMMENT PERIOD: Written comments on the NOP can be sent anytime during the NOP review period which begins April 5, 2018 and ends May 4, 2018 at 5:00 PM. Please send your written or electronic responses, with appropriate contact information, to the following address:

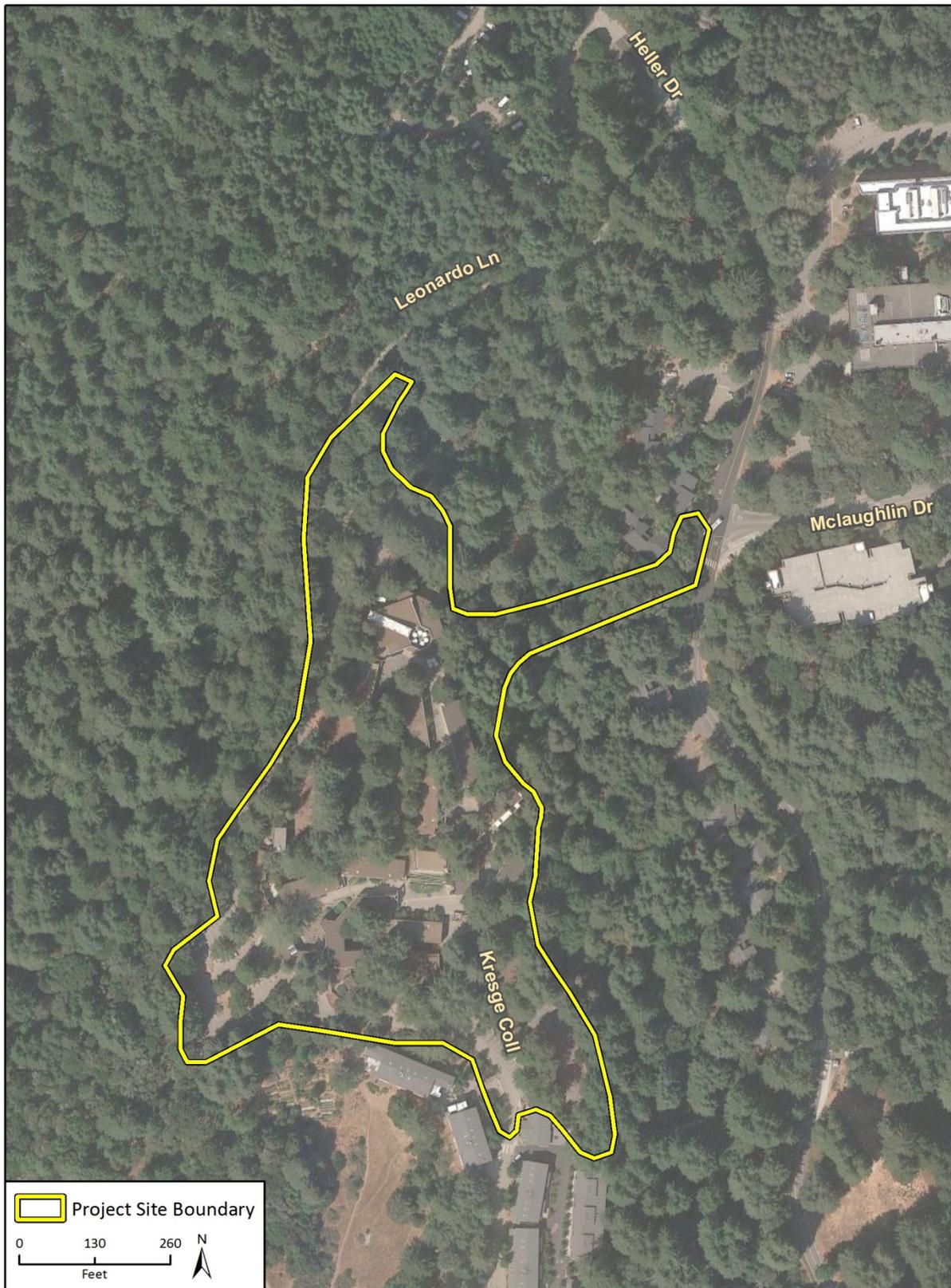
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INFORMATION AND SCOPING SESSION: Written comments on the NOP may also be provided at the information and scoping session to be held on Tuesday, April 17, from 5PM to 7PM at the Kresge Town Hall on the UC Santa Cruz main campus.

If you have any questions regarding the NOP or the information and scoping session please contact Alisa Klaus, Senior Environmental Planner, at 831-459-3732.

Exhibit 2 Project Site Boundary



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Fig 2 Project Location

UC Santa Cruz, Kresge College Project NOP

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