Initial Study

1. **Project Title:** North Campus Project

2. **Lead Agency Name and Address:** The Board of Trustees of the California State University;
   California State University, Los Angeles
   5151 State University Drive
   Los Angeles, CA 90032

3. **Contact Person and Phone Number:** Barbara Queen, Director
   Planning, Design and Construction
   (323) 343-5784

4. **Project Location:** California State University, Los Angeles campus, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County

5. **Project Sponsor's Name and Address:** Same as Lead Agency

6. **Campus Master Plan Designation:** Parking and North Field

7. **Project Description:** The proposed project provides for new student housing facilities, new soccer fields, and a parking structure within the northern portion of the California State University, Los Angeles (Cal State LA) campus. The project site is comprised of an existing sports field north of Hellman Avenue (North Field) and surface parking lots.

   The student housing facilities will provide 1,500 beds for freshmen and sophomore students, as well as an associated dining facility. The student residence hall is anticipated to be a winged five to ten-story building with internal courtyards, and the adjacent dining hall will be a single-story facility.

   The existing North Field will be upgraded, and will include an approximately 30,000 square-foot facility with fitness rooms, locker rooms, administrative rooms, and other amenities for soccer players training at the field. The North Field is anticipated to be used as a training field by a major league soccer team, and will also be used as training field by community youth soccer organizations and the University students when not in use by the soccer team. The existing surface parking lost immediately south across Hellman Avenue will be replaced with new soccer fields. These South Fields will be used by the University students, including students living in the existing and proposed new student residence halls on the site, and will support the Athletics Department programs.

   The displaced surface parking will be accommodated in a new parking structure located next to the existing Parking Structure C, on the site that is currently used as a surface parking lot. The four-level parking structure will provide approximately 1,650 parking spaces, including up to 100 new parking spaces.

   Figure 1 illustrates a conceptual plan for these facilities.
8. **Surrounding Land Uses and Setting:** The project site is surrounded by the Cal State LA campus facilities, including existing student housing to the west, surface parking and parking structure south of Paseo Rancho Castilla, and the Long Beach freeway (I-710) to the east. The closest residential uses to this portion of the campus are located to the north, between East Valley Boulevard and Paseo Rancho Castilla.

9. **CSU and Other Public Agencies whose approval will be sought:**

- CSU Board of Trustees  
  Approval of Campus Master Plan Revision  
  Approval of Student Housing, parking structure, and soccer field schematic plans  
  Approval of public-private partnership for use of training soccer field

- State Fire Marshal  
  Facility fire safety review and approval

- City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power  
  Approval of increase in quantity or new water connections

- County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County  
  Approval of increase in quantity or new sewer connections

- Regional Water Quality Control Board  
  Compliance with NPDES permit

- Others, as may be necessary
Environmental Factors Potentially Affected

The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project, involving at least one impact that is a "Potentially Significant Impact" as indicated by the checklist on the following pages.

- [X] Aesthetics
- [ ] Biological Resources
- [ ] Geology/Soils
- [ ] Land Use/Planning
- [X] Population/Housing
- [X] Transportation/Traffic
- [ ] Agriculture and Forestry Resources
- [ ] Cultural Resources
- [ ] Hazards & Hazardous Materials
- [ ] Mineral Resources
- [X] Public Services
- [X] Utilities/Service Systems
- [X] Air Quality
- [ ] Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- [ ] Hydrology/Water Quality
- [X] Noise
- [ ] Recreation
- [X] Mandatory Findings of Significance

Determination

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

- [ ] I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- [ ] I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- [X] I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.

I find that the proposed project MAY have a "potentially significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact on the environment, but at least one effect (1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and (2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.

I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.

Signature

Date: 2/05/2016

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NORTH CAMPUS PROJECT
I. AESTHETICS -- Would the project:

   a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?

   b) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a State scenic highway?

   c) Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings?

   d) Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?

   a through d. The northern portion of the Cal State LA campus is located in a developed urban area that does not provide scenic vistas, and the campus is not located within a State scenic highway. The proposed student housing and soccer fields will replace existing surface parking lots resulting in an improved visual character of the north campus area that complements and is compatible with the existing student housing clustered immediately west of the proposed soccer fields. The parking structure will fill in the existing surface parking lot next to the existing parking facility, with compatible design and visual character. However, since the project includes lighting for the soccer fields and will result in a more urban visual character of the north campus area, the aesthetic effect of these planned facilities, and any needed mitigation, will therefore be addressed in the EIR.
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**II. AGRICULTURE AND FOREST RESOURCES:** In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Dept. of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. In determining whether impacts to forest resources, including timberland, are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to information compiled by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection regarding the state’s inventory of forest land, including the Forest and Range Assessment Project and the Forest Legacy Assessment project; and forest carbon measurement technology provided in Forest Protocols adopted by the California Air Resources Board. Would the project:

a) Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?

b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?

c) Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined in Public Resources section 4256) or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code section 51104(g))?

d) Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?
e) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?

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<td>e through e. No property under Williamson Act contract; land mapped as Prime, Unique, or of State or Local Importance Farmland; or forest land exists within the Cal State LA campus. The campus, including the project site, is located within a developed urban area. No impact will result.</td>
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### III. AIR QUALITY

-- Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management or air pollution control district may be relied upon to make the following determinations. Would the project:

a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?  

b) Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?  

c) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?

d) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?

e) Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?

| a. The provision of student housing and training soccer fields on campus will not conflict with nor obstruct the implementation of the South Coast Air Quality Management Plan. It will not create additional student enrollment growth on campus or additional regional growth. The Air Quality Management Plan is based on the regional growth projections and the provision of student housing and soccer fields on campus will not affect these regional projections. In addition, the provision of additional student housing on campus will have a beneficial effect of reducing student commute vehicular trips and the associated vehicular emissions. |
b through d. The provision of student housing, replacement parking structure, and new soccer field facilities will not generate growth in student enrollment on campus and will reduce student commute vehicular trips that produce exhaust emissions. However, since the construction activities associated with the provision of these facilities will generate short-term emissions, this issue will be addressed in the EIR.

e. The operations of student housing, soccer training fields, and a parking structure on campus are not associated with the generation of objectionable odors that could affect a substantial number of people. No adverse impact will result.

IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES -- Would the project:

a) Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?  

b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or US Fish and Wildlife Service?  

c) Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?  

d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?  

e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?
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<td>f) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?</td>
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**a through f.** The Cal State LA campus is an urban campus developed with University facilities and is surrounded by urban development. The project site is developed with surface parking and an existing sport field and is surrounded by existing student housing, parking, and other facilities. No native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species, native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or native wildlife nursery are known to be located within or adjacent to the project site. No species identified as a candidate, sensitive or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulation, or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) are known to live, forage, or visit the project area. No riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, and regulation or by CDFW or USFWS exist within the project site and the surrounding area. No federally protected wetlands (as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act), wildlife nurseries, wildlife corridors, natural communities, or habitats exist on or near the project. The project site is not included in any habitat conservation plan, and no local policies regarding biological resources are applicable to the project site or surrounding areas. No impact on biological resources will occur.

**V. CULTURAL RESOURCES** -- Would the project:

- a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in §15064.5? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒
- b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to §15064.5? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒
- c) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒
- d) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒
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**a through d.** The project site is currently developed with surface parking and a sports play field. No known paleontological or archaeological resources are located within the site or within the north campus area. The potential for uncovering such significant resources is considered remote, given that no such resources have been discovered during prior development activity, including construction of student housing, parking, and other University facilities within this area. While the potential for uncovering such significant resources is considered remote, in an unlikely event that such resources are discovered during project construction, compliance with existing laws and regulations will ensure no significant impact. These laws and regulations include: (1) stopping work in the event that a paleontological resource is discovered until a qualified paleontologist can visit the site and assess the significance of the potential paleontological resource.; (2) the paleontologist will then conduct on-site paleontological monitoring, including inspection of exposed surfaces to determine if fossils are present, and (3) if fossils are present, the monitor will have the authority to divert grading away from exposed fossils temporarily in order to recover the fossil specimens.

In addition, in an unlikely event that containing human remains are inadvertently discovered during construction, compliance with existing laws and regulations will ensure no significant impact. These laws and regulations include: (1) ceasing construction in the vicinity of the discovery or any nearby area, and (2) immediately notifying the Los Angeles County Coroner’s Office. Furthermore, if the county coroner determines that the remains are Native American, then (1) contacting the Native American Heritage Commission within 24 hours, (2) the Native American Heritage Commission will then designate a most likely descendent who may make recommendations concerning the disposition of the remains and associated grave goods in consultation, and (3) if the Native American Heritage Commission is unable to identify a most likely descendant or if the most likely descendent failed to make a recommendation within 24 hours, reburying the remains and associated grave goods on the property in a location that will not be disturbed. Compliance with these existing laws and regulations will ensure a less than significant impact in an unlikely event that such resources are uncovered. No adverse impact is anticipated and these issues will not be addressed further in the EIR.

**VI. GEOLOGY AND SOILS** -- Would the project:

a) Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:

i) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.  

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ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?  

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iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?  

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iv) Landslides?  

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<td>c) Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?</td>
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<td>d) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property?</td>
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<td>e) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water?</td>
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a through d. The campus is located in the seismically active Southern California region and therefore all design and construction of the student housing facilities and parking structure will be in full compliance with the California State University seismic safety rules and regulation. Both the student housing and the parking structure will be designed and use engineering techniques specific to the specific site’s soil conditions. The site is located on relatively flat terrain away from hillsides; therefore it is not at risk for landslides. With compliance with all applicable requirements and regulations and the use of appropriate engineering and design techniques impact will be less than significant and these issues will not be addressed in the EIR.

e. The campus is served by sewer systems and no septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems are needed. No impact will result.

VII. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS --
Would the project:

a) Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment? | ☐ | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ |

b) Conflict with applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases? | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ |
a and b. The provision of additional student housing on campus for the University students will have a beneficial effect of continuing to reduce vehicular commute trips to and from the campus and thus reducing vehicular emissions, including reducing greenhouse gases (GHG). In addition, to reduce the use of energy and the associated stationary emissions of GHG, the design of student housing will include using energy efficient lighting (includes controls) and process systems such as water heaters, furnace, and boiler units, and using energy efficient and automated controls for air conditioning. Long-term impact will be beneficial; no adverse impact will result. However, the construction of the project will generate short-term emissions, including greenhouse gas (GHG) associated with site preparation and construction. Therefore, this issue will be addressed in the EIR.

The project will not conflict nor obstruct the implementation of the South Coast Air Quality Management Plan which aims at reducing overall emissions, including greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. The provision of student housing, a parking structure replacing existing surface parking, and soccer fields will not create additional student enrollment on campus or additional regional growth. The Air Quality Management Plan is based on regional growth projections and the project will not affect these regional projections.

VIII. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS -- Would the project:

a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?

b) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?

c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?

d) Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?

e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?
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<td>g) Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?</td>
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<td>h) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?</td>
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**a through c.** The project will provide a student housing facility, parking structure, and soccer fields that do not involve the transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials. On-site use and storage of hazardous materials will be limited to small amounts of everyday household cleaners and common chemicals used for landscaping and maintenance. The limited use of such materials is subject to California State University Guidelines. No adverse impact will result.

**d through f.** The campus is not included on the Department of Toxic Substances Control Hazardous Waste and Substance List (Cortese List) or any other list of hazardous materials sites, and is not located within two miles of a public use airport or private airport. No impact will result.

**g.** The student housing, parking structure, and soccer fields will include the provision of all necessary emergency access in compliance with existing regulations. Therefore, the project will not impair implementation nor physically interfere with any adopted emergency response or evacuation plans. No adverse impact will result.

**h.** The Cal State LA campus is not located in a high wildland fire hazard area. No significant impact will result.

**IX. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY**

-- Would the project:

<p>| a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements? | ❑ | ❑ | ❑ | ❑ |</p>
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<td>b) Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?</td>
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<td>c) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site?</td>
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<td>d) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site?</td>
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<td>e) Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?</td>
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<td>f) Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?</td>
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<td>g) Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map?</td>
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<td>i) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam?</td>
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<td>j) Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?</td>
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**a through e.** The new student housing and parking structure will replace existing impervious surface parking lots and thus, will not increase the amount or pattern of stormwater runoff. The project’s provision of new soccer fields will result in a beneficial effect of replacing existing impervious surface parking with pervious surfaces that will reduce stormwater runoff from the project site. None of these facilities involves groundwater pumping that could result in depletion of groundwater. No adverse impact will result.

**f through i.** The Cal State LA campus is not located within a delineated 100-year flood hazard area and therefore, the project will not place housing within a flood zone area. No impact will result.

**j.** The campus is located inland and is not subject to tsunamis, nor is it subject to a seiche as it is not located near a large body of water. The project site is not subject to mudflows as it is relatively flat and located within the campus’ interior. No adverse impact will result.

**X. LAND USE AND PLANNING --** Would the project:

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<td>b) Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?</td>
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<td>c) Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan?</td>
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**a through c.** The project requires a revision to the Cal State LA Campus Master Plan. With the revision, there will be no conflict with the Campus Master Plan, and impact will be less than significant. The project will reinforce and enhance the existing student housing community within the northern portion of the campus by providing additional housing and associated dining facility, and by replacing surface parking with sport fields that provide recreational opportunities. No other land use or conservation plans apply to the campus. No adverse impact will result.
XI. MINERAL RESOURCES -- Would the project:

a) Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?

b) Result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?

a and b. No mineral resources are known to exist within the Cal State LA campus. No impact will result.

XII. NOISE -- Would the project result in:

a) Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?

b) Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?

c) A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?

d) A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?

e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?

f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?
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**a, c, and d.** Student housing is an integral part of campus facilities, and is not a generator of excessive noise levels. The new fields will be used by soccer players and University students for training only, with noise comparable to noise generated by other training activities at the existing sports fields on campus. However, the construction of student housing and parking structure facilities will generate short-term intermittent noise and this issue will be addressed in the EIR.

**b.** The student housing facilities, parking structure, and soccer fields do not involve generation of excessive vibration or groundborne noise. No impact will result and this issue will not be addressed in the EIR.

**e and f.** The campus is not located within an airport land use plan, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, or within the vicinity of a private airstrip. No impact will result.

**XIII. POPULATION AND HOUSING**

Would the project:

- **a)** Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?

- **b)** Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?

- **c)** Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?

**a through c.** The provision of student housing and soccer training fields on campus does not involve displacement of people, will not affect student enrollment on campus, and therefore will not induce substantial population growth or housing demand. No impact will result.

**XIV. PUBLIC SERVICES**

- **a)** Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:
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**a.** The new student housing, parking structure, and soccer fields will be served by the City of Los Angeles Fire Department, which provides fire protection for all campus facilities. The University’s own police - aided if needed by the City Police Department and/or County Sheriff’s Department, provides police protection for the campus. While no significant impact on these services is anticipated with the provision of all required safety and security features in the project’s facilities, these issues will be further addressed in the EIR.

The student housing facilities will serve the University’s students and the training soccer fields will be used by the University students and players already residing in the greater Los Angeles area, and therefore has no potential to generate a substantial demand for schools or recreation facilities. No impact will result.

**XV. RECREATION**

a) Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?

b) Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?

**a and b.** The provision of student housing and soccer training fields on campus will not induce any population growth that will require the construction of new parks or recreational facilities that might have an adverse physical effect on the environment. No impact will result.
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**XVI. TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC --**

Would the project:

a) Conflict with an applicable plan, ordinance or policy establishing measures of effectiveness for the performance of the circulation system, taking into account all modes of transportation including mass transit and non-motorized travel and relevant components of the circulation system, including but not limited to intersections, streets, highways and freeways, pedestrian and bicycle paths, and mass transit? [x] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

b) Conflict with applicable congestion management program, including but not limited to level of service standards and travel demand measures, or other standards established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways? [ ] [ ] [x] [ ] [ ]

c) Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location which results in substantial safety risks? [ ] [ ] [ ] [x] [ ]

d) Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)? [ ] [ ] [x] [ ] [ ]

e) Result in inadequate emergency access? [ ] [ ] [ ] [x] [ ]

f) Conflict with adopted policies plans, or programs regarding public transit, bicycle, or pedestrian facilities, or otherwise decrease the safety of such facilities? [ ] [ ] [ ] [x] [ ]

**a and b.** The provision of additional student housing will reduce commute trips to campus. However, since soccer players will be coming to campus to train at the new fields, a traffic study will be prepared as part of the EIR to address these issues.
The provision of additional student housing and new soccer fields on campus will not affect air traffic patterns. The new facilities will include the provision of all required emergency access in compliance with existing regulations. No design features or uses that could result in increased hazards are part of these facilities. No impact will result.

XVII. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS -- Would the project:

a) Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board? ☐ ☐ ☒ ☒

b) Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects? ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐

c) Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects? ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐

d) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed? ☐ ☒ ☐ ☐

e) Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project’s projected demand in addition to the provider’s existing commitments? ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐

f) Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project’s solid waste disposal needs? ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐

g) Comply with federal, State, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste? ☐ ☐ ☒ ☒

a through e. The new student housing and dining facilities will use water and generate wastewater and solid waste, and the new soccer training fields will use water. Therefore these issues will be further evaluated in the EIR.
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XVIII. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

a) Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?

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b) Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)?

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c) Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?

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a. The project site consist of surface parking lots and an existing sport field. No plant or animal community, rare or endangered plant or animal, or fish or wildlife habitat exist on the site. No important examples of California history or prehistory are present on the site. Therefore, no adverse impact will result.

b. The area-wide growth, and the growth and development in the areas surrounding the campus, may result in significant traffic, air quality, and other impacts. While the effects of providing student housing, soccer training fields and a replacement parking structure by itself will be relatively limited, when combined together with the effects of the area-wide growth and development the cumulative impact may be significant. This issue will be addressed in the EIR.

c. The provision of needed student housing on campus will result in a beneficial impact of reducing commute trips and associate air pollutant emissions. The provision of training soccer fields will result in a beneficial effect of providing recreational opportunities and eliminating adverse visual effects associated with surface parking currently occupying the site. No adverse effects on people will result.
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