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Notice of Intent to Adopt
Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration
For the
East Bluffs Stabilization Project

UPDATE: Due to the closing of the UCSB campus and area public libraries and the ensuing difficulties in accessing and reviewing paper copies of the East Bluff Stabilization Project MND, UCSB has decided to extend the deadline for submitting comments. Originally, the 30-day comment period ran from March 5th through April 6th, but most libraries closed on March 20th, shortening the time to review hard copies of the document by two weeks. Therefore, the deadline for submitting comments on the MND is now extended by two weeks until April 20th, 2020. Email comments to alissa.hummer@planning.ucsb.edu or send written comments postmarked no later than 5:00 pm April 20th to the address below.

The East Bluffs Stabilization Project IS/MND remains available for public review at https://www.facilities.ucsb.edu/departments/campus-planning-design/current-projects under Current Projects, Main Campus. If you require a paper copy of the East Bluffs MND, please contact Alissa Hummer at amhumm@ucsb.edu and arrangements will be made to provide a copy within the guidelines for safe social distancing.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act the University of California (UC) Santa Barbara has prepared an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the proposed East Bluffs Stabilization Project.

To address significant bluff erosion adjacent to Lagoon Road and across from Anacapa Hall, the Santa Barbara campus proposes to construct a structural tie-back wall recessed into the face of an existing bluff on the east side of the campus. The project entails drilling a series of slightly angled holes into the bluff face to provide anchors for a framework which will support an approximately 50x50’ shotcrete wall on the surface of the bluff in order to slow the erosion of the bluff and protect Lagoon Rd. and the vital infrastructure underneath it.
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Public review and opportunity to comment on the content of the Project Draft IS/MND is provided during a 30-day period from Thursday March 5, 2020 through Monday April 6, 2020 by 5:00 pm. Email comments to alissa.hummer@planning.ucsb.edu or send written comments postmarked no later than 5:00 pm April 6:

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