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## **NOTICE OF IMPENDING DEVELOPMENT DE MINIMIS: CONSENT CALENDAR**

DATE: March 24, 2011  
TO: All Interested Parties  
SUBJECT: Notice of Impending Development (NOID) 6-10 (Robertson Field Turf Expansion Project) at UCSB

Based on project plans and information submitted by the applicant regarding the development described below, the Executive Director of the Coastal Commission believes the proposed development is *de minimis* with respect to the purposes and provisions of the certified LRDP and has therefore scheduled it for review by the Commission on its Consent Calendar, pursuant to Section 13550(c) of the Commission's Regulations (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 5.5).

**Applicant:** University of California, Santa Barbara  
**Location:** Robertson Field on the western edge of Main Campus, University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB)  
**Description:** Conversion of an existing 1.2-acre grass athletic field (Robertson Field) and adjacent 1-acre dirt berm to a 2.2-acre artificial turf field, including relocation of sewer and water lines from under the field, replacement of an existing lighting system, installation of subsurface drainage system and weir, addition of a 5,800 sq. ft. paved entrance plaza with 100-150 new bicycle parking spaces, removal of 15 non-native trees and replacement with native trees, relocation of 25 cu. yds of topsoil with miniature lupine seedbank from berm to an existing habitat restoration area, 12,500 cu. yds. of grading (9,250 cu. yds. cut and 3,250 cu. yds. fill), and addition of 2,300 cu. yds. of gravel, located on the western edge of Main Campus at UCSB.

**Rationale:** The proposed development is minor in nature involving conversion of an existing grass athletic field and adjacent dirt berm to an artificial turf field with permeable aggregate base. The proposed project will be located within an area of Main Campus that has been previously developed with landscaping and recreational facilities. The project is consistent with the subject site's land use designation as "Recreation" pursuant to the certified LRDP. Surrounding land uses include the Recreation Center to the north and east, sand volleyball courts and a softball field to the west, and tennis courts to the south. The existing lighting system will be replaced and reconfigured to accommodate the wider field but not result in any significant increase in night lighting on or adjacent to the site. The project site is not located within or near any environmentally sensitive habitat areas (ESHA) and the 15 trees to be removed are all non-native and invasive species (13 eucalyptus, one cypress macrocarpa, and one swamp mahogany). The University has conducted biological surveys of the subject site confirming that the site does not support any sensitive bird nesting habitat. The trees will be replaced with native trees at a 1:1 ratio in an adjacent area designated as Open Space. Additionally, to ensure that no potential adverse impacts occur to any sensitive bird species, the University will conduct a bird nesting survey immediately prior to any tree removal. The project also includes relocation of the topsoil with miniature lupine seedbank to an adjacent habitat restoration area which will be performed in accordance with the proposed Restoration Plan. As a result, the impending development will not result in any adverse effects to coastal resources and the project is consistent with UCSB's certified 1990 Long Range Development Plan (LRDP).

**IMPORTANT:** This NOID is not valid unless the project site has been posted and until the NOID has been reported to the Coastal Commission. This NOID is proposed to be reported to the Commission at the meeting of April 14, 2011 in Santa Barbara. If three Commissioners request that this NOID be scheduled for a public hearing on the regular permit calendar, this NOID shall be removed from the consent calendar, pursuant to Section 13103 of the Commission's Regulations.

Persons wishing to object to or having questions regarding this NOID should contact the Commission office at the above address or phone number prior to the Commission meeting date.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

By: Kanani Brown, Coastal Program Analyst