Notice of Impending Approval

UCSF Central Utility Plant Fuel Tanks Replacement
Parnassus Heights Campus Site

Notice is hereby given that the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) intends to consider approving the UCSF Central Utility Plant Fuel Tanks Replacement project. Project approval is expected to occur no earlier than June 24, 2022.

The proposed project is to replace fuel tanks within the UCSF Parnassus Heights campus. Under existing conditions, five single-walled fiberglass tanks of 30,000 gallons each (total nominal capacity of 150,000 gallons) are buried below grade in Medical Center Way. With the proposed project, these five underground tanks would be decommissioned and ten new code-compliant tanks would be installed above-ground adjacent to the Central Utility Plant (CUP) and Medical Center Way. The proposed new tanks would be of various sizes comprising a total of approximately 210,000 gallons (an increase in capacity of approximately 40 percent). The work would include decommissioning the existing underground tanks, demolishing an existing retaining wall and building a new one, constructing a new concrete slab, relocation of multiple utilities, installation of new tanks, screening, replacing a pump house, and other associated work.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and University procedures for the implementation of CEQA, the proposed project was analyzed in the New Hospital at Parnassus Heights (NPH) Final Environmental Impact Report. The following environmental documents are attached to this notice:

- Environmental Impact Classification (EIC) form
- Notice of Determination (Draft – not yet filed)
For purposes of compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (CEQA), and Amended University of California Procedures for Implementation of CEQA, this project has been reviewed and initially classified as indicated below. Please check (X) as appropriate. Include project description and appropriate local map with your submission.

I. EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT OF 1970 - When it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the action will result in physical change to the environment (15061(b)(3)), or the action is specifically exempted by statute (15260-15285), the project is classified as generally exempt from CEQA. General/Statutory Exemption: § [Insert reference to applicable CEQA statutory provision, and, if applicable, the correlating guidelines Section]

II. CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT - This project falls under the indicated Class(es) of Exemption(s), none of the exceptions to the exemption apply (15300.2), and there is no significant effect on the environment (for complete list see CEQA Guidelines Section 15300):

- Class 1: Existing Facilities
- Class 2: Replacement or Reconstruction
- Class 3: New Construction or Small Structures
- Class 4: Minor Alterations to Land
- Class 5: Information Collection
- Class 6: Accessory Structures
- Class 11: Acquisition for Conservation
- Class 12: Transfer of Land Ownership for Parks

Other: [if other, identify which class under Section 15300]

III. INITIAL STUDY - This project is not statutorily or categorically exempt from CEQA; an Initial Study is to be prepared to determine if the project may have a significant effect on the environment.

□ Stand-Alone  □ Tiered Initial Study (15152): [Identify EIR from which Initial Study is tiered]

IV. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) - It is known that the project will have a direct or cumulatively significant effect on the environment and an EIR will be/has been prepared. Identify the type of EIR:

□ Programmatic  □ Stand-Alone (Project-Specific)  The project was analyzed in the Comprehensive Parnassus Heights Plan Final EIR certified by the Regents on January 21, 2021; and more recently in the New Hospital at Parnassus Heights Final EIR, certified by the Regents on May 19, 2022.

Additional project analysis:

□ None/Findings Only  □ Addendum  □ Subsequent  □ Supplement to EIR:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION - [Insert brief project description, provide supporting documentation as appropriate.]

Real estate transaction type: □ Acquisition  □ Sale  □ Sublease  □ Easement  □ License [Include proposed use in project description below]

The University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) proposes to replace the Central Utility Plant (CUP) diesel fuel tanks located beneath Medical Center Way at the Parnassus Heights campus site. The current tanks are not code-compliant and are required to be decommissioned by the end of 2025. UCSF has determined that this project is crucial to its operations and reliance on emergency power provided by the fuel tanks during a catastrophic event.

Under existing conditions, five single-walled fiberglass tanks of 30,000 gallons each (total nominal capacity of 150,000 gallons) are buried below grade in Medical Center Way. With the proposed project, these five underground tanks would be decommissioned and ten new code-compliant tanks would be installed above-ground adjacent to the Central Utility Plant (CUP) and Medical Center Way. The proposed new tanks would be of various sizes comprising a total of approximately 210,000 gallons (an increase in capacity of approximately 40 percent). The work would include decommissioning the existing underground tanks, demolishing an existing retaining wall and building a new one, constructing a new concrete slab, relocation of multiple utilities, installation of new tanks, screening, replacing a pump house, and other associated work.

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V. Does this project conform to the approved LRDP? □ YES  □ NO  □ NA  [If NO or NA, include explanation in Project Description above]

VI. Prepared by Environmental Coordinator  Date  Local Approved by AVC  Date

VII. OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

□ Concur with Classification  □ Do not concur with Classification

Signed  Date
The proposed project was analyzed at a project level in the UCSF Comprehensive Parnassus Heights Plan Final EIR, certified by the Regents on January 21, 2021. As the proposed fuel tank design was further refined, the project was again analyzed in the New Hospital at Parnassus Heights (NHPH) Final EIR, certified by the Regents on May 19, 2022. The fuel tank options analyzed in the NHPH Final EIR included an option for six above-ground tanks with a total holding capacity of about 210,000 gallons. Although the current project now proposes ten above-ground tanks of varying sizes, the location and total holding capacity would be the same as analyzed in the NHPH Final EIR. The height of the tanks would be reduced from approximately 46' to a proposed 20'. These project refinements would result in lesser visual impacts. They do not constitute a substantial change to the project or its environmental impacts, and do not change the conclusions of the NHPH Final EIR.
Notice of Determination

Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination in Compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resource Code.

State Clearinghouse Number: 2021070547
Project Title: Central Utility Plant Fuel Tanks Replacement
Project Location: University of California, San Francisco; Parnassus Heights campus site
County: San Francisco

Project Description: The University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) proposes to replace fuel tanks within the UCSF Parnassus Heights campus site. Five existing single-walled fiberglass tanks of 30,000 gallons each (total nominal capacity of 150,000 gallons) are buried below grade in Medical Center Way. With the proposed project, these five underground tanks would be decommissioned and ten new code-compliant tanks would be installed above-ground adjacent to the Central Utility Plant (CUP) and Medical Center Way. The proposed new tanks would be of various sizes comprising a total of approximately 210,000 gallons (an increase in capacity of approximately 40 percent). The work would include decommissioning the existing underground tanks, demolishing an existing retaining wall and building a new one, constructing a new concrete slab, relocation of multiple utilities, installation of new tanks, screening, replacing a pump house, and other associated work.

This is to advise that the University of California (Lead Agency Responsible Agency) has approved the above-described project on June XX, 2022 and has made the following determinations:

1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for the UCSF New Hospital at Parnassus Heights, including the proposed project, pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted for this project.
6. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the Final Environmental Impact Report for the UCSF New Hospital at Parnassus Heights, which analyzes development of a New Hospital and related improvements, including the proposed project, and record of project approval are available to the general public at: UCSF Real Estate - Campus Planning, 654 Minnesota Street, 2nd Floor, San Francisco, CA 94143, (415) 502-5952, or online at http://campusplanning.ucsf.edu/

Signature: __________________________
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Date: June XX, 2022

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