Sunset Canyon Recreation Replacement Building Project
Scoping Meeting

UCLA Capital Programs
August 1, 2023
Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Project Background and Need
3. Project Presentation
4. CEQA Overview
5. Project Schedule and Delivery
6. Public Comments
Background & Need

Student Needs and Space Utilization
- Sunset Canyon Recreation Center created to help students build community outside the classroom and "reduce the impersonal atmosphere of a large urban university"
- Current site configuration has significant accessibility challenges; need for improvements to provide equitable access
- High usage with past increases in enrollment and adjacent residential population
- Highest demand from students is for multipurpose spaces
- Support for students with dependents & campus families

Current Conditions
- Original post-and-beam wood construction designed by Smith and Williams
  - Opened in 1966, complex is eligible for historic listing despite deteriorated conditions
- Expected deterioration over time, consistent with a wooden structure
- Impacts from termites and dry rot
- Lightning strike (2019)
- Seismic Rating VII (2021) – Vista Room and Santa Fe Room
Current Conditions (continued)
• Additional building vacation due to water intrusion and mold (2021) – Office Center
• Lack of ADA access/facilities and resulting inequities
• Given its age, many current building code and safety requirements are not met

Project Funding
• Student Seismic Fee
Vicinity Map & Project Site
Site Context

Site Plan circa 1965

Existing Site Plan
Existing Building Photos

Vista Room (red-tagged)

Santa Fe Room (red-tagged)

Office Center at right (vacated)

Buenos Aires Room

Stair Tower/Restroom/Office (red-tagged)
Deteriorated Building Conditions

Support beams added below Vista Room (red-tagged)

Damaged beams at Vista Room (red-tagged)

Damaged beams at Vista Room (red-tagged)

Damaged wood at Stair Tower/Restroom/Office (red-tagged)

Damaged beams at Vista Room (red-tagged)

Cracked beams at Vista Room (red-tagged)
## Summary of Existing Project Site Buildings

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<th>UC Seismic Rating</th>
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**Total Buildings to be Removed**

6,982 5,807

*Seismic Rating VII is defined as “posing an immediate life-safety hazard to [the building’s] occupants under gravity loads. The building should be evacuated and posted as dangerous until remedial actions are taken to assure the building can support [California Building Code] prescribed dead and live loads.”*
Conceptual Site Plan

Key Features:
- 11,500 gsf replacement building
- 6,500 gsf covered, unenclosed space
- 2 stories plus rooftop deck
- 3 multi-purpose rooms with floor-to-ceiling windows and indoor/outdoor connections
- Offices, gender inclusive restrooms, kitchen
- ADA-accessible elevator to provide access between upper and lower pool levels
- Terraces and outdoor amenity areas
- Solar canopy on rooftop deck
- Built into hillside along northern edge
- New landscaping and hardscape
Conceptual Floor Plans

Level 1

Level 2

Roof Deck
Building Elevations
Renderings
What is CEQA?

California Environmental Quality Act

**CEQA Statute**
PRC Sections 2100-21189
&

**CEQA Guidelines**
CCR Title 14, Div. 6, Ch. 3, Sections 1500-15387

CEQA is intended to inform government decision-makers and the public about the potential environmental effects of proposed activities and to prevent significant, avoidable environmental damage.
Tiered Supplemental EIR

CEQA allows tiering of project-specific analysis from certified Program EIRs. Environmental analyses of campus projects are tiered from the LRDP EIRs:

• UCLA Long Range Development Plan Amendment (2017) and Student Housing Projects Final Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SCH No. 2017051024)  
  ◦ Certified by UC Regents -- January 2018  
• UCLA 2008 Northwest Housing Infill Project and Long Range Development Plan Amendment Final Environmental Impact Report (SCH No. 2008051121)  
  ◦ Certified by UC Regents -- March 2009  
• Sunset Rec Project EIR will be a Supplemental EIR, tiered from the LRDP EIRs.
CEQA Process

Is the Project subject to CEQA?

NO

CEQA Exemption

YES

Initial Study (IS)

Notice of Preparation (NOP) of Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

30-Day Review Period
Scoping Meeting

Draft EIR

45-Day Review Period
Public Hearing

Final EIR & Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP)

CEQA Certification / Project Approval
CEQA Analysis

Aesthetics
Impact: Less than significant impacts
Mitigation: Applicable LRDP PPs and MMs

Agriculture & Forestry Resources
Impact: No impact
Mitigation: None

Air Quality
Impact: Less than significant impacts
Mitigation: Applicable LRDP PPs and MMs

Biological Resources
Impact: Less than significant impacts
Mitigation: Applicable LRDP PPs and MMs

Cultural Resources – Archaeo/Tribal Resources, Remains
Impact: Less than significant impacts
Mitigation: Applicable LRDP PPs and MMs

Cultural Resources – Historic Resources
Impact: Potentially significant/
Impact not identified in LRDP EIRs
Mitigation: TBD in Supplemental EIR

Geology and Soils
Impact: Less than significant with mitigation
Mitigation: Applicable LRDP PPs and MMs
Plus MM Sunset GEO-1

Greenhouse Gas Emissions
Impact: Less than significant impacts
Mitigation: Applicable LRDP PPs

Hazards & Hazardous Materials
Impact: Less than significant impacts
Mitigation: Applicable LRDP PPs

Hydrology & Water Quality
Impact: Less than significant with mitigation
Mitigation: Applicable LRDP PPs

Land Use & Planning
Impact: Less than significant impacts
Mitigation: Applicable LRDP PPs and MMs

Mineral Resources
Impact: No
Mitigation: None

Noise
Impact: Less than significant impacts
Mitigation: Applicable LRDP PPs and MMs

Population & Housing
Impact: No impact
Mitigation: None

Public Services
Impact: Less than significant impacts
Mitigation: Applicable LRDP PPs

Recreation
Impact: Less than significant impacts
Mitigation: Applicable LRDP PPs

Transportation
Impact: Less than significant impacts
Mitigation: Applicable LRDP PPs and MM

Tribal Cultural Resources
Impact: Less than significant with mitigation
Mitigation: Applicable LRDP MM

Utilities & Service Systems
Impact: Less than significant impacts
Mitigation: Applicable LRDP PPs

Wildfire
Impact: No impact
Mitigation: None

NOTE: With the exception of potential impacts to historic resources, all Project impacts would be consistent with (i.e., less than or equivalent to) impacts identified in the LRDP EIRs.
Project Milestones

- Design Development and Contractor Selection
  - Fall 2023
- UCLA Chancellor Project Approval and CEQA Certification
  - November 2023
- Building Demolition / Site Utilities Start
  - Summer 2024
- Building Construction Start
  - Fall 2024
- Construction Completion
  - Spring 2026
- Occupants Move In
  - Spring 2026
Public Comments
Thank You