To: ☑ Office of Planning and Research
PO Box 3044, 1400 Tenth Street, Room 222
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□ County Clerk County of _____
Santa Cruz, California 95064

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

State Clearinghouse Number:

2012062017

Project Title:

Merrill Residence Halls Capital Renewal

Project Location:

UC Santa Cruz Main Campus, 1156 High Street, Santa Cruz

County:

Santa Cruz

Project Description: The Merrill Residence Halls Capital Renewal Project consists of major maintenance, renovation, and interior accessibility improvements in Merrill College Residence Halls A, B, C and D and the Guzman Apartments; improvements to the pedestrian circulation system and other site work within Merrill College to meet accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and to enhance the outdoor gathering and recreational spaces within the college; and replacement of two small buildings with a total of approximately 2,250 sf, with a new building of approximately 4,609 sf. The Project would add approximately 60 additional student bed spaces through reconfiguration of existing space and enclosure of existing stairwells and roof decks.

This is to advise that the University of California (⊠ Lead Agency □ Responsible Agency) has approved the above-described project on January 3, 2012, 2013, and has made the following determinations regarding the above-described project:

- 1. The project \square will \boxtimes will not have a significant effect on the environment.
- 2.

 An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
 - ☑ A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
- 3. Mitigation measures [☒ were ☐were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
- 4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [⊠ was □ was not] adopted for this project.
- 5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [☐ was ⊠was not] adopted for this project.
- 6. Findings $[\boxtimes]$ were \square were not made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final Initial Study with comments and responses, , and record of project approval are available to the general public at the office of Physical Planning and Construction, University of California, Santa Cruz, 1156 High Street, Santa Cruz, CA.

Signature:

Alisa Klaus

Title:

Senior Environmental Planner

Date:

January 3, 2013

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Vice Chancellor Latham
Campus Architect Barnes
City of Santa Cruz Planning Department
Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments