2.2.4 Preparation of Final Negative Declaration or Mitigated Negative Declaration, Findings, Mitigation Monitoring Program

Prior to adoption of the Negative Declaration or Mitigated Negative Declaration, a statement of Findings should clearly demonstrate that the project would not result in significant impacts to the environment. For a Mitigated Negative Declaration, Findings should be made for each potentially significant effect that was mitigated in the Negative Declaration. The Findings on each significant impact should provide sufficient detail and explanation to allow a court to trace the route of the University’s reasoning (*UC CEQA Handbook Section 2.4 and 3.4*). The Findings must also specify the location and custodian of the administrative record (*CEQA Guidelines Section 15074(c)*) [http://www.ceres.ca.gov/topic/env_law/ceqa/guidelines/art6.html](http://www.ceres.ca.gov/topic/env_law/ceqa/guidelines/art6.html).

**Mitigation Monitoring Program**

A Mitigation Monitoring Program must also be developed for all mitigation measures that are adopted for the project to reduce potential significant impacts (*CEQA Guidelines Section 15074(d)*) [http://www.ceres.ca.gov/topic/env_law/ceqa/guidelines/art6.html](http://www.ceres.ca.gov/topic/env_law/ceqa/guidelines/art6.html). See also *UC CEQA Handbook Chapter 5*.

**Project Approval**

Once the University decides to approve a project for which a Negative Declaration or Mitigated Negative Declaration has been adopted, the University files a Notice of Determination with the State Clearinghouse (*CEQA Guidelines Section 15075*) [http://www.ceres.ca.gov/topic/env_law/ceqa/guidelines/art6.html](http://www.ceres.ca.gov/topic/env_law/ceqa/guidelines/art6.html) (See *UC CEQA Handbook Section 2.2.5* for more on Project Approval).