II. INTRODUCTION

A. Purpose

The purpose of this study is to chart the course for the continued development of the South Scripps Neighborhood, Figure II-1 at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography (SIO). The forces driving the study are threefold:

- A need to replace obsolete research and administrative facilities and to build new research space and outdoor work areas.
- A need to organize replacement and new facilities into one efficient, livable and distinctive whole.
- A need to ensure that the new facilities maintain a high and coordinated degree of design quality, one that also serves to enhance the identity of the neighborhood as a singular campus precinct.

Most of the recommendations in the plan are long term. However, an immediate objective of the planning effort was to determine the location of the Ritter Replacement Facility (RRF), a building which is intended to replace the South and East Wings of Ritter Hall. These wings have a seismic rating of "poor" and "very poor" and contain functionally obsolete laboratory space. State funding for this project has already been proposed by the Regents of the University of California.

B. Planning Process

The planning of new facilities at the University of California, San Diego Campus, is under the purview of the Campus Planning Office (CPO). In the pursuit of assigning or redistributing academic, research, administrative, residential, recreation, service, parking, and other program elements throughout the campus, the CPO is formally advised by the Campus Community Planning Committee (CCPC). Scripps has its own planning committee, Marine Sciences Physical Planning Committee (MSPPC), whose decisions are passed on to the CCPC. Committees which are assembled to address specific planning areas are called Planning Advisory Committees (PACs). Planning efforts involving the determination of an area's overall design identity, from an urban design, architecture, and landscape standpoint, are additionally scrutinized by the UCSD Design Review Board (DRB).

All of the above committees, and the Design Review Board, formally participated in the review and approval of the planning and design concepts contained in this planning study. The comprehensive scope and the recommendations contained in this planning study are a result of the reviewers' knowledge of the neighborhood and their shared interest in promoting the quality of its environment.