II. INTRODUCTION

A. Purpose

This study provides a detailed development plan and associated design and landscape guidelines for a 7.5-acre parcel of land located on the Scripps Institution of Oceanography (SIO) campus of the University of California, San Diego (UCSD) at the intersection of Expedition Way and North Torrey Pines Road. The plan and design guidelines expand upon the concepts contained in the 1989 UCSD Master Plan study.

The specific objectives of the study were as follows:

- Define existing physical and environmental land constraints.
- Verify the development capacity for buildings and parking established by the Master Plan study.
- Define pedestrian open spaces and pedestrian linkages to other SIO neighborhoods on the west and to the central campus on the east; address the substantial grade changes in these connections.
- Identify appropriate building sites within the study area for the research facility that may be developed in conjunction with the United States Geological Survey (USGS).
- Examine the relationship of the nearby single-family residential area to the future development within the study area.
- Define and emphasize ocean view opportunities for buildings within the study area, and provide an opportunity for a view corridor for the areas outside the neighborhood.

B. Planning Process

In order to develop the neighborhood plan, the planning team worked directly with UCSD Physical Planning staff and the study Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) through a series of “working session” meetings in which the ideas presented in this report were discussed. The results of the meetings with the PAC were presented to the Marine Sciences Physical Planning Committee (MSPPC) which oversees planning for the entire Scripps campus. Recommendations on the neighborhood plan by the MSPPC were passed on, discussed with, and approved by the Campus Community Planning Committee (CCPC). The Design Review Board (DRB) participated in reviewing the plan and formally approved the design guidelines.