Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics University of California at Berkeley

Outline for Environmental Economics (EEP 101/ECON 125) Course

Location: 2060 Valley LSB, Tuesday & Thursday 9:30-11:00 a.m.

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Course website: <u>http://are.berkeley.edu/~zilber/EEP101/spring05</u>

Readings:

There is no required textbook. The detailed course notes on the course website serve as required text for the course (available at <u>http://are.berkeley.edu/~zilber/EEP101/spring05</u>). There will also be a course reader.

For supplementary readings, we recommend the following textbooks (on reserve in the Moffitt library):

Tietenberg, Tom, *Environmental and Natural Resource Economics*. Fifth Edition, Reading, Massachusetts: Addison Wesley Longman, Inc., 2000.

Carlson, Gerald A., David Zilberman, and John A. Miranowski, *Agricultural and Environmental Resource Economics*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1993.

The course reader contains some extracts of these books that are particularly useful.

Online Text

Detailed text and lecture summaries are available at <u>http://are.berkeley.edu/~zilber/EEP101/spring05</u> The detailed notes and lecture summaries will be modified to reflect the revised content of the class.

Grading

30% midterm, 50% final, and 20% homework.

Students may opt to submit a paper. In this case grading is 66.6 % classwork and 33.3 % for the paper.

Course Outline

- Lecture 1: Introduction
- Lecture 2: When Is a Market Socially Optimal? Production and Consumption Externalities
- Lectures 3-4: Market Failure and Policy Instruments: Standards, Taxes and Subsidies
- Lecture 5: Policy Instrument Choice: Heterogeneity, Uncertainty
- Lecture 6: Waste Management: Deposit-Refund Systems
- Lecture 7: The Coase Theorem and Liability Rules
- Lectures 8: Stationary Source Air Pollution Control: Emission Charges and Permits in Practice
- Lecture 9: Mobile Source Air Pollution
- Lecture 10: Technological Change and Pollution Control
- Lecture 11-12: Public Goods
- Lectures 13: Economics of Biodiversity and Endangered Species
- Lecture 14-15: Valuation of Environmental Benefits
- Lecture 16: MIDTERM
- Lecture 17: Environmental and Health Risks
- Lecture 18-20: Water Allocation and Quality Policies
- Lecture 21: Animal Waste
- Lecture 22-23: Pesticide Economics
- Lecture 24: Biotechnology
- Lectures 25-26: Global Pollutants and International Environmental Agreements
- Lecture 27-28: Environment and Development; Concepts of Sustainable Development
- Lecture 29: Environmental Justice
- Lecture 30: Reserve
- Lecture 31: REVIEW
- Lecture 32: FINAL EXAM