

Attachment 2



**SITE DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE PHASE 4 PROJECT
CORPORATION YARD RELOCATION**

Addendum No. 4 to the 2009 UC Merced Long Range Development Plan
Environmental Impact Statement / Environmental Impact Report

The following Addendum has been prepared in compliance with CEQA.

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I. PROJECT INFORMATION

1. Project title:

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6. Custodian of the administrative record for this project (if different from response to item 3 above.):

See Lead Agency

7. Identification of previous EIRs relied upon for tiering purposes (including all applicable LRDP and project EIRs and address where a copy is available for inspection.)

The 2009 UC Merced Long Range Development Plan Final Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (2009 EIS/EIR). Copies of the document can be found at:

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II. INTRODUCTION

The University of California (“University”), as the lead agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”), prepared the Final Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (“Final EIS/EIR”) for the 2009 Long Range Development Plan (“LRDP”) for the University of California, Merced (“UC Merced”) and the UC Merced 2020 Project (the “UCM 2020 Project”) (State Clearinghouse No. 2008041009). On March 2009, The Board of Regents of the University of California (“The Regents”) certified that the Final EIS/EIR was completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) and adopted Findings and a Statement of Overriding Considerations in connection with its approval of the LRDP.

The Final EIS/EIR consists of the November 2008 Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (“Draft EIS/EIR”) and the March 2009 Final Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (“Final EIS/EIR”) (collectively the “2009 EIS/EIR”). Volumes 1 and 2 of the Draft EIS/EIR assess the potential environmental effects of implementation of the LRDP, identify means to eliminate or reduce potential adverse impacts, and evaluate a reasonable range of alternatives to the LRDP as proposed. Volume 3 builds upon the broader programmatic analysis of campus development in Draft EIS/EIR Volumes 1 and 2, and focuses on evaluating and disclosing environmental impacts that could potentially result if the development proposed as part of the UCM 2020 Project is implemented.

The 2009 LRDP is the guiding land use planning document that will be used in developing a new University of California campus to eventually support a student body of 25,000 full time equivalent students on 815 acres of land in Merced County. The UCM 2020 Project comprises the second phase of the UC Merced Campus with facilities needed to support an enrollment level of approximately 10,000 full-time equivalent (FTE) students. These facilities would include academic, administrative, research, and recreational buildings, student residences and student services buildings, utilities and infrastructure, outdoor recreation areas, and associated roadways, parking, and landscaping.

The Site Development & Infrastructure Phase 4 project represents one of four site development and infrastructure projects contemplated as part of the UC Merced 2020 Project. The 2009 EIS/EIR described and evaluated the Site Development & Infrastructure Phase 4 as completing key elements of the build-out for the North Campus District as well as initial development of the Central Campus portion of the academic core. The development components for the Site Development & Infrastructure Phase 4 project identified on the 2009 EIS/EIR included the extension of buried utilities, stormwater management improvements, the operational improvements of existing buildings and the construction of a materials lay-down area (corp yard).

In February of 2011, the Chancellor of the University of California, Merced adopted CEQA Findings, the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, and approved the design for the Site Development & Infrastructure Project, which include the construction of a corp yard to be located in the Central Campus subarea of the UC Merced campus. Since that time, the campus has reevaluated the approved corp yard site and determined that relocating the corp yard to a site closer to existing campus development provides a more strategic location in terms of its proximity to existing infrastructure utilities, paved roadways and in its adjacency to the Logistical Support Services Facility Building and the academic core of the UC Merced Campus. As such, UC Merced now proposes to relocate the corp yard to a location within the North Neighborhood subarea of the campus.

Section 15164(a) of the CEQA Guidelines states “The lead agency or responsible agency shall prepare an addendum to a previously certified EIR if some changes or additions are necessary but none of the conditions described in Section 15162 calling for preparation of a subsequent EIR or declaration have

occurred.” The proposed re-siting of the corp yard area component of the Site Development & Infrastructure Phase 4 project to the North Neighborhood subarea of the campus does not trigger any of the conditions necessitating preparation of a subsequent EIR or negative declaration; therefore, no additional environmental document beyond this Addendum is necessary to evaluate the relocation of the corp yard. The Site Development & Infrastructure Phase 4 project, including the relocated corp yard, will be implemented pursuant to the 2009 LRDP and its impacts will be fully mitigated by the 2009 EIS/EIR mitigation measures (the 2009 EIS/EIR Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program is included in the appendix as Table 1).

III. PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION

1. Description of proposed project change: The Site Development & Infrastructure Phase 4 project proposes completing key elements of the initial buildout for the campus academic core, the extension of buried utilities, stormwater management improvements, operational improvements of existing buildings and the construction of a corp yard area within the UC Merced Campus.

The relocated corp yard portion of the Site Development & Infrastructure Phase 4 project, which is the focus of this addendum, is in an area that has been partially rough graded as part of the development of the North Bowl Parking Phase 1 parking lot (NBP). The relocated corp yard would be situated directly east and share a coterminous boundary with the NBP site. The relocation of the corp yard provides the project with direct access to paved roadways and connection to nearby utilities. Construction of the corp yard site would also include site grading, the installation of gravel base and perimeter fencing.

3. Surrounding land uses and environmental setting: The corp yard portion of the Site Development & Infrastructure Phase 4 project site has been partially rough graded as part of the development of the North Bowl Parking Phase 1 project (NBP). Prior to the construction of the NBP project, the site was considered undeveloped grasslands and primarily used for cattle grazing. The site currently does not contain any major structural improvements or any onsite utilities. The remaining portion of the Site Development & Infrastructure Phase 4 project is located within the Phase 1 campus. This area is considered urbanized containing academic, campus and student services facilities.

The corp yard portion of the Site Development & Infrastructure Phase 4 project site is bound to the north and east by the Le Grand Canal, the North Bowl Parking project to the west and grasslands to the south. The remaining portion of the Site Development & Infrastructure Phase 4 project is bound by Ranchers Road to the north, grasslands to the south, the Le Grand canal to the east and Lake Road to the west.

The corp yard portion of the Site Development & Infrastructure Phase 4 project is directly adjacent to urbanized development and differs substantially from the relatively undisturbed Central Campus site originally described for the corp yard. As such, the differing land uses between the original and proposed site could result in fewer impacts or impacts of lesser magnitude than what were originally described on the 2009 EIS/EIR.

4. Discretionary approval authority: As a public agency principally responsible for approving or carrying out the proposed Development & Infrastructure Phase 4 project, the University of California is the Lead Agency under CEQA and is responsible for reviewing the adequacy of the existing environmental document and determining whether further environmental review is required as a result of the minor changes to the proposed Site Development & Infrastructure Phase 4 project. Approval of the minor modification to the previously approved design for the proposed Site Development & Infrastructure Phase 4 project has been delegated to the Chancellor of the UC Merced Campus, by The Board of Regents of the University of California (The Regents) and is expected to be considered by the Chancellor in January 2012.

5. Consistency with the LRDP and Relationship to the 2009 EIS/EIR: The LRDP Land Use Map identifies the proposed corp yard as being located on land designated as Medium Density Residential and as Athletics/Recreation. A planned roadway is also contemplated as being within the project site. The LRDP identifies the inclusion of campus-provided services within the student neighborhood centers which includes development consistent with the proposed corp yard. As the North Neighborhood district begins to develop its residential character, the corp yard site will provide a vital service in this area by locating essential storage space for landscaping equipment and material associated with grounds and building maintenance in proximity to where that material and equipment will be used.

The corp yard is also consistent with the Athletics/Recreation Land Use designation associated with a portion of the project site. The LRDP identifies the inclusion of onsite utility services associated with recreational space as uses consistent with this designation. Similar to the Medium Density Residential land use designation, the corp yard will provide an important service in this area by locating essential storage space for landscaping equipment and material associated with recreational facilities in proximity to where that material and equipment will be used. Additionally the North Bowl area of the campus is directly adjacent to the corp yard site and will serve as a major recreational venue in future campus development. The corp yard is strategically located in proximity to this recreational space, providing an efficient means of transporting landscape equipment and materials to and from the corp yard to the North bowl recreation area.

A portion of the planned campus roadway system is also located within the corp yard site. This portion of the campus roadway network will not be constructed as part of the corp yard's development, but will be constructed in future phase of campus development. Additionally, the scope of work associated with the corp yard does not include the development of building structures requiring permanent foundations, which if developed could create obstructions for the alignment of these planned roadways. The corp yard will be design to respect the integrity of the planned roadways so as not to impede future roadway construction.

Volume 3 of the 2009 EIS/EIR is a project-level analysis assessing the potentially significant environmental effects of the UCM 2020 Project. Campus services space to support the UCM 2020 Project, including the Site Development & Infrastructure Phase 4 project, were evaluated in Volume 3 of the 2009 EIS/EIR. This Addendum #4 evaluates a minor modification to the campus services improvements evaluated in Volume 3 of the 2009 EIS/EIR. The Project changes evaluated in this Addendum consist of relocating the corp yard component of the Site Development & Infrastructure Phase 4 project to an area within the North Neighborhood subarea. Volume 3 of the 2009 EIS/EIR described and evaluated as part of the UMC 2020 project the Site Development & Infrastructure Phase 4 project as being located within the developed area of the North Campus as well as the undeveloped Central Campus subarea of the UC Merced Campus. The proposed relocated corp yard would modify this aspect of the UCM 2020 Project by siting this component of the Site Development & Infrastructure Phase 4 project in the North Neighborhood subarea.

The proposed relocated corp yard's site characteristics differ from the location noted in Volume 3 of the 2009 EIS/EIR for the Site Development & Infrastructure Phase 4 project. The Central Campus portion of the Site Development & Infrastructure Phase 4 project evaluated in Volume 3 of the 2009 EIS/EIR contains different physical characteristics than the proposed relocated corp yard in terms of agricultural and biological resources, hydrology, soil type, topography, existing use and the potential for cultural resources. The Central Campus site evaluated for the partial development of the Site Development & Infrastructure Phase 4 project in Volume 3 of the 2009 EIS/EIR is considered undeveloped and is currently used as grazing land whereas the proposed relocated corp yard which is located in the North Neighborhood subarea is partially graded and adjacent to the existing urbanized campus core.

IV. ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED

The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project, involving at least one impact that is a “Potentially Significant Impact” as indicated by the checklist on the following pages.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetics | <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural and Forestry Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Geology/Soils |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hazards & Hazardous Materials | <input type="checkbox"/> Hydrology/Water Quality | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use/Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Noise | <input type="checkbox"/> Population and Housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation/Traffic | <input type="checkbox"/> Utilities/Service Systems |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greenhouse Gas Emissions | <input type="checkbox"/> Minerals | |

V. DETERMINATION:

On the basis of the initial evaluation that follows:

- I find that the proposed project could have a "potentially significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact on the environment, and that these effects have not been adequately analyzed by an earlier EIR. A TIERED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT will be prepared.
- I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (1) have been addressed adequately in an earlier environmental document pursuant to applicable standards, and (2) either no changes or no substantial changes to the project are proposed, and no new information of substantial importance has been identified. An ADDENDUM and FINDINGS will be prepared.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

For

VI. EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

Upon initial review of the relocated corp yard's scope, it has been determined that impacts relating to Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use and Planning, Minerals, Population and Housing, Public Services and Recreation and Utilities require no further analysis beyond that contained in Volume 3 of the 2009 EIS/EIR, as the change in the project's location from an undeveloped area of land within the Central Campus subarea to an area within the North Neighborhood subarea will not change the analysis of and conclusions regarding these resources given that the site has been partially rough graded as a result of the adjacent North Bowl Parking lot. The following analysis addresses the remaining environmental resource areas to assess whether any further environmental analysis is needed.

1. AESTHETICS

The relocated corp yard portion of the Site Development & Infrastructure Phase 4 project would develop approximately 1.5 acres of facilities services space within the North Neighborhood subarea of the UC Merced Campus. Currently the site is partially graded but lacks any onsite utilities or structures. The corp yard area includes the Le Grand Canal to the north and east, grazing land to the south and the North Bowl Parking lot to the west. The exposed features of the corp yard include fencing, graded unpaved gravel surface and lighting. The corp yard is substantially in scale with the adjacent parking lot to the west. Lighting within and around the corp yard would be shielded in a manner that would avoid light spillage into surrounding areas. The proposed corp yard site is in a location considered partially developed which differs from the location evaluated in the 2009 EIS/EIR in terms of topography and current land use, and therefore reduces the potential aesthetic impacts to those identified in the 2009 EIS/EIR as described below.

- With the construction of the corp yard, it is likely that scenic vistas in the area would be interrupted in some, although not all, locations. The loss of the views of the Sierra Nevada range from certain onsite vantage points is, however, not considered a significant adverse impact because views would still be available from other campus vantage points. Additionally, with the development of the corp yard in the middle ground between Lake Yosemite and views to the southeast, the scenic vistas as currently available from the regional park would not be further impaired with the addition of the corp yard in the North Neighborhood subarea. However, while this impact is not substantially different than the impacts resulting from facilities identified and analyzed in the 2009 EIS/EIR, this impact remains potentially significant. Therefore, the mitigation measures noted in Volume 3 of the 2009 EIS/EIR would be implemented to reduce this impact to a less-than-significant level. The relocated corp yard would not change the nature or magnitude of the potential impacts to scenic vistas or the conclusions in Volume 3 of the 2009 EIS/EIR.
- The potential aesthetic impacts of the 2020 Project, including campus facilities, were evaluated in detail in the Volume 3 of the 2009 EIS/EIR, along with program and project level mitigation. Volume 3 concluded that build out of the UCM 2020 Project would result in a significant and unavoidable aesthetic impact as a result of permanently and substantially altering the visual quality and character of the UCM 2020 Project site and its surroundings. The relocated corp yard would contribute to this significant unavoidable impact because the site, which is currently partially graded, would be developed as a fenced corp yard, resulting in a substantial alteration in the quality and character of the site and its surroundings; however, this impact is not substantially different than the impact to aesthetics resulting from construction of similar facilities identified in

the 2009 EIS/EIR. The changes to the location of the corp yard would not change the nature or magnitude of the potential aesthetic impacts or the conclusions in Volume 3 of the 2009 EIS/EIR.

- Potential impacts associated with creating a new source of light and glare as part of the UCM 2020 Project, including campus facilities, were evaluated in detail in Volume 3 of the 2009 EIS/EIR, along with program and project level mitigation. Volume 3 concluded that build out of the UCM 2020 Project would result in a significant and unavoidable impact associated with creating a new source of light and glare as a result of developing campus facilities. The corp yard would contribute to this significant unavoidable impact because, although UC Merced has developed and adopted Campus standards for site lighting that would be incorporated into the Project, implementation of these Campus standards would not totally avoid the increase in nighttime lighting from the corp yard. However, the changes to the corp yard's location would not change the nature or magnitude of the potential impacts resulting from light and glare or the conclusions in Volume 3 of the 2009 EIS/EIR.

Conclusion: The changes to the location of the corp yard from what was analyzed in the Volume 3 of the 2009 EIS/EIR would not substantially alter the visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings, substantially affect the amount of light and glare generated, adversely affect scenic resource or scenic vistas as compared with what was already fully analyzed in the project level analysis found in Volume 3 of the 2009 EIS/EIR. The changes to the location of the corp yard would not change the nature or magnitude of potential impacts to aesthetic resources or the conclusions in Volume 3 of the 2009 EIS/EIR.

2. AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY RESOURCES

The relocated corp yard site would occupy approximately 1.5 acre of land on the UC Merced campus and is located in an area currently identified by the Department of Conservation's 2008 Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program (FMMP) as Grazing Land. Since certification of the 2009 EIS/EIR, the CEQA Guidelines have been amended to include impacts to forestry resources on the Appendix G checklist.

The FMMP designates the Project site as grazing land. A field analysis of the proposed corp yard site indicates that there are no forest lands (as defined in Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 12220[g]) on the site. Therefore, the corp yard would not result in conflicts with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land. There is no timberland (as defined by PRC Section 4526) or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code Section 51104[g]) on any portion of the corp yard site. The corp yard site does not contain trees managed for public benefit. Therefore, implementing the development of the corp yard would not result in conflicts with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land or timberland.

Conclusion: Changes in the location of the corp yard site from what was analyzed in Volume 3 of the 2009 EIS/EIR would not introduce any new or more severe agricultural or forestry resource impacts as compared with what was already fully analyzed in the Volume 3 of the 2009 EIS/EIR. The changes to the location of the corp yard would not change the nature or magnitude of potential impacts to agricultural or forestry resources or the conclusions in Volume 3 of the 2009 EIS/EIR.

3. AIR QUALITY

The Site Development & Infrastructure Phase 4 project includes the construction of an approximately 1.5 acre corp yard. The corp yard will require grading, trenching and general construction activities. Construction-related emissions from the Project include both on-site and off-site emissions. On-site

emissions generated during construction principally consist of exhaust emissions from the operation of heavy-duty construction equipment and fugitive dust from disturbed soil. Off-site emissions during the construction phase normally consist of exhaust emissions and entrained paved road dust from construction worker commute trips and material delivery trips to and from the construction site. The operation-related emissions from the corp yard include exhaust emissions and entrained paved road dust from campus utility service trips. Combustion-related operational emissions will occur as a result of the corp yard such as landscaping equipment and campus service vehicles generating exhaust emission.

- The activities associated with the corp yard would contribute to the annual emissions resulting from the operation of the UCM 2020 Project that are projected to exceed the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District significance thresholds for ROG and NOX. The 2009 EIS/EIR Volume 3 mitigation measures will be imposed to reduce the UCM 2020 Project's operational air quality impact; however, the impacts remain significant and unavoidable for ROG and NOX. The corp yard portion of the Site Development & Infrastructure Phase 4 project would contribute to this significant unavoidable impact, as it will result in a contribution to the increase in campus service vehicle emissions over what is currently being experienced on campus. However, the changes to the corp yards location would not change the nature or magnitude of the potential impacts resulting from operational emissions or the conclusions in Volume 3 of the 2009 EIS/EIR.
- Due to the nature of campus services operations, ongoing service and maintenance related vehicle trips to and from the corp yard site will occur once the corp yard is operational; therefore the corp yard would contribute to UCM 2020 Project's mobile source emissions. Volume 3 of the 2009 EIS/EIR concluded that implementation of the UCM 2020 Project, of which this corp yard is a part, would result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of a criteria pollutant for which the region is nonattainment under San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District air quality standards. While the 2009 EIS/EIR Volume 3 mitigation measures will be imposed to reduce motor vehicle emissions, the operational aspects of the corp yard would contribute to this significant and unavoidable impact. However, the changes to the location of the corp yard would not change the nature or magnitude of the potential impacts resulting from mobile source emissions or the conclusions in Volume 3 of the 2009 EIS/EIR.

Conclusion: Changes to the corp yard's location from the site analyzed in Volume 3 of the 2009 EIS/EIR would not introduce any new or more severe air quality impacts associated with its development as compared with what was already fully analyzed in Volume 3 of the 2009 EIS/EIR. The changes to the corp yard's location would not change the nature or magnitude of potential impacts to air quality or the conclusions in Volume 3 of the 2009 EIS/EIR.

4. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

The location of the corp yard site in the North Neighborhood subarea is considered undeveloped and previously utilized as grazing land prior to being partially rough grading as part of the NBP. Portions of the North Neighborhood subarea lands include habitat suitable for special status plant and wildlife species. The 2009 EIS/EIR addressed and analyzed potential biological impacts to these species and provided mitigation measures to reduce or lessen the impacts associated with the UC Merced Project.

- The relocated corp yard includes development of an approximately 1.5 acre site within partially rough graded land in the North Neighborhood subarea, an area that is considered adjacent to urbanized land to the west. The site may contain vegetation that would be considered suitable wildlife habitat for nesting special-status bird species and nonspecial-status migratory birds and

raptors. The corp yard site will require grading, trenching and general construction activities. Nesting special-status bird species and non-special-status migratory birds and raptors are known to occur in the area, development of the corp yard could potentially contribute to significant adverse impacts on nesting special-status bird species and non-special-status migratory birds and raptors if they are present in the area at the time of construction. However, 2009 EIS/EIR mitigation measures would reduce these impacts to a level that is less than significant. The changes to the location of the corp yard would not change the nature or magnitude of the potential impacts to avian species or the conclusions in Volume 3 of the 2009 EIS/EIR.

Conclusion: The changes to the location of the corp yard from the area analyzed in Volume 3 of the 2009 EIS/EIR would not cause any new or more severe impacts relating to biological resources compared with what was already fully analyzed in Volume 3 of the 2009 EIS/EIR. The changes to the location of the corp yard would not change the nature or magnitude of potential impacts to biological resources or the conclusions of the in Volume 3 of the 2009 EIS/EIR.

5. NOISE

The Site Development & Infrastructure Phase 4 project, of which the corp yard is a part, is located in eastern Merced County, east of Lake Yosemite and Lake Road, approximately 2 miles northeast of the corporate limits of the City of Merced, California. The corp yard is located on an approximately 1.5 acre site and will require grading, trenching and general construction activities. The project site is partially rough graded and there are no major fixed noise sources on the site. Noise sources in the area include traffic on local roadways and noise from agricultural equipment. Noise-sensitive receptors in the vicinity of the site include a few residences located along Lake Road to the east and Yosemite Avenue to the south of the Project site. In addition, Lake Yosemite Regional Park is located to the north.

- The operational aspects of the corp yard would increase traffic volumes on the local roadway network, which would result in increased traffic noise levels at noise sensitive receptors locations along these roadways. In general, the UCM 2020 Project would contribute approximately 20,800 trips to regional and local roadways. The changes to the location of the corp yard will not result in an increase in the number of trips associated with the UCM 2020 Project. The 2009 EIS/EIR concluded that the UCM 2020 project would result in less than significant noise impacts. The changes to the location of the corp yard would not change the nature or magnitude of the potential impacts resulting from increased traffic noise levels or the conclusions in Volume 3 of the 2009 EIS/EIR.

Conclusion: Changes to the corp yard's location from the area analyzed in the In Volume 3 of the 2009 EIS/EIR would not cause any new or more severe impacts relating to noise compared with what was already fully analyzed in Volume 3 of the 2009 EIS/EIR. The changes to the corp yard's location would not change the nature or magnitude of potential impacts from noise or the conclusions in Volume 3 of the 2009 EIS/EIR.

6. TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC

The main access to the campus is off Lake Road. Lake Road is a two-lane north-south road extending from Yosemite Avenue to its northern terminus at Lake Yosemite. Several other major roadways are located in the vicinity. Bellevue Road is a two-lane east-west road extending from Fox Road to its eastern terminus at Lake Road adjacent to the Project site. Yosemite Avenue is a two-lane east-west road extending from Highway 59 to its eastern terminus at Arboleda Drive. Campus Parkway is a planned north-south, divided four-lane roadway that is planned for development between Highway 99 and

Bellevue Road. The nearest intersection to the project site is at Lake Road and Bellevue Road, approximately .75 miles southwest of the project site.

Access to the corp yard is from Mineral King Road; a two lane east/west roadway extending from Ansel Adams Road to the west, to the North Bowl Parking Lot to the east. The corp yard will be located at the existing eastern terminus of Mineral King Road. During construction of the corp yard, equipment trucks, tractor trailers and personal vehicles will be accessing the site through Lake and Mineral King Roads. During the operation of the corp yard, maintenance and service vehicles will access the site on a regular basis. This will include vehicles being used by campus maintenance workers and off campus service vendors.

- Volume 3 of the 2009 EIS/EIR concluded that the traffic resulting from the development of the UCM 2020 Project, of which the corp yard component of the Sited Development & Infrastructure Phase 4 project is a part, would contribute to an exceedance of the LOS threshold along local roadway segments under 2020 Plus UCM 2020 Project conditions, resulting in a significant and unavoidable impact. The corp yard would contribute to this significant and avoidable impact because the operational traffic associated with the corp yard would contribute to additional traffic on local roadways. This impact remains significant and unavoidable; however, the changes to the location of the corp yard will not result in an increase in this previously identified impact. The changes to the location of the corp yard would not change the nature or magnitude of the potential traffic related operational impacts or the conclusions in Volume 3 of the 2009 EIS/EIR.

Conclusion: The changes to the corp yards location from the area analyzed in the In Volume 3 of the 2009 EIS/EIR would not cause any new or more severe impacts relating to transportation/traffic compared with what was already fully analyzed in Volume 3 of the 2009 EIS/EIR. The changes to the project would not change the nature or magnitude of potential impacts to transportation/traffic or the conclusions of the in Volume 3 of the 2009 EIS/EIR.

VII. SUPPORTING INFORMATION SOURCES

UC Merced. 2009. *Long Range Development Plan*, Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report. Prepared by Impact Sciences, Inc., ICF Jones & Stokes, Fehr & Peers.

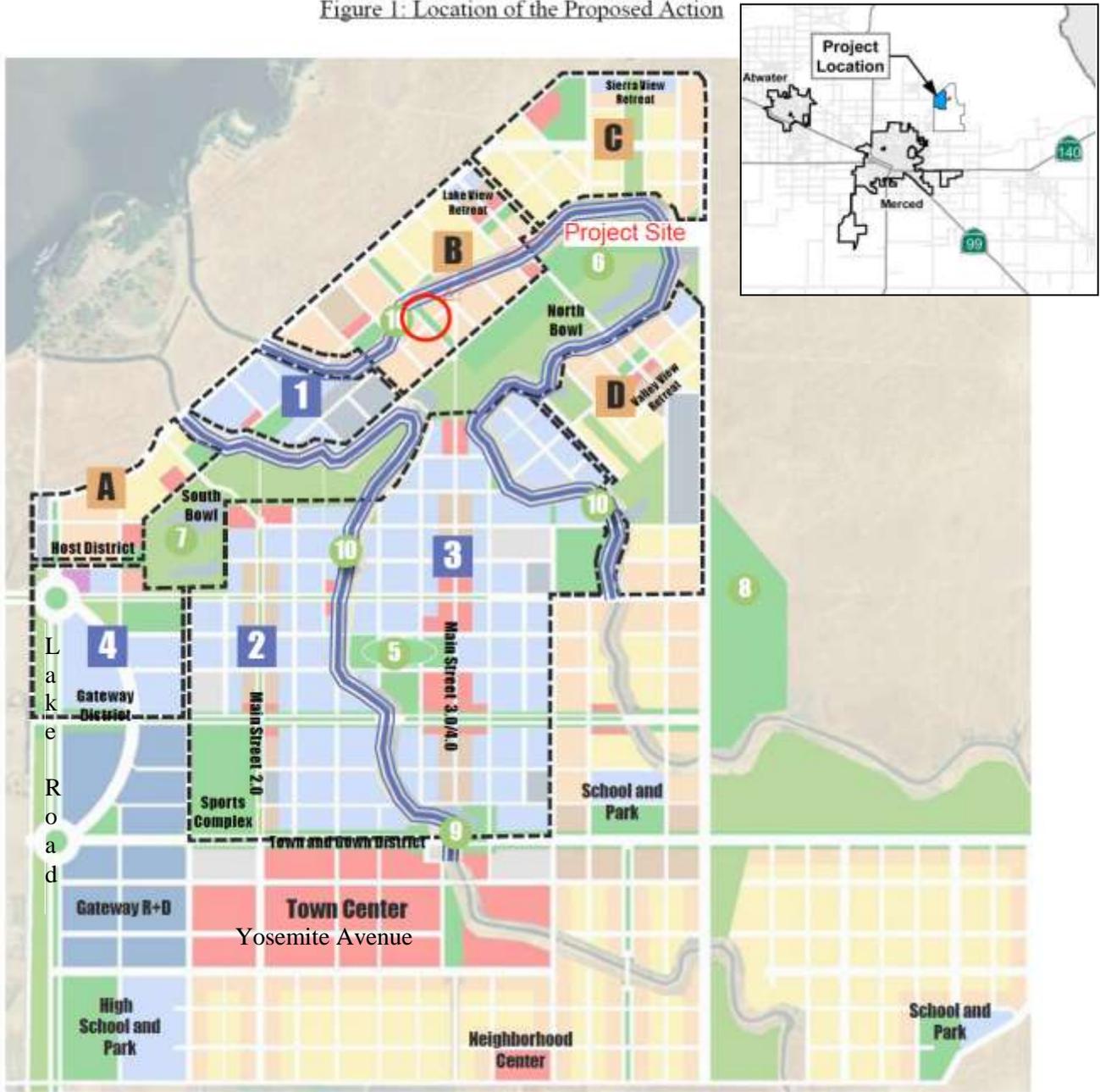
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IX. APPENDIX (See Following Pages)

Figure 1: Location of the Proposed Action



UC Merced LRDP

Communities: Neighborhoods and Districts

Academic Campus

- 1. North Campus
- 2. Central Campus West
- 3. Central Campus East
- 4. Gateway District

Neighborhoods

- A. Lake View
- B. North Neighborhood
- C. Sierra View
- D. Valley View

Commons

- 5. Grand Ellipse
- 6. North Bowl
- 7. South Bowl
- 8. East Field
- 9. Main Street Pond
- 10. Canals

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