

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF SUBSEQUENT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (SEIR)

University of California, Merced 2020 Long Range Development Plan (LRDP)

Project Title: University of California, Merced 2020 Long Range Development Plan (LRDP)

Project Location: University of California, Merced Campus, 5200 North Lake Road, Merced, California 95343

Project Description: The University of California, Merced campus has prepared the 2020 Long Range Development Plan (LRDP). The proposed 2020 Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) will replace the current 2009 LRDP. The University has revised the Campus' enrollment projection, acquired more land to the south of the original campus, and determined that the land use diagram in the 2009 LRDP must be amended to cover the revised campus site, allow for a more compact and sustainable development within the revised campus area, and provide for more flexibility in the siting of future development.

The proposed 2020 LRDP will guide development of the campus and provides an updated land use diagram that delineates campus land uses, and identifies new development goals and implementation strategies. Also, the proposed 2020 LRDP plans for the addition of up to 1.8 million square feet of building space to serve the projected enrollment level of 15,000 students.

In March 2009, the Board of Regents of the University of California certified an EIR that analyzed and disclosed the impacts from the implementation of the 2009 LRDP for UC Merced, and adopted the UC Merced 2009 LRDP. According to CEQA Guidelines, a SEIR is required when a substantial change is proposed to a project for which an EIR has been previously certified. As such, the proposed 2020 LRDP would substantially change the previously adopted 2009 LRDP and the University has determined that a Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) is appropriate for the proposed 2020 LRDP.

Lead Agency: The University of California is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has prepared a SEIR that evaluates the environmental impacts from the approval of the proposed 2020 LRDP.

Public Review Period: As Lead Agency, the University needs to know the views of agencies and the public as to the scope and content of the environmental analysis. Written comments on the SEIR can be sent anytime during the public review period which begins on September 19, 2019 and ends November 4, 2019 at 5:00 pm. Please send your written or email responses, with appropriate contact information, to the following address:

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Public Hearing

Public comments may also be provided at a Public Hearing to be held on Thursday, October 17th, 2019, from 5 PM to 7 PM at the UC Merced Downtown Campus Center 655 W 18th St, Conference Rooms 105 & 106, Merced, CA 95340.

Contact Person: Phillip Woods, Director of Physical & Environmental Planning, phone number: (209) 349-2561 and email address: pwoods3@ucmerced.edu

Addresses where a copy of the SEIR and 2020 LRDP are available:

The SEIR and 2020 LRDP documents are posted on the following website link:
<https://planning.ucmerced.edu/2020LRDP>.

Also a hard copy of the SEIR and 2020 LRDP documents can be found at the following addresses:

University of California, Merced Campus
Kolligian Library
5200 North Lake Road
Merced, California 95343

UC Merced Downtown Campus Center
655 W 18th Street
Merced, California 95340