

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF RECIRCULATED SUBSEQUENT  
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (SEIR)  
AND PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**

**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.

A Draft SEIR for the proposed 2020 LRDP was circulated for agency and public review in September 2019. The University has elected to recirculate the entire Draft SEIR to disclose new potentially significant biological resource impacts and to provide other clarifications, such as explaining the relationship between the SEIR and the 2009 LRDP EIS/EIR and to identify where the prior 2009 LRDP EIS/EIR was available and could be reviewed pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15162(d). To provide an opportunity to the public to review the additional environmental impacts and other information added to the SEIR, the University has determined that it will revise and recirculate the Draft SEIR.

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

**Environmental Effects:** The Recirculated Draft SEIR identifies potentially significant environmental impacts of the 2020 LRDP in the following categories: Biological Resources, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Noise, and Public Services. The Recirculated Draft SEIR proposes mitigation measures to reduce these impacts to a less-than-significant level. The Recirculated Draft SEIR identifies significant and unavoidable impacts of the 2020 LRDP in the following categories: Air Quality, Hydrology and Water Quality (Cumulative Impacts), and Transportation.

**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 Recirculated Draft SEIR can be sent any time during the public review period which begins on December 20, 2019 and ends on February 3, 2020 at 5:00 pm. Please send your written or email responses, with appropriate contact information, to the following address:

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**Public Meeting**

Comments may also be provided at a Public Meeting to be held on Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup> 2020, from 5 PM to 7 PM at the UC Merced Downtown Campus Center 655 W 18th St, Conference Rooms 105 & 106, Merced, CA 95340. Please note that Spanish and Hmong translators will be available to translate upon request at the meeting.

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

The Recirculated Draft SEIR, Draft 2020 LRDP, 2009 LRDP EIS/EIR, and related addenda are posted on the following website link:  
<https://planning.ucmerced.edu/2020LRDP>.

Also hard copies of the Recirculated Draft SEIR, Draft 2020 LRDP, 2009 LRDP EIS/EIR, and related addenda can be found at the following addresses:

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

Merced, California 95343  
Open 8AM to 12AM midnight

UC Merced Downtown Campus Center  
655 W 18th Street  
Merced, California 95340  
Open 8 AM to 5PM