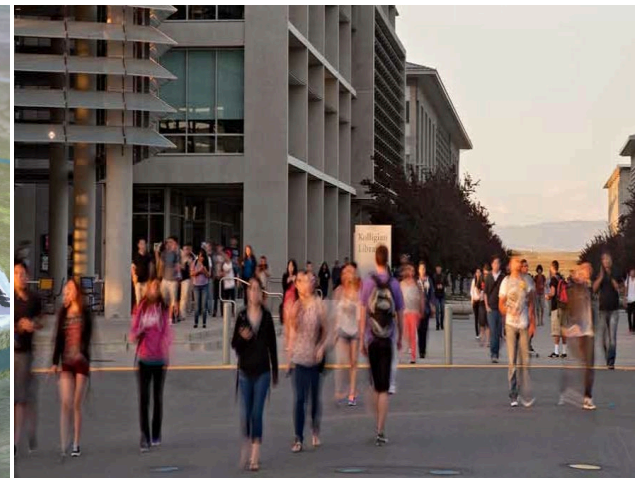


UC MERCED MEDICAL EDUCATION BUILDING

DRAFT EIR PUBLIC MEETING



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September 19, 2022



AGENDA

- Welcome & Purpose of the Meeting
 - ▣ Meeting will be Recorded
- UCM-ME Building Project Overview
- CEQA Process Overview
- Draft EIR Overview
- Public Comment
- Adjourn Meeting



PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

- Inform agencies and the public about the UCM-ME Building Project, Draft EIR, and overall CEQA process
- Present the proposed project
- Hear from you on the:
 - Analysis of environmental impacts and mitigation measures presented in the Draft EIR
 - Evaluation of Alternatives presented in the Draft EIR



FORMAT OF THE MEETING

- We will present the Project and the CEQA process
- The meeting will then be opened for public comment
- If participating in person, please fill out a comment card
- For Zoom participants, please provide your name via the chat function
- We will call your name and you will be allowed to provide comments for 3 minutes
- This meeting is being recorded and your comments will be transcribed for the record
- Your comments will be considered in the preparation of the EIR

UCM-ME PROJECT OVERVIEW



- Provide space for a new **Medical Education Program**
- Provide space for growth in the **Department of Public Health** and the creation of a **School of Public Health**
- Provide space for growth in **Department of Psychological Sciences** and creation of **Institute for Child and Family Sciences**
- **Collocate** these existing and new programs in one facility to enhance intellectual exchange and collaboration
- Provide classroom space to **support campus population growth**
- Maximize **energy efficiency and sustainability** of these programs by housing them in a consolidated, state-of-the-art building designed to balance energy use and cost efficiencies

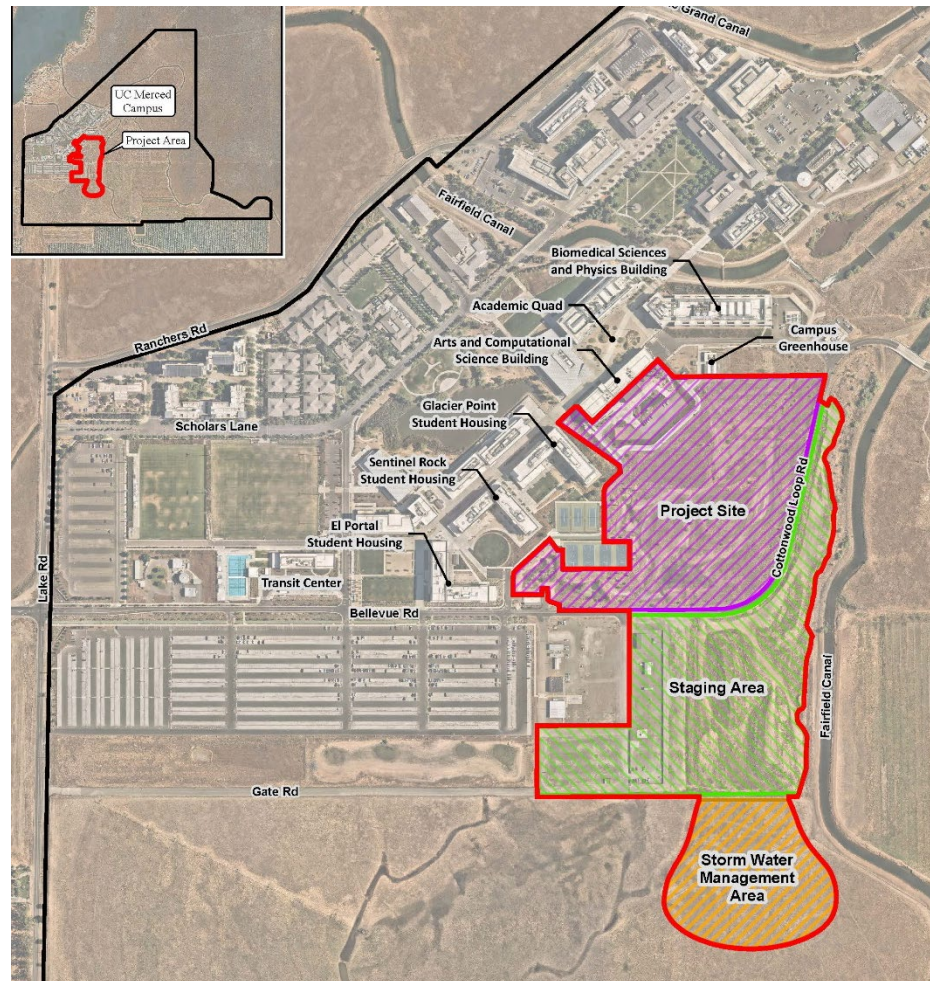


PROPOSED PROJECT

- Development of an approximately 190,000 ogsf building with site access and parking
- Filling the storm water detention basins within Cottonwood Meadow and construction of a new storm water basin
- Minor electrical upgrades at the Central Plant

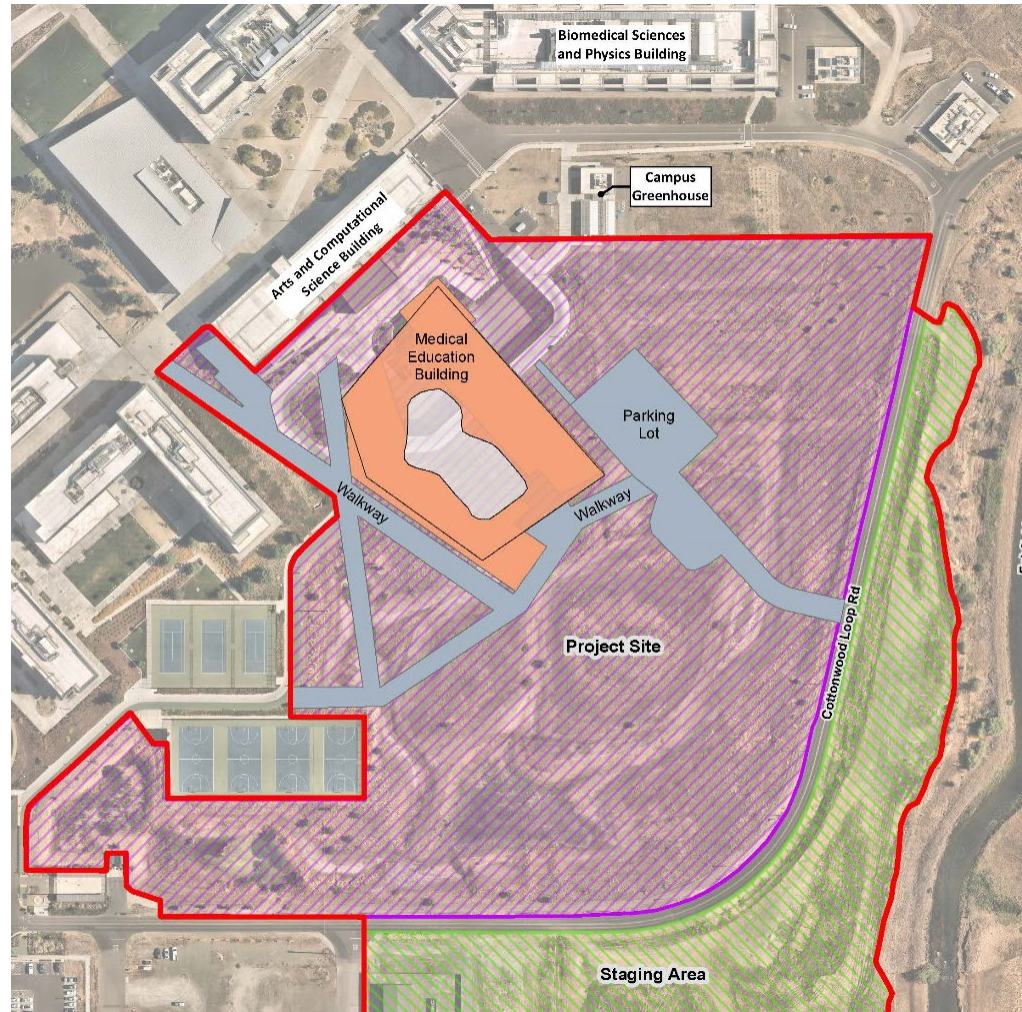
Proposed UCM-ME Building Uses	
Category	Square Feet
Academic Office and Support	17,222
Research and Research Support	48,788
Instructional and Instructional Support	33,350
Student Support/Study	6,680
Community Facing Space	12,710
Total Assignable Square Feet	118,750
Total Outside Gross Square Feet	190,000
Source: UC Merced (August 2022).	

PROJECT AREA



UCM-ME Building Project Area Map

CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN

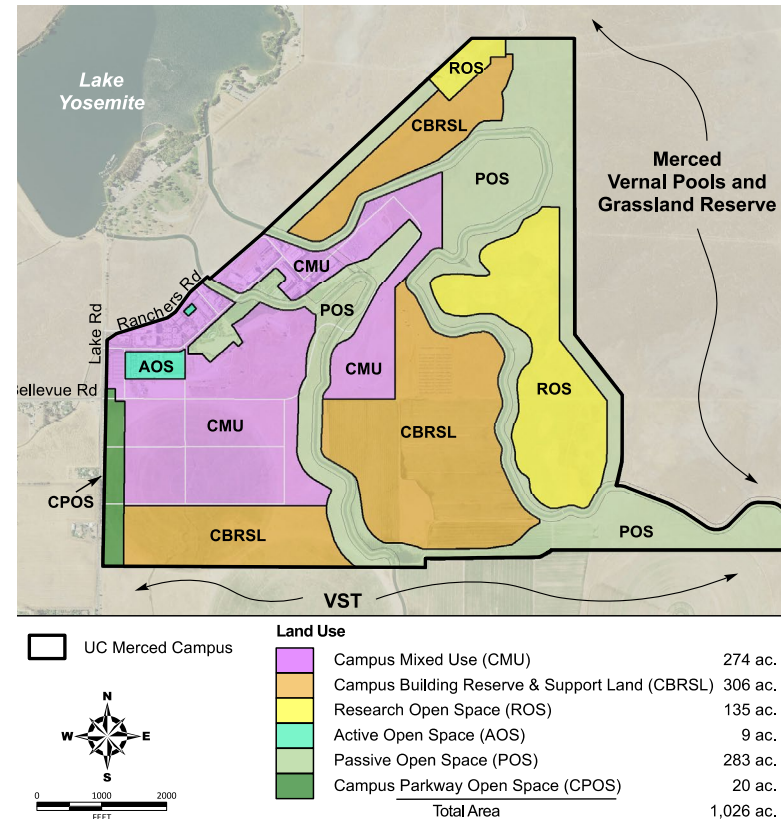


UCM-ME Building and Parking Lot Footprint

2020 LONG-RANGE DEVELOPMENT PLAN CONTEXT



- In March 2020, the University adopted the 2020 LRDP, based on a 1,026-acre campus site and a projected enrollment of 15,000 students by 2030
- The UCM-ME Building Project would be located within the Campus Mixed Use (CMU) development area
- The proposed Project would serve and fit within the 2020 LRDP growth projections (population and space)



2020 LRDP Land Use Map

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) OVERVIEW



- As a State law, CEQA mandates that lead agencies identify and disclose the significant environmental effects of discretionary projects and either:
 - Avoid significant environmental effects, where feasible; or,
 - Mitigate significant environmental effects, where feasible.
- The University has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to evaluate and disclose the potential environmental impacts of the UCM-ME Building Project



TYPE OF EIR

- 2020 Long-Range Development Plan Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (2020 LRDP SEIR)
 - ▣ Program-level EIR based on projected growth through 2030
- UCM-ME Building Project Draft EIR tiers from the 2020 LRDP SEIR
- To comply with updated CEQA requirements, EIR also includes Supplement to the 2020 SEIR which presents a program-level Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) impact analysis of campus growth under the 2020 LRDP
- Draft EIR is available online at:
 - ▣ <https://planning.ucmerced.edu/ceqa-environmental-documents>

TOPICS ADEQUATELY ANALYZED IN THE SEIR



- Aesthetics
- Agriculture and Forestry Resources
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Energy
- Geology/Soils
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hazards & Hazardous Materials
- Land Use/Planning
- Mineral Resources
- Noise
- Population and Housing
- Recreation
- Wildfire

TOPICS ANALYZED IN THE UC-ME DRAFT EIR



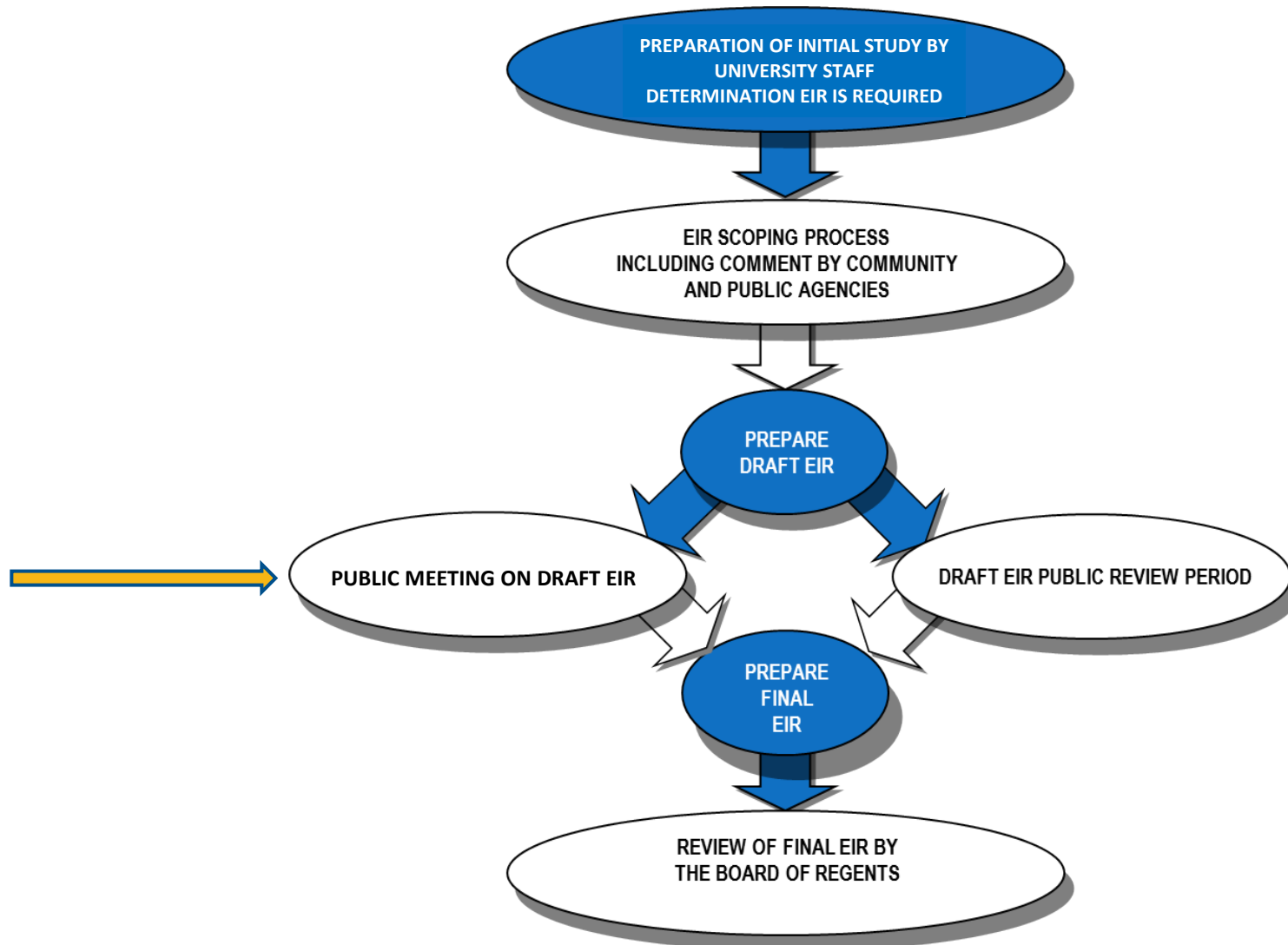
- ❑ Air Quality
- ❑ Hydrology and Water Quality (drainage patterns)
- ❑ Public Services (fire protection)
- ❑ Transportation (vehicle miles traveled)
- ❑ Tribal Cultural Resources
- ❑ Utilities and Services Systems (wastewater)

OTHER CEQA REQUIREMENTS



- Evaluation of Alternatives
- Other CEQA Mandated Requirements:
 - ▣ Cumulative Effects
 - ▣ Significant and Unavoidable Impacts
 - ▣ Growth Inducement
 - ▣ Significant Irreversible Environmental Changes

Environmental Review Process





EIR Schedule

- Notice of Preparation – April 2, 2021
- Scoping Meeting – April 21, 2021
- Publication of Draft EIR – August 26, 2022
- Final EIR – November 2022
- Regents Review and Certification of EIR – Mid-November 2022



Public Comment

- Send to written comments via mail to:
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- All written comments must be received no later than **5:00 p.m. on October 10, 2022**