

2011-12 Comprehensive Settlement Agreement Annual Report

The Comprehensive Settlement Agreement Annual Report for 2011-12 (Report) provides information for the public on the implementation and/or completion of various sections of the Settlement Agreement between the City of Santa Cruz, County of Santa Cruz, Coalition for Limiting University Expansion, Rural Bonny Doon Association, individual citizens and The Regents of the University of California, and University of California Santa Cruz campus.

The Comprehensive Settlement Agreement (CSA) signed in August 2008 set the course for a new relationship between the parties. While all parties have contributed to the fourth year accomplishments, the City and the University particularly, have responded positively to the CSA provisions by meeting agreed upon goals, reducing use of resources and by collaborating on projects for improving the welfare of our community. Despite budget constraints facing all of the public agencies, progress has been made and all areas are in compliance, pending action on the LAFCO applications and one legal challenge. An area of concern continues to be the financial constraints of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District and the ability to maintain current service levels.

In the fourth year of implementation of the CSA, several benchmarks were achieved. For example:

- Annual water usage for 2011 declined by 25 MGY from previous year through aggressive water conservation efforts and variables such as weather.
- The student housing occupancy rate for the year rose 4% to average 96% .
- 61% of trips used alternative modes of transportation through increased transportation demand management programs, such as public transit and vanpools. Overall campus traffic volume was slightly lower than last year's counts.
- A two year pilot project for joint management of City of Santa Cruz and UCSC fire departments began on January 1, 2012.

The Report includes relevant data associated with the identified CSA sections. Each section in the report has a website link to the pertinent section (and complete text) of the signed settlement agreement. Notes have been included on the right side of the Report to clarify the data.

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