

PUBLIC NOTICE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

Project Title:	UC Santa Cruz 2021 Long Range Development Plan
Project Location:	UC Santa Cruz Main Residential Campus (1156 High Street) & Westside Research Park (2300 Delaware Avenue), Santa Cruz
County	Santa Cruz County
Lead Agency	The Regents of the University of California

Project Overview

The University of California, Santa Cruz (UC Santa Cruz) is considering adoption of the UC Santa Cruz 2021 Long Range Development Plan (LRDP), which would replace the 2005 LRDP and would guide the physical development of new academic, housing, and support uses necessary to achieve the campus' mission. The 2021 LRDP establishes a land use framework for, academic and administrative space needs, housing, open space, circulation and other land uses that ultimately facilitate the appropriate siting of capital projects. All UC campuses are required to prepare an LRDP to guide physical campus development.

The 2021 LRDP campus population forecast is 28,000 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) students and 5,000 FTE faculty and staff. To accommodate the projected increase in campus population, the LRDP proposes to add 8,500 student housing beds, approximately 550 employee housing units, and approximately 3,100,000 assignable square feet (ASF) of academic and administrative building space. The 2021 LRDP land use plan supports potential growth on the UC Santa Cruz main residential campus located at 1156 High Street and the Westside Research Park located at 2300 Delaware Avenue in the City of Santa Cruz.

Environmental Review

The University of California is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (PRC §21000 et seq.) and prepared and issued a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for public review on January 7, 2021. The Draft EIR was made available for a 60-day public review and comment period that ended on March 8, 2021. The complete EIR consists of two documents: the Draft EIR that was issued in January 2021, as amended through responses to comments, and the Final EIR, which consists of comments received during the public review period for the Draft EIR and responses to those comments, the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP), as well as revisions and clarifications to the Draft EIR. The Final EIR is available for viewing online at: <https://lrpd.ucsc.edu/>.

Environmental Effects: The EIR identifies potentially significant and unavoidable environmental impacts on the following resource areas: air quality, historical resources, noise, population and housing, and water supply.

Public Hearing: The proposed 2021 LRDP will be considered for approval, and the Final EIR will be considered for certification at the University of California Regents meeting on September 28-30, 2021. Actions will consist of: 1) certification of the EIR and adoption of the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, and CEQA Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations for the 2021 LRDP; and 2) approval of the 2021 LRDP. Information on the UC Regents meeting can be found at: <https://regents.universityofcalifornia.edu/>. The agenda will be released in advance.