

2009-10 Comprehensive Settlement Agreement Annual Report

The Comprehensive Settlement Agreement Annual Report for 2009-10 (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 second 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 two legal challenges. An area of concern is the financial stability of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District and the impact of any reduction of services on traffic.

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

- The City Council passed the rental property ordinance and new code enforcement positions will be filled in 2010-11.
- Sixteen of the nineteen high priority water conservation projects were completed during the summer of 2009 and 2010.
- Increased campus housing was constructed. The Porter College Residence Halls Reconstruction provided a total of 404 new beds and fully opened in fall 2010. The student housing occupancy rate for the year averaged 96%.
- The Heller/Empire Grade Traffic signal construction began in Spring 2010 with completion in September 2010.
- Alternative modes of transportation rose to almost 62% through increased traffic demand management programs, such as the car share program adding two locations in the city.
- UCSC and the City have successfully collaborated on economic development projects including the Project on Innovation and Entrepreneurship and a business plan competition.

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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