

UCSC LRDP EIR NOP FACT SHEET

What is the Notice of Preparation?

- UCSC is proposing to approve a Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) to increase student enrollment from 19,500 under the current LRDP to 28,000.
- Before the Regents can adopt the LRDP and Environmental Impact Report (EIR) must be prepared.
- The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires the University formally to inform the public that an EIR is to be prepared.
- Release of the NOP normally starts a 30-day Scoping Period for the public to comment on what should be analyzed in the EIR.
- The NOP must contain a description of the project, its location, and its probable environmental effects. The EIR will analyze the project's effects.

Summary of NOP:

- The NOP summarizes the LRDP
 - The proposed UC Santa Cruz LRDP would replace the 2005 LRDP
 - It identifies land uses to support the academic mission of UCSC through 2040.
 - The LRDP campus population forecast is 28,000 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) students and 5,000 FTE faculty and staff. (8,500 more students than under the current 2005 LRDP)
 - The LRDP proposes to add 8,500 student housing beds, up to 550 employee housing units, and approximately 2,800,000 assignable square feet (ASF) of academic and administrative building space. (There is no guarantee any of these will be provided.)
- The NOP contains a land use map indicating where proposed uses will be located.
- Up to 400 acres of the campus are set aside for housing and up to 330 acres for academic and administrative space.
- The NOP lists the following environmental impact areas that will be analyzed in the EIR
 - Aesthetics, Agricultural and Forestry Resources, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural and Tribal Cultural Resources, Energy, Geology, Soils, Paleontology, and Mineral Resources, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards & Hazardous Materials, Hydrology & Water Quality, Land Use & Planning, Noise, Population & Housing, Public Services, Recreation, Transportation, Utilities & Service Systems, and Wildfire.

How to respond to the NOP:

- The University is holding public Scoping Meetings on March 12th, Noon to 2:00 p.m. at the Merrill Cultural Center on-campus, and 6-8:00 p.m. in Room 3 of the Loudon Nelson Center to provide the public an opportunity to comment on the LRDP and its EIR.
- Written comments also can be sent to Erika Carpenter at eircomment@ucsc.edu
- The LRDP EIR Scoping Period ends on March 30th.
- Public comments should focus on specific potentially significant adverse environmental impacts of the LRDP, mitigation measures, and alternatives to be analyzed in the EIR.