UCR Long Range Development Plan
Environmental Impact Report
Scoping Meeting

July 29, 2020
Agenda

• UCR Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) Overview
• California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Overview
• LRDP Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Process and Schedule
• Comments
What is a Long Range Development Plan (LRDP)?

LRDP = is a comprehensive plan that guides physical development such as the general location of buildings, open space, circulation, and other land uses.
Why is a new LRDP needed?

• Campus student population is nearing the 2005 LRDP projected enrollment of 25,000 students.

• University is expected to continue to grow in population and space, which is subject to CEQA.

• Streamline the environmental review process for future campus development projects.

• Allow UCR to take advantage of state resources to support growth, when available.
2021 LRDP Timeline

2018

Pre-planning

2019

Planning

2020

CEQA Process

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2021

UC Regents Approval
2021 LRDP Planning Parameters

• Accommodate approximately 35,000 students by 2035.
• House approximately 40% students on-campus.
• University has prioritized reserving West Campus land for agricultural research.
• Maintain East Campus as the heart of UCR’s academic and research mission.
Key 2021 LRDP Planning Input:
Campus Population – Student Enrollment

Base Year (Fall 2018)
- Undergraduate: 20.6K
- Graduate/Professional: 3.3K
- Total: ~23.9K
- Percentage: 14%

2021 LRDP Planning Horizon Year (Fall 2035)
- Undergraduate: 28K
- Graduate/Professional: 7K
- Total: ~35K
- Percentage: 20%

Academics and Research WG: Rebalance for 20% graduate student AAU profile goal.

Source: UCR Institutional Research
Key 2021 LRDP Planning Input:
Campus Population – Campus Population – Faculty and Staff

Source: UCR Institutional Research
Key 2021 LRDP Planning Input:
Campus Space

Base Year (Fall 2018)
- Academic & Research: ~4.8M asf
- Academic Support: 5,000
- Student Life: 10,000
- Other: +77%

2021 LRDP Planning Horizon Year (Fall 2035)
- Academic & Research: ~8.5M asf
- Academic Support
- Student Life
- Other

Source: 2021 LRDP Program Model
LEGEND: LAND USE DIAGRAM

- ACADEMICS & RESEARCH
- AGRICULTURAL/CAMPUS RESEARCH
- LAND-BASED RESEARCH
- CAMPUS SUPPORT
- OPEN SPACE RESERVE
- UCRBOTANIC GARDENS
- RECREATION & ATHLETICS
- STUDENT NEIGHBORHOOD
- CANYON CREST GATEWAY
- UNIVERSITY AVENUE GATEWAY
- NON-UCR LAND OF INTEREST

- Caltrans Yard, not in LRDP planning scope
- City of Riverside property, not in LRDP planning scope
- Development of this approximately 3.25-acre site shall be prohibited from developing uses per a Covenant to Restrict Use of Property entered into between the Department of Toxic Substances Control and The Regents of the University of California, in which a deed restriction was filed on July 26, 2006.
Purpose of CEQA

• Disclose the potential significant environmental effects of proposed actions.
• Identify ways to avoid or reduce adverse environmental effects.
• Consider feasible alternatives to the proposed actions.
• Foster interagency consultation in the review of projects.
• Enhance public participation in the planning process.
The Purposes of the CEQA Scoping Meeting

• Inform the community and concerned agencies about the proposed 2021 LRDP and the Environmental Impact Report (EIR).
• Solicit input regarding the EIR scope.
• Inform the community about future opportunities for input.
The Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Process

UCR prepares Notice of Preparation

UCR prepares Draft EIR

UCR files Notice of Completion and Draft EIR/Draft LRDP Availability

UCR Solicits input on the Draft EIR

UCR responds to comments, prepares Final EIR

UCR prepares Findings and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program

UC Board of Regents makes a decision on the proposed LRDP, GHGRS, and certification of the EIR
Environmental Topics Analyzed in the Initial Study

- Aesthetics
- Agriculture & Forestry Resources
- Air Quality & Greenhouse Gas
- Biological Resources
- Cultural & Tribal Cultural Resources
- Energy
- Geology & Soils
- Hazards & Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology & Water Quality
- Land Use & Planning
- Mineral Resources
- Noise
- Population & Housing
- Public Services
- Recreation
- Transportation
- Utilities & Service Systems
- Wildfire
Environmental Topics (Preliminary Scope)

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- Other CEQA Impacts
Other EIR Sections

Cumulative Impacts:
Consider impacts which are created as a result of the combination of the proposed 2021 LRDP together with other projects causing related impacts.

Alternatives:
• EIR requires an analysis of a “reasonable range” of alternatives.
• Alternatives will be analyzed, including the required “No Project” alternative.
• Project alternatives to be determined during analysis of the Draft EIR.
Anticipated EIR Schedule

- **Close of NOP period:** August 6, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.
- **Public Review of Draft EIR:** Winter 2020/Early 2021
- **Response to Comments/Final EIR:** Early Spring 2021
- **Final EIR Certification, LRDP Adoption – Board of Regents:** Summer 2021
We welcome your comments…

Recommended comment topics:
• The scope, focus, and content of the EIR
• Suggested Alternatives to avoid or reduce environmental effects
• Suggested Mitigation Measures to avoid or reduce environmental effects
We welcome your comments...

Provide written comments via US Mail to:
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Please include your Name, Address, Phone Number, and Email Address
Include as the subject: 2021 LRDP EIR
All comments should be submitted by August 6, 2020 at 5 p.m.
IS/NOP Public Review Period:
July 7, 2020 – August 6, 2020

This slide deck is available online at:
https://pdc.ucr.edu/environmental-planning-ceqa
Thank you