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Introduction

The following project-level analyses address the potentially significant environmental effects of three projects proposed by University of California, Santa Cruz (UC Santa Cruz) under the 2005 LRDP: the Infrastructure Improvements Project, the Family Student Housing Redevelopment Project (FSH), and the 2300 Delaware Avenue Project. The proposed locations of these projects are shown in the relevant chapters of Volume III of this EIR. For each project, the analysis addresses the potentially significant project-specific impacts of that project; identifies means of avoiding or minimizing potential adverse impacts; and evaluates a reasonable range of alternatives to the proposed project. The University of California is the lead agency for these three projects.

1.1 PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT-SPECIFIC IMPACT ANALYSES

UC Santa Cruz has commissioned environmental impact analyses for three proposed projects associated with the 2005 LRDP for the following purposes:

- To satisfy the requirements of CEQA
- To inform the general public; the local community; responsible, trustee, and federal public agencies; and the University of the nature of the proposed projects, their potentially significant environmental impacts, feasible measures to mitigate those impacts, and reasonable and feasible alternatives to the projects
- To enable UC decision-makers to consider the environmental consequences of the proposed project when deciding whether to approve the projects

1.2 RELATIONSHIP TO THE 2005 LRDP AND VOLUMES I AND II OF THE 2005 LRDP EIR

The 2005 LRDP EIR, presented in Volumes I and II, analyzes the full implementation of land uses and physical development envisioned under the 2005 LRDP at a program level, and identifies measures to mitigate the significant impacts associated with that growth. The three project-specific environmental analyses in Volume III build upon the broader programmatic analyses in Volumes I and II, and focus on evaluating and disclosing environmental impacts that could potentially result from implementation of each of these three specific projects.

The organization of each project-specific environmental analysis follows the same overall format as the 2005 LRDP EIR. However, the project-specific analyses avoid repetition of general background and setting information for environmental resource areas, the regulatory context, overall growth-related issues, issues that were evaluated in sufficient detail in Volumes I and II for which there is no additional

information that would require further analysis, cumulative impacts, and alternatives to the 2005 LRDP. Instead, the project-specific environmental analyses evaluate more detailed project-level information.

Analyses for each of the projects apply mitigation measures identified in Volumes I and II, in cases where the specific proposed project would result in a significant effect on the environment that was identified in the 2005 LRDP analyses. Impacts caused by one of the three proposed projects will be mitigated as part of this project, and are specifically identified in this volume. Project-specific mitigation measures for potentially significant impacts that were not addressed in detail in Volumes I and II may also be implemented as part of the proposed projects, as also identified in this volume.

1.3 REVIEW AND CERTIFICATION PROCESS

Volume III is part of the 2005 LRDP EIR, and will be circulated in conjunction with Volumes I and II for public and agency review. It is anticipated that the Infrastructure Improvements Project, the FSH project, and 2300 Delaware Avenue Project will be presented to The Regents for approval concurrently with the 2005 LRDP EIR in July 2006.

1.4 ORGANIZATION OF VOLUME III

Volume III is organized into four chapters:

- Chapter 1: Introduction. Provides an introduction and overview describing the intended use of the Project-Specific Impact Analyses, the relationship of these analyses to those presented in Volumes I and II, and the review and certification process.
- Chapters 2 through 4: Project-Specific Analyses. Provide project-specific environmental analyses for each of the three proposed projects. Each of these three chapters is organized into the following sections:
 - Introduction. Provides an overview of the Project Summary. Presents a summary of the environmental impacts of the proposed project.
 - Project Description. Provides a detailed description of the proposed project, including the location of the proposed project, background information, major objectives, and structural and technical characteristics.
 - Environmental Setting, Impacts, and Mitigation Measures. Contains the analysis of environmental issue areas relevant to the proposed project, based on the foundation of Volumes I and II. The subsection for each environmental issue contains a description of the existing setting, standards of significance, methodology used to evaluate impacts, impacts adequately analyzed at the 2005 LRDP level or not applicable to the proposed project, and project-specific impacts, and recommends appropriate mitigation measures.
 - Alternatives to the Proposed Project. Describes the alternatives to the proposed project and their associated environmental effects.

 References. Itemizes supporting and reference materials used in the preparation of the environmental analysis.

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