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Office of Planning and Research
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Sacramento, CA 95814

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY 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
Draft EIR Public Review Period: Thursday, January 7 to Monday, March 8, 2021

Pursuant to the State of California Public Resources Code (PRC) 21091 (a) and the Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA Guidelines), the University of California, Santa Cruz (UC Santa Cruz) has released for public review a Draft EIR for the UC Santa Cruz 2021 Long Range Development Plan (LRDP).

Project Overview

UC Santa Cruz is considering adoption of the 2021 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 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 a Long Range Development Plan to guide physical campus development.

The 2021 LRDP campus population forecast is 28,000 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) students¹ 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 and Comment

The University of California is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (PRC, § 21000 et seq.) and has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the LRDP as required by PRC § 21080.09. The Draft EIR has been released for a **60-day review period**, beginning on **Thursday, January 7, 2021** and concluding on **Monday, March 8, 2021**.

During the public review period, copies of the Draft EIR are available at the following location for review:

Online: <https://lrpd.ucsc.edu/>

¹ An FTE student is (1) an undergraduate student who enrolls for 45 credit hours per academic year; or (2) a graduate student (master's level or doctoral student not yet advanced to candidacy) enrolled in 36 hours per year; or (3) a graduate doctoral student who has been advanced to candidacy. This does not include students studying at locations other than the main residential campus and the Westside Research Park.

Written comments on the EIR will be accepted anytime during the EIR review period. All comments should be submitted no later than **Monday, March 8, 2021 at 5:00 pm**. Please state **"LRDP EIR Comments"** in the subject line, and send your electronic responses via email to: eircomment@ucsc.edu or written responses via U.S. mail to the following address:

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Public Meeting: As a result of the expanding outbreak of COVID-19 and resulting restrictions placed on in-person gatherings throughout California, UC Santa Cruz will host two online public sessions to receive comments on the Draft EIR, rather than in-person events. The online public sessions will be hosted on **Wednesday, February 3, 2021** and **Thursday, February 4, 2021** from **5 p.m. to 7 p.m.** Information about how to participate in the meeting can be found here: <https://lrdp.ucsc.edu/>

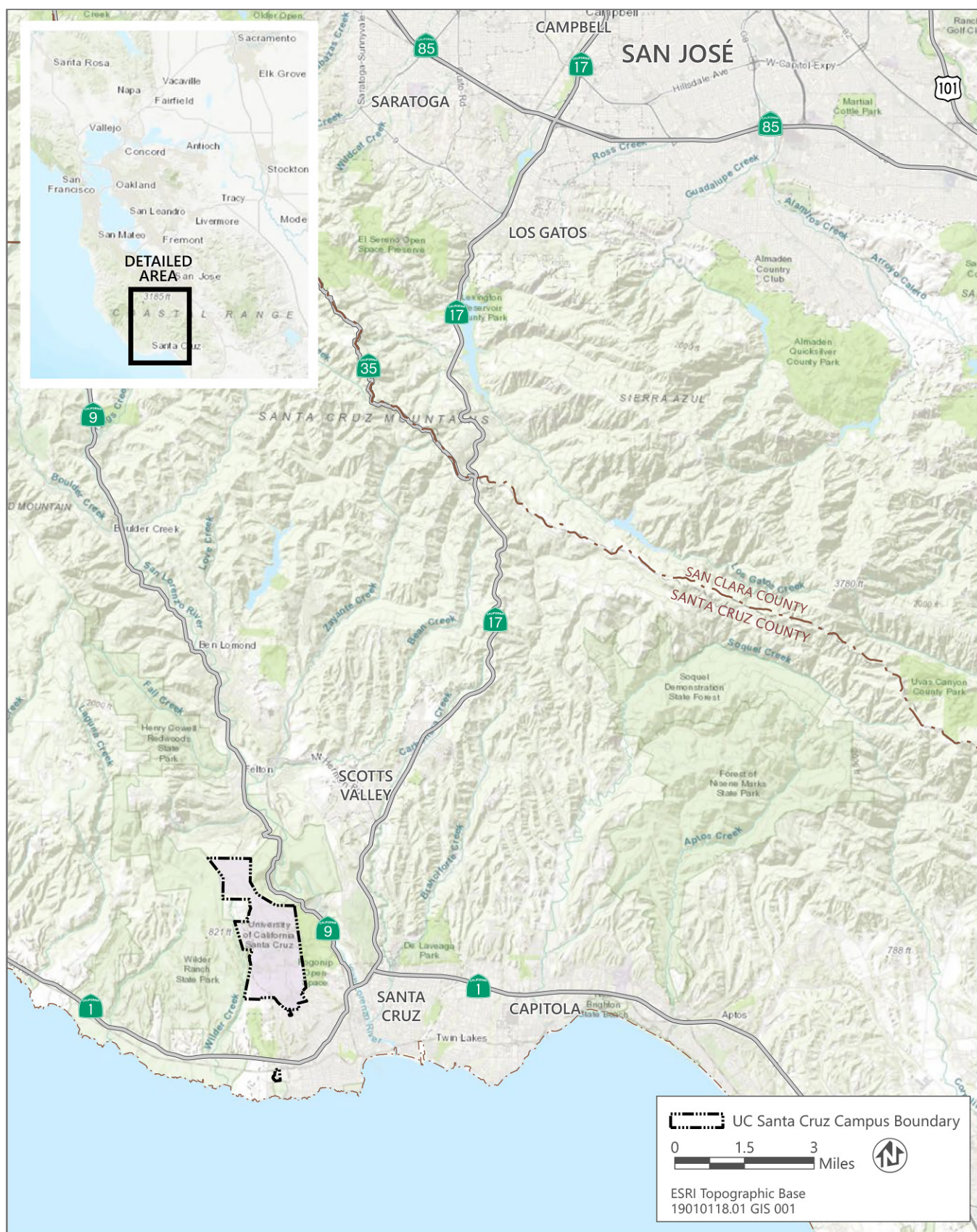
If you have questions regarding this NOA, would like to request accommodation for the public meetings and/or would like to request a USB/flash drive of the Draft EIR and/or its appendices, please contact Erika Carpenter at escarpen@ucsc.edu.

Hazardous Materials/Waste On-Site: The State of California maintains the linked EnviroStor and Geotracker databases of known contamination sites pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5. Based on the information gathered from these databases, no sites located within the LRDP area are actively under evaluation, remediation, or verification monitoring.

Attachments:

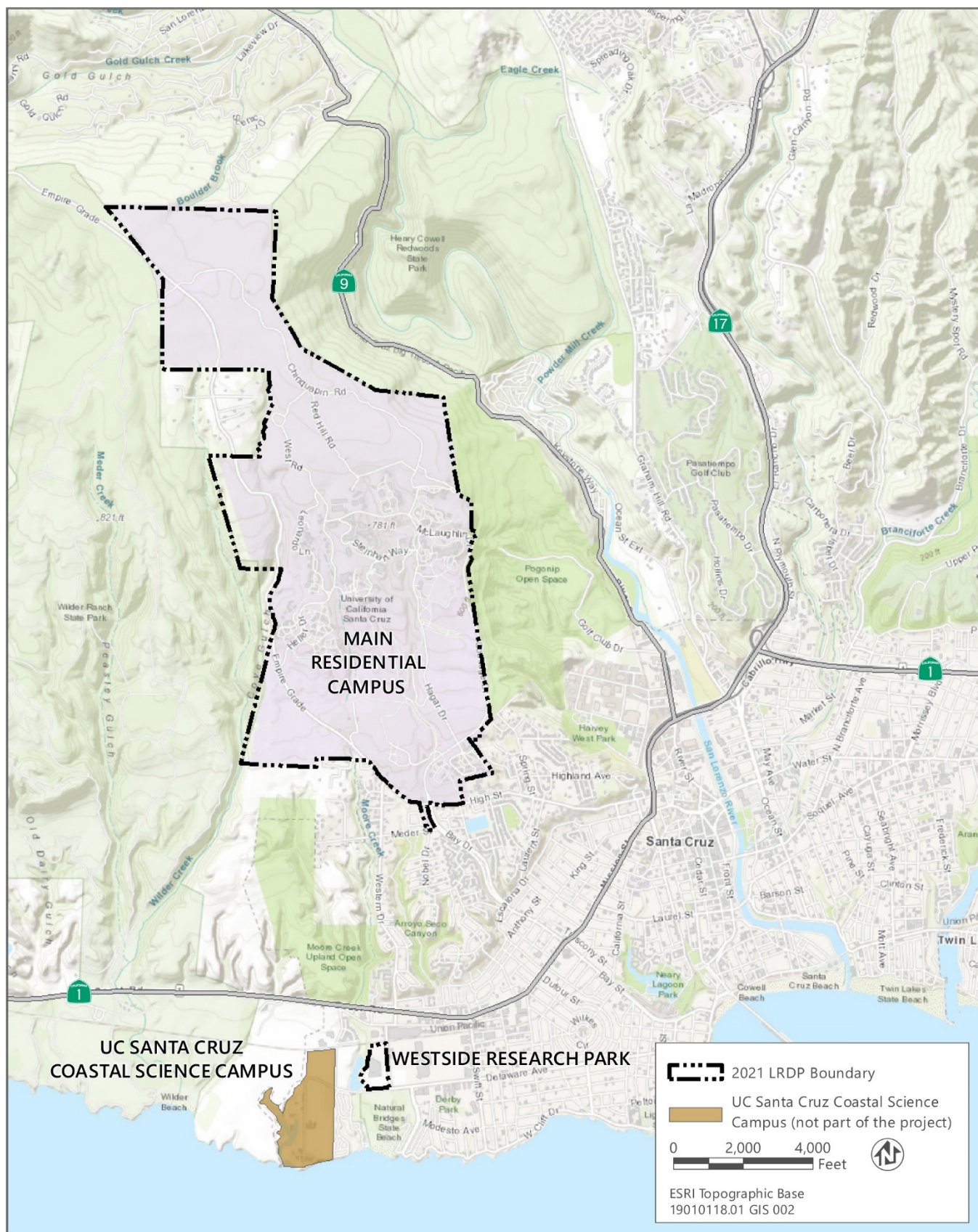
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Figure 2 Project Location and Plan Area



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