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NOTICE OF PREPARATION – SUBSEQUENT DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

Project Title: Update to the 2018 UC San Diego La Jolla Campus Long Range Development Plan
Lead Agency: University of California
Project Location: University of California San Diego, La Jolla Campus
County: San Diego

Notice: In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the University of California San Diego (UC San Diego) has issued this Notice of Preparation (NOP) to solicit comments on the scope of a Subsequent Environmental Impact Report for the above-named project.

Project Description: The UC San Diego La Jolla Campus Long Range Development Plan (2018 LRDP) is a general land use plan that guides the physical development of the campus. The 2018 LRDP and accompanying Environmental Impact Report (EIR) were adopted and certified, respectively, by the Regents of the University of California in November 2018 (State Clearinghouse No. 2016111019). As a result of an increasing demand for higher education, mandates from the State of California, and UC system-wide requirements to increase enrollment, UC San Diego is experiencing higher rates of admitted students and associated campus population growth than was projected at the adoption of the 2018 LRDP and its accompanying EIR. The proposed Update to the 2018 LRDP (Update) would revise the previous population growth and development projections, make related land-use modifications, and extend the planning horizon year from 2035 to 2040. The Update would maintain consistency with the primary goals, objectives, and principles of the 2018 LRDP. For reference, the current 2018 LRDP and accompanying EIR can be viewed online at: <https://plandesignbuild.ucsd.edu/planning/lrdp/la-jolla.html>.

Updated estimated student, staff, and faculty campus population projections are included in Table 1. Land use development is expected to increase by approximately 30 percent from the projections outlined in the 2018 LRDP. UC San Diego’s La Jolla campus is composed of three distinct geographical areas: the Scripps Institution of Oceanography (SIO) portion of the campus, the western area of the campus (West Campus), and the eastern area of the campus (East Campus). The increased density would occur within the West and East Campuses, resulting in potential increase in square footage and height of future development in these locations. Limited land use changes would also be made in the West and East Campuses, as well as potential utility and infrastructure upgrades as determined necessary to support the increased development. No increase in development is proposed at SIO beyond the approved 2018 LRDP, and all existing coastal height restrictions at SIO will be maintained.

Table 1: Estimated Campus Population Projections 2018 LRDP vs Update

Category	2018 LRDP (through year 2035)	Update (through year 2040)
Students	42,400	56,000
Staff & Faculty	23,200	40,300
Total Population	65,600	96,300

CEQA Process: In accordance with Section 15162 of the CEQA Guidelines, UC San Diego will prepare a Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) to evaluate and disclose potential environmental impacts associated with approval and implementation of the proposed Update to the 2018 LRDP, as well as changed conditions since the 2018 LRDP EIR was prepared. An SEIR is required when a substantial change is proposed

to a project for which an EIR has been previously certified. The SEIR for the Update to the 2018 LRDP will be a program-level environmental assessment that evaluates the effects of implementation of the Update; environmental review of future individual projects would be tiered from this SEIR, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15152, 15168(c), and 15183.5. The University of California will serve as the CEQA Lead Agency.

Potential environmental impacts that are anticipated to be addressed in the SEIR include: aesthetics; air quality; biological resources; historical resources; cultural and tribal cultural resources; energy; greenhouse gas emissions; land use and planning; noise; population and housing; public services; recreation; transportation and circulation; utilities and service systems; and wildfire. Environmental issues that were adequately addressed in the 2018 LRDP EIR and are not significantly affected by the Update to the 2018 LRDP or other changed conditions are not anticipated to be evaluated in the SEIR. Finally, the SEIR will include analysis of project alternatives and cumulative effects, as well as new and/or revised mitigation measures, as deemed necessary.

How to Submit Scoping Comments: State law mandates a 30-day scoping period that will extend from February 29, 2024 to March 29, 2024. Your written comments on the scope and analysis of the SEIR must be emailed to env-review@ucsd.edu no later than 5:00 PM on Friday, March 29, 2024. The University requests that comments be provided electronically; however, if a hard copy submittal is necessary, it may be mailed to: University of California San Diego, c/o Lauren Liewers, Campus Planning, 9500 Gilman Drive, MC 0074, La Jolla, CA 92093-0074. Mailed comments must be postmarked by the end of the scoping period.

A Public Scoping Meeting on the Update to the 2018 LRDP SEIR will be held at the UC San Diego campus as detailed below. Written scoping comments will also be accepted at the meeting.

Event: SEIR Public Scoping Meeting

Project: Update to the 2018 LRDP

Date: Wednesday, March 20, 2024


Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: UC San Diego Faculty Club – Atkinson Pavilion

Directions and parking: Visit <https://facultyclub.ucsd.edu/directions/index.html>

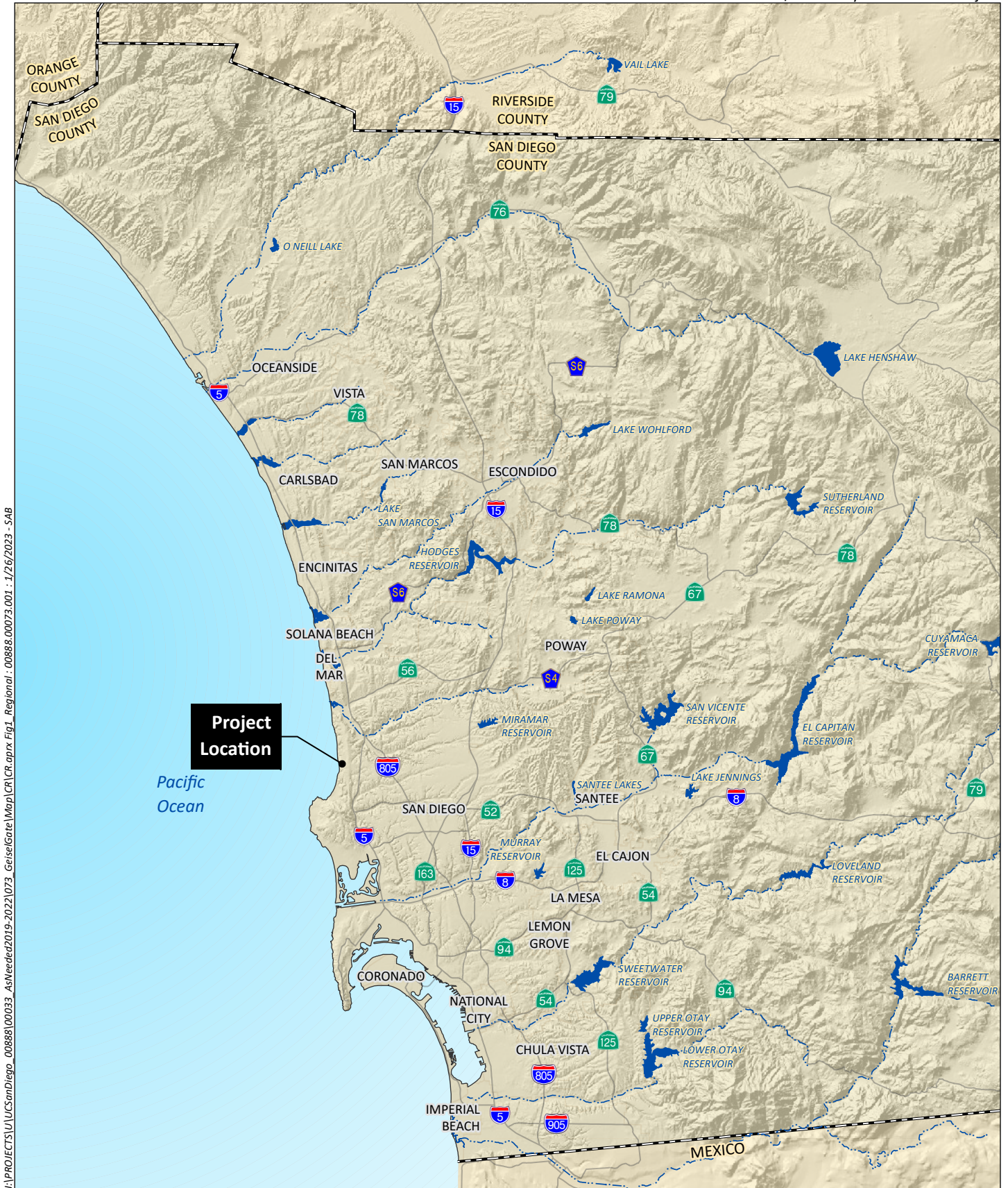
This NOP is being advertised in the San Diego Union Tribune and via direct email to agencies, organizations, and individuals who have previously requested to receive UC San Diego CEQA notices. More information is also available on the Campus Planning website at <https://plandesignbuild.ucsd.edu/planning/lrdp/la-jolla.html>. Requests to be added to UC San Diego’s electronic CEQA notice distribution list or for translation services related to this notice can be sent to env-review@ucsd.edu.

All public comments received during the scoping period will be considered in the preparation of the Draft SEIR. Upon completion of the Draft SEIR, it will be circulated for a 45-day public review period. Thereafter, the University will prepare written responses to comments on the Draft SEIR and publish the Final SEIR, which will be presented to the UC Regents for certification.



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Enclosures: Figure 1 Regional Location
Figure 2 Campus Boundary



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