



CAMPUS PLANNING

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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY – 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 Availability (NOA) to inform the public and agencies that a Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (Draft SEIR) has been prepared and is now available for review and comment. A Notice of Preparation for the SEIR was issued on February 29, 2024.

**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, located adjacent to the communities of La Jolla and University City within the northwest portion of the City of San Diego in San Diego County. 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 annual 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; Amendment #1 to the 2018 LRDP) would update the previous population growth and development projections, make related minor changes in the predominant land use designations, 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 an anticipated increase in square footage, mass, 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 would 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
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>65,600</b>	<b>96,300</b>

**CEQA Process:** In accordance with Section 15162 of the CEQA Guidelines, the Draft SEIR evaluates and discloses the 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. Once finalized, 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 addressed in the SEIR include: aesthetics; air quality; biological resources; historical resources; cultural and tribal cultural resources; energy; greenhouse gas emissions; noise; population and housing; public services; 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 re-evaluated in the SEIR. Finally, the SEIR includes an analysis of project alternatives and cumulative effects, as well as new and/or revised mitigation measures, as deemed necessary.

**Hazardous Materials/Waste On-Site:** Section 15087(c)(6) of the CEQA Guidelines requires that this notice disclose whether the project site is listed on any of the lists enumerated under Government Code Section 65962.5 (Cortese List). Based on the information gathered from these databases, the campus does not contain sites identified as actively under evaluation, remediation, or verification monitoring or otherwise meeting “Cortese List” requirements.

**Document Availability:**

A copy of this NOA and the Draft SEIR, Update to the 2018 LRDP document, and other information are available for review online at: <https://plandesignbuild.ucsd.edu/planning/environmental.html#Projects-Currently-Under-Enviro>.

In addition to the digital copy of the Draft SEIR available at the above website, a printed copy of the Draft SEIR is available for review during the public comment period at the following locations:

UC San Diego Campus Planning Office: 9500 Gilman Drive, MC 0074, La Jolla, California 92093 (please call 619-204-6233 for an appointment during regular business hours)

UC San Diego Geisel Library: Social Sciences and Humanities Library Reference Desk, 9500 Gilman Drive No. 0175-G, La Jolla, California 92093

**How to Submit Comments:** State law mandates a 45-day public review period that will extend from April 3, 2025 to May 19, 2025. Your written comments on the Draft SEIR must be emailed to [env-review@ucsd.edu](mailto:env-review@ucsd.edu) no later than 5:00 PM on Monday, May 19, 2025. Include “Draft SEIR Comments: Update to the 2018 LRDP” in the subject line. Comments should focus on the adequacy of the environmental analysis, mitigation measures, and alternatives presented in the Draft SEIR. 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 Alison Buckley, Campus Planning, 9500 Gilman Drive, MC 0074, La Jolla, CA 92093-0074. Mailed comments must be postmarked by the end of the public review period.

A Public Hearing on the Draft SEIR will be held at the UC San Diego campus as detailed below. Following the Public Hearing, a pre-recorded version of the presentation provided at the hearing will be available at the aforementioned website. Written and oral comments will also be accepted at the meeting.

**Event:** Draft SEIR Public Hearing

**Project:** Update to the 2018 LRDP

**Date:** Tuesday, April 22, 2025

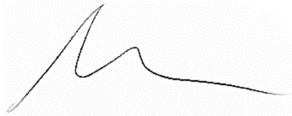
**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

**Location:** Survivance Building, 11th Floor Conference Center, Theatre District, SV-120

**Directions and parking:** Parking is available in the South Theatre District Parking Structure (Lot P102) off Theatre District Drive & N. Torrey Pines Road. General parking info:

<https://transportation.ucsd.edu/visit/parking.html#La-Jolla-Academic-Campus>

This NOA is being advertised in the San Diego Union Tribune and sent via direct email to agencies, organizations, and individuals who have previously requested to receive UC San Diego CEQA notices. Requests to be added to UC San Diego's electronic CEQA notice distribution list, for assistance accessing documents, or for translation services related to this notice can be sent to [env-review@ucsd.edu](mailto:env-review@ucsd.edu).



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