



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: P&D
Department No.: 053
For Agenda Of: 03/17/09
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TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department John Baker, P&D Director, 568-2085
Contact Info: John McInnis, Long Range Planning Director, P&D, 568-3552
SUBJECT: University of California, Santa Barbara 2008 LRDP DEIR Recirculation Briefing

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County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors set a hearing for March 24, 2009, to receive a briefing on the revised Draft Environmental Impact Report for the proposed 2008 UCSB Long Range Development Plan ("LRDP").

Summary Text:

The LRDP, as a corollary to the County's own Comprehensive Plan, is a long-range policy document that guides the physical development of the UCSB campus. The original 1990 LRDP prescribed a time horizon through the year 2006 and anticipated an enrollment of 20,000 students. UCSB is updating its 1990 LRDP to extend the planning horizon through the year 2025. As proposed, the revised LRDP would increase enrollment by 5,000 students, augment faculty and staff by 1,736 members, expand campus facilities by 2.5 million square feet, and add 7,556 units/beds to the inventory of existing on-campus housing. The resulting expansion would translate to a population increase of approximately 11,106 persons.

The draft LRDP and accompanying Environmental Impact Report ("EIR") were circulated on March 20, 2008. The County of Santa Barbara, along with a number of agencies and interested persons, submitted comments by the end of the public review period in June 2008. As a result of comments received, the University has rewritten several chapters of the draft EIR, including those on water supply and demand, wastewater capacity, traffic modeling, population and housing and greenhouse gas emissions. These revised sections were released on February 9, 2009, and provide for a 49-day public review period

expiring on March 30, 2009. A project team composed of various County departments and lead by the County Executive Office has been created to review the LRDP and determine its impacts to the County, particularly in the areas of housing, transportation, and public safety.

On March 17, 2009, staff will brief the Board on the content of the revised draft EIR and associated issues preparatory to providing written comments to the University for their consideration. Following the close of the public review period, it is anticipated that the LRDP will be considered by the UC Board of Regents during summer 2009 followed by the California Coastal Commission review.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Through an independent fiscal study, the estimated cost to mitigate the impacts of the 2008 LRDP includes: (i) \$137 million for the construction of roadway improvements, public safety facilities and equipment, park amenities and miscellaneous capital outlay; and (ii) \$8.3 million net annually for on-going services including fire protection and law enforcement, emergency response and SWAT, detective, investigative, and court services. These independent estimates are based on best available information and may change depending upon revisions in methodology and assumptions contained in re-circulated sections of the draft EIR.

Special Instructions:

None.

Attachments:

None.

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