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**NOTICE OF PREPARATION  
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

**Lead Agency:** University of California

**Project Title:** 2005 Long-Range Development Plan  
Family Student Housing Redevelopment Project  
Infrastructure Improvements Phase 1 and Phase 2  
2300 Delaware Avenue Project

**Project Location:** University of California, Santa Cruz (UC Santa Cruz)

**County:** Santa Cruz

The University of California will be the Lead Agency and will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the projects described below.

**Project Description:** The University of California, Santa Cruz proposes to update the campus' Long-Range Development Plan, previously adopted by The Regents of the University of California in May 1989. The University anticipates that enrollment at the UC Santa Cruz campus could increase to approximately 21,000 students by 2020-21. This increase would exceed the student enrollment assumptions in the 1988 Long-Range Development Plan by 6,000 students. In conjunction with the increase in student enrollment and research activity, the number of faculty and staff at UC Santa Cruz is projected to increase by 1,800 to an estimated total of 5,900. The 2005 Long-Range Development Plan ("2005 LRDP") proposes a building program and a land use plan to support the projected growth in campus population and to enable expanded and new program initiatives. The 2005 LRDP allows 4.1 million gross square feet of additional academic and support space and housing.

Also proposed are three individual projects planned under the 2005 LRDP: Infrastructure Improvements, Family Student Housing Redevelopment and 2300 Delaware Avenue. Additional information about the 2005 LRDP and the three individual projects, including figures showing the locations of the proposed projects, may be found in the attached Initial Study.

**Environmental Review and Comment:** The University of California will be the Lead Agency and will prepare an EIR to evaluate the environmental effects of implementing the 2005 LRDP. The

2005 LRDP EIR will be a Program EIR that, once certified, will be used to tier subsequent environmental analyses for specific future projects as they are proposed by the campus for development. The 2005 LRDP EIR also will address the project-specific environmental effects associated with the Infrastructure Improvements, Family Student Housing Redevelopment and 2300 Delaware Avenue projects.

An Initial Study has been prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the CEQA Guidelines and the University of California Guidelines for the Implementation of CEQA to identify potential environmental issues that will be addressed in the 2005 LRDP EIR. These issues include: aesthetics, agricultural resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation and traffic, utilities and service systems. The Initial Study has determined that the 2005 LRDP would not have potential impacts on mineral resources. The 2005 LRDP EIR will also include analyze alternatives to the propose project and cumulative effects.

In compliance with the State and University of California guidelines for implementation of CEQA, this Notice of Preparation is hereby sent to inform you that the University of California, Santa Cruz is preparing a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the above-named projects. As Lead Agency we need to know the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information that is germane to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed projects.

Copies of the Initial study are available for review at the Central Branch of the Santa Cruz City/County Library and at McHenry Library on the UC Santa Cruz campus. The Initial Study is also posted on the web at [http://www.ucsc.edu/planning\\_2020](http://www.ucsc.edu/planning_2020).

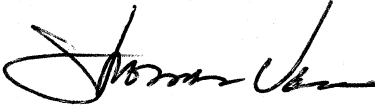
We appreciate your prompt acknowledgement and review of this Initial Study. Due to the time limits mandated by state law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible date, but not later than 30 days after receipt of this notice. Please send comments to:

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Two public scoping meetings will be held on Wednesday, February 16, 2005, between 3:00 PM and 5:00 PM and between 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM. Both meetings will be held in the Redwood Room at the UCSC Inn and Conference Center at 611 Ocean Street in Santa Cruz.

If you have any questions about the environmental review please contact Dean Fitch, Senior Planner at (831) 459-4936.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures: 15 copies of the Initial Study  
Notice of Completion and Environmental Document Transmittal Form

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