



Date: January 29, 2008 for February 4<sup>th</sup> Agenda  
To: Commissioners  
From: Executive Officer  
Subject: Status of Applications Concerning UCSC North Campus

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I am writing to brief you on the status of two applications that LAFCO has received concerning the university's Long Range Development Plan. An area known as the North Campus would be developed. The North Campus is currently undeveloped and is outside the Santa Cruz City limits. Some Commissioners have a deep understanding of the University's plans, while others have only minimal familiarity with the issues. Staff intends the purpose of the briefing to be an introduction for the less familiar Commissioners. Staff does not expect that the Commission will take any action at the February meeting.

#### Applications

Following an agreement to settle a series of lawsuits involving UCSC, the City of Santa Cruz, the County of Santa Cruz, LAFCO, and various community members and groups, the City of Santa Cruz and the University have filed two applications with LAFCO. LAFCO Application Number 928 is an application by the City of Santa Cruz to amend its Sphere of Influence to include a portion of the undeveloped area of the campus known as the North Campus. The University has filed LAFCO Application Number 929 seeking LAFCO's authorization for the City of Santa Cruz to provide extraterritorial water and sanitary sewer service to the North Campus.

#### Geography and Boundaries

Attachment A shows the North Campus growth area and its relationship to developed area of the campus.

The current City Sphere of Influence matches the current city boundaries in the vicinity of the North Campus area. The City sphere and boundary currently run along a west-to-east line north of the existing facilities (Science Hill, College 9, College 10, Crown College, and Merrill College). The proposed Sphere Amendment would add approximately 374 acres of the North Campus to the City of Santa Cruz Sphere of Influence.

### Settlement Agreement

The Settlement Agreement, dated August 15, 2008 is attached (Attachment B). Section 2.8 of the agreement addresses the LAFCO applications, requiring the City to apply for the Sphere of Influence Amendment and the University to apply for the extraterritorial water and sanitary sewer service authorization.

### Environmental Review

The City of Santa Cruz is the lead agency for environmental review, and has distributed a Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report dated November 3, 2008 (Attachment C). LAFCO is a responsible agency, and I have responded with a letter dated December 1, 2008 (Attachment D).

### February 4<sup>th</sup> LAFCO Meeting

At the February 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, LAFCO staff will be available to answer the Commissioners' questions about the LAFCO review process for these two pending applications.

cc: City of Santa Cruz  
--City Manager  
--City Attorney  
--Planning Director  
University of California  
--Thomas Vani, Chancellor's Office  
--Carole Rossi, Chancellor's Office

### Attachments

- A Map
- B Settlement Agreement
- C Notice of Preparation
- D Executive Officer's Letter