

Joe Serrano

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Hi Debra,

Could you pass this on to the Commissioners for their meeting next week?
Thanks and Happy New Year.
-Rick

Dear Commissioners,

I appreciate Executive Officer Joe Serrano's draft comment letter on the Draft EIR for UCSC's Long Range Development Plan. The letter points out that a portion of the proposed development lies outside the City of Santa Cruz sphere boundaries. Changing those boundaries would require LAFCO approval.

The letter states, "The Draft EIR should also include an analysis of the LRDP's conformance to the full range of LAFCO's adopted policies." I would encourage you to name the LAFCO policy that is pertinent to the impact of expanding water service. The Draft EIR proposal to mitigate the impact of expanded water service on the City of Santa Cruz Water Supply does not conform to the LAFCO Water Policy, which reads,

"In cases where a basin is overdrafted or existing services are not sustainable, a boundary change proposal may be approved if there will be a net decrease in impacts on water resources."

The Long Range Development Plan and the Draft EIR have not proposed any measures that would result in a net decrease in impacts on water resources. The Draft EIR proposes a mitigation consisting in conservation measures. However those measures do not result in a net decrease in impacts. The Draft EIR acknowledges that impact on the City of Santa Cruz water supply remains significant after mitigation.

I believe it will be of value to quote from the LAFCO Water Policy in order to better ensure that the Final EIR is responsive to LAFCO policy.

Thank you,

Rick