
ERRATA TO THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY PLAN FINAL EIR

Upon further review of the University Community plan FEIR, the County has identified some minor corrections to ensure accuracy of the document. None of these changes constitutes a substantial change to the project as defined by CEQA.

FEIR Text Changes

Operational emissions of CO were not analyzed in Impact 4.3-11 in the DEIR because the San Joaquin Valley is in attainment for carbon monoxide (CO). Therefore, the following changes to Impact 4.3-11 are added on page 2-19 of the FEIR:

4.3-11 Operational emissions would exceed ROG₇ and NO_x ~~and CO~~ standards.

To correspond to the above changes to Impact 4.3-11, the following change is made on page 2-70 in the Summary Table:

4.3-11 Operational emissions would exceed ROG₇ and NO_x ~~and CO~~ standards.

On page 2-70 of the FEIR, in the Summary Table, Impact 4.4-2 is revised, to correspond to the corrections made in the DEIR text, as follows:

The proposed UCP would result in substantial adverse effects to ~~20.4~~ 20.7 acres of vernal pools, swales, and seasonal wetlands (a subset of the 36.3 acres of jurisdictional waters discussed in Impact 4.4-1) and adverse effects to associated special-status species.

On page 2-70 of the FEIR, in the Summary Table, the first two paragraphs in Mitigation Measure 4.4-2 is revised, to correspond to the corrections made in the DEIR text, as follows:

The County shall ensure that at least ~~55.1~~ 55.9 acres of upland annual grassland is preserved in conjunction with and to support at least ~~61.2~~ 62.1 acres of potential vernal pool fairy shrimp aquatic habitat and at least 1.86 acres of occupied succulent owl's clover habitat (for a total of ~~61.2~~ 62.3 acres)

The County shall also ensure that at least ~~9.2~~ 9.3 acres of the above aquatic habitat is occupied by midvalley fairy shrimp and at least ~~30.6~~ 32.3 acres is occupied by California linderiella.

On page 2-71 of the FEIR, in the Summary Table, Impact 4.4-3 is revised, to correspond to the corrections made in the DEIR text, as follows:

The proposed UCP would result in substantial adverse effects to ~~15.9~~ 17.7 acres of freshwater marsh, wooded channel, drainages, and stockpond (a subset of the ~~36.3~~ 38.4 acres

of federally-protected wetlands discussed in Impact 4.4-1) and adverse effects to associated special-status species.

To address off-site impacts, the former Mitigation Measure 4.5-4 is added as Mitigation 4.5-5 on page 2-77 of the FEIR, in the Summary Table, under Impact 4.5-5:

4.5-5 The County shall document that appropriate cultural resource surveys and measures to protect cultural resources, if present, are completed prior to construction of offsite improvements outside of the UCP area.

The fourth paragraph on page 4-51 of the FEIR in Master Response 11 has been edited to provide additional clarity. Specifically, the deleted statement did not acknowledge the analysis conducted as part of the SEIR:

With regards to potential cumulative effects, However the proposed University Community, UC Merced, and the City of Merced would all be pumping potable water from the Mehrten formation, and it is yet unknown what the potential effects the University projects could have on the Mehrten formation underlying the City of Merced. The evaluation of the potential cumulative effect of the project on local shallow and deep groundwater resources conducted for revised Section 4.8 by CH2M Hill was based on a computation of the change in groundwater levels as a result of three factors: (1) increases in pumping from the aquifer; (2) changes in groundwater recharge due to changes in land use; and (3) reduction in pumping due to a reduction in agricultural irrigation. This analysis, in turn, made use of the Merced Area Groundwater Model that was developed as part of the 2001 Merced Water Supply Plan Update (MWSP Update). The analysis ~~also assumed~~ implementation of the MWSP Update, and that all other recharge and pumping in the area would remains the same, except for changes in the amount of seepage to and from the Merced and San Joaquin Rivers that would result from the build-out of the UC Merced and University Community. The results of this analysis can be found in Figure 8 of Appendix F (“Groundwater Impact Analysis”) of the SEIR.

SEIR Text Changes

On page 4-33 of the SEIR, the discussion in Impact 4.10-5 states that changes since publication of the DEIR would not change the conclusions reached in the DEIR. However, the SEIR continued that this impact would remain “significant and unavoidable after mitigation”, which is not consistent with the conclusion in the DEIR. The determination of a significant and unavoidable impact made in the SEIR was incorrect. Therefore, the text on page 4-33 of the SEIR is revised to reflect the conclusion reached in the DEIR. It should be noted that the FEIR, published on November 19, 2004, correctly identified the impact as less than significant after mitigation (see page 2-86 in the FEIR), and no change to that document is required.

Impact 4.10-5: The construction of the proposed UCP would involve activities that could generate ground-borne vibration or ground-borne noise levels. This is considered a ***less than significant and unavoidable impact***.

Because the nature of construction within the UCP would be identical to that evaluated in the DEIR, the changes that have occurred since publication of the DEIR have had no effect on the analysis of ground-borne vibration contained in the DEIR, and have not affected the conclusions about the magnitude or significance of this impact. Implementation of DEIR Mitigation Measure 4.10-5 would reduce the magnitude of the vibration generated by construction, ~~but would not reduce this impact~~ to below a level of significance during construction. Therefore under current conditions the impact would be less than significant ~~remain significant and unavoidable~~; the same as presented in the DEIR.