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# AREA PLAN—RELATIONSHIP TO UC MERCED CAMPUS LONG RANGE DEVELOPMENT PLAN (LRDP)

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## CONTEXT

The design and development of the UC Merced campus is guided by the campus Long Range Development Plan (LRDP.) The LRDP describes the development of a Main Campus of 910 acres, a Campus Land Reserve of 340 acres, and a Campus Natural Reserve of 750 acres. Development within the main campus is proposed to consist of an Academic Core (157 acres); Student Services (23 acres); Student Housing (250 acres); Faculty Housing (90 acres); Campus Support (56 acres); Athletic and Recreation (148 acres); Parking (147 acres) and On-campus Research (39 acres). The LRDP was approved by the Regents in January 2002.

The University Community Plan has been prepared to address the growth that will occur as a result of the development of UC Merced. The County and University planning teams have closely coordinated throughout the preparation of the UCP and LRDP. This coordination has resulted in the Plans being compatible and mutually supportive. As these plans are administered and future amendments considered, this coordination between the County and UC will become even more critical, to ensure the continued compatibility of these plans. The integrity of these plans must also be retained to respect the representations in each plan that each one achieves its goals with minimum environmental impact. In recognition that the development of UC Merced as prescribed by the LRDP will change over time in consideration of evolving academic and research programs and financial resources, it will be essential to periodically review and amend where necessary the UCP to ensure the consistency of development within the University Community.

Because the University and University Community are being developed on vacant lands, the unique coordination of the University and County in developing and implementing their plans will avoid the historical experience of land use conflicts in other campus host communities.

## GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND POLICIES

### Goal

Maintain the compatibility of the University Community Plan and Campus Long Range Development Plan, and the integrity of each plan, as these plans are administered and implemented by the County and the University.

Ensure through development agreements and other measures that if presently unanticipated University campus uses outside the boundaries of the LRDP adopted in January 2002 are proposed within the UCP area, such uses will conform to and not frustrate the provisions of the Merced County General Plan and the University Community Plan.

### Objective

#### ARUC I.0

To provide a process during the administrative and public review of Specific Plans for the University Community that ensures coordination between the County and University in the implementation and administration of the UCP and LRDP, and maintains the integrity of each plan.

### Policies

#### ARUC I.1

The County shall, consistent with state statutes, make available drafts of specific plans for public review and comment, which shall include the opportunity for UC Merced to comment regarding their compatibility with the campus LRDP.

#### ARUC I.2

Amendments to the UCP shall not frustrate the goals, objectives, policies, and programs of the campus LRDP.

#### ARUC I.3

The County shall review proposed amendments to the LRDP, prior to consideration by the Board of Regents, to ensure their compatibility with the University Community Plan goals, objectives, policies, and programs.

#### ARUC I.4

The County shall secure the cooperation of UC Merced to assure that any amendments to the UC Merced LRDP not frustrate the goals, objectives, policies, and programs of the University Community Plan.

#### ARUC I.5

In recognition of possible significant changes in UC Merced's academic and research programs, the County shall periodically review the UCP in response to changes to the UC Merced LRDP.