
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
Draft Environmental Impact Report
for the proposed
Richmond Bay Campus Long Range Development Plan
State Clearinghouse No. 2013012007

To: Responsible agencies, interested organizations, and members of the public

The University of California (UC) is the Lead Agency for a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed Richmond Bay Campus Long Range Development Plan (LRDP). The project would establish, construct, and operate a new major research campus (“Richmond Bay Campus,” or “RBC”) on 134 acres of land UC owns in Richmond, California (at 1301 South 46th Street in Richmond’s South Shoreline area). The proposed RBC 2014 Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) has been prepared by UC Berkeley and UC Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory; the LRDP would guide development of up to 5.4 million square feet of RBC research, office, and support facilities through 2050.

The Draft EIR is prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the University of California’s guidelines on implementing CEQA. It follows a Notice of Preparation (NOP) and public scoping process that extended from January 4, 2013 to February 4, 2013. The EIR includes a description of the proposed project and its environmental setting along with an analysis of how the project could potentially impact the environment. Where impacts would be potentially significant, mitigation measures are identified to avoid or reduce those impacts. In addition, the EIR contains an analysis of several project alternatives, cumulative impacts, and other CEQA considerations. The Draft EIR identifies significant and unavoidable impacts associated with development under the LRDP in the following resource areas: air quality, cultural resources, greenhouse gas emissions, and transportation.

This Draft EIR will be circulated for a 60-day review and comment by responsible agencies as well as by other interested agencies and the public. The comment period begins on November 15, 2013 and will end on January 13, 2014. A public hearing to receive oral comments will be held at the Richmond Civic Center at 7:00 PM on December 11, 2013. A Final EIR will be prepared that responds to comments received during the comment period. The Final EIR, along with a mitigation monitoring and reporting program, will then be submitted to The Regents of the University of California for review and a decision. The Regents’ Final EIR review and decision is anticipated to occur in Spring of 2014.

Draft EIR Availability

An electronic version of the Draft EIR is available on-line:
http://richmondbaycampus.lbl.gov/environmental_documents.html.

Draft EIR hard copies are also available for review at the following libraries:

Berkeley Public Library
2090 Kittredge Street,
2nd Floor Reference Desk
Berkeley, California 94704

Richmond Library, Main Branch
325 Civic Center Plaza
Richmond, CA 94804

Berkeley Lab Main Library
One Cyclotron Road
Building 50, Room 4034
Berkeley, CA 94720

Requests for Draft EIR compact disks or paper copies may be made to: RBC@lbl.gov or by calling (510) 486-5289. There are limited numbers of paper copies available.

Opportunities for Commenting

Please send (and/or postmark) any comments on the RBC LRDP Draft EIR by January 13, 2014 to be considered and responded to in the Final EIR. Comments should be addressed to:

Jeff Philliber, Environmental Planner
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You may also send comments via e-mail to: RBC@lbl.gov. In addition, comments may be presented orally at the public hearing to be held on December 11, 2013 at 7:00 pm at the following address:

Richmond City Council Chambers
Civic Center Campus
440 Civic Center Plaza
Richmond, CA 94804

The University of California appreciates your interest in this project and looks forward to your involvement with the environmental review process.

Sincerely,



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