

3.14 PUBLIC SERVICES

This section of the EIR assesses the potential for implementation of the Orchard Park Redevelopment component of the 2018 LRDP to cause substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered public facilities.

In response to the NOP, comments were received regarding concern with impacts to City of Davis public services from the new campus population increase. As they pertain to implementation of the Orchard Park Redevelopment component of the 2018 LRDP, these impacts are described and addressed within this section.

3.14.1 Regulatory Setting

Plans, policies, regulations, and laws (applicable to and/or considered for the project) are provided in Volume 1 of this EIR. As the regulatory setting provided in Volume 1 considers potential development, including the project, within the entirety of the UC Davis campus as envisioned through the 2018 LRDP, no additional regulatory setting is provided for the project.

3.14.2 Environmental Setting

Section 3.14, “Public Services,” in Volume 1 of this EIR, presents the setting related to public services for the entire UC Davis campus, including the Orchard Park site.

3.14.3 Environmental Impacts and Mitigation Measures

SIGNIFICANCE CRITERIA

Refer to Section 3.14, “Public Services,” in Volume 1 of this EIR for a discussion of applicable Significance Criteria.

ANALYSIS METHODOLOGY

See Section 3.14, “Public Services,” in Volume 1 of this EIR for analytical methods relative to public services.

ISSUES NOT EVALUATED FURTHER

The following impacts were identified as part of the analysis of the 2018 LRDP, and are either (1) adequately evaluated at the program level of analysis of the 2018 LRDP, or (2) not applicable to the Orchard Park Redevelopment component.

Library Services

As discussed in Section 3.14, “Public Services,” of Volume 1, UC Davis has the capacity to provide sufficient library services to serve the campus population’s needs through 2030-2031. Therefore, construction of additional library facilities as the result of an increase in the on-campus population is

not anticipated. This impact would be less than significant. Therefore, no additional project-level analysis is necessary.

PROJECT-SPECIFIC IMPACTS AND MITIGATION MEASURES

Impact 3.14-1: Impacts on fire facilities.

Increased population and redevelopment at the Orchard Park site could increase demand for fire services. However, this development would not increase response times and thus is not anticipated to increase the demand for additional fire protection facilities. Therefore, this impact would be **less than significant**.

The Orchard Park Redevelopment component would include 200 student-family housing units and up to 1,200 additional beds for graduate, transfer, and undergraduate students, which could increase the demand for fire services. As described under Impact 3.14-1 in Section 3.14, “Public Services,” in Volume 1, the UC Davis campus is currently served by UC Davis Fire Department (FD). An increase in population, by itself, would not increase demand for fire protection services. Emergency response times are used by the UC Davis FD to determine adequacy of service. Therefore, the provision of fire stations varies more as a function of the geographic distribution of structures than of population increases. Because the Orchard Park Redevelopment component is the construction of a replacement student housing facility at the site of the former Orchard Park Apartment Complex, the site was previously and is currently serviced by UC Davis FD.

Furthermore, under Impact 3.14-1 in Section 3.14, Volume 1, development under the Orchard Park Redevelopment component of the 2018 LRDP would be designed to comply with building and fire codes and include appropriate fire safety measures and equipment. Therefore, implementation of the Orchard Park Redevelopment component would have a **less-than-significant** impact related to fire facilities.

Mitigation Measures

No mitigation measures are necessary.

Impact 3.14-2: Impacts on police facilities.

The increase in population that is expected to occur at the Orchard Park site could result in an increased demand for police officers, however, it is not expected to result in the need for new or expanded police facilities. This increase in demand is covered as part of the 2018 LRDP and the campus’s capital planning process. Therefore, this impact would be **less than significant**.

The Orchard Park Redevelopment component would include 200 student-family housing units and up to 1,200 additional student beds. As described under Impact 3.14-2 in Section 3.14, Volume 1, the UC Davis Police Department (PD) provides law enforcement for the UC Davis campus and would continue to provide these services under the 2018 LRDP. The UC Davis PD does not currently rely on any level of service standard but has indicated that it would like to meet a staffing ratio of 1 officer to 1,000 members of the campus population.

UC Davis PD includes about 50 officers that patrol the campus; with the UC Davis PD's intention of having a staffing ratio of 1 officer to 1,000 members of the campus population, the Orchard Park Redevelopment component would require only one additional officer. This would not require construction of additional facilities. Funding and planning for additional staff members is carried out through UC Davis's capital planning process. Therefore, this impact would be **less than significant**.

Mitigation Measures

No mitigation measures are necessary.

Impact 3.14.3: Impacts on schools.

The increase in campus population that is expected to occur under at the Orchard Park site would result in an increased demand for schools. However, enrollment for DJUSD has declined in 7 of the last 11 years and existing schools would have adequate capacity to accommodate the increase in students. Therefore, this impact would be **less than significant**.

As described under Impact 3.14-3 in Section 3.14, Volume 1, the existing schools with DJUSD have available capacity. The 200 student-family housing units proposed at the Orchard Park site are expected to result in 42 additional elementary school students, 20 middle school students, and 7 high school students (see Table 3.14-3 in Section 3.14, "Public Services," in Volume 1 regarding student generation rates) within DJUSD. DJUSD's existing schools have adequate capacity to serve existing DJUSD enrollment levels in addition to enrollment that may be generated by at the proposed redevelopment at Orchard Park. In particular and based on information presented in Table 3.14-2 of Volume 1, the two neighboring elementary schools, Patwin and Willett, have a combined additional capacity of over 100 students. Emerson Junior High School has capacity for an additional 323 students, and Davis High School has capacity for an additional 237 students. Therefore, implementation of the project would not require the expansion of school facilities and impacts would be **less than significant**.

Mitigation Measures

No mitigation measures are necessary.

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