

3.15 RECREATION

This section assesses the potential for implementation of the Orchard Park Redevelopment component of the 2018 LRDP to contribute to physical deterioration of existing recreational facilities, or to have adverse physical effects on the environment as a result of the creation or expansion of recreational facilities.

Public comments on the NOP included concerns regarding the availability of recreation facilities with implementation of the 2018 LRDP. These impacts are described and addressed within this section. As they pertain to implementation of the Orchard Park Redevelopment component of the 2018 LRDP, these impacts are described and addressed within this section.

3.15.1 Regulatory Setting

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

3.15.2 Environmental Setting

Section 3.15, "Recreation," in Volume 1 of this EIR, presents the recreation setting for the entire UC Davis campus, including the Orchard Park site. There are no existing recreation facilities on the Orchard Park site.

3.15.3 Environmental Impacts and Mitigation Measures

SIGNIFICANCE CRITERIA

Refer to Section 3.15, "Recreation," in Volume 1 of this EIR for a discussion of applicable Significance Criteria.

ANALYSIS METHODOLOGY

See Section 3.15, "Recreation," in Volume 1 of this EIR for analytical methods relative to recreation.

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.

Off-site Recreational Facilities

As discussed in Section 3.15, “Recreation,” of Volume 1, the increased demand for recreation facilities would primarily be for on-campus facilities, which are anticipated to be adequate under the 2018 LRDP. Therefore, the 2018 LRDP is not expected to cause substantial deterioration of off-campus recreation facilities. This impact would be less than significant. Therefore, no additional project-level analysis is necessary.

PROJECT-SPECIFIC IMPACTS AND MITIGATION MEASURES

Impact 3.15-1: Impacts on-campus recreation facilities.

The Orchard Park Redevelopment component would increase demand for on-campus recreation facilities. However, maintenance of existing on-campus recreation facilities would be increased as needed, and several new recreation facilities would be constructed as part of the 2018 LRDP to off-set increases in demand for recreational facilities. Therefore, this impact would be **less than significant**.

The Orchard Park Redevelopment component would include 200 student families housing units and up to 1,200 additional beds for graduate, transfer, and undergraduate students, which would increase the student population and associated demand for recreation facilities. The Orchard Park Redevelopment would include a small park play area and tot lot for student families with children, and students would have access to the nearby UC Davis recreation fields along Hutchison Drive, the Student Activities and Recreation Center, and all other UC Davis recreation facilities including the Recreation Pool. As described under Impact 3.15-1 in Section 3.15, “Recreation,” in Volume 1, the existing recreation facilities at UC Davis are maintained as needed to prevent deterioration based on the current use levels, and maintenance levels of existing facilities would be increased as needed to counteract effects of increased usage. The 2018 LRDP would also designate net increases of approximately 39 acres as arboretum and public garden, 4 acres as Putah Creek riparian reserve, and 6 acres of recreation and athletic facilities to further off-set demand for recreational facilities associated with the increased population. Maintenance of existing on-campus recreation facilities would be increased as needed and new recreation facilities would be constructed to off-set demand for recreation facilities. Maintenance of existing on-campus recreation facilities and the construction of new recreation facilities are a component of the 2018 LRDP, whose impacts are analyzed in Volume 1 of this EIR. Based on the foregoing, the impacts to on-campus recreation facilities from the Orchard Park Redevelopment component would be **less than significant**.

Mitigation Measures

No mitigation measures are necessary.
