



# Executive Order

## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT STATE OF CALIFORNIA

### EXECUTIVE ORDER D-13-99

by the

**Governor of the State of California**

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to supercede Executive Order D-12-99 in order to alter the leadership of the University of California Merced Implementation Team;

**WHEREAS**, the state of California is committed to providing educational access to all students; and

**WHEREAS**, the Central Valley has one of the lowest four-year college attendance rates of any major population center in California; and

**WHEREAS**, the Central Valley represents an area of rapid population growth and a region of economic importance to the State of California; and

**WHEREAS**, the establishment of a University of California campus in the Central Valley will bring an array of economic opportunities to the surrounding community; and

**WHEREAS**, the development of the University of California at Merced is one part of a University of California plan to meet the statewide enrollment surge of college students, expected to bring 43 percent more students into the University of California system between 1999 and 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, the University of California has undertaken the planning for a tenth campus in Merced and is planning associated centers throughout the Central Valley in order to accommodate more students; and

**WHEREAS**, the University of California has identified a singularly beautiful setting at the intersection of the Central Valley and the majestic Sierra Nevada and plans to open a 2000 acre campus near Lake Yosemite in the fall of 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, the new University of California campus should be planned cooperatively with the surrounding community; and

**WHEREAS**, the new campus will need to be developed in coordination with multiple regions within the Central Valley and other educational institutions in the region; and

**WHEREAS**, developing the site in Merced will require the development of significant infrastructure, the development of transportation corridors within the county and city of Merced and regional environmental conservation efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, the planning of a campus requires coordination of multiple state, federal, and local agencies in order to satisfy infrastructure, planning and environmental requirements;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, GRAY DAVIS**, Governor of the State of California, hereby constitute a University of California Merced Implementation Team to ensure timely development of the University of California Merced campus:

The Implementation Team shall be in existence until all steps required to meet the targeted opening date shall be complete.

The Implementation Team shall:

bring together as partners state, federal, and local agencies to facilitate implementation of the new campus and associated centers throughout the Central Valley,

proactively explore ways to streamline the review and approval process of multiple state and federal agencies,

ensure that the review, approval and permitting processes are conducted efficiently and are accomplished in a manner that allows the Merced campus to break ground in 2001,

provide expertise and advice from respective agencies to help meet the challenges of opening the new campus and its associated centers.

The Implementation Team will be co-chaired by the Secretary of State and Consumer Services and the Chancellor of the University of California at Merced; and

Other members of the Implementation Team will include Lieutenant Governor Cruz Bustamante, University of California Regent Joanne Kozberg and the Secretaries or Director of the following agencies:

- Office of Planning and Research
- Trade and Commerce Agency
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Resources Agency
- Business, Transportation and Housing Agency
- Department of Food and Agriculture
- Office of the Secretary for Education

All State agencies, departments, and offices responsible to the Governor are directed, and all other public entities are requested to provide their full support and cooperation to the Implementation Team as it discharges its duties under this Order.

 **IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 16th day of December 1999.

Governor of California



**ATTEST:**  
Secretary of State