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Hearing slated Nov. 29 on UCSC research park

A public forum on UCSC's plans to develop a 50-acre electronic research park adjacent to the campus will be held Nov. 29.

The Santa Cruz City Council Tuesday decided the Civic Auditorium could be used for the forum.

In May, the university announced that a committee of town residents and university staff had studied the park project and decided further studies should be done.

University spokesmen recommended that if a park is built by private high-technology firms, the companies should stick to research and development and that manufacturing not be allowed

on site.

University officials have agreed to attend the forum, according to Dave Bockman of the Sierra Club who is the spokesman for the sponsoring group.

Those officials will be questioned by county Supervisor Gary Patton and City Councilwoman Mardi Wormhoudt.

Bockman said, "The university believes that the forum will attract a large audience.

"The sponsoring organizations (believe) a center of the size envisaged would have a significant environmental, social and economic impact."

The meeting at the civic will be at 7:30 p.m.