# The Trustees of the California State University

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# **CEQA – NOTICE OF DETERMINATION**

This Notice is being filed in compliance with Section 21108 and 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

### **Project Title**

Mitigated Negative Declaration, New Student Union Project – September 2019

State Clearinghouse Number

2019029015

# **Lead Agency Contact Person**

Ms. Tinnah Medina, Associate Vice President for Facilities Management (559) 278-2373

Project Location - City of Fresno, Fresno County

Specific Campus – California State University, Fresno

# **Project Description:**

The California State University (CSU) Fresno Campus Master Plan, adopted by the Trustees of the California State University in 2011, addressed all aspects of future physical development and land use on the campus to accommodate the approved enrollment capacity of 25,000 full-time equivalent students (FTES).

The campus proposes revisions to the 2011 Campus Master Plan to accommodate one new facility, the New Student Union (Project). The Project would involve the construction of a new, approximately 80,000 gross-square-foot (GSF) building, as well as outdoor plazas, lawn areas, and an amphitheater to provide engaging and flexible spaces that accommodate a wide range of uses, on an approximately 3.4-acre site in the center of campus near the Henry Madden Library. The Project site is currently occupied by two existing facilities that would be demolished to accommodate the Project: the existing Keats building built in 1956 (7,400 GSF), which occupies the northern portion of the Project Site, and the 1963 open-air amphitheater (approximately 47,000 SF) and stage (3,000 SF), which occupy the central portion of the Project Site.

The New Student Union would support student life and dining, including the needs of over 24,000 students and 270 clubs, student government, and would complement the existing University Student Union and Satellite Student Union. Utility infrastructure improvements, as well as new lighting and landscaping, would also be provided. The Project does not include additional parking facilities.

In accordance with CEQA, an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) was prepared to analyze the potential environmental effects associated with the New Student Union Project. Per CEQA, an IS/MND may be prepared for a project subject to CEQA if an initial study (IS) has identified potentially significant effects on the environment, but (1) revisions in the project plans or proposals made by, or agreed to by, the project proponent before the proposed MND and IS are released for public review would avoid the effects or mitigate the effects to a point in which clearly no significant effect on the environment would occur; and (2) there is no substantial evidence in light of the whole record before the public agency that the project, as revised, may have a significant effect on the environment (California Public Resources Code, Section 21064.5).

The analysis presented in the IS/MND concluded that the Project would result in potentially significant effects on the environment, but that with incorporation of required mitigation measures into the Project, all potentially significant effects would be reduced to a less than significant level. Accordingly:

- 1. The Project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
- 2. A Negative Declaration was prepared for this Project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
- 3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of the approval of the Project.
- 4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was adopted for this Project.
- 5. A statement of Overriding Considerations is not required to be adopted for this Project.
- 6. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

Therefore, the California State University as the lead agency has approved the above-described Project on September 25, 2019, and has made the following determinations regarding the Project:

- 1. The IS/MND for the New Student Union Project addressed the potential significant environmental impacts, mitigation measures, comments, and responses to comments associated with the New Student Union Project and all discretionary actions related thereto.
- 2. The Board of Trustees of the California State University considered the IS/MND prior to its action approving the Project.

*This is to certify* that the September 2019 IS/MND, supporting documentation, and record of Project approval are available to the General Public at California State University, Fresno, Facilities Management, 2351 E. Barstow Avenue M/S PO88, Fresno, California 93740-8004; online at <a href="http://fresnostate.edu/adminserv/facilitiesmanagement/campus-projects/index.html">http://fresnostate.edu/adminserv/facilitiesmanagement/campus-projects/index.html</a>; and at the CSU Office of the Chancellor, Capital Planning, Design and Construction, 401 Golden Shore, Long Beach, CA 90802-4210.

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September 25, 2019

Signature - Anne Collins-Doehne

Date

Principal Environmental Planner, The California State University Office of the Chancellor

Title

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| ☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due d      | lirectly to CDFW        | \$1,112.0  |            |                         | 0.00                 |
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| ☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)                            |                         |  |            |                         |                      |
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#### NOTICE

Each project applicant shall remit to the county clerk the environmental filing fee before or at the time of filing a Notice of Determination (Pub. Resources Code, § 21152; Fish & G. Code, § 711.4, subdivision (d); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 753.5). Without the appropriate fee, statutory or categorical exemption, or a valid No Effect Determination issued by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), the Notice of Determination is not operative, vested, or final, and shall not be accepted by the county clerk.

#### COUNTY DOCUMENTARY HANDLING FEE

The county clerk may charge a documentary handling fee of fifty dollars (\$50) per filing in addition to the environmental filing fee (Fish & G. Code, § 711.4, subd. (e); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 753.5, subd. (g)(1)). A county board of supervisors shall have the authority to increase or decrease the fee or charge, that is otherwise authorized to be levied by another provision of law, in the amount reasonably necessary to recover the cost of providing any product or service or the cost of enforcing any regulation for which the fee or charge is levied (Gov. Code, § 54985, subd. (a)).

#### COLLECTION PROCEDURES FOR COUNTY GOVERNMENTS

|            | COLLECTION PROCEDURES FOR COUNTY GOVERNMENTS   |
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|            | Collect environmental filing fee or copy of previously issued cash receipt. (Do not collect fee if project applicant presents a No Effect Determination signed by CDFW. An additional fee is required for each separate environmental document. An addendum is not considered a separate environmental document. Checks should be made payable to the county.)  Issue cash receipt to project applicant.  Attach copy of cash receipt and, if applicable, previously issued cash receipt, to NOD.  Mail filing fees for CRP document to CDFW prior to filing the NOD or equivalent final approval (Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 14, § 753.5 (b)(5)). The CRP should request receipt from CDFW to show proof of payment for filing the NOD or equivalent approval. Please mail payment to address below made attention to the Cash Receipts Unit of the Accounting Services Branch. |
| lf th<br>□ | ne project applicant presents a <b>No Effect Determination</b> signed by CDFW, <u>also</u> : Attach No Effect Determination to NOD <i>(no environmental filing fee is due)</i> .   |
| Filing     | g Notice of Exemption (NOE) (Statutorily or categorically exempt project (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §§ 15260-15285, 15300-15333)) Issue cash receipt to project applicant. Attach copy of cash receipt to NOE (no environmental filing fee is due).  |

Within 30 days after the end of each month in which the environmental filing fees are collected, each county shall summarize and record the amount collected on the monthly State of California Form No. CA25 (TC31) and remit the amount collected to the State Treasurer. Identify the remittance on Form No. CA25 as "Environmental Document Filing Fees" per Fish and Game Code section 711.4.

#### The county clerk shall mail the following documents to CDFW on a monthly basis:

- ✓ A photocopy of the monthly State of California Form No. CA25 (TC31)
- ✓ CDFW/ASB copies of all cash receipts (including all voided receipts)
- ✓ A copy of all CDFW No Effect Determinations filed in lieu of fee payment
- ✓ A copy of all NODs filed with the county during the preceding month
- ✓ A list of the name, address and telephone number of all project applicants for which an NOD has been filed. If this information is contained on the cash receipt filed with CDFW under California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 753.5, subdivision (e)(6), no additional information is required.

# DOCUMENT RETENTION

The county shall retain two copies of the cash receipt (for lead agency and county clerk) and a copy of all documents described above for at least 12 months.

# RECEIPT NUMBER

- # The first two digits automatically populate by making the appropriate selection in the County/State Agency of Filing drop down menu.
- # The next eight digits automatically populate when a date is entered.
- # The last three digits correspond with the sequential order of issuance for each calendar year. For example, the first receipt number issued on January 1 should end in 001. If a county issued 252 receipts for the year ending on December 31, the last receipt number should end in 252. CDFW recommends that counties and state agencies 1) save a local copy of this form, and 2) track receipt numbers on a spreadsheet tabbed by month to ensure accuracy.

# DO NOT COMBINE THE ENVIRONMENTAL FEES WITH THE STATE SHARE OF FISH AND WILDLIFE FEES.

#### Mail to:

California Department of Fish and Wildlife Accounting Services Branch P.O. Box 944209 Sacramento, California 94244-2090