

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
NEW STUDENT UNION PROJECT
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FRESNO
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY

California State University (CSU), Fresno (Fresno State) proposes to construct a new, approximate 80,000-gross-square-foot (GSF) Student Union building. The Project would also include demolition of the existing 7,400-GSF Keats building, as well as the approximate 47,000-square-foot amphitheater and 3,000-square-foot stage on the Project site. The building would include lounge spaces, meeting rooms for student clubs and organizations, campus-serving retail services and program spaces, and offices for professional staff affiliated with Fresno State. The building would also include a 12,000-square-foot multi-purpose meeting room accommodating 1,200 seats. A new student plaza would be created north of the new Student Union building. Utility infrastructure improvements, new lighting and landscaping, and a loading dock would also be provided. The Project would not include additional parking facilities. A master plan revision is also proposed to accommodate the new Student Union building on the Project site. This would involve changes to the current Master Plan that would add the Project to the proposed location and remove the existing Keats building and amphitheater/stage from the Project site.

The Project would address several of Fresno State's strategic goals and current deficiencies by providing additional, centrally located student life and support spaces on campus to serve the needs of over 24,000 students, 270 clubs, student government, and other social organizations; improving connectivity of student life functions and accessibility of amenities; creating a focal point on the campus that integrates faculty and students of all levels, promotes socialization and community, and functions as a hub of student life and activity; and using sustainable design principles and ensuring that new construction achieves at least Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold or equivalent performance and energy efficiency beyond Title 24 requirements. The Project site is not included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

A Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared for the Project. The Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration concludes that, with project-level mitigation measures incorporated into the Project, no significant environmental impacts relating to the Project would occur. Therefore, adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration is proposed for the Project. The CSU Board of Trustees is tentatively scheduled to consider approval of master plan revision and schematic designs for the Project and adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration during its July 2019 meetings.

The Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Project are available for public review at the Henry Madden Library at 5200 N. Barton Avenue and online at <http://fresnostate.edu/adminserv/facilitiesmanagement/campus-projects/index.html>. The public review period for this Notice of Intent to Adopted a Mitigated Negative Declaration begins on February 5, 2019 and ends at 5:00 p.m. on March 7, 2019.

Written comments or inquiries should be directed to Tinnah Medina, Associate Vice President for Facilities Management, California State University, Fresno, 2351 E. Barstow Avenue M/S PO88, Fresno, CA 93740-8004 (email: tinnahcm@mail.fresnostate.edu).



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Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

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Project Title: New Student Union Project
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City: Fresno, California Zip: 93740 County: Fresno

Project Location: County: Fresno City/Nearest Community: Fresno
Cross Streets: East Keats Avenue and Campus Drive Zip Code: 93740
Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): ... N / ... W Total Acres: 3.5
Assessor's Parcel No.: Unknown Section: 11 Twp: 13 S Range: 20 E Base: NA
Within 2 Miles: State Hwy#: 168, 41 Waterways: NA
Airports: Fresno Yosemite International Railways: NA Schools: University High School, several others

Document Type:

CEQA: [] NOP [] Draft EIR [] Early Cons [] Supplement/Subsequent EIR [] Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) [] Mit Neg Dec Other:
NEPA: [] NOI [] EA [] Draft EIS [] Other:
Other: [] Joint Document [] Final Document [] Other:
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Local Action Type:

[] Community Plan [x] Site Plan [] Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) [x] Other: Design Approval

Development Type:

[] Residential: Units _____ Acres _____
[] Office: Sq. ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____
[] Commercial: Sq. ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____
[] Industrial: Sq. ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____
[x] Educational: Student Union
[] Recreational
[] Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____
[] Other: _____

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

[x] Aesthetic/Visual [] Fiscal [x] Recreation/Parks [x] Vegetation
[x] Agricultural Land [x] Flood Plain/Flooding [x] Schools/Universities [x] Water Quality
[x] Air Quality [x] Forest Land/Fire Hazard [x] Septic Systems [x] Water Supply/Groundwater
[x] Archeological/Historical [x] Geologic/Seismic [x] Sewer Capacity [x] Wetland/Riparian
[x] Biological Resources [x] Minerals [x] Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading [x] Growth Inducement
[] Coastal Zone [x] Noise [x] Solid Waste [x] Land Use
[x] Drainage/Absorption [x] Population/Housing Balance [x] Toxic/Hazardous [x] Cumulative Effects
[] Economic/Jobs [x] Public Services/Facilities [x] Traffic/Circulation [x] Other: GHG, Energy

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)

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State Review Began:

2-5-2019

SCH COMPLIANCE

3-6-2019

Project Sent to the following State Agencies

[x] Resources
Boating & Waterways
Central Valley Flood Prot.
Coastal Comm
Colorado Rvr Bd
Conservation
CDFW # 4
Cal Fire
Historic Preservation
Parks & Rec
Bay Cons & Dev Comm.
DWR
Cal EPA
ARB: Airport & Freight
ARB: Transportation Projects
ARB: Major Industrial/Energy Resources, Recycl. & Recovery
SWRCB: Div. of Drinking Water
SWRCB: Div. Drinking Wtr #
SWRCB: Div. Financial Assist.
SWRCB: Wtr Quality
SWRCB: Wtr Rights
Reg. WQCB # SF
Toxic Sub Ctrl-CTC
Yth/Adlt Corrections
Corrections
Independent Comm
Delta Protection Comm
Delta Stewardship Council
Energy Commission
NAHC
Public Utilities Comm
Santa Monica Bay Restoration
State Lands Comm
Tahoe Rgl Plan Agency
Conservancy
Other:
CalSTA
Aeronautics
CHP
Caltrans# 6
Trans Planning
Other
Education
Food & Agriculture
HCD
OES
State/Consumer Svcs
General Services

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