

**NOTICE OF INTENT  
TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION  
FOR THE SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY  
IMPERIAL VALLEY OFF-CAMPUS CENTER - BRAWLEY  
BRAWLEY SCIENCES BUILDING**

The Board of Trustees of California State University (CSU) intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration, prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), Public Resources Code, section 21000 *et seq.*, for the proposed San Diego State University ("SDSU") Imperial Valley Off-Campus Center - Brawley, Brawley Sciences Building project (Proposed Project).

**Project Description and Location:** The Proposed Project would be located on SDSU's Imperial Valley Off-Campus Center - Brawley, at 560 California State Route 78 in Imperial County, east of the city of Brawley. The environmental impacts associated with development of the entire Brawley Center, including the site of the Proposed Project, were evaluated at a program level of review under CEQA in the SDSU Imperial Valley Campus Master Plan Project Environmental Impact Report (EIR) (SCH 2002051010), which also analyzed improvements to the nearby Calexico Off-Campus Center affiliated with SDSU. The EIR was certified and the Master Plan for the Brawley Center was approved by the CSU Board of Trustees in 2003. The Brawley Center Master Plan provides the framework for development of academic, sports/athletic, student services, and administrative facilities to serve a projected future enrollment of 850 full-time equivalent (FTE) students. The Proposed Project would not increase student enrollment at the Brawley Center above the previously approved 850 FTE projection.

The Proposed Project would involve the construction and operation of a new approximately 36,900 gross square foot (GSF) building that would be 35 feet in height and include approximately 22,500 assignable square feet (ASF) of lower and upper division teaching labs, research and research services space, experimental fabrication space for collaborative work with future public and private partners, faculty/administrative offices, conference rooms, and mechanical, electrical and telecommunication support spaces.

The Proposed Project also would include approximately 61,200 square feet (sf) of on-site landscaping, including construction of bio-retention areas to capture stormwater runoff. Other features include approximately 41,300 sf of hardscape improvements (i.e., sidewalks and pedestrian walkways). The Proposed Project would require water, fire water, and sewer connection points, as well as a new three-inch domestic water line. Sewer and wastewater collection services would be provided by the City of Brawley. Electrical services would be provided by the Imperial Irrigation District. New electrical connections would be required, and no natural gas usage is proposed.

Construction of the Proposed Project is anticipated to begin January 2024 and end in approximately August 2025. Once completed, the Proposed Project would serve and support the previously approved student enrollment; the Proposed Project does not include an increase, nor would it result in an increase, in student enrollment above prior approved levels. Four new faculty/staff members, in addition to existing campus faculty/staff, would support the new facility.

**Government Code Section 65962.5:** The site of the Proposed Project is not listed on any databases identified under Government Code section 65962.5.

**Document Availability:** The proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and supporting Initial Study, and all documents referred to therein, including the 2003 Campus Master Plan EIR, are incorporated by this reference, and are available for public inspection and review online on SDSU's website at <https://bfa.sdsu.edu/campus/facilities/planning/eir> and SDSU Imperial Valley, Brawley's webpage at <https://imperialvalley.sdsu.edu/about/brawley>. Copies of the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study and supporting technical reports also are available for review upon request. Documents will be made available for public inspection at the SDSU Imperial Valley Off-Campus Center - Brawley, 560 SR-78, upon prior request with Maribel Madero, Director of Business and Financial Affairs, who can be contacted at [maribel.madero@sdsu.edu](mailto:maribel.madero@sdsu.edu) or 760-768-5515. Documents will also be made available for public inspection at San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive, San Diego with Amanda Scheidlinger, Director of Construction, who can be contacted at [ascheidlinger@sdsu.edu](mailto:ascheidlinger@sdsu.edu) or 619-594-3740. Copies of the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study and supporting technical reports also are available for review at the Brawley Public Library, 400 Main Street #1, Brawley, California, and the Malcolm A. Love Library at San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive, San Diego, California.

**Public Review Period:** SDSU will receive public comments on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study for a 30-day period, beginning September 5, 2023, and concluding October 5, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. Written comments must be submitted to Amanda Scheidlinger, Director of Construction, at San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive, San Diego, California, 92182-1624. Written comments also may be submitted to Ms. Scheidlinger electronically at [ascheidlinger@sdsu.edu](mailto:ascheidlinger@sdsu.edu).

No action or proceeding may be brought under CEQA to challenge the CSU Board of Trustees' adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration unless the alleged grounds for noncompliance were presented to CSU/SDSU in writing by any person during the public comment period or prior to issuance of the Notice of Determination.