

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: 2002051010

Project Title: San Diego State University Imperial Valley Off-Campus Center - Calexico, Affordable Student Housing Proj

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Project Location: Calexico

City

Imperial

County

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The proposed Project involves the construction and operation of an approximately 12,000-square-foot, single-story, four-building complex that would provide affordable student housing at the SDSU Imperial Valley Off-Campus Center - Calexico. The complex would include three student housing buildings, including one smaller live-in unit building, and a community building. Combined, the Project would provide a total of 80 student beds: 10 four-bedroom apartments (80 student beds). A 2-bedroom unit would also provide living space for on-site management (for a total of 82 beds). Other features of the proposed Project would include approximately 16,000 square feet of on-site landscaping and hardscape improvements. The proposed Project would provide student housing for students attending both the Off-Campus Center - Calexico and the Imperial Valley Community College District (IVCCD).

SDSU and the IVCCD have received joint funding under the State of California Higher Education Student Housing Grant Program to construct the proposed Project. To support basic housing needs for students in the Imperial Valley, SDSU and IVCCD have executed a 30-year master lease agreement that details operation of the Project. This agreement dictates that 40 of the 80 proposed student beds would be reserved for IVCCD students who attend the Imperial Valley College in Imperial. Likewise, 40 of the proposed 82 beds, would be reserved for SDSU students. SDSU would be responsible for operating, managing, and maintaining the proposed Project once operational.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

The proposed project would result in potentially significant impacts to Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Noise, Transportation, and Tribal Cultural Resources. Proposed mitigation measures, summarized below, would reduce the identified impacts to a less than significant level.

AQ-1: Addresses the potential for direct and indirect air quality impacts due to construction-related air pollutants to by ensuring that construction equipment use Tier 4 engines during construction activities to the extent possible.

BIO-1: Addresses potential impacts to nesting birds and bats and provides for implementation of avoidance buffers under specified circumstances.

GEO-1: Addresses potential impacts to paleontological resources and provides for the presence of a qualified paleontologist to monitor ground-disturbing activities and address any resource discoveries.

NOI-1: Addresses potential impacts related to construction noise levels by requiring a temporary construction noise barrier along the southern and eastern project boundaries through the construction process.

TRA-1: Addresses potential impacts associated with a hazardous geometric design feature by requiring preparation of a traffic control plan prior to construction.

TCR-1: Addresses potential impacts to tribal cultural resources and provides for the presence of a tribal representative to monitor construction activities and take appropriate action in the event of resource discovery.

Mitigation measures from the 2003 Campus Master Plan EIR applicable to the proposed project include: Section 3.5 (Cultural Resources), Mitigation Measure 1 and Section 3.2 (Geology and Soils) Mitigation Measures 1 and 2.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

There are no known areas of controversy.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

California Department of Fish and Wildlife