

State Center Community College District
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
Reedley College Center for Fine and Performing Arts Project
(State Clearinghouse No. 2019069080)

Project Title: Reedley College Center for Fine and Performing Arts Project

Lead Agency and Project Sponsor: State Center Community College District

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Project Location and Description: State Center Community College District (“District”) is proposing to develop and operate the Reedley College Center for Fine and Performing Arts Project (“project”), to be located at the Reedley College campus in the City of Reedley. The project includes construction and operation of a performing arts center located on approximately four acres at the northwest corner of Reed Avenue and College Driveway.

The Center for Fine and Performing Arts Project would include the following facilities: an auditorium with seating for 500-550 patrons; a 1,000 square-foot art gallery; an indoor lobby area configurable to accommodate up to 150 people as a sit-down dinner venue; a concessions area; a green room; a box office; a conference room; restrooms; and miscellaneous areas for storage and equipment. The project also includes an outdoor plaza that would function as a congregational area and may be used as an area for outdoor events; this area would include landscaping, lighting, and possibly public art.

If approved, the project is planned to begin construction in spring 2021 and estimated to begin operation between late 2022 and early 2023.

Mitigation Measures: The District has incorporated into the project mitigation measures for potentially significant impacts related to aesthetics, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, noise, transportation, and tribal cultural resources. The mitigation measures are included in Summary Table of Mitigation Measures of the Initial Study and throughout the body of the Initial Study.

Finding: As required by the California Environmental Quality Act, the District prepared an Initial Study for the project. Based on the Initial Study, the District determined that although the project could have a significant effect on the environment, there would not be a significant effect in this case because the District incorporated into the project mitigation measures that would avoid any significant effects of the project or render them less than significant. Therefore, it is the intent of State Center Community College District to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project.

November 12, 2020

Signature

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