

State Center Community College District
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
Madera Community College at Oakhurst Project
(State Clearinghouse No. 2019090336)

Project Title: Madera Community Center at Oakhurst Project

Lead Agency and Project Sponsor: State Center Community College District

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Project Location and Description: The Madera Community College at Oakhurst Project (project) involves the construction and operation of a community college center campus to serve students in Oakhurst, Ahwahnee, Coarsegold, North Fork, and other nearby communities. The project location is an approximately 30-acre site on the west side of Westlake Drive (40800 Westlake Drive), north of Liberty Drive, in the unincorporated community of Oakhurst, in Madera County. This new campus will replace the existing campus, which consists of eight portable buildings located on a 2.5-acre site located at Road 426 and Civic Circle in Oakhurst, approximately 1.2 miles southeast of the proposed project site.

The project consists of a single structure containing 22,002 square feet of enclosed building area and 9,654 square feet of open covered area for an overall area of 31,656 square feet (see Figure 3). The Administration (6,250 sq. ft.) and Classroom (7,684 sq. ft.) Wings are connected by an enclosed "Learning Commons" (2,509 sq. ft.) The Science Wing (5,005 sq. ft.) is connected to the Administration and Classroom Wings by covered patios. The buildings and covered areas surround an open courtyard. The project also includes a 159-stall parking lot, a utility yard, pedestrian pathways, landscaping, approximately 900 feet of new 8-inch sewer main, and an off-site sign. The project will also include either the signalization of the State Route 49/Westlake Drive intersection or the installation of a roundabout (pending further analysis and approval by Caltrans).

The campus, as initially constructed, will serve the existing approximately 1,030 students and 24 faculty and staff. The campus will expand as needed to accommodate future growth, serving an estimated 1,582 students and 30 faculty and staff by 2040. Construction of the project is anticipated to begin in fall 2021 and be completed by late 2023.

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



Signature

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