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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND INITIAL STUDY**

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DATE: July 1, 2020

TO: Responsible Agencies, Interested Parties, and Organizations

SUBJECT: **California Conservation Corps, Auberry Center Project — TOWN OF AUBERRY, FRESNO COUNTY**

The California Conservation Corps (CCC) is the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Lead Agency for the proposed CCC Auberry Center Project (Proposed Project). CCC has directed the preparation of an Initial Study (IS) Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) in compliance with CEQA.

**Project Location:** The Proposed Project is located at 33367 North Auberry Road, immediately west of the Auberry Road and Powerhouse Road intersection, at the former Auberry Elementary School in Auberry, Fresno County, California within Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APNs) 128-560-12T and 128-560-02T.

**Project Description:** The California Conservation Corps (CCC) Auberry Center Project (Proposed Project) will renovate the existing dilapidated elementary school with an upgraded, modern facility that will allow the CCC to better fulfill its mission and objectives in the region. The Proposed Project would provide for a new residential, training, and operations facility for approximately 90 Corpsmembers and 26 staff. Totalling approximately 58,000 square feet (sf) of remodeled and new building construction, the Project will include 10 buildings consisting of an administration building, four dormitories, two education buildings, a multipurpose building, a mess hall, and a warehouse with work area and a hazardous materials storage room. The Project also includes a paved emergency crew and vehicle staging area, asphalt paved surfaces for driveways and parking, and concrete paving for service and staging areas and walkways.

The facility is designed based on the prototype and CCC's residential needs to house 90 permanent Corpsmembers. The center is intended to be designed to Zero Net Energy (ZNE) per the Governor's Executive Order (EO) B-18-12 and achieve at minimum a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver certification.

**Potentially Significant Environmental Impacts:** Potentially significant impacts to air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, and tribal cultural resources were identified in the Initial Study. All impacts would be reduced to a less than significant level with the implementation of identified mitigation measures.

**Hazardous Waste Sites:** Pursuant to Section 15087(c)(6) of the Guidelines for California Environmental Quality Act, CCC acknowledges the non-existence of hazardous waste sites within the Project area reviewed by this Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND).

**IS/MND Document Review and Availability:** The public review and comment period for the Draft IS/MND will extend for 30 days **starting July 1, 2020 and ending July 31, 2020**. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, printed hard copies will not be available to the public. However, the Draft IS/MND can be viewed and/or downloaded at the following website:

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<http://www.ecorpconsulting.com/docs/CCC-Auberry-Center-Draft-ISMND-WITH-APPENDICES.pdf>

**Comments/Questions:** Comments and/or questions regarding the IS/MND may be directed to:

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