

**NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF AN
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
FOR THE
Evergreen Valley College Facilities Master Plan**

**To: Public Agencies and Concerned
Citizens/Interested Parties**

**From: San José Evergreen Community
College District
40 S. Market Street
San José, CA 95113**

Lead Agency/Project Proponent: San José Evergreen Community College District

Notice: Notice is hereby given that the San José Evergreen Community College District (SJECCD), acting as Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), is preparing an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Vision 2030 Evergreen Valley College Facilities Master Plan (EVC FMP) and other actions and transactions associated with the proposed project. Written comments regarding the issues that should be covered in the EIR, including potential alternatives to the proposed project and the scope of the analysis, are invited. This Notice of Preparation (NOP), and Initial Study, are available on the SJECCD website at: <http://cboc.sjebond.com/program-documents/>

The EIR is being prepared in compliance with CEQA. Under CEQA, upon deciding to prepare an EIR, the SJECCD must issue a NOP to inform trustee agencies, responsible agencies, and the public of that decision. The purpose of the NOP is to provide information describing the project and its potential environmental effects to those who may wish to comment regarding the scope and content of the information to be included in the EIR. Agencies should comment on such information as it relates to their statutory responsibilities in connection with the project.

The EIR will provide an evaluation of potential environmental impacts associated with development of the proposed project. The proposed project description, location, and environmental issue areas that may be affected by development of the proposed project are described below. The EIR will evaluate the potentially significant environmental impacts of the proposed project, on both a direct and cumulative basis, identify mitigation measures that may be feasible to lessen or avoid such impacts, and identify alternatives to the proposed project.

Project Location: The project site is located at:

Evergreen Valley College
3095 Yerba Buena Road, San José, CA 95128

The Evergreen Valley College campus is located in a developed suburban/rural setting within east-central San José, regionally accessible from Interstate 101. It is surrounded by a variety of uses, including residential uses and Falls Creek Park to the north; residential uses, Evergreen Park, and a church to the south; Montgomery Hill Park and undeveloped lands to the east; and residential uses and an assisted-living facility to the west.

Project Description: The San José Evergreen Community College District (SJECCD) proposes to construct and implement the Vision 2030 Evergreen Valley College Facilities Master Plan (EVC FMP), which includes renovations throughout the EVC campus, demolition of aging structures, construction of

new structures, and upgrades to existing transportation and circulation facilities. A detailed project description is included in the Initial Study referenced in this notice.

Scoping Meeting: SJECCD is hosting a public scoping meeting on February 10, 2021 from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. Please join virtually from your PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android devices:

<https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/98666023692>

Environmental Effects and the Scope of the EIR: The EIR will analyze potentially significant impacts that result from implementation of the proposed project.

As indicated above, the SJECCD has prepared an Initial Study to describe the project and identify any potentially significant project-specific or cumulative environmental effects, as well as, identify any mitigation measures or alternatives that may avoid or mitigate the identified effects, if any, to a less-than-significant level. Based on the findings of the Initial Study, it is anticipated that the following topics could have potentially significant impacts:

- Air Quality
- Energy
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Noise
- Transportation
- Utilities and Service Systems

In addition, the EIR will describe and evaluate project alternatives that may reduce or avoid any identified significant adverse impacts of the project. Unless new information is presented during the NOP comment process, the following topics are expected to have less-than-significant impacts and will be discussed only in the Initial Study: aesthetics; archaeological resources; agriculture and forestry resources; biological resources; cultural resources; geology and soils; hazards and hazardous materials; hydrology and water quality; land use and planning; mineral resources; population and housing; public services; recreation; tribal cultural resources; and wildfire.

Address Where Written Comments May be Sent: Comments and suggestions as to the appropriate scope of analysis in the EIR are invited from all interested parties. Written comments or questions concerning the EIR for the proposed project should be directed to the SJECCD at the following address, in writing, by the end of the scoping period, **Monday, February 22, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.** Submit comments by U.S. Mail or E-mail to:

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