



Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration

Notice is hereby given that the California State University has completed an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act for the project described below.

Project Title: California State University, San Marcos (CSUSM) Integrated Science and Engineering (IS&E) Building Project

Project Description: CSUSM is proposing to construct an IS&E building project with a combined 125,000 square feet on a 2.46-acre site and an approximately 750-foot-long off-site utility tunnel on an additional 0.17 acre within the existing campus (proposed project). The proposed project would provide state of the art facilities for teaching, learning, and research, featuring integrative innovative technology and flexible configurations for classrooms and laboratories. The proposed project would require re-routing an existing service road and underground utilities. Other on-site improvements would include a loading dock and freight elevator, landscaping, exterior lighting, building and wayfinding signage, fire lane access, fire hydrants, and access for trash collection. The proposed project would be constructed in separate phases. Once operational, the proposed project would support new College of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics undergraduate programs on campus. The proposed project is anticipated to result in approximately 350 new students (i.e., students not currently enrolled) and 33 new staff and faculty in the opening year.

Project Location: The proposed project is located in the eastern portion of the CSUSM campus, which is located at 333 S. Twin Oaks Valley Road in the City of San Marcos. The project site is not included on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5.

Filing: On the basis of the Initial Study, CSUSM has determined that with the incorporation of the mitigation measures proposed in the Initial Study, the proposed project would not have a significant adverse effect on the environment. Mitigation measures for biological resources, cultural resources, and tribal cultural resources will be required to reduce impacts to a less than significant level. Accordingly, CSUSM intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration, pursuant to Section 21080(c) of the Public Resources Code.

Public Comment Period: The Initial Study/proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/proposed MND) is available for a 30-day public review and comment period from July 17, 2024 to August 16, 2024. Your comments on the IS/proposed MND are welcome. If you wish to comment on the IS/proposed MND, please send any written comments with your name and/or the name of your agency contact person (if applicable), to the following address or email address by August 16, 2024.

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Document Availability: A copy of the IS/proposed MND and supporting documents can be reviewed at the CSUSM Office of Planning, Design & Construction during regular business hours, located at 441 La Moree Road, San Marcos, CA 92078. The document is also available for viewing online at:

https://www.csusm.edu/pdc/projects_construction/ise.html:



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Date of Notice