

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Integrated Science and Engineering Building Project

Lead Agency: California State University, San Marcos

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Project Location: 333 Twin Oaks Valley Road in the City of San Marcos, San Diego County

City

County

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

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 for a total duration of approximately 25 months. 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.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

Biological Resources: The proposed project would involve vegetation removal and ground-disturbing activities, including grading and excavation, which could result in injury, mortality, habitat modification, and disturbance to special-status bird species. Mitigation Measure BIO-1 specifies requirements that the construction contractor must follow during construction activities that occur within the coastal California gnatcatcher breeding season. Mitigation Measure BIO-2 requires that a qualified biologist complete a nesting bird survey prior to construction activities within the nesting bird season and establish avoidance buffers around active nests.

Cultural and Tribal Cultural Resources: Archaeological and tribal cultural resources are not anticipated to be encountered during project construction because ground disturbance is not proposed in native soils. However, the potential remains for the unanticipated discovery of an archaeological or tribal cultural resource on the project site. Mitigation Measures CUL-1 and TCR-1 through TCR-4, which were developed based on input from consulting tribes, require CSUSM to develop a cultural resources monitoring plan, retain archaeological and tribal monitors, follow specific procedures in the event of unanticipated discoveries, avoid and preserve sacred sites, relinquish ownership of artifacts and repatriate cultural resources to the respective tribe, and complete a monitoring report.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

There are no known areas of controversy regarding the proposed project.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

Permits and/or approvals would be needed from the following agencies and other entities: CSU Office of Fire Safety, San Diego County Air Pollution Control District, San Diego Gas & Electric, State Water Resources Control Board, Vallecitos Water District, San Diego County Department of Environmental Health