

**The Trustees of the California State University**  
401 Golden Shore – Long Beach, California 90802-4210  
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**CEQA – NOTICE OF DETERMINATION**

This Notice is being filed in compliance with Section 21108 and 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

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**Project Title**

Mitigated Negative Declaration, New Student Union Project – September 2019

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**State Clearinghouse Number**

2019029015

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**Lead Agency Contact Person**

Ms. Tinnah Medina, Associate Vice President for Facilities Management (559) 278-2373

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**Project Location – City of Fresno, Fresno County    Specific Campus – California State University,  
Fresno**

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**Project Description:**

The California State University (CSU) Fresno Campus Master Plan, adopted by the Trustees of the California State University in 2011, addressed all aspects of future physical development and land use on the campus to accommodate the approved enrollment capacity of 25,000 full-time equivalent students (FTES).

The campus proposes revisions to the 2011 Campus Master Plan to accommodate one new facility, the New Student Union (Project). The Project would involve the construction of a new, approximately 80,000 gross-square-foot (GSF) building, as well as outdoor plazas, lawn areas, and an amphitheater to provide engaging and flexible spaces that accommodate a wide range of uses, on an approximately 3.4-acre site in the center of campus near the Henry Madden Library. The Project site is currently occupied by two existing facilities that would be demolished to accommodate the Project: the existing Keats building built in 1956 (7,400 GSF), which occupies the northern portion of the Project Site, and the 1963 open-air amphitheater (approximately 47,000 SF) and stage (3,000 SF), which occupy the central portion of the Project Site.

The New Student Union would support student life and dining, including the needs of over 24,000 students and 270 clubs, student government, and would complement the existing University Student Union and Satellite Student Union. Utility infrastructure improvements, as well as new lighting and landscaping, would also be provided. The Project does not include additional parking facilities.

In accordance with CEQA, an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) was prepared to analyze the potential environmental effects associated with the New Student Union Project. Per CEQA, an IS/MND may be prepared for a project subject to CEQA if an initial study (IS) has identified potentially significant effects on the environment, but (1) revisions in the project plans or proposals made by, or agreed to by, the project proponent before the proposed MND and IS are released for public review would avoid the effects or mitigate the effects to a point in which clearly no significant effect on the environment would occur; and (2) there is no substantial evidence in light of the whole record before the public agency that the project, as revised, may have a significant effect on the environment (California Public Resources Code, Section 21064.5).


The analysis presented in the IS/MND concluded that the Project would result in potentially significant effects on the environment, but that with incorporation of required mitigation measures into the Project, all potentially significant effects would be reduced to a less than significant level. Accordingly:

1. The Project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. A Negative Declaration was prepared for this Project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of the approval of the Project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was adopted for this Project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations is not required to be adopted for this Project.
6. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

Therefore, the California State University as the lead agency has approved the above-described Project on September 25, 2019, and has made the following determinations regarding the Project:

1. The IS/MND for the New Student Union Project addressed the potential significant environmental impacts, mitigation measures, comments, and responses to comments associated with the New Student Union Project and all discretionary actions related thereto.
2. The Board of Trustees of the California State University considered the IS/MND prior to its action approving the Project.

*This is to certify* that the September 2019 IS/MND, supporting documentation, and record of Project approval are available to the General Public at California State University, Fresno, Facilities Management, 2351 E. Barstow Avenue M/S PO88, Fresno, California 93740-8004; online at <http://fresnostate.edu/adminserv/facilitiesmanagement/campus-projects/index.html>; and at the CSU Office of the Chancellor, Capital Planning, Design and Construction, 401 Golden Shore, Long Beach, CA 90802-4210.



*Signature – Anne Collins-Doehne*

September 25, 2019

*Date*

Principal Environmental Planner, The California State University Office of the Chancellor

*Title*

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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**2019 ENVIRONMENTAL FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT**  
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 12/01/18) Previously DFG 753.5a

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 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)  
 2019029015

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| COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING<br>OPR/SCH           | DOCUMENT NUMBER   |                   |

PROJECT TITLE

**New Student Union Project**

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| PROJECT APPLICANT NAME<br>Tinnah Medina                      | PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL | PHONE NUMBER<br>(559) 578-0285 |
| PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS<br>2351 E. Barstow Avenue M/S PO88 | CITY<br>Fresno          | STATE<br>CA                    |
|  |                         | ZIP CODE<br>93740-8004         |

**PROJECT APPLICANT** (Check appropriate box)

- Local Public Agency    
  School District    
  Other Special District    
  State Agency    
  Private Entity

**CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:**

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|---|------------|----|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)  | \$3,271.00 | \$ | 0.00     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)                        | \$2,354.75 | \$ | 2,354.75 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW | \$1,112.00 | \$ | 0.00     |

- Exempt from fee  
      Notice of Exemption (attach)  
      CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)  
 Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) | \$850.00 | \$ | 0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee  |          | \$ |      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other  |          | \$ |      |

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September 25, 2019

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Dear Sir/Madam:

California State University, Fresno  
New Student Union Project  
State Clearinghouse No. 2019029015  
Check Number 161020 (\$2,354.75)

Enclosed is the Notice of Determination prepared for California State University, Fresno (CSUF), for which a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the New Student Union at CSUF was prepared. A check for the Department of Fish and Wildlife Fee of \$2,354.75, per Senate Bill 1535, is enclosed. *mailed, Justin*

Also enclosed is a duplicate copy of the Notice of Determination to be stamped by your office and returned in the self-addressed stamped envelope provided.

Sincerely,  
Elvyra F. San Juan  
Assistant Vice Chancellor  
Capital Planning, Design and Construction

By *Anne Collins-Doehne*

Anne Collins-Doehne  
Principal Environmental Planner, Capital Planning, Design and Construction

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**Distribution:**

Ms. Tinnah Medina, Associate Vice President for Facilities Management, California State University, Fresno

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