

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
NEW STUDENT UNION PROJECT
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FRESNO
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY

California State University (CSU), Fresno (Fresno State) proposes to construct a new, approximate 80,000-gross-square-foot (GSF) Student Union building. The Project would also include demolition of the existing 7,400-GSF Keats building, as well as the approximate 47,000-square-foot amphitheater and 3,000-square-foot stage on the Project site. The building would include lounge spaces, meeting rooms for student clubs and organizations, campus-serving retail services and program spaces, and offices for professional staff affiliated with Fresno State. The building would also include a 12,000-square-foot multi-purpose meeting room accommodating 1,200 seats. A new student plaza would be created north of the new Student Union building. Utility infrastructure improvements, new lighting and landscaping, and a loading dock would also be provided. The Project would not include additional parking facilities. A master plan revision is also proposed to accommodate the new Student Union building on the Project site. This would involve changes to the current Master Plan that would add the Project to the proposed location and remove the existing Keats building and amphitheater/stage from the Project site.

The Project would address several of Fresno State's strategic goals and current deficiencies by providing additional, centrally located student life and support spaces on campus to serve the needs of over 24,000 students, 270 clubs, student government, and other social organizations; improving connectivity of student life functions and accessibility of amenities; creating a focal point on the campus that integrates faculty and students of all levels, promotes socialization and community, and functions as a hub of student life and activity; and using sustainable design principles and ensuring that new construction achieves at least Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold or equivalent performance and energy efficiency beyond Title 24 requirements. The Project site is not included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

A Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared for the Project. The Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration concludes that, with project-level mitigation measures incorporated into the Project, no significant environmental impacts relating to the Project would occur. Therefore, adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration is proposed for the Project. The CSU Board of Trustees is tentatively scheduled to consider approval of master plan revision and schematic designs for the Project and adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration during its July 2019 meetings.

The Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Project are available for public review at the Henry Madden Library at 5200 N. Barton Avenue and online at <http://fresnostate.edu/adminserv/facilitiesmanagement/campus-projects/index.html>. The public review period for this Notice of Intent to Adopted a Mitigated Negative Declaration begins on February 5, 2019 and ends at 5:00 p.m. on March 7, 2019.

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