

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 Twin Oaks Valley Road Athletic Fields Lighting Project

Project Description: The project would involve construction of pole lighting improvements for the two existing baseball/softball fields and soccer field. The existing fields currently do not have nighttime lighting. In particular, the project would require trenching for new power and irrigation lines, grading for a service pad area, and removal of existing power lines for the placement of new pole lighting fixtures. The project would also entail the construction of a concrete block equipment shelter with an adjoining concrete block generator enclosure south of the existing baseball field. The equipment shelter would have a maximum height of 10-feet and be constructed on a new concrete pad. Future uses at the project site would not increase overall usage but would increase the overall duration of use to allow practices and games to encroach into the evening hours.

The project site is not on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5. The proposed project is not considered a project of statewide, regional or area wide significance. The proposed project will not affect highways or other facilities under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Transportation.

Project Location: California State University, San Marcos (CSUSM) campus, located 333 S. Twin Oakes Valley Road in the City of San Marcos.

Finding: On the basis of the Initial Study, the California State University 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 cultural resources, tribal cultural resources, and air quality will be required to reduce impacts to less than significant. 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 - Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS-MND) is available for public review and comment. The public review period for this project continues from the date of this Notice until November 17, 2023. Your comments on the IS-MND are welcome. If you wish to comment on the IS-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 December 18, 2023:

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Document Availability: A copy of the IS-MND can be reviewed at the California State University, San Marcos Office of Construction Management 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/athmpfmnd.pdf.

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