



California State University, Chico
Chico, California 95929

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

UNIVERSITY HOUSING AND FOOD SERVICE PHASE 1

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, CHICO

California State University, Chico (CSU Chico) proposes to construct a University Housing and Food Service (UHFS) Phase 1 complex (proposed project) on campus. The proposed project site is located in the northern-central area of the CSU Chico campus, immediately adjacent to the City of Chico. The proposed project site is approximately 1.7 acres, and is bounded by a track and playing fields for the nearby Chico Senior High School to the north, a parking lot and Tehama Hall to the south, Shasta and Lassen Halls to the east, and Whitney Hall to the west.

A large portion of the proposed project site is currently paved bicycle and permitted ADA vehicular parking, as well as the Residence Hall Activity Center, which is a tall single-story building, located near the center of the site. The Residence Hall Activity Center was constructed in the early 1980's and contains one large room with a basketball court, a smaller multi-purpose room with arcade games, table tennis and pool tables, an office/reception area, restrooms, and a storage and utility room. The Residence Hall Activity Center, as well as the paved bicycle and vehicular parking, will be removed as part of the proposed project and will be relocated.

The UHFS Phase 1 consists of two buildings: one five-story university housing and food service facility for students, with a basement, and the other a two-story program building, a total of 111,196 square feet. The residence portion will house 228 people, including 220 students, 6 resident advisors, and 2 staff members. The food service facility is the first floor of the main building. The food service facility will replace the existing food service in Whitney Hall, and will serve all on-campus student residents. *The program building will house offices, recreation space, and other program spaces for on-campus student residents.* The total footprint of the two buildings is approximately 32,000 square feet (ground floor).

CSU Chico has reviewed the project and has determined that with the implementation of proposed mitigation measures, no significant environmental effects are associated with this project. The Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared pursuant to Title 14, Chapter 3, Section 15070 of the California Code of Regulations.

The public comment period for the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration begins on July 19, 2007 and closes on August 17, 2007. All comments must be received by 4:30 p.m. on August 17, 2007. Written comments or inquiries should be directed to UHFS Ph 1/CEQA in care of ESA, 8950 Cal Center Drive, Building 3, Suite 300, Sacramento, CA 95826 (Telephone (916) 564-4500, FAX (916) 564-4501, Email UHFS1@esassoc.com), Attention: Brian Grattidge, Project Manager. Please provide your name and an address or phone number where you may be contacted.

The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration, the Final EIR for the Campus Master Plan, and reference documents are available for public review at the Meriam Library, Special Collections, Third Floor, 400 West First Street, Chico. Please note that the Special Collections' summer hours are Mon-Thu 10 a.m.-3 p.m., closed Fridays. In addition the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration will be available on the CSU Chico Facilities Planning website at http://www.csuchico.edu/fcp/Student_Housing/Student_Housing_Page.shtml.

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