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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (DRAFT EIR)

CSU, Chico 2030 Master Plan Update
State Clearinghouse No. 2019049168

A Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) has been prepared for the California State University, Chico Master Plan project (SCH #2019049168). The CSU, Chico Campus Master Plan provides a visionary framework to guide short- and long-term growth of the physical campus.

Project Description: The CSU, Chico Master Plan addresses the physical growth of the campus over an approximately 20-year period. The Master Plan applies to the main campus (400 West First Street, Chico), the University Farm (located south of Chico at Hegan Lane and Nicholas C. Shouten Lane), and University Village (1206 West Sacramento Avenue, Chico). The Master Plan describes the land uses and building space requirements to support 18,600 full-time equivalent students (FTES). The CSU, Chico campus contains sites included on the list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

Environmental Impacts: The Draft EIR determined that the proposed project would result in potentially significant impacts related to biological resources, cultural resources, paleontological resources, hazardous materials, noise, and transportation. Proposed mitigation measures would reduce these impacts to less than significant, with the exception of transportation, which would be a significant and unavoidable impact.

Public Review Period: The Trustees have issued the Draft EIR for review and comment by the campus, community, and other public agencies pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15087 and 15105. The Trustees have established a 45-day public review and comment period from **August 12, 2020, to September 25, 2020**, in accordance with the CEQA Guidelines (Section 15082). **During this period, the Draft EIR and the Master Plan Report will be available for review online at the following website:** <https://www.csuchico.edu/fms/planning.shtml>.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, a hard copy of the EIR will not be available for review in local libraries or at the CSU, Chico Facilities Management and Services offices. If members of the public are unable to access the Draft EIR via the website link provided above, the campus will make a reasonable effort to provide a flash drive or limited number of hard copies of the Draft EIR. For further information about these arrangements, please contact Jenna L. Wright using the contact information provided below.

Public Comments: At this time, the Board of Trustees is soliciting comments on the Draft EIR. Comments may be submitted by email or mail. All comments should indicate a contact person for your agency or organization, if applicable. All comments should be sent to the following address, to arrive no later than 5:00 p.m. on **September 25, 2020**:

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Public Meeting: Due to current circumstances associated with COVID-19, the CSU, Chico campus and local public facilities are not accessible and an in-person public meeting cannot be held. A live virtual Town Hall will be held to provide an overview of the Master Plan and the Draft EIR. All members of the public and interested persons are welcome to attend and to ask questions regarding the project and the Draft EIR findings. Oral comments provided at the meeting will not be documented, however, and written comments on the Draft EIR must be submitted as stated above. The details of this virtual meeting are as follows:

Date: Wednesday, September 2, 2020

Time: 5:00 to 6:30p.m.

Zoom: Link to be posted at the above website prior to the meeting.

FURTHER INFORMATION: The Town Hall presentation will be recorded and made available to the public at the website listed above. For environmental review information or questions about the Project, please contact Jenna L. Wright at 530-898-3548 or jlwright@csuchico.edu.