

# Finding of Consistency

## **Project Title**

Minor Campus Master Plan revision for the California State University, San Bernardino Palm Desert Campus Student Services Building. The proposed Master Plan revision is comprised of the reconfiguration of buildings #7 and #10.

## **Project Location – Specific**

California State University, San Bernardino – Palm Desert Campus

## **Project Location – City and County**

City of Palm Desert, County of Riverside

## **Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of the Project**

The Campus Master Plan/EIR was approved by the Board of Trustees in January 2018. The adopted Campus Master Plan for California State University, San Bernardino – Palm Desert Campus includes a proposed Student Union Building (#7) to be sited east of the existing campus core. The Campus Master Plan/EIR assessed the impacts of this near-term project with an approximately 75,000 gross square foot building consisting of meeting space, food services, student meeting rooms, student lounge and club rooms, a bookstore, and other related student support functions.

The Palm Desert Campus Student Services Building as currently designed will include a total of approximately 43,000 GSF consisting of the above-mentioned functions. This project's approved master plan site, Student Union Building (#7), will swap with the site of the future Academic Building (#10). This action will accommodate the current building footprint as currently designed while preserving the intent of the Campus Master Plan to create the future main pedestrian spine, "Palm Canyon Walk". The proposed reconfigured buildings are within the sites identified in the Campus Master Plan/EIR.

There have been no substantial changes to the project scope or circumstances in the EIR. The project is a near-term project as identified in the EIR and any potential significant impacts have been considered. Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program addresses archaeological, cultural resources, and short-term construction traffic effects. The above-described project elements do not involve an environmentally sensitive area, nor does it change or expand the proposed uses, increase intensity, or result in a change from the proposed general campus location. This reconfiguration results in a building with less square footage, located in the same general campus location.

## **Name of Public Agency Approving the Project:**

The Board of Trustees of the California State University

## **Name of Persons or Agency Carrying Out the Project:**

California State University, San Bernardino

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The project is within scope of the adopted Campus Master Plan, which was the subject of an environmental evaluation in the Board-certified Campus Master Plan Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The certified EIR was completed in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines. Further, the certified EIR remains pertinent and continues to have strong informational value. The above-described project has been evaluated under CEQA to determine whether the project scope, circumstances, or information would trigger the need for any supplemental environmental documentation based on new or substantially more severe significant environmental impacts. After a thorough factual evaluation, California State University, San Bernardino has determined that no further supplemental environmental review is required because:

- (1) The project does not propose substantial changes to the original project as described in the Campus Master Plan EIR, which would require major revisions to the previously-certified EIR due to the involvement of new or substantially more severe significant impacts;
- (2) The project will not involve substantial changes with respect to the circumstances under which the original project was undertaken, which would require major revisions to the previously-certified EIR due to the involvement of new or substantially more severe significant impacts; and
- (3) No substantially important new information requiring new analysis of significant effects, mitigation, or alternatives is known that would require major revisions to the previously-certified EIR due to the project scope.

The Board of Trustees of the California State University finds that no further environmental documentation is required because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in the previously-certified EIR pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to the previously-certified EIR. Therefore, in accordance with CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines (Section 15168(c)), the project elements are within the scope of the previously-certified EIR; that EIR continues to be pertinent with considerable information value; and project elements do not give rise to any new or substantially more severe significant effects, nor do they require any new mitigation measures or alternatives. Accordingly, no new environmental document is required.