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Notice of Preparation

April 29, 2019

To: Reviewing Agencies

Re: California State University, Chico Master Plan Update
SCH# 2019049168

Attached for your review and comment is the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the California State University, Chico Master Plan Update draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

Responsible agencies must transmit their comments on the scope and content of the NOP, focusing on specific information related to their own statutory responsibility, within 30 days of receipt of the NOP from the Lead Agency. This is a courtesy notice provided by the State Clearinghouse with a reminder for you to comment in a timely manner. We encourage other agencies to also respond to this notice and express their concerns early in the environmental review process.

Please direct your comments to:

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California State University Trustees
400 West First Street
Chico, CA 95926

with a copy to the State Clearinghouse in the Office of Planning and Research at state.clearinghouse@opr.ca.gov. Please refer to the SCH number noted above in all correspondence concerning this project on our website: <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/2019049168/2>.

If you have any questions about the environmental document review process, please call the State Clearinghouse at (916) 445-0613.

Sincerely,

Scott Morgan
Director, State Clearinghouse

cc: Lead Agency



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Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

Mail to: State Clearinghouse, P.O. Box 3044, Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 (916) 445-0613
 For Hand Delivery/Street Address: 1400 Tenth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

SCH#
 2019049168

Project Title: California State University, Chico Master Plan Update
 Lead Agency: Board of Trustees of the California State University Contact Person: Jenna Wright
 Mailing Address: 400 West First Street Phone: 530-898-3548
 City: Chico Zip: 95926 County: Butte

Project Location: County: Butte City/Nearest Community: Chico
 Cross Streets: First Street, Ivy Street Zip Code: _____
 Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 39 ° 43 ' 41 " N / 121 ° 50 ' 46 " W Total Acres: 132
 Assessor's Parcel No.: _____ Section: _____ Twp: _____ Range: _____ Base: _____
 Within 2 Miles: State Hwy#: 32, 99 Waterways: Big Chico Creek
 Airports: n/a Railways: UPRR Schools: Chico High School

Document Type:

CEQA: ☒ NOP ☐ Draft EIR NEPA: ☐ NOI Other: ☐ Joint Document
☐ Early Cons ☐ Supplement/Subsequent EIR ☐ EA ☐ Final Document
☐ Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) _____ ☐ Draft EIS ☐ Other: _____
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Local Action Type:

☐ General Plan Update ☐ Specific Plan ☐ Rezone ☐ Annexation
☐ General Plan Amendment ☒ Master Plan ☐ Prezone ☐ Redevelopment
☐ General Plan Element ☐ Planned Unit Development ☐ Use Permit ☐ Coastal Permit
☐ Community Plan ☐ Site Plan ☐ Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) ☐ Other: _____

Development Type:

☐ Residential: Units _____ Acres _____
☐ Office: Sq. ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____
☐ Commercial: Sq. ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____
☐ Industrial: Sq. ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____
☒ Educational: University Campus and off-campus facilities
☐ Recreational _____
☐ Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____
☐ Transportation: Type _____
☐ Mining: Mineral _____
☐ Power: Type _____ MW _____
☐ Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____
☐ Hazardous Waste: Type _____
☐ Other: _____

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

☒ Aesthetic/Visual ☐ Fiscal ☒ Recreation/Parks ☒ Vegetation
☒ Agricultural Land ☒ Flood Plain/Flooding ☒ Schools/Universities ☒ Water Quality
☒ Air Quality ☐ Forest Land/Fire Hazard ☒ Septic Systems ☒ Water Supply/Groundwater
☒ Archeological/Historical ☒ Geologic/Seismic ☒ Sewer Capacity ☒ Wetland/Riparian
☒ Biological Resources ☐ Minerals ☒ Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading ☒ Growth Inducement
☐ Coastal Zone ☒ Noise ☒ Solid Waste ☒ Land Use
☒ Drainage/Absorption ☒ Population/Housing Balance ☒ Toxic/Hazardous ☒ Cumulative Effects
☐ Economic/Jobs ☒ Public Services/Facilities ☒ Traffic/Circulation ☒ Other: GHG/Energy

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Note: The State Clearinghouse will assign identification numbers for all new projects. If a SCH number already exists for a project (e.g. Notice of Preparation or previous draft document) please fill in.

The Project consists of the proposed CSU, Chico Master Plan, including Project Design Features (PDFs) drawn from the Master Plan Guidelines. The EIR will analyze the environmental effects of the proposed Master Plan and PDFs at a program level. Implementation of the Project would provide space and facility needs to support planned growth to 18,600 full-time-equivalent (FTE) students, with housing for potentially all first-time freshmen. Overall, the Project would include approximately 1.6 million gross square feet (GSF) of net new building space for academic, student life and support, student housing, shared uses, administration, service centers, student recreation, athletics, and parking. Over the course of the plan horizon, approximately 21 existing campus buildings would be renovated, and 18 new buildings constructed. Additionally, outdoor athletics and recreation space is planned. The planning horizon for the Master Plan is the year 2030. However, buildout of the complete Master Plan is expected to take place beyond 2030.

The 132-acre, main campus is generally bounded by the Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way on the west; by West Sacramento, Legion, and Mansion Avenues on the north; by the Esplanade, Children's Park, Salem, and Normal Streets on the east; and by West Second and West Third Streets on the south. Outside of the main campus, CSU, Chico also consists of a 650-bed apartment complex (part of University Housing) approximately one and one-half miles to the northwest and an 800-acre farm approximately five miles to the south.

Project Description: *(please use a separate page if necessary)*

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<input type="checkbox"/> Boating & Waterways, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Office of Public School Construction
<input type="checkbox"/> California Emergency Management Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol	<input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District # <u>3</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional WQCB # <u>5R</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Planning	<input type="checkbox"/> Resources Agency
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<input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy
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<input type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish & Game Region # <u>2</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
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<input type="checkbox"/> Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Resources, Department of
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<input type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission	

Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date April 29, 2019 Ending Date May 28, 2019

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Signature of Lead Agency Representative: _____

Date: 4/29/19

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.