

**NOTICE OF INTENT
TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

California Polytechnic State University San Luis Obispo (Cal Poly) has completed the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the proposed I Field Improvements Project. The IS/MND found the following environmental factors to be less than significant with mitigation incorporated: Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, and Noise.

LEAD AGENCY: California State University Board of Trustees

PROJECT SPONSOR: Cal Poly Facilities, Cal Poly Athletics, Associated Students Incorporated

PROJECT LOCATION: Cal Poly's I Field located in the southeastern portion of campus, north of Slack Street between Grand Avenue and Longview Lane.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo (Cal Poly) and Associated Students Incorporated (ASI) (the project proponents) propose to construct an artificial turf field with field lighting at Cal Poly I Field to serve as a practice location for Cal Poly football, men's and women's soccer, intramural sports, and other student activities and tournaments. Cal Poly Athletics and ASI would partner financially to construct the project and would also share use of the field, most likely through development of a block schedule that outlines which partner has the right to use the field during particular days and times.

The practice field would be available for use all year long, but the most intensive uses would occur during Cal Poly's regular academic school year (i.e., the fall, winter, and spring terms lasting from mid-September through mid-June). During the school year, I Field would typically be used for football and soccer practices on Mondays through Fridays from 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Football practices would be held throughout the NCAA football season, which generally runs August through December and March through April. Men's and women's soccer practices would be held throughout the school year, and the I Field may also be used for morning conditioning workouts during the summer term.

Intramural flag football and soccer events would be held at the field during the fall, winter, and spring academic terms, and would generally run from the second week of classes until the ninth week of classes in each term. In the future, it is possible that ASI could expand to include other intramural sports and additional intramural league events could eventually be held at the field. Intramural events would take place Thursdays through Sundays, and would be held back-to-back on the hour from 5:00 p.m. until the fields close at 12:00 a.m. Other student events, such as kickball, whiffle ball, and ultimate Frisbee tournaments would be held on occasion throughout the year. These tournaments are held roughly three times per academic term and would generally consist of a 1- or 2-day-long event over the weekend (usually Friday evening to Saturday afternoon). No bleachers are proposed at the field, and no large spectator events are anticipated.

HAZARDOUS WASTE/SUBSTANCES: The project site is not included on any of the lists enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The 30-day public review period for the IS/MND begins on January 12, 2017, and ends on February 13, 2017. Written comments should be sent to Emily Creel, SWCA Environmental Consultants, 1422 Monterey Street, Suite C200, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401, or to ecreel@swca.com no later than 5:00 p.m., February 13, 2017.

AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION: Copies of the IS/MND and all appended documents are available for review at the Facilities Planning and Capital Projects Building 70, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, CA 93407 and on the University's website at the following link: https://afd.calpoly.edu/facilities/facp_index.asp.