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 Oppenheimer Pavilion and Agricultural Event Center Project (project). The IS/MND found the following environmental factors to be less than significant with mitigation incorporated: Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Noise, Transportation and Traffic, and Tribal Cultural Resources.

LEAD AGENCY: California State University Board of Trustees

PROJECT SPONSOR: Cal Poly Facilities, Peter and Mary Beth Oppenheimer

PROJECT LOCATION: Cal Poly's Oppenheimer Pavilion and Agricultural Event Center project areas are located within the campus Equine Unit, Environmental Horticulture Unit, Beef Unit, and Crops Unit.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Cal Poly proposes improvements to the equine center, environmental horticultural sciences, beef unit, and crops unit areas on campus through a phased project approach. Proposed project components include demolition of existing structures, upgrades to existing structures, and the development of new facilities. The project also includes associated improvements such as utilities, detention basins for surface water control, landscaping, and access roads for circulation. The project consists of four project phases: Phase 1 (Equestrian Pavilion, Foaling Barn, Stallion Barn), Phase 2 (Equestrian Pavilion, Animal Health Center, New Storage Building), Phase 3 (Agriculture Event Center), and Phase 4 (Crop Sciences). It should be noted that the project phases are numbered for the purposes of this Initial Study and are not numbered sequentially in the order by which they will be implemented.

Construction activities associated with the proposed project would encompass approximately 25.07 acres for Phase 1, 12.62 acres for Phase 2, 11.15 acres for Phase 3, and 6.78 acres for Phase 4, totaling 55.62 acres for the entire project. Construction activities anticipated to be required include demolition of existing structures (Phases 1, 2, and 3); excavation and deposition of fill material; grading; paving; material stockpiling; the use, movement, and staging of construction equipment; and addition of construction personnel during the construction period of each project phase. Operation of the new facilities proposed under Phases 1, 2, 3, and 4 would not increase current enrollment projected in the Master Plan, but would enhance and continue to support existing land uses for students.

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 February 16, 2017, and ends on March 17, 2017. Written comments should be sent to California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, c/o Jacqueline McCrory, SWCA Environmental Consultants, 1422 Monterey Street, Suite C200, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401, or to jamccrory@swca.com, no later than 5:00 p.m., March 17, 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: <u>https://afd.calpoly.edu/facilities/facp_index.asp</u>.