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Subject: Notice of Availability of a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report

To: State Clearinghouse, Responsible and Trustee Agencies, Interested Individuals and Organizations

Lead Agency: San Diego Community College District

Project Title: San Diego Mesa College Comprehensive Master Plan

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the San Diego Community College District (District) has prepared a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (Draft PEIR) for the San Diego Mesa College (Mesa College) Comprehensive Master Plan (CMP or project). The Draft PEIR was prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and is now available for public review and comment. The 45-day public review period mandated by CEQA will extend from Thursday, September 3, 2026, to Monday, October 19, 2026.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: A copy of this Notice of Availability (NOA), the Draft PEIR, and the associated technical appendices are available for review online under the heading “Environmental Notices” at: <https://www.sdccd.edu/departments/operations/construction/index.aspx>. In addition to the digital copy of the Draft PEIR, physical copies of the Draft PEIR are available for review during the public comment period during standard hours of operation at the following locations:

- District Planning, Design, and Construction Office: 1450 Frazee Road, Suite 500, San Diego, CA 92108
- Mesa College Library: Learning Resource Center (LRC), 7250 Mesa College Drive, San Diego, CA 92111
- Linda Vista Branch Library: 2160 Ulric Street, San Diego, CA 92111

WRITTEN COMMENTS: Written comments on the Draft PEIR must be emailed to SDCCDMeasureHH@sdccd.edu no later than **5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 19, 2026** with “Draft PEIR Comments for Mesa College CMP” in the subject line. The District requests that comments be provided electronically; however, if a hard copy submittal is necessary, written comments may be mailed to: San Diego Community College District, Attn: Mesa College CMP, 1450 Frazee Road, Suite 500, San Diego, California 92108. Mailed comments must be postmarked by the end of the public review period. In accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15204, comments should focus on the adequacy of the environmental analysis, mitigation measures, and alternatives presented in the Draft PEIR.

PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: The project proposes improvements across the approximately 106-acre Mesa College campus located in the Clairemont Mesa Community Plan Area of the City of San Diego, San Diego County, California. The Mesa College campus is located in the southeastern portion of the Clairemont Mesa community and is generally surrounded by a mix of single-family and multi-family residential uses and on two sides by the Tecolote Canyon nature preserve.

The CMP recommends a series of physical improvements across the Mesa College campus. The projects would generally demolish existing aging facilities on the campus and replace them with more modern facilities that would accommodate existing programming. The CMP is conceptual in nature and describes potential projects for the campus that would assist Mesa College in meeting its educational and programming goals. Specific project designs, building footprints, architectural details, circulation and parking improvements, infrastructure alignments, and operational characteristics are expected to be refined during future planning and design phases. Specific projects identified for development under the CMP include:

- Athletics Complex
- Performing Arts and Administration Center and Parking Structure
- English/English Language Acquisition/Student Resource Center replacement building
- Conference Center
- On-Campus Housing
- High School relocation
- Facilities Services relocation to dedicated area with loading and storage space
- New Welcome Center near eastern entrance
- Child Development Center relocation and expansion
- New Community Clinic
- West Entrance reconfiguration

Campus-wide improvements related to utility infrastructure and circulation are also part of the CMP and could be implemented in coordination with the projects listed above or undertaken as campus-wide efforts. Interior renovations, continued maintenance, and other minor construction could also occur throughout existing campus buildings. The Athletics Complex and the Performing Arts and Administration Center and Parking Structure projects are anticipated to be designed and constructed in the near term. No specific timing or phasing is identified for the remaining projects or campus-wide improvements.

CEQA BACKGROUND: A Notice of Preparation for the PEIR was issued on December 5, 2025. In accordance with Section 15168 of the CEQA Guidelines, the Draft PEIR evaluates and discloses reasonably foreseeable environmental impacts associated with approval and implementation of the CMP. The PEIR provides an opportunity to consider both the programmatic effects of the CMP and the project-specific information needed for the District and responsible agencies to consider in issuing permits or approvals required for campus projects. Analysis is provided at the project level for the near-term projects and at a program level for the remaining improvements.

ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: Based on the environmental analysis presented in the Draft PEIR, mitigation measures would reduce the following environmental effects below a level of significance: aesthetics (light and glare); biological resources (special-status species, sensitive habitats, wetlands); cultural resources (archaeological resources and human remains); geology and soils (paleontological resources); hazards and hazardous materials (emergency response);

noise and vibration; transportation (emergency access); tribal cultural resources; and wildfire (emergency plans). The impact on historic resources would remain significant with implementation of feasible mitigation measures. All other impacts were determined not to be significant based on the analysis presented in the Draft PEIR.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS STATEMENT: Based on a review of databases containing sites listed under Government Code Section 65962.5 (Cortese List) for the presence of hazardous materials, the campus does not contain sites identified as actively under evaluation, remediation, or verification monitoring or otherwise meeting Cortese List requirements.

PUBLIC HEARING: The District Board of Trustees will consider certification of the PEIR, including written comments received on the Draft PEIR, during a future public hearing. The hearing will be separately noticed via the District's website and standard noticing practices.