Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report and Notice of Public Hearing for Victor Valley College Facilities Master Plan Victorville, CA

Lead Agency

Victor Valley Community College District
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Victorville, California 92395
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Project Title

Victor Valley College 2007-2017 Facilities Master Plan

Purpose of the Notice of Availability

The Victor Valley Community College District (District) is the Lead Agency and has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the above-referenced project. We are requesting input from public agencies regarding information that is germane to the agencies' statutory responsibilities in connection with the Proposed Project. As applicable, those agencies will need to use the DEIR prepared by the District when considering a permit or other approval for the project. We also welcome comments from the members of the public. The DEIR is available for online viewing at http://www.vvc.edu/staff/FFG.htm and printed copies are available for review at the following locations:

- Victor Valley College, Building 10, 18422 Bear Valley Road, Victorville, California 92395
- Victor Valley College Library, Building 41, 18422 Bear Valley Road, Victorville, CA 92395 (760/245-4271, ext. 2262)
- Victorville Public Library, 15011 Circle Drive, Victorville, CA 92395 (760/245-4222).

Project Location

The ±252-acre Victor Valley College (VVC) campus is located at 18422 Bear Valley Road in the southeast portion of the City of Victorville, just north of the City of Hesperia and west of the City of Apple Valley in southwestern San Bernardino County. The Campus is at Sections 35 and 36 of Township 5 North Range 4 West on the Hesperia quadrangle of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5-minute map series.

Project Description

The Proposed Project is the 2007-2017 Facilities Master Plan, which establishes a 20-year plan for the campus. The VVC Campus presently serves an enrollment population of approximately 9,100 full-time equivalent (FTE) students. Master Plan implementation will serve a projected 14,616 FTE of enrolled students by the year 2020 with approximately 932,380 square feet of classroom and related building expansion. The Facilities Master Plan evaluates existing land, infrastructure, facilities and systems in relationship to the College's educational purposes, plans and needs, specifying the capital outlay projects necessary to meet these needs. Some overall objectives include accommodating future enrollments, improving structural safety, mitigating against known natural hazards, and producing measurable environmental benefits through sustainable development.

Significant Environmental Effects

The Draft EIR identifies potentially significant environmental effects for the following topics: Traffic and Circulation, Air Quality, Biological Resources, and Cultural Resources. The Draft EIR includes mitigation measures to reduce most impacts to a level that is less than significant. Particulate matter (PM_{10}) emissions from off-site vehicular sources are considered significant and unavoidable after mitigation.

Draft EIR Review and Comment

A 45-day review and comment period for this DEIR is provided under State law, beginning on January 20, 2009. The deadline for your comments is 3:00 p.m., March 5, 2009. Please send your response to Stephen Garcia, Director, Facilities Construction & Contracts at the address shown above. Please provide the name and address for a contact person.

Scheduled Public Hearing

The Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing regarding this project on **Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at 6:00 p.m**. in the Board Room of the Administration Building (Building # 10) at Victor Valley College, 18422 Bear Valley Road, Victorville, California.

Listing under Government Code Section 65962.5

The Project Site is not on a list specified under Government Code Section 65962.5.

FURTHER INFORMATION on this item may be obtained at Victor Valley College, Building 10 located at 18422 Bear Valley Road, Victorville, California, or by calling Stephen Garcia, Director, Facilities Construction & Contracts at (760) 245-4271 or by email at GarciaS@vvc.edu.