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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY MONTEREY BAY MASTER PLAN

DATE: February 4, 2022

PROJECT TITLE: California State University Monterey Bay Master Plan (Project)

LEAD AGENCY: The Board of Trustees of the California State University (Trustees)
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On behalf of California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB)
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The Board of Trustees of The California State University is the lead agency for the preparation of an environmental impact report (EIR) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (California Public Resources Code, Section 21000 et seq.), and the CEQA Guidelines (14 CCR 15000 et seq.). The Board of Trustees of The California State University has prepared this Notice of Availability of the California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB) Master Plan Draft EIR in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Sections 15087. The Draft EIR addresses the environmental effects of the Project.

Project Location: The Project site is located at the existing CSUMB campus, on the former U.S. Department of the Army military facility known as Fort Ord. The CSUMB campus is approximately 100 miles south of San Francisco and is located north of the Monterey Peninsula and west of the Salinas Valley. Portions of the existing CSUMB campus physically occupy the city boundaries of Seaside and Marina, and within the unincorporated Monterey County. Primary access to CSUMB is available from Highway 1 via the main entrance at Lightfighter Drive to the south and from Imjin Parkway to the north.

Project Description: The proposed Master Plan provides the basis for the physical development of the CSUMB campus through 2035. Implementation of the Project would provide space and facility needs to support an on-campus enrollment of 12,700 full-time-equivalent students (FTES) and 1,776

FTE faculty and staff by the year 2035. Overall, the proposed Master Plan would include approximately 2.6 million gross square feet of net new building space for academics, administration, student life, athletic and recreational uses, institutional partnership facilities, and housing. On-campus housing would be constructed sufficient to continue to accommodate 60 percent of FTES and existing housing would accommodate 65 percent of FTE faculty and staff, with a projected increase of 3,820 student beds and 757 converted residential units for faculty and staff. The Project also would accommodate redevelopment and growth in outdoor athletics and recreation facilities to serve campus needs.

The proposed Master Plan includes Project Design Features (PDFs) that address various topics including open space, transportation, water and wastewater systems, energy systems and greenhouse gas reduction, and design. For example, transportation PDFs will enhance and expand the campus's existing Transportation Demand Management (TDM) program in order to further reduce vehicle trips and prioritize pedestrian and bicycle movement.

The Project includes specific development components identified in the proposed Master Plan and expected to be constructed in the next 10 years; these Project components are referred to throughout this EIR as "near-term development components." These near-term development components include: Student Housing Phase III (600 student housing beds); Academic IV (95,000 GSF of classroom/instructional space); Student Recreation Center (70,000 GSF of recreation space); Student Housing Phase IIB (400 student housing beds); and Academic V (76,700 GSF of classroom/instructional space).

Potential Environmental Effects: The Draft EIR identifies "potentially significant impacts" for the following environmental issues: biological resources, cultural resources, greenhouse gas emissions, paleontological resources, and noise. Implementation of feasible mitigation measures would avoid or substantially reduce all environmental impacts, with the exception of roadway noise at one off-campus location during operation of the Project, which would remain significant and unavoidable.

Public Review and Comment: The 45-day public review period for the Draft EIR is from February 4, 2022 through March 21, 2022, in accordance with the CEQA Guidelines (14 CCR 15105). During this period, the Draft EIR will be available for review online at the following website: https://csumb.edu/facilities/planning/

A printed copy of the Draft EIR may be reviewed at the following locations:

- CSUMB Library (Reference Desk), on the CSUMB campus
- Seaside Branch Library (Reference Desk), 550 Harcourt Avenue, Seaside California
- Marina Branch Library (Reference Desk), 190 Seaside Circle, Marina California

A recorded public informational presentation will be made available at the campus web link provided above. The presentation provides an overview of the proposed Master Plan, conclusions of the Draft EIR, and information about how to submit written public comments on the adequacy of the information presented in the Draft EIR.

Comments on the Draft EIR must be received in writing by email or mail to the contact listed below by 5:00 PM on March 21, 2022. **Please include a return address and contact name.**

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