NOTICE OF PREPARATION

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE CALIFORNIA STATE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY, POMONA CAMPUS MASTER PLAN REVISION

DATE: April 22, 2011

TO: Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

PROJECT TITLE: Cal Poly Pomona Campus Master Plan Revision

LEAD AGENCY: Board of Trustees of the

California State University

401 Golden Shore

Long Beach, California 90802

SUBJECT: Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a Draft Environmental Impact Report

(EIR) for the Cal Poly Pomona Campus Master Plan Revision

The Board of Trustees of the California State University (BOT) will be the lead agency for the preparation of an EIR in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (California Public Resources Code, Section 21000 et seq.), and Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (hereinafter, "CEQA Guidelines") (14 CCR 15000 et seq.). The BOT has prepared this NOP in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Sections 15082(a) and 15375. The EIR will address the environmental effects of a revision to the existing Cal Poly Pomona Campus Master Plan. Cal Poly Pomona is proposing the project to more effectively meet the space needs of the projected on-campus enrollment over the next 20 years and improve infrastructure systems serving the campus. In addition to improving the integration of land uses and functional use of space, the proposed master plan revision would include upgrades to utilities and infrastructure to address existing infrastructure deficiencies and accommodate construction and operation of the proposed campus master plan revision. Improved circulation in and around campus would increase accessibility to existing and new development, improve pedestrian and bicycle safety, and enhance the overall connectivity of campus uses.

Agencies: The BOT requests your agency's views on the scope and content of the environmental information that is germane to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the master plan revision, in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Sections 15082(b) and 15103. Your agency may need to use the EIR to consider permits or other approvals.

Organizations and Interested Parties: The BOT requests your comments and concerns regarding the scope and evaluation of potential environmental issues associated with the proposed Campus Master Plan Revision.

Project Location: The project is located on the existing Cal Poly campus in Pomona, California, within the eastern portion of Los Angeles County. The campus is located approximately 2 miles north of State Route 60 on the southwest quadrant of the Kellogg Interchange where Interstate 10, State Route 57, and State Route 71 converge. Major streets surrounding the campus include Temple Avenue, Valley Boulevard, and South Campus Drive.

Project Description: The proposed Campus Master Plan Revision involves demolition, and in some cases relocation, of certain existing buildings and uses on campus; the renovation of existing buildings; and the construction and eventual operation of new buildings and campus facilities. The master plan revision would also involve improvements to the circulation network in and around campus, to include realigning main vehicular roadways and improving bicycle and pedestrian linkages throughout campus, and enhancements to the campus open space network. In order to address existing infrastructure deficiencies and accommodate construction and operation of the proposed development, the Campus Master Plan Revision may also include improvements to on-site water, wastewater, chilled water, hot water, electrical distribution, reclaimed water, storm drain, and natural gas systems.

Specific components of the Campus Master Plan Revision include buildings and facilities, roadway and circulation improvements, utility infrastructure improvements, and enhanced open space resources. Prominent building and facilities characteristics include the renovation of four existing buildings (totaling approximately 231,000 gross square feet); the demolition of approximately 575,500 gross square feet of existing buildings and facilities; and the construction and operation of new academic facilities, administrative facilities, and auxiliary uses. The master plan revision would also include the construction of new and replacement multi-use residential/dining facilities, resulting in the net addition of approximately 1,580 student, faculty, and staff beds to the existing Cal Poly Pomona housing inventory. Approximately 2,400 parking spaces would be provided in a new parking and intermodal structure, along with the provision of replacement on-campus surface parking spaces. Projects involving public–private partnerships would include a 14-acre mixed-use development along South Campus Drive, an approximately 27-acre site dedicated to technology and research, and potential development of the existing 160-acre Spadra Farms.

Development is planned incrementally in order to meet Cal Poly Pomona's academic and space needs while minimizing disruption to campus operations. Implementation also considers the sources and availability of anticipated funding for proposed projects. Phasing for proposed development is planned in four segments, resulting in an estimated build-out of the Campus Master Plan Revision by 2030.

Potential Environmental Effects: Based on the preliminary scope of the proposed master plan revision and the preparation of an Environmental Initial Study (IS), the BOT has determined that the Campus Master Plan Revision could have a potentially significant environmental effect in the following areas: aesthetics, agriculture and forestry resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology/soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, noise, transportation/traffic, and utilities and service systems. An EIR will be prepared to evaluate the master plan revision's potential impacts on the environment, present feasible mitigation, and analyze potential alternatives.

Public Review Period: The BOT has issued this NOP and made available the IS for public review and comment pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15082(a) and 15375. The BOT has established a 30-day public review and scoping period from **April 22, 2011,** to **May 23, 2011,** in accordance with Section 15082 of the CEQA Guidelines (14 CCR 15082).

During this period, the IS/NOP will be available for review, or for purchase at the cost of reproduction, at the following locations and during the following dates and times:

	Monday through Thursday
	7:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.
	Friday
Cal Poly Pomona Library 3801 West Temple Avenue	7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Pomona, California 91768	Saturday
	10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
	Sunday
	12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
	Monday through Wednesday
City of Pomona Public Library 625 S. Garey Avenue	12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Pomona, California 91766	Saturday
	12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
	Tuesday through Thursday
City of Walnut Public Library	1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
21155 La Puente Road	
Walnut, California 91789	Friday and Saturday
	10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The IS/NOP materials will also be available for review online, at the following website:

www.projects.sasaki.com/calpolypomona

Responses and Comments: At this time, the BOT is soliciting comments on the IS/NOP for this project. Comments may be submitted by mail, fax, or by attending the Public Scoping Meeting (see details below) and submitting a written comment. All comments should indicate a contact person for your agency or organization, if applicable. All comments or responses should be sent to the following address, to arrive no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 23, 2011:

Ray Morrison
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Public Scoping Meeting: The BOT will hold a scoping meeting to give the public an opportunity to receive more information on the proposed Campus Master Plan Revision, and to provide comments and suggestions on the scope of the EIR. All members of the public and interested persons are welcome to attend and provide comments. The details of this meeting are as follows:

Date: Tuesday, May 10, 2011

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Place: California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

Classroom Laboratory Administration (Building 98)

First Floor, Room B1-131 Pomona, California 91768

For a map of the campus, including the location of the Classroom Laboratory Administration (Building 98), visit: http://www.csupomona.edu/map.

Parking is available in Parking Lot C or the Parking Structure off Red Gum Lane.

FURTHER INFORMATION: For environmental review information or questions about the project, please contact Ray Morrison at Cal Poly Pomona by phone at 909.869.4993 or by e-mail at remorrison@csupomona.edu.

Ray Morrison, Director

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<u>April 20, 2011</u>

Date