Notice of Availability and Notice of Public Hearing

Draft Environmental Impact Report for the
South Orange County Community College District
2011 Facilities Master Plans
(SCH No. 2011071005)

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Project Title
2011 Facilities Master Plans for Saddleback College & Irvine Valley College

Purpose of the Notice of Availability
The South Orange County 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.socccd.edu/about/about_planning.html and printed copies are available for review at:

- Saddleback College Health Sciences/District Offices Bldg., 28000 Marguerite Pkwy, Mission Viejo 92395
- Mission Viejo Library, 200 Civic Center, Mission Viejo 92691
- Tustin Library Information Desk, 345 E. Main St., Tustin 92780
- University Park Library Information Desk, 4512 Sandburg Way, Irvine 92612

Project Location
The project location consists of the three campuses operated by the district:
The approximately 173-acre Saddleback College campus is located at 28000 Marguerite Parkway, at the northeast corner of Marguerite and Avery Parkways, in the City of Mission Viejo. The campus is in Section 24 of Township 7 South, Range 8 West, San Bernardino Baseline and Meridian (SBBM), as depicted on the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) San Juan Capistrano, California (1981) 7.5-minute topographic quadrangle.
The 100-acre Irvine Valley College (IVC) campus is located at 5500 Irvine Valley Drive, at the southeast corner of Irvine Center Drive and Jeffrey Road, in the City of Irvine. The campus is partially in and south of Section 1 of Township 6 South, Range 9 West, SBBM, as depicted on the USGS Tustin, California (1981) 7.5-minute topographic quadrangle.

The 68-acre Advanced Technology & Education Park (ATEP) campus is located at 15445 Lansdowne Road, east of the intersection of Red Hill Avenue and Valencia Avenue within the Tustin Legacy development (former Marine Corps Air Station Tustin) in the City of Tustin. The campus is in an unsectioned portion of Township 5 South, Range 9 West, SBBM, as also depicted on the Tustin 7.5-minute topographic quadrangle.

Project Description

The Proposed Project includes the 2011 Facilities Master Plans (FMPs) for Saddleback College and IVC, including ATEP. The FMPs establish 20-year plans for the campuses and allow for their expansion from 6,971 to 13,081 full-time equivalent students (FTES) at Saddleback College and from 4,001 to 7,511 FTES at IVC. The FMPs evaluate 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 providing safe facilities and activating existing space, increasing instructional capacity, modernizing instructional space, promote a completed campus concept, increasing institutional support services capacity, and modernizing institutional support services space.

Significant Environmental Effects

The Draft EIR identifies potentially significant environmental effects for the following topics: Traffic and Circulation, Air Quality, Noise, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Biological Resources, Cultural and Paleontological Resources, and Agriculture and Forest Resources. The Draft EIR includes mitigation measures to reduce most impacts to a level that is less than significant. Impacts to traffic conditions and agricultural resources are significant and unmitigable.

Draft EIR Review and Comment

A 45-day review and comment period for this DEIR is provided under State law, beginning on April 16, 2012. The deadline for your comments is 5:00 p.m. on May 31, 2012. Please e-mail or send your response to the Lead Agency 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 Monday, June 25, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. in the Ronald Reagan Board of Trustees Room, Room 145, Health Sciences/District Offices Building, Saddleback College, 28000 Marguerite Parkway, Mission Viejo, 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 Saddleback College, located at 28000 Marguerite Parkway, Mission Viejo, California, or by contacting Dr. Debra Fitzsimons, Vice Chancellor at (949) 582-4663 or by email at dfitzsimons@socccd.edu.