Notice of Availability of a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report for the San Bernardino Valley College Master Plan

The San Bernardino Community College District (SBCCD) has prepared a Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the project identified below. The preparation of this PEIR is in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The purpose of the PEIR is to provide decision makers, public agencies, and the general public with an understanding of the direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental effects of the Proposed Project. The SBCCD will also use the PEIR to obtain, as appropriate, permits, agreements, and approvals from necessary agencies.

Project Location: San Bernardino Valley College (SBVC) is an 87-acre community college campus in the SBCCD. The SBVC Master Plan area is located at 701 South Mount Vernon Avenue in the City of San Bernardino. The Master Plan area is bounded by Esperanza Street to the north, K Street to the east, Grant Avenue to the south, and Mount Vernon Avenue to the west. Development would take place within the existing SBVC campus.

Proposed Project: The proposed Master Plan estimates that various academic buildings, infrastructure improvements, and associated parking are required to meet the planning challenges related to the San Jacinto fault and folding zone, which creates an 18-acre unbuildable area on the campus. Improvements are also required to support a future enrollment of 15,000 total students by 2020 and 17,000 total students by 2030. The Master Plan for SBVC describes the improvements to SBVC in three phases, called Horizons. The figure on the reverse side of this notice shows the proposed Master Plan at buildout in the year 2030.

Probable Environmental Effects: The Proposed Project would result in potentially significant effects to Aesthetics, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Noise, Traffic/Parking, and Utilities. Impacts to these resources would be mitigated as described in the PEIR. After mitigation, impacts to Noise, Traffic, and Historic Resources would remain significant.

Public Review Period: In compliance with CEQA, the SBCCD has established a 45-day public review period beginning <u>September 29, 2009</u> to solicit comments and input on the Draft PEIR. To ensure that all environmental issues are fully identified and adequately addressed, the SBCCD encourages interested parties to submit written comments. Written comments regarding the scope and content of information in the Draft PEIR, or any questions regarding the Draft PEIR, should be postmarked no later than <u>November 12, 2009</u> to:

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Responses to oral and written comments raising significant environmental issues received during the 45-day public review period will be included in the Final PEIR. Copies of the Draft PEIR are available for review online at <u>www.sbccd.org</u> and at the following locations:

San Bernardino Valley College
Campus Library
701 South Mount Vernon Avenue
San Bernardino, CA 92410

San Bernardino Community College District Facilities, Planning and Administrative Services 114 South Del Rosa Drive San Bernardino, CA 92408

A public meeting will be scheduled in early 2010 during a SBCCD Board of Trustees hearing. Additional notification will be provided when this meeting date is set. The public will have an additional opportunity to provide oral comments regarding the Proposed Project and the environmental document at this meeting.

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