Public Hearing for a Final 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 Ave. 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 identifies various academic buildings, infrastructure improvements, and associated parking necessary to support the College's academic program and 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 will also support future projected enrollment growth.

Probable Environmental Effects: The Proposed Project would potentially result in 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 several of these resources would be mitigated as described in the PEIR.

Public Review Period: In compliance with CEQA, the SBCCD established a 45-day public review period which began on September 29, 2009 to solicit comments and input on the Draft PEIR. To ensure that all environmental issues were fully identified and adequately addressed, the SBCCD encouraged interested parties to submit written comments no later than November 12, 2009. Responses to oral and written comments raising significant environmental issues received during the 45-day public review period were included in the Final PEIR. Copies of the Final PEIR are available for review online at www.sbccd.org/Construction_Program/College_Master_Plans.aspx, and at the following locations: 1) SBVC Campus Library, 701 South Mount Vernon Ave., San Bernardino, CA 92410, and 2) SBCCD, Facilities Planning & Admin. Svcs., 114 South Del Rosa Dr., San Bernardino, CA 92408.

Public Hearing: A public hearing will be held on April 8, 2010 at or after 4 p.m. during the SBCCD Board of Trustees meeting at SBVC, Library Room L149 (Library Viewing Room), 701 South Mount Vernon Ave., San Bernardino CA 92410. The public will have an additional opportunity to provide oral comments regarding the Proposed Project and the environmental document at this meeting. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Steven Lohr, Ed.D. at SBCCD, Facilities Planning & Admin. Svcs., 114 South Del Rosa Dr., San Bernardino, CA 92408, 909-382-4010/fax 909-382-0144, kgoodric@sbccd.cc.ca.us.