The Ohlone College Master Plan was adopted by the Board in 1994 and a Master EIR was certified at the same time for this project. The Master Plan called for the Student Services Support building to be located in the approximate center of the campus. The building is now sited in the southerly portion of the campus. The project would also include demolition of Building 7 and small portions of parking lots O and P.

Since the proposed project would result in a change from the 1994 Master Plan EIR, an Initial Study was prepared as required by CEQA Guidelines requirements to see if any additional environmental impacts would result from this change. The Initial Study identified a number of potential significant impacts related to cultural resources and hazards, and hazardous materials could result, but with adherence to measures identified in the document, all of these impacts can be reduced to a less-than-significant level.

Based on the findings of the Initial Study, a Mitigated Negative Declaration is recommended for certification by the Board.

Consistent with CEQA requirements, a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan has been prepared (Attachment 1) that lists all of the mitigation measures, the appropriate agency to follow through on the measure, and the time frame for implementation of the measure.

The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration was sent to local service agencies on February 6, 2006, and the State Clearinghouse on February 1, 2006, for a 30-day public review period. The Clearinghouse forwarded copies of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration to potentially affected State agencies for comment. The review period ended on March 7, 2006.
Comments received by the District were responded to as shown in Attachment 2.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The President/Superintendent recommends the Board of Trustees adopt Resolution No. 25/05-06, certifying a Mitigated Negative Declaration and approving a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Student Services Support Building.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1-Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program
Attachment 2-Response to Public Comments
Attachment 3-Draft Resolution