

March 27, 2006

**Ohlone College District**  
**Student Services Support Building Project**  
**Response to Environmental Comments**

Introduction

Ohlone College District issued a Mitigated Negative Declaration for this project on February 1, 2006, to ensure California Environmental Quality Act compliance. The District proposes to construct the Student Support Services Center building in the southerly portion of the campus, rather than the central portion of the campus, as was shown in the 1994 Master Plan. The building would contain approximately 25,600 assignable square feet (43,400 gross square feet) and would house a variety of uses, including the admissions and records office, student financial aid, the Extended Opportunity Programs and Support (EOPS) office, student counseling and career services, the Disabled Students Programs and Services (DSPS) office, administrative staff offices, the student health center, meeting and conference rooms, the campus activities office and similar uses related to supporting student activities. Other uses may also be included within the proposed building.

The uses and activities proposed for the Student Support Services Building are presently conducted in Buildings 1, 16 and 17, and would be relocated to the proposed building upon completion of this building.

Existing Building 7, containing approximately 8,635 gross square feet, would be demolished in order to accommodate the proposed Student Support Services Center, as would a limited number of surface parking spaces located in Lots O and P.

The Mitigated Negative Declaration was published and circulated for a 30-day review.

Six comment letters were received:

- 1) State of California State Clearinghouse (March 3, 2006)
- 2) State of California Department of Toxic Substances Control (February 22, 2006)
- 3) Office of State Fire Marshall (February 8, 2006)
- 4) East Bay Dischargers Authority (February 9, 2006)
- 5) Union Sanitary District (February 8, 2006)

6) Alameda County Water District (February 16, 2006)

Copies of these letters are attached.

Following are responses to each of the comment letters.

1) Governor's Office of Planning and Research/State Clearinghouse

Comment: The State Clearinghouse circulated the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration to potentially affected State agencies. The District has complied with State Clearinghouse review requirements.

Response: Comment acknowledged. No further response is necessary.

2) Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC)

Comment: Buildings proposed to be demolished were built in the 1970's and DTSC recommends the building be investigated for lead based paint.

Response: Mitigation Measure 2 contained in the Initial Study requires completion of a lead-based paint survey prior to demolition of Building 7. District staff has indicated such an analysis is underway and will be completed consistent with the Mitigation Measure.

Comment: DTSC recommends completion of a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment or an equivalent analysis to determine if there has been a release or threatened release of hazardous material, or whether naturally occurring hazardous material is present based on reasonably available information..

Response: The 1994 Master EIR for the Ohlone Campus did not identify the occurrence of naturally occurring hazardous material. District facility management staff is not aware of any release of hazardous material from the project site in recent years. Therefore, based on existing information, the District does believe that completion of a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment or an equivalent is needed.

Comment: The District is invited to participate in DTSC's School Property Evaluation and Cleanup Program. This would require the District to enter into an Environmental Oversight Agreement with DTSC to oversee preparation of environmental documents.

Response: The availability of this program is acknowledged by the District.

3) Office of State Fire Marshal

Comment: The Office of State Fire Marshal has no jurisdiction over this proposed project.

Response: This comment is noted and no further action s required.

4) East Bay Dischargers Authority

Comment: The Authority has no facilities within the project area and desires to be removed from the environmental notification list.

Response: This comment is noted and no further action is required. The District will continue to notify the Authority of major projects to ensure that the requirements of CEQA are fulfilled.

5) Union Sanitary District (USD)

Comment: District staff has reviewed the proposed project and found it will have no impact to District facilities and would not require new construction or expansion of wastewater facilities.

Response: This comment is acknowledged and no further action is required.

6) Alameda County Water District (ACWD)

Comment: Future correspondence to the District should be addressed to Ed Stevenson of the District.

Response: This comment is acknowledged and future correspondence will be addressed to Mr. Stevenson.