

RESOLUTION NO. 21-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MT. SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE ADDENDUM FOR THE MODIFIED SAND VOLLEYBALL, WILDLIFE SANCTUARY, AND LOT W IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (“MODIFIED PROJECT”) TO THE 2018 EDUCATIONAL AND FACILITIES MASTER PLAN (“EFMP”) ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (“EIR”), AND APPROVING THE MODIFIED PROJECT

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Mt. San Antonio College (“District” or “Mt. SAC”) is duly authorized and existing under the laws of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, Mt. SAC is the lead agency for the 2018 EFMP EIR; and

WHEREAS, at a special meeting of the Mt. SAC Board of Trustees (“Board”) held on June 5, 2019, the Board adopted Resolution No. 18-22 certifying the 2018 EFMP EIR (SCH 2018091004); adopting the Statement of Overriding Considerations, Statement of Facts and Findings, and Mitigation Monitoring Program for the 2018 EFMP EIR; adopting and approving the 2018 EFMP; adopting and approving the 2018 EFMP as the Mt. San Antonio College Long-Range Development Plan; and approving the Parking Structure R and Tennis Courts project; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the 2018 EFMP EIR is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the originally approved project under the 2018 EFMP EIR included the construction of sand volleyball courts, toilet facilities, and concession space within Mt. SAC’s Athletics Zone; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Modified Sand Volleyball, Wildlife Sanctuary, and Lot W Improvement Project proposes to construct a new sand volleyball facility, Wildlife Sanctuary entry development, and reconstruct Parking Lot W (“Modified Project”); and

WHEREAS, the proposed Modified Project site is located in the southwest portion of the campus along Mt. SAC Way and consists of the existing Parking Lot W and entrance area to the Mt. SAC Wildlife Sanctuary and habitat area; and

WHEREAS, the Modified Project proposes minor modifications to the development plans for the site, including development of six volleyball courts instead of five and providing additional design details related to parking and roadway and pedestrian access. These modifications occur within the same development footprint as analyzed as part of the 2018 EFMP EIR and involve no changes to construction or operational details; and

WHEREAS, Section 15164(a) of the State CEQA Guidelines states that “the lead agency...shall prepare an addendum to a previously certified EIR if some changes or additions are necessary but none of the conditions described in Section 15162 calling for preparation of a subsequent EIR have occurred”; and

WHEREAS, the conditions described in Section 15162 are: (1) substantial changes are proposed in the project which will require major revisions of the previous EIR due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects; (2) substantial changes occur with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken which will require major revisions of the previous EIR due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects; or (3) new information of substantial importance, which was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the previous EIR was certified as complete or the, shows any of the following: (A) the project will have one or more significant effects not discussed in the previous EIR; (B) significant effects previously examined will be substantially more severe than shown in the previous EIR; (C) mitigation measures or alternatives previously found not to be feasible would in fact be feasible, and would substantially reduce one or more significant effects of the project, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative; or (D) mitigation measures or alternatives which are considerably different from those analyzed in the previous EIR would substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative; and

WHEREAS, Mt. SAC's environmental consultant prepared an addendum to the 2018 EFMP EIR for the proposed Modified Project ("Addendum") to analyze the potential differences between the impacts identified in the 2018 EFMP EIR for the remaining component of the originally approved project and the impacts that would be associated with the proposed Modified Project; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the Addendum is attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, based on the analysis provided in the Addendum, there is sufficient evidence in the record to determine that (1) the Modified Project does not represent a substantial change from the project evaluated in the 2018 EFMP EIR; (2) there are no substantial changes with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken; (3) there is no new information of substantial importance, which was not known and could not have been known at the time the 2018 EFMP EIR was certified as complete; (4) the Modified Project would not have any new or substantially more severe impacts than what was evaluated in the 2018 EFMP EIR; and (5) there are no new mitigation measures that were not adopted at the time the EIR was certified that would further reduce the project impacts; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 EFMP EIR, when considered in conjunction with this Addendum, provides adequate documentation under CEQA for the proposed Modified Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 15164(c), an addendum need not be circulated for public review; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 15164(d), the decision making body shall consider the Addendum with the 2018 EFMP EIR prior to making a decision on the proposed Modified Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 15164(e), a brief explanation of the decision not to prepare a subsequent EIR pursuant to Section 15162 should be included in the Addendum, the lead agency's findings on the Modified Project, or elsewhere in the record, and must be supported by substantial evidence; and

WHEREAS, the environmental analysis in Section 4 of the Addendum provides the factual basis and substantial evidence supporting Mt. SAC's decision not to prepare a subsequent EIR; and

WHEREAS, on or before December 23, 2021, Mt. SAC published a Notice of Adoption of Addendum to 2018 EFMP EIR and Notice of Hearing ("Notice") on the District's website and in the San Gabriel Valley Tribune and the Inland Valley Daily Bulletin; and

WHEREAS, the Notice explained that electronic copies of the 2018 EFMP EIR and Addendum were available for review on Mt. SAC's website at [<https://www.mtsac.edu/construction/reports-and-publications/environmental-impact-reports.html>] and hard copies were also available for review at the Mt. San Antonio College Library, located at 1100 N. Grand Ave., Building 6 in Walnut, California.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, FOUND, AND DETERMINED BY THE BOARD AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Recitals. The Board adopts the foregoing recitals as true and correct.

SECTION 2. Public Hearing. This resolution is adopted following a duly noticed public hearing at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board and the public had an opportunity to provide comments during the public hearing on the proposed adoption of the Addendum to the 2018 EFMP EIR.

SECTION 3. Findings.

3.1 The Board, as the governing body of Mt. SAC, has reviewed and considered the 2018 EFMP EIR together with the Addendum prior to deciding whether to adopt and approve the Addendum and whether to approve the Modified Project.

3.2 The Board finds that the 2018 EFMP EIR and the Addendum thereto reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the Board and finds that the preparation of a subsequent EIR is not necessary because the analysis provided in Section 4 of the Addendum shows that none of the conditions described in Section 15162 calling for preparation of a subsequent EIR have occurred: (1) the Modified Project would not propose substantial changes to the original project under the 2018 EFMP EIR; (2) the Modified Project would not propose substantial changes with respect to the circumstances of the original project; and (3) the Modified Project would bring about no new information of substantial importance which would (a) create new significant impacts, (b) increase the severity of previously examined effects, (c) cause mitigation measures or alternatives previously found not to be feasible, to in fact be feasible; or (4) introduce mitigation measures which are considerably different from those analyzed in the previous documents.

3.3 The Board finds that the potential impacts associated with the changes proposed by the Modified Project would either be the same or less than the anticipated levels described in the 2018 EFMP EIR. Therefore, the Board finds that there are no new significant impacts resulting from the Modified Project, nor are there any substantial increases in the severity of any previously identified environmental impacts.

SECTION 4. Adoption of Addendum and Approval of Modified Project. Based on the Board's consideration of the 2018 EFMP EIR with the Addendum, the Board adopts and approves the Addendum and the Modified Project.

SECTION 5. Notice of Determination. The Board authorizes and directs the District President and CEO or his designee to sign this Resolution and to cause the Notice of Determination, within five working days after the date of adoption of this Resolution, to be filed in the office of the County Clerk, the State Clearinghouse, and the California Community College Chancellor's Office, in accordance with CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines

SECTION 6. The President and CEO or his designees are delegated authority to take all steps and perform all actions necessary to carry out the actions of the Board as set forth in this Resolution.

SECTION 7. This Resolution shall become immediately effective upon adoption by the Board.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Governing Board of Mt. San Antonio Community College District of Los Angeles County, California, at its regular meeting on January 12, 2022.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

William T. Scroggins
College President/CEO and
Secretary, Governing Board

Exhibit A
[2018 EFMP EIR]

Exhibit B
[Addendum to 2018 EFMP EIR]