

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 PURPOSE OF THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

Under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the California State University (CSU) procedures for implementing CEQA, following completion of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR), the CSU is required to consult with and obtain comments from public agencies that have jurisdiction by law or discretionary approval power with respect to the proposed project, and to provide the general public with opportunities to comment on the Draft EIR.

On November 10, 2008, the CSU, as the Lead Agency under CEQA, issued a Draft EIR on the California State University, East Bay (CSUEB) Hayward Campus Master Plan, in addition to two development projects under this Master Plan, proposed by the CSUEB. As mandated by state law, a 45-day public comment period (November 10, 2008, through December 24, 2008) was provided by the CSU. During this period, CSUEB held two public meetings each on the Draft EIR on November 18 and December 9, 2008, to receive verbal comments. A transcript of each meeting was prepared based on a recording of the meeting proceedings.

The Final EIR is an informational document prepared by the Lead Agency that must be considered by decision makers before approving or denying the proposed project. CEQA Section 15132 specifies that the Final EIR shall consist of:

- a. The Draft EIR or a revision to the draft.
- b. Comments and recommendations received on the Draft EIR either verbatim or in summary form.
- c. A list of the persons, organizations, and public agencies commenting on the Draft EIR.
- d. The response of the Lead Agency to significant environmental points raised in review and consultation process.
- e. Any other information added by the Lead Agency.

The Draft EIR, which is incorporated by reference, and this response to comments document (including EIR text revisions, and responses to comments) constitute the Final EIR.

Copies of the Final EIR and the CSUEB Hayward Final Master Plan are available on the Web at <http://www.aba.csueastbay.edu/FACPLAN/default.htm>. The Final EIR and the Final Master Plan are also available for review at the following locations:

California State University, East Bay
Facilities Planning & Operations
25800 Carlos Bee Boulevard
Hayward, California 94542-3022
Contact: Jim Zavagno, University Planner

Campus Main Library, Reference Desk
25800 Carlos Bee Boulevard
Hayward, California 94542-3022
City of Hayward Main Library, Reference Desk
835 C Street
Hayward, California 94541

This document has been prepared pursuant to the *State CEQA Guidelines*. The Final EIR incorporates comments from public agencies and the general public, and contains responses by the Lead Agency to those comments that are relevant to the Draft EIR analysis. The Board of Trustees (BOT) of the CSU is responsible for reviewing and certifying the adequacy of this environmental document and making a decision with respect to the proposed Master Plan and the two development projects.

1.2 ORGANIZATION OF THIS RESPONSE TO COMMENTS DOCUMENT

This document is organized into six sections. Following this introduction (**Section 1.0**), **Section 2.0, Revisions to the Draft EIR**, presents changes to the text of the Draft EIR, some of which were made in response to comments on the Draft EIR. **Section 3.0, Comments on the Draft and Responses to Comments**, contains a list of persons who presented comments at the November 18 and December 9, 2008 public meetings; a list of persons, agencies, and organizations that submitted written comments on the Draft EIR; a transcript of the public hearing, reproductions of the written comments; and responses to those comments. Each comment is labeled with a number in the margin. **Section 4.0, Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program**, contains the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Master Plan and the Harder Road Parking Structure and the Pioneer Heights Phase IV projects, and **Section 5.0, Report Preparation**, lists persons involved in the preparation of the Final EIR.