

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
OF INTENT TO CERTIFY THE INITIAL STUDY,  
ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION  
AND APPROVE THE PROJECT  
Solar Photovoltaic System Project at Cañada College**

The San Mateo County Community College District (District) is the Lead Agency for the Solar Photovoltaic System Project at Cañada College. The District has prepared an Initial Study/Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration finding that, although the proposed project could result in potentially significant effects on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because mitigating measures will be incorporated into the project description.

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15072, the District will file this Notice of Intent with the San Mateo County Clerk and mail it to all responsible and trustee agencies and to all organizations and individuals who have requested such notice in writing. Pursuant to Section 15105, the District will also provide the notice of intent by the following means to allow the public the 20-day review period provided under Section 15105 of the CEQA Guidelines:

- Publication at least one time by the San Mateo County Community College District in the San Mateo Daily Journal, a newspaper of general circulation in the area.
- Posting of notice by the San Mateo County Community College District on and off site in the area where the project is to be located.
- Posting on the San Mateo County Community College website ([www.smccd.edu](http://www.smccd.edu)).

**Project Location:** The Solar Photovoltaic System Project at Cañada College will be located on the eastern edge of Cañada College campus at 4200 Farm Hill Boulevard, Redwood City, CA 94061. The 3.5-acre project site, which is located on the eastern edge of the main campus northeast of the soccer field, is largely undeveloped except for a small power house structure at the far north end and is disturbed from 45 years of stockpiling dirt.

**Project Description:** The District, which operates Cañada College in Redwood City, College of San Mateo and Skyline College in San Bruno, is planning to install ground-mounted solar panels on the 3.5-acre project site at Cañada College. The approximately 1 megawatt Solar Photovoltaic System is part of the 2011 Facilities Master Plan for Cañada College. The goal of the project is to utilize available space to produce the maximum annual amount of energy from the allowable capacity of 1.2 megawatt direct current (MW-DC) solar photovoltaic installation in order to reduce operating costs. The Solar Photovoltaic System would connect or tie-in to the existing main power house located at the north end of the project site, and the transmission lines would be installed in an underground conduit (approximately 3-foot deep) extending down the middle or along the eastern edge of the site. The project would also include installation of a 6-foot black chain link security fence around the perimeter of the panels and three 12-foot high poles along the western side of the site (north end, middle and south end) to support motion-activated, downward-directed security lights and cameras.

The project is not on any of the lists enumerated in Government Code 65962.5 including, but not limited to, lists of hazardous waste facilities, land designated as hazardous waste property, and hazardous waste disposal sites, and the information in the Hazardous Waste and Substances statement required under subsection (f) of that section.

**Public Hearing and Adoption of Mitigated Negative Declaration:** A public hearing on the Initial Study/Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration for this project has been scheduled on January 8, 2014 at the Board of Trustees meeting, which begins at 6:00 p.m. at 3401 CSM Drive, San Mateo, CA. If, on that date, the SMCCCD Board of Trustees determines, based on a review of the Initial Study/Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration and comments received on the documents, that there is no substantial evidence that the project would result in a significant environmental impact, the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration may be adopted.

It should be noted that certification of the Initial Study and adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration by the District Board do not constitute final approval of the Project. If approved, the project itself would be a separate action at the hearing on January 8.

**Document Availability & Review Period:** Copies of the Initial Study/Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration will be available at the following locations:

- San Mateo County Community College District Chancellor's Office, 3401 CSM Drive, San Mateo, CA 94402
- Cañada College President's Office, 4200 Farm Hill Boulevard, Redwood City, 94063
- On the website: <http://www.smccd.edu>

**On Monday, December 9, 2013, the 20-day public review period will begin, and it will end at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 30, 2013.** Please send your comments to Ms. Barbara Christensen at the San Mateo County Community College District address shown above or by email to [Christensen@smccd.edu](mailto:Christensen@smccd.edu) by 5:00 p.m. on December 30, 2013. For further information, please call Barbara Christensen at 650-574-6510.