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SAN FRANCISCO FIRE DEPARTMENT



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August 14th, 2024

Jason Wong San Francisco Public Works 49 South Van Ness Ave, Suite 900 San Francisco, CA 94103

Subject:Application for Sidewalk LegislationProperty Address:700 Font Blvd, San Francisco, CA 94132Assessor's Block/Lot:7299/004

After review, the Fire Department has determined that:

 \boxtimes The above referenced proposal is approved as-is and there are no conditions required.

□ The above referenced proposal requires the following conditions:

 \Box The above referenced proposal is not approved for the following reasons:

Respectfully,

Captain Ramon Flores Bureau of Fire Prevention





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San Francisco State University – Affordable Student Housing & Health Center

Summary

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San Francisco State University - Affordable Student Housing & Health Center

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Document Description

San Francisco State University is proposing the West Campus Green Affordable Student Housing & Health Center Project ("Project"). The Project involves the development of a new residential building on an approximately 2.3-acre site that would provide affordable housing to 750 students who meet income eligibility requirements. The Project also involves the development of an amenity building with dining and student health facilities. The Project is intended to advance the educational mission of the California State University and provide both immediate and long-term benefits to the San Francisco campus. The proposed residential building and amenity building would total approximately 128,000 gross square feet (GSF) and 35,000 GSF, respectively. The West Campus Green, which currently serves as a recreation and sports playing field for the campus, would be demolished to allow space for the new buildings. The proposed residential building would be built under the Project's first construction phase and would be six-stories high with ground level conference, meeting, activity, and study space. The amenity building, which would be built under the Project's second phase of construction, would be four-stories high. The Project would also include a new courtyard to offer students outdoor dining and gathering spaces; the courtyard would create opportunities for students to participate in independent and recreational activities. The Project would require new water, sewer, and electrical connections to existing services on or near the site. Limited new parking to provide for service and ADA vehicle access is proposed as part of the Project; no general student parking would be provided. A new loading dock would be located on the north side of the project site to provide for deliveries and waste removal. The Project would be designed to conform to the 2022 CSU Sustainability Policy by meeting at least a LEED Gold equivalent rating, complying with Title 24 Building, Energy and Green Building Standards, at a minimum, and avoiding use of natural gas. The Project construction schedule, which would begin with demolition and end with completion of the amenity building, would span approximately 26

months from approximately December 2022 to February 2025. The Project is subject to and incorporates applicable mitigation measures included in the 2007 Master Plan Environmental Impact Report (State Clearinghouse Number 2006102050) Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, adopted by the CSU Board of Trustees in August 2007.

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Cities

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Counties

San Francisco

Regions

San Francisco Bay Area

Other Information

2.3-acre site

Notice of Exemption

Exempt Status

Categorical Exemption

Type, Section or Code

CEQA Guidelines Section 15332 State Class number Class 32

Reasons for Exemption

The Project is categorically exempt under Class 32 (In-Fill Development Projects), having met the conditions set forth in CEQA Guidelines §15332. The Project would fall under Class 32 as it is an in-fill development on an approximately 2.3-acre site on the San Francisco State University campus, which is in the City and County of San Francisco in an urban area. While a minor Master Plan revision is required to relocate future housing planned elsewhere on the campus to the Project site, the Project is consistent with the overall planned building program contemplated in the existing adopted Master Plan for the SF State campus. Therefore, the Project would be consistent with the applicable Master Plan for the campus and associated development anticipated under this plan. The Project site contains no value as habitat for endangered, rare, or threatened species because it is already developed with a synthetic-turf recreation and sports playing field, lighting poles, grass turf lawn, paved walkways and gathering areas, and ornamental shrubs and trees. The Project would not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality, and can be adequately served by existing utilities with new service connections provided for the new buildings. Additionally, the Project does not meet any of the exceptions for taking a categorical exemption, under CEQA Guidelines §15300.2.

Attachments

Notice of Exemption

SFSU Affordable Student Housing & Health Center Project PDF 164 K

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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research P.O. Box 3644, Room 212 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 FROM: San Francisco State University 1600 Holloway Avenue San Francisco, California 94132

Project Title: San Francisco State University - Affordable Student Housing & Health Center Project

Project Location-Specific:

Address: San Francisco State University campus, 1600 Holloway Ave., San Francisco, California 94132

Cross Streets: Font Boulevard and Tapia Drive

Latitude/Longitude: 37.43224, -122.285610

Project Location-City: San Francisco Project Location-County: San Francisco

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

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The Project requires a minor Master Plan revision to relocate future housing planned elsewhere on campus to the Project site and relocate one of the planned future Creative Arts buildings on the Project site to another site. However, the Project is consistent with the overall planned building program presented in the existing adopted Master Plan for the SF State campus, as the Master Plan reflects planned student housing, student health and academic uses.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: The Board of Trustees of the California State University

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: San Francisco State University

The project is exempt from CEQA under the following authority:

- Ministerial (CEQA Statute § 21080[b][1]; CEQA Guidelines §15268)
- ____ Declared Emergency (CEQA Statute § 21080[b][3]; CEQA Guidelines §15269[a])
- ____ Emergency Project (CEQA Statute § 21080[b][4]; CEQA Guidelines §15269[c])
- _X_ Categorical Exemption (CEQA Guidelines §15332 State class number: Class 32)
- ____ Statutory Exemptions (CEQA Statute §21080.35)

Reasons why project is exempt:

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Affordable Student Housing & Health Center Project Notice of Exemption Supporting Documentation

1. Project Location and Setting

The San Francisco State University ("SF State") West Campus Green Affordable Student Housing & Health Center Project ("Project") would be located in the southwestern portion of the campus on the site of the existing West Campus Green, a recreation and sports playing field. The Project site is located in an area with other student housing and amenity buildings, and academic buildings including the Villages at Centennial Square, Burk Hall, Marcus Hall, Mary Ward Hall, University Park South, and the Mashouf Wellness Center. The SF State campus lies in the southwest portion of the City and County of San Francisco, directly west of California State Route 1 (SR-1) and east of Lake Merced.

2. Project Description

The Project involves the development of a new residential building and student amenity building on an approximately 2.3-acre site that would provide affordable housing to students who meet income eligibility requirements. The approximately 128,000 gross square foot (GSF) residential building would house 750 students and the approximately 35,000 GSF amenity building would include dining and student health facilities. The Project is intended to advance the educational mission of the California State University and provide both immediate and long-term benefits to the San Francisco campus. West Campus Green, which currently serves as a recreation and sports playing field for the campus, would be demolished to allow space for the new buildings. The proposed residential building would be built under the Project's first construction phase and would be six-stories high with ground level conference, meeting, activity, and study space. The amenity building, which would be built under the Project's second phase of construction, would be four-stories high. The Project would also include a new courtyard to offer students outdoor dining and gathering spaces; the courtyard would create opportunities for students to participate in independent and recreational activities. The Project would require new water, sewer, and electrical connections to existing services on or near the site. Limited new parking to provide for service and ADA vehicle access is proposed as part of the Project; no general student parking would be provided. A new loading dock would be located on the north side of the Project site to provide for deliveries and waste removal.

The Project would be designed to conform to the 2022 CSU Sustainability Policy by meeting at least a LEED Gold equivalent rating, complying with Title 24 Building, Energy and Green Building Standards, at a minimum, and avoiding use of natural gas. Project construction schedule, which would begin with demolition and end with completion of the amenity building, would span approximately 26 months from approximately December 2022 to February 2025. The Project is subject to and incorporates applicable mitigation measures included in the 2007 Master Plan Environmental Impact Report (State Clearinghouse Number 2006102050) (Master Plan EIR) Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP), adopted by the CSU Board of Trustees in August 2007. Relevant mitigation measures involve light and glare, construction air quality, noise, traffic, nesting birds, cultural

resources, and stormwater management. See Table 1 at the end of the document for the applicable mitigation measures.

The Project requires a minor Master Plan revision to relocate future housing planned elsewhere on campus to the Project site and relocate one of the planned future Creative Arts buildings on the Project site to another site (see Figure 1 for details of the minor Master Plan revision). However, the Project is consistent with the overall planned building program presented in the existing adopted Master Plan for the SF State campus, as the Master Plan reflects planned student housing, student health and academic uses.

3. CEQA Compliance

As described below, SF State has determined that the Project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Class 32 (In-Fill Development Projects) (CEQA Guidelines §15332). The basis for this determination is provided below.

3.1 In-Fill Development Projects (Class 32 Categorical Exemption)

The Project is characterized as in-fill development and is categorically exempt under Class 32 (In-Fill Development Projects), having met the conditions set forth in CEQA Guidelines §15332. The Class 32 conditions are listed below, followed by a brief analysis of the Project's adherence to these conditions.

(a) The project is consistent with the applicable general plan designation and all applicable general plan policies as well as with applicable zoning designation and regulations.

SF State is a California State University campus and is located on state property that is not subject to local general plans or policies. Due to the Project's location on state property, no city and county general plan land use designation, zoning designation, or municipal regulations would apply to the Project. While a minor Master Plan revision is required to relocate future housing planned elsewhere on campus to the Project site, the Project is consistent with the overall planned building program contemplated in the existing adopted Master Plan for the SF State campus, as the Master Plan reflects planned student housing, student health and academic uses. Therefore, the Project would be consistent with the applicable Master Plan for the campus and associated development anticipated under this plan.

(b) The proposed development occurs within city limits on a project site of no more than five acres substantially surrounded by urban uses.

The Project would be located on an approximately 2.3-acre site on the SF State campus, which is in the City and County of San Francisco in an urban area. The Project site is located within an urbanized environment and is surrounded by other campus facilities in all directions. Existing on-campus residential student housing is located north and south of Project site; SF State classrooms are located directly east of the Project site; and, a SF State recreation center including a gymnasium, fitness center, and indoor swimming pool, is located west of the Project site. City and County of San Francisco uses surrounding the campus are characterized as urban. Areas surrounding the campus are primarily built out. Development south of the campus consists of multi-family residential uses in the City's Parkmerced neighborhood; to the north of the campus is the Lowell High School and the Stonestown shopping mall, which contains commercial uses such as restaurants and retail; to the west of the campus is Lake Merced and Harding Park Golf Course, which is a public golf course that serves the San



Francisco Bay Area; to the east of the campus is the Ingleside neighborhood, which is primarily developed with single-family residences.

(c) The project site has no value as habitat for endangered, rare or threatened species.

The Project site contains an existing synthetic turf sports playing field with surrounding landscaping including grass turf lawn and ornamental shrubs and trees. The site also is developed with paved walkways, gathering areas, and lighting poles for the sports playing field. The Project site is located within an urbanized environment and is surrounded by other campus facilities in all directions. Accordingly, the Project site has already been disturbed and developed and would not undergo a significant change in use with the implementation of the Project. For these reasons, the site contains no value as habitat for endangered, rare, or threatened species. Furthermore, implementation of Mitigation Measure BIO-2A from the adopted Master Plan EIR MMRP is applicable to the Project and would address the low potential for nesting birds to occur in trees on or near the site (see Table 1).

(d) Approval of the project would not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality.

Traffic/Transportation. Senate Bill 743 and related 2018 updates to the CEQA Guidelines in Section 15064.3 specify that vehicle miles travelled (VMT), the amount and distance of automobile travel due to a project, is the most appropriate measure of transportation impacts. The CEQA Guidelines changes also indicate that a project's effect on automobile delay shall not constitute a significant environmental impact. An assessment of VMT for the Project was conducted in accordance with the CSU Transportation Impact Study Manual (TISM), which provides procedures for screening out projects from detailed VMT analysis and for conducting detailed analysis if a project is not screened out. Based on the TISM, on-campus housing serving students, faculty and staff and health centers serving the on-campus population are project types that are screened out from having to conduct detailed VMT analysis, as these types of projects would result in a less-than-significant impact related to VMT due to their VMT reducing characteristics (CSU 2020). That is, on-campus housing and health services, such as are planned with the Project, would reduce overall vehicle trips and VMT from the campus.

Noise. The Project would construct a residential building and an amenity building in an already developed urban environment. While construction activities over the 26-month construction period would increase ambient noise levels intermittently depending on the type of construction activities, such noise increases would be temporary. Once construction is completed, operational noise levels would be similar to existing conditions, given that the site is already surrounded by existing residential, classroom, and recreational campus buildings. The 2007 Master Plan EIR assessed construction and operational noise impacts associated with the development of the Project site and the rest of the campus. Mitigation Measure NOI-1 from the adopted Master Plan EIR MMRP applies to the Project and addresses potential impacts related to construction noise; see Table 1.

The Master Plan EIR indicates that project-related motor-vehicle traffic is the principal long-term, operational noise generator associated with future development of SF State; however, such sources were determined to have a less-than-significant noise impact (SF State 2007a and 2007b). Additionally, as indicated in Traffic/Transportation above, the Project would reduce overall vehicle trips and VMT from the campus and therefore would not contribute to traffic-related noise. For these reasons, the Project would not result in significant temporary or permanent noise impacts.



Air Quality. Project construction air emissions associated with development of the Project site and the rest of the campus were evaluated in the Master Plan EIR; this impact would be mitigated to a less than significant level with the implementation of Mitigation Measure AIR-1 from the adopted Master Plan EIR MMRP (SF State 2007c), which applies to the Project. This measure requires the campus to apply feasible control measure required by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (see Table 1). To minimize operational air quality emissions and impacts, the Project would be designed to meet at least the LEED Gold equivalent rating and would also comply with Title 24 Building, Energy and Green Building Standards, at a minimum. Additionally, any new stationary sources of air pollutants associated with the Project (e.g., emergency generators) will require permits from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District. Through compliance with design standards and permitting requirements, operational air emissions would be minimized. For these reasons, the Project is not expected to result in significant construction or operational air quality impacts.

Water Quality. Construction of the Project would result in short-term soil-disturbing activities that could lead to increased erosion and sedimentation, and potentially other sources of water quality degradation. Because the Project site is greater than 1 acre in size, a Notice of Intent to comply with the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) general construction permit will be required, which includes the implementation of a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) that addresses appropriate erosion-control and water-quality-control measures during site preparation, grading, construction, and post-construction. Furthermore, SF State construction contracts include standard practices to control erosion during construction.

The campus is required to comply with the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) permit (Order No. R2-2015-0049, NPDES No. CAS612008) issued by the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) in 2015 and the Storm Water Quality Management Program (SWQMP). The SWQMP requires incorporation of Low Impact Development (LID) treatment control measures into the Project design to control the discharge of pollutants in stormwater from the Project site. Additionally, under Mitigation Measure UTL-1 (see Table 1), SF State will verify that it can achieve a net zero increase in combined wet weather flow to the City's combined sewer system. Given the above, construction and operation of the Project would not violate any water quality standards or result in significant water quality impacts.

(e) The site can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services.

The campus's utilities are currently served by SF State, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC), and Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E). The Project would be served by the existing water and wastewater infrastructure near the Project site with new service connections provided for the new buildings. The SFPUC supplies water to the campus at two points of connection, located in 19th Avenue and Lake Merced Boulevard. The sanitary sewer system on campus consists of a mixture of gravity lines and pumped force mains. For stormwater management, the City and County of San Francisco placed a streambed underground that runs through the campus, east to west, discharging into the adjacent Lake Merced. Surface runoff on campus is collected by a network of drains and pipes that tie to the large concrete pipes that eventually discharges into Lake Merced. The Master Plan EIR determined that development under the Master Plan, including development of the subject Project site, would not require the construction or expansion of utility facilities (SF State 2007a and 2007b). Furthermore, Mitigation Measure UTL-1 from the adopted Master Plan EIR MMRP would apply to the Project requiring SF State to demonstrate that the proposed buildings can achieve net zero increase in combined wet weather flow to the City's sever system (SF State 2007c) (see Table 1). Therefore, the Project would not require the constructure. As the Project would not increase student enrollment it would not result in an increased demand for public services such as



fire protection and police. For these reasons, the Project would be adequately served by all required utilities and public services.

Given the above, the Project meets the definition of an in-fill development project under CEQA Guidelines §15332. Additionally, the Project does not meet any of the exceptions for using a categorical exemption, as described below.

3.2 Categorical Exemption Exceptions

The Project would not meet any of the exceptions for using categorical exemptions listed in CEQA Guidelines §15300.2, which prohibits the use of categorical exemptions if a project would:

- (a) Be located in a sensitive environment (not applicable to the Class 32 infill exemption)
- (b) Have significant cumulative impacts
- (c) Have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances
- (d) Result in damage to scenic resources within an officially designated scenic highway
- (e) Be located on a site included on a list compiled pursuant to §65962.5 of the Government Code
- (f) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource

Additional discussion about each of these exceptions is provided below.

"Sensitive Environment" Exception (CEQA Guidelines §15300.2[a])

Under CEQA Guidelines §15300.2(a), a categorical exemption shall not be used when the Project would be located on site with a sensitive environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern. The Project site is located within an urbanized environment on the SF State campus. The Project site is surrounded by other campus facilities in all directions. As indicated in Section 3.1(c), the Project site has already been disturbed and developed, would not undergo a significant change in use, and therefore does not contain sensitive environmental resources of hazardous or critical concern. Therefore, the Project site is not located in a particularly sensitive environment and this exception does not apply to the Project.

"Cumulative Impacts" Exception (CEQA Guidelines §15300.2[b])

Under CEQA Guidelines §15300.2(b), a categorical exemption shall not be used when the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time is significant. There are two projects that may be under construction during all or a portion of the proposed Project construction, including the SF State Science Building Replacement Project, located approximately 0.3 miles to the northeast of the Project site, and Phase 1 of the Parkmerced project, located approximately 450 feet at the nearest location (300 Arballo) to the south of the Project site. Due to the distance between the Project site and these other two development sites, cumulative construction-phase air and noise impacts are not anticipated. The SF State Science Building Replacement Project (also known as the Science & Engineering Innovation Center Building) would be subject to the same construction-phase mitigation measures in the adopted Master Plan EIR MMRP as the Project, which would address cultural resources, air, noise, and traffic impacts. Phase 1 of the Parkmerced project (City and County of San Francisco 2011b). Additionally, as the Project would not result in an increase in VMT or full-time equivalent (FTE) students, the Project would not contribute to potentially significant cumulative impacts associated with population growth as identified in the Master Plan EIR and the Parkmerced EIR (City and County of San Francisco



2010 and 2011a). Therefore, the Project would not result in significant cumulative impacts and this exception does not apply to the Project.

"Unusual Circumstances" Exception (CEQA Guidelines §15300.2[c])

Under CEQA Guidelines §5300.2(c), a categorical exemption shall not be used where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to "unusual circumstances." There are no unusual circumstances related to the Project or Project site. The Project site is located on a currently developed site on the SF State campus with no unusual characteristics; the site is relatively level, is surrounded by similar types of existing development within the SF State campus, would result in no substantial change in use of the site, would not generate new vehicle trips or VMT, would not disturb native habitats, would not be located in a flood hazard zone (SF State 2007a and 2007b), and would not involve unusual construction activities. Additionally, the Project would not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource, as indicated below under the "Historical Resources" Exception. Therefore, there are no unusual circumstances surrounding the Project that would suggest a reasonable possibility of a significant effect on the environment and this exception does not apply to the Project.

"Scenic Highways" Exception (CEQA Guidelines §15300.2[d])

Under CEQA Guidelines §15300.2(d), a categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway. The Project site is not located within or near a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway. The nearest eligible state scenic highway is the segment of SR-1 that passes through western San Francisco, located approximately 0.3 miles west of the Project site (Caltrans 2018). However, the Project site is not visible from the highway due to the distance, relatively flat topography, and intervening campus development. Therefore, the Project would not result in damage to scenic resources within a state scenic highway and this exception does not apply to the Project.

"Hazardous Waste Sites" Exception (CEQA Guidelines §15300.2[e])

Under CEQA Guidelines §15300.2(e), a categorical exemption shall not be used for a project located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to §65962.5 of the Government Code. Based on a technical memorandum prepared for the SF State Creative Arts Holloway Mixed-Use Project EIR, the Project site is not listed as on a hazardous waste site (Dudek 2016). The technical memorandum, which addressed the entire SF State campus, reviewed the following five databases to determine if the Project area is listed on the California Environmental Protection Agency hazardous waste and substances list (Cortese List):

- 1) List of Hazardous Waste and Substances sites from Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) Envirostor database;
- 2) List of Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) Sites by County and Fiscal Year from the State Water Resources Control Board (Water Board) GeoTracker database;
- 3) List of solid waste disposal sites identified by the Water Board with waste constituents above hazardous waste levels outside the waste management unit;
- 4) List of "active" Cease and Desist Orders (CDO) and Cleanup and Abatement Orders (CAO) from the Water Board; and



5) List of hazardous waste facilities subject to corrective action pursuant to Section 25187.5 of the Health and Safety Code, identified by DTSC.

Therefore, based on the above review, the Project site is not included on any list compiled pursuant to Government Code §65962.5 and this exception does not apply to the Project.

"Historical Resources" Exception (CEQA Guidelines §15300.2[f])

Under CEQA Guidelines §15300.2(f), a categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. The Project would not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource because the Project site, which was developed as a sports and recreation playing field and turf grass lawn in 2014, does not contain any buildings or features that would be considered to have historic value under CEQA. Implementation of Mitigation Measures CULT-1A, CULT-1B, CULT-3A, CULT-3B, CULT-3C, and CULT-3D from the adopted Master Plan EIR MMRP would reduce potential impacts to less than significant associated with the inadvertent discovery of archaeological resources or human remains during construction for resources that may qualify as historic resources. Therefore, the Project would not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an historic resource and this exception does not apply to the Project.

3.3 Conclusions

The Project has been reviewed for compliance with CEQA. Given the foregoing analyses and findings, the Project would not have a significant effect on the environment with the implementation of mitigation measures from the adopted Master Plan EIR MMRP (see Table 1 below) and other provisions of the Project. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15332, the Project is categorically exempt from CEQA under Class 32 (In-Fill Development Projects).

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Aesthetics	
AES-4A:	New campus lighting will be consistent with the most recent LEED-NC guidelines for light pollution reduction. These guidelines require that directional and other lighting methods be used to minimize light trespass from buildings and outdoor areas. Available methods, include but are not limited to: directional and design methods to reduce spillage, automatically controlled turn off of interior spaces during non-business hours, lighting exterior areas only for safety and comfort, and using lower intensity lights.
AES-4B:	Reflective metal, mirrored glass, or any other reflective building materials shall not be used as primary building materials for facades.
Air Quality	
AIR-1:	The Campus shall apply the following feasible control measures as required by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD).
	Basic Control Measures – For all construction sites:
	 Water all active construction areas at least twice daily, or as needed. Cover all trucks hauling soil, sand, and other loose materials or require all trucks to maintain at least two feet of freeboard.

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	 Pave, apply water three times daily, or apply (nontoxic) soil stabilizers on all unpaved access roads, parking areas and staging areas at construction sites. Sweep daily (with water sweepers) all paved access roads, parking areas and staging areas at construction sites. Sweep streets daily (with water sweepers) if visible soil material is carried onto adjacent public streets.
	Enhanced Control Measures – For sites greater than 4 acres in area:
	 All "Basic" control measures listed above. Hydroseed or apply (non-toxic) soil stabilizers to inactive construction areas (previously graded areas inactive for ten days or more.) Enclose, cover, water twice daily or apply (nontoxic) soil binders to exposed stockpiles (dirt, sand, etc.) Limit traffic speeds on unpaved roads to 15 mph.
	 Install sandbags or other erosion control measures to prevent silt runoff to public roadways. Replant vegetation in disturbed areas as quickly as possible.
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Biologica	Resources
BIO-2A:	If Project construction on campus is scheduled during the typical avian nesting season (February 15 to July 31), each work site (including access routes) and the areas within 150 feet of the work site shall be surveyed by a qualified biologist for the presence of migratory and/or special-status nesting birds. Surveys shall be conducted at each work site within two weeks prior to the commencement of ground disturbing activities. Work sites include tree-removal areas and/or any construction sites on campus. If nesting birds were found to be present, a 150-foot buffer zone shall be established around the perimeter of the nest substrate (tree, shrub, herb, etc.) and clearly marked with "environmentally sensitive area" fencing. Construction or any related activities shall not be conducted within those areas until all observed nesting activities are completed. A qualified biologist shall determine nesting status. Pre-construction surveys would not be required if Project construction is scheduled outside the typical avian nesting season (August 1–February 15).
Cultural F	Resources
CULT-1A:	During the planning and environmental review of specific development projects under the proposed Campus Master Plan, the campus shall follow the following protocol:
	 If the project site is within 200 feet of archaeological site P-38-000025/CA-SFR-25, the campus shall conduct subsurface testing in order to determine whether buried archaeological materials are present and if so the extent of the deposit relative to the project's area of disturbance. In the event that an archaeological resource is encountered during subsurface testing, the campus shall implement Mitigation CULT-1B. No surveys or subsurface testing is necessary at project sites in the rest of the campus. The campus shall include a standard inadvertent discovery clause in every construction contract, which requires that in the event that an archaeological resource is discovered during construction (whether or not an archaeologist is present), all soil disturbing work within 100 feet of the find shall cease, and the campus shall implement Mitigation CULT-1B below.

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CULT-1B:	For an archaeological site that is encountered during the subsurface testing or during construction, the campus shall:
	 Retain a qualified archaeologist to determine whether the resource qualifies as a historical resource or a unique archaeological resource. If the resource is determined to be a historical resource or a unique archaeological resource, the qualified archaeologist, in consultation with the campus, shall prepare a research design and archaeological data recovery plan for the recovery that will capture those categories of data for which the site is significant, and implement the data recovery plan prior to or during development of the site. The archaeologist shall also perform appropriate technical analyses, prepare a full written report and file it with the appropriate information center, and provide for the permanent curation of recovered materials.
CULT-3A:	The campus shall implement Mitigation CULT-1 to minimize the potential for disturbance or destruction of human remains in an archaeological context and to preserve them in place, if feasible.
CULT-3B:	The campus shall provide a representative of the local Native American community an opportunity to monitor any excavation (including archaeological excavation) within the boundaries of a known Native American archaeological site.
CULT-3C:	In the event of a discovery on campus of human bone, suspected human bone, or a burial, all excavation in the vicinity will halt immediately and the area of the find will be protected until a qualified archaeologist determines whether the bone is human. If the qualified archaeologist determines the bone is human, or if a qualified archaeologist is not present, the campus will notify the County of San Francisco Medical Examiner of the find before additional disturbance occurs. Consistent with California Health and Safety Code § 7050.5(b), which prohibits disturbance of human remains uncovered by excavation until the Coroner has made a finding relative to PRC 5097 procedures, the campus will ensure that the remains and vicinity of the find are protected against further disturbance. If it is determined that the find is of Native American origin, the campus will comply with the provisions of PRC § 5097.98 regarding identification and involvement of the Native American Most Likely Descendant (MLD).
CULT-3D:	If human remains cannot be left in place, the campus shall ensure that the qualified archaeologist and the MLD are provided an opportunity to confer on archaeological treatment of human remains, and that appropriate studies, as identified through this consultation, are carried out prior to reinternment. The campus shall provide results of all such studies to the local Native American community, and shall provide an opportunity of local Native American involvement in any interpretative reporting. As stipulated by the provisions of the California Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, the campus shall ensure that human remains and associated artifacts recovered from campus projects on state lands are repatriated to the appropriate local tribal group if requested.
CULT-4A:	Prior to construction, a qualified paleontologist shall be consulted regarding the likelihood of encountering significant fossils on a given construction site. If the paleontologist determines fossils may be present, a paleontologic monitor shall be present at each excavation that penetrates potentially fossiliferous undisturbed native soil of the Colma Formation that has been identified by the paleontologist as moderately to highly sensitive.
CULT-4B:	If a monitor is not required, contractors shall be notified that they are required to watch for potential paleontological resources and must notify the campus if paleontological resources are found.
CULT-4C:	If paleontological resources are discovered, all soil disturbing work shall cease within 100 feet of the location. The resources shall be evaluated by a qualified paleontologist who will determine the resource's potential scientific significance. If the find is determined to be significant, or potentially significant, a
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qualified paleontologist shall design and carry out data recovery consistent with the Standards of the Society of Vertebrate Paleontologists. Adequate recordation and recovery would include, at a minimum, the following:

- Development of site-specific environment and contextual information regarding the particular resource.
- Archival research and review of other studies in the area.
- Accurate recordation and excavation of the noted resources.
- In the event that a major significant find is uncovered, prior to excavating the significant resource, the campus shall ensure that an appropriate museum or scientific repository is selected for curation of the recovered materials.

Geological & Soils

GEO-1: Where existing geotechnical information is not adequate, detailed geotechnical investigations shall be performed for areas that will support buildings or foundations. Such investigations for building or foundation projects located in the valley portion of the SF State campus will comply with the California Geological Survey's Guidelines for Evaluating and Mitigating Seismic Hazards in California (Special Publication 117), which specifically address the mitigation of liquefaction and landslide hazards in designated Seismic Hazard Zones. All recommendations of the geotechnical investigations will be incorporated into Project designs.

Hazards and Hazardous Materials

HAZ-5A: The campus shall continue to include the following requirements in its standards established by Capital Planning and implement them under the Campus Master Plan:

- Construction work shall be conducted so as to ensure the least possible obstruction to traffic.
- Contractors shall notify the SF State's Representative at least two weeks before any road closure.
- When paths, lanes, or roadways are blocked, detour signs must be installed to clearly designate an alternate route.
- Fire hydrants shall be kept accessible to fire-fighting equipment at all times.
- To ensure adequate access for emergency vehicles when construction projects will result in temporary lane or roadway closures, campus police and dispatchers must be notified of the closures and alternative travel routes.
- **HAZ-5B:** New building and/or department-specific Emergency Operations Plans shall be developed for any new development project.

Noise

- **NOIS-1:** The campus shall include the following noise control measures in all construction contracts for construction projects that are within 100 feet of a sensitive receptor:
 - Construction equipment used on campus is properly maintained and has been outfitted with feasible noise-reduction devices to minimize construction-generated noise.
 - Stationary noise sources such as generators or pumps are located at least 100 feet away from noisesensitive land uses as feasible.
 - Laydown and construction vehicle staging areas are located at least 100 feet away from noisesensitive land uses.
 - Whenever possible, academic, administrative, and residential areas that will be subject to construction noise will be informed in writing at least a week before the start of each construction project.

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	 Loud construction activity (i.e., construction activity such as jackhammering, concrete sawing, asphalt removal, and large-scale grading operations) within 100 feet of a residential or academic building shall not be scheduled during finals week. Loud construction activity as described above within 100 feet of an academic use shall, to the extent feasible, be scheduled during weekends, holidays, Thanksgiving break, Christmas break, Spring break, or Summer break. Loud construction activity within 500 feet of a residential building shall be restricted to the hours between 7:30 AM and 7:30 PM, Monday through Saturday. 	
Utilities and Public Services		
UTL-1:	As each future building project is proposed, SF State will verify that it can achieve a net zero increase in combined wet weather flow to the City's combined sewer system. If a net increase in such flows would occur campus wide, SF State will coordinate with the SFPUC to determine whether such an increase will require downstream system capacity improvements.	

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