

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) - Public Resources Code Sections 21000-21177

Purpose: An Environmental Impact Report is an informational document which will inform public agency decision-makers and the public of the significant environmental effects of a project, identify possible ways to minimize the significant effects, and describe reasonable alternatives to the project. (Sections 15121 (a) and 15362 of the State CEQA Guidelines)

Notice of Preparation: Santa Monica College has determined that an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) will be prepared for the Proposed Project. The Notice of Preparation (NOP) is currently being circulated for a 30-day review period to solicit comments from identified responsible and trustee agencies, as well as interested parties on the scope of the Draft EIR.

Environmental Issue Areas to Be Analyzed in the EIR:

- Air Quality
- Aesthetics (Views, Light & Glare)
- Biology
- Cultural/Historic Resources
- Geology/Soils
- Global Climate Change
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Noise
- Public Utilities (Water, Sewer, and Energy Conservation)
- Public Services (Police and Fire Protection)
- Transportation and Circulation
- Parking
- Neighborhood Effects

Future Steps:

1. 30-Day NOP Comment Period (Ends on October 26th, 2009)
2. Lead Agency to Publish and Circulate the Draft EIR for a 45-Day Review Period
3. Lead Agency to Review and Respond to Public and Agency Comments on the Draft EIR and Prepare a Final EIR
4. SMC Board of Trustees to Certify the Final EIR and Approve Career and Educational Facilities Master Plan 2009 Update .