

The purpose of this environmental impact report (EIR) is to evaluate the potential environmental effects of the proposed San Diego State University (SDSU) New Student Housing Project (proposed project). SDSU issued a Notice of Preparation and Initial Study (NOP/IS) on December 9, 2016, with the public review period ending on January 20, 2017. The NOP was transmitted to the State Clearinghouse, interested agencies, organizations, and individuals to solicit comments regarding issues and concerns related to the project. A scoping meeting also was held on January 18, 2017, at which additional written and oral comments were provided. The NOP/IS, and all comments submitted to SDSU in response to the NOP/IS are contained in **Appendix A** of this EIR. **Sections 4.1** through **4.14** of this EIR contain the analysis of potential environmental impacts associated with implementation of the proposed project and address the following impact categories:

- Aesthetics
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Energy
- Geotechnical Resources
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Land Use and Planning
- Noise
- Population and Housing
- Public Services and Utilities including Recreation
- Transportation/Circulation and Parking

Of the environmental topics analyzed in **Chapter 4, Environmental Analysis**, the following impact categories were determined to have potentially significant impacts requiring mitigation:

- Aesthetics
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Geotechnical Resources
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Noise
- Public Services and Utilities
- Transportation/Circulation and Parking

The remaining environmental topics were found to have impacts that are less than significant:

- Air Quality
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Land Use and Planning
- Population and Housing

The NOP/IS determined that the proposed project would not result in potential significant impacts related to Agricultural Resources and Mineral Resources. Therefore, these impact categories are not addressed in **Chapter 4** and, instead, are addressed in **Chapter 5, Effects Not Found to be Significant**.

Analysis Format

This EIR assesses how the proposed project would impact each of the relevant environmental impact categories. The analysis of each environmental topic addressed in this EIR is presented in the following format:

- **Existing Conditions:** Provides information describing the existing setting on or surrounding the proposed project site that may be subject to change as a result of implementation of the project. This setting describes the conditions that existed when the NOP was issued, unless otherwise specified.
- **Regulatory Framework:** Provides a discussion of federal, state, regional, and local regulations, plans, policies, and ordinances applicable to the proposed project.
- **Thresholds of Significance:** Provides criteria for determining the significance of project impacts for each environmental impact category.
- **Impacts:** Provides a discussion of the characteristics of the project that may have an effect on the environment, analyzes the nature and extent to which the project is expected to change the existing environment, and identifies whether the project impacts would be below or exceed the level of significance thresholds.
- **Mitigation Measures:** Identifies mitigation measures to reduce significant adverse impacts to the extent feasible, if applicable.
- **Level of Significance After Mitigation:** Determines whether the mitigation measures would reduce potentially significant impacts to less than significant and identifies significant adverse environmental impacts that cannot be feasibly mitigated or avoided, if applicable.