

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND INTENT TO ADOPT AN ADDENDUM TO A CERTIFIED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

This is to advise that the Kern Community College District has prepared Addendum V Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to the Resource and Facilities Master Plan for the Project identified below that is scheduled to be held at the Kern Community College District – Board of Trustees meeting on September 10, 2026.

PLEASE BE ADVISED that the Kern Community College District – Board of Trustees will consider adopting Addendum V at the Board's meeting to be held on September 10, 2026. Presentations will be made at approximately 1:00 pm. Action on items on the Board agenda will occur after the presentations. The meeting will be held at the Cerro Coso Community College, 3000 College Heights Blvd, Ridgecrest, CA 93555.

Project Name

Center for Student Success (CSS; Project)

Project Location

The Project is located in the north central portion of the Bakersfield College campus. The campus is located north of University Avenue and south of Panorama Drive, between Haley Street to the west and Mt. Vernon Avenue to the east. Columbus Street runs parallel to and south of University Avenue.

Project Description

The proposed modified Project would demolish the existing 63,130 square-foot student center and construct a new, approximately 48,745 square feet CSS with approximately 35,255 assignable square feet (Figure 2-3). The intent of the new student center is to provide a more efficiently designed space that will be focused mainly on providing student support services that include Disabled Students Programs and Services (DSPS), advising and counseling, career and workforce education, testing space, Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) / California Student Opportunity and Access Program (CalSOAP), international programs, academic support and education.

The new CSS will contain the following

- 5,331 square feet of assignable laboratory space,
- 23,010 square feet of assignable office space,
- 5,166 square feet of library space,
- 1,748 square feet of assignable student services support space

The new student center would be approximately three floors with a maximum height of 57 feet. Construction of the modified Project is anticipated to start in Q1 2027 and be completed by Q4 2028.

In accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15164(c), an addendum to an EIR need not be circulated for public review but can be included in or attached to the certified EIR. The decision-making body must consider the Addendum with the certified EIR prior to making a decision on the Project (CEQA Guidelines Section 15164(d)). The document and documents referenced in Addendum V EIR are available for review at Kern Community College District, 2100 Chester Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93301.