

9. Significant Irreversible Changes Due to the Proposed Project

Section 15126.2(c) of the CEQA Guidelines requires that an environmental impact report (EIR) describe any significant irreversible environmental changes that would be caused by implementation of the Proposed Project. Implementation of Proposed Project would consist of construction and operation of a community college in multiple phases serving up to 10,000 full-time equivalent (FTE) students at buildout.

- Implementation of the Proposed Project would include construction activities that would entail the commitment of nonrenewable and/or slowly renewable energy resources, human resources, and natural resources such as lumber and other forest products, sand and gravel, asphalt, steel, copper, lead, other metals, and water.
- The Proposed Project would build and operate a community college with capacity for up to 10,000 FTE students. The community college is expected to have a useful lifetime of 80 or more years. Operation of the community college would entail use of nonrenewable and/or slowly renewable energy resources including electricity, natural gas, petroleum, and water resources, and would generate wastewater.
- Project Site clearance and site grading would involve permanent changes to site topography and removal of natural vegetation.

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