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This section of the Final EIR provides changes to the Draft EIR that have been made to clarify, correct, or revise the environmental impact analysis for the ArtCenter College of Design Master Plan Project (Project). Such changes are a result of public and agency comments received in response to the Draft EIR. The changes included in this section do not result in any new or increased significant environmental impacts.

This section is divided into two parts: Section II.A, Corrections and Additions to Draft EIR Sections and Appendices, and Section II.B, Effect of Corrections and Additions.

A. Corrections and Additions to Draft EIR Sections and Appendices

Changes have been made to the Draft EIR as a result of public and agency comments received during the public review period of the Draft EIR. Deletions are shown in ~~strikethrough text~~, and additions are shown in underline text. Such changes are presented by EIR section of the Draft EIR

I. Executive Summary

The executive summary provided in Section I of this Final EIR has been updated to incorporate the relevant corrections and additions provided herein.

Consistent with the mitigation measures presented in Section IV.C Biological Resources, revise Mitigation Measures C-1, and C-4 through C-8, as follows:

- Mitigation Measure C-1 and C-4: Add the following to the end of the mitigation measure: “A report would be submitted to the City Planning & Community Development Department documenting the survey methods and results, including number and location of individuals observed, if any, and estimated population sizes.”
- Mitigation Measures C-5: Add the following to the end of the mitigation measure: “A report would be submitted to the City

Planning & Community Development Department documenting the survey methods and results, including number and location of coastal California gnatcatcher observed.”

- Mitigation Measures C-6: Add the following to the end of the mitigation measure: “A report would be submitted to the City Planning & Community Development Department documenting the survey methods and results, including number and location of individuals observed.”
- Mitigation Measures C-7: Add the following to the end of the mitigation measure: “A report would be submitted to the City Planning & Community Development Department documenting the survey methods and results, including number and location of individuals observed.”
- Mitigation Measures C-8: Add the following to the end of the mitigation measure: “A report would be submitted to the City Planning & Community Development Department documenting the survey methods and results, including number and location of bats observed, if any.”

III. Project Description

Volume 1, Section III, Project Description, page III-29, sixth bullet regarding the sale of alcoholic beverages, has been revised as follows:

- Conditional Use Permit for the sale of alcoholic beverages at the South Campus;

Volume 1, Section III, Project Description, page III-30, the following has been added to the list of permits and approvals:

- Caltrans Encroachment Permit for any work performed on Arroyo Parkway during Project construction (should such encroachment be necessary), as well as a transportation permit for use of oversized-transport vehicles on state highways;

Volume 1, Section III, Project Description, page III-7, fourth paragraph of Subsection C.1, the first sentence has been revised as follows:

No development is located immediately adjacent to the Hillside Campus buildings/structures; there is a minimum of 250 feet of sloped dense

vegetation (consisting of mature trees and shrubs) separating the buildings/structures on the Hillside Campus and the nearest single-family residences on Pegfair Estates Drive and Carnarvon Drive to the north of the North Lot and the Annex Building. More distant surrounding uses in the vicinity include single-family residences to the north, south, east, and west.

IV.B. Air Quality

Volume 1, Section IV.B., Air Quality, page IV.B-40, the following Interim Year Analysis is included as IV.B, Air Quality, Subsection 3.d.,(3).

(3) Interim Year Analysis

The Project would be implemented in two phases, with Phase I occurring in the first five years, although it could be completed as early as 2022, and Phase II occurring between 2022 and 2032. Based on this information, an analysis of Year 2022 (operation of Phase I and beginning construction of Phase II) was selected for the interim year analysis and would include the maximum overlapping construction and operational emissions from the proposed Project. The number of beds provided by each phase was used to proportion operational emissions since the number of beds are directly proportional to the number of students and related vehicular trips. Thus, Phase I (850 beds) would represent approximately 57 percent of the total Project buildout (1,500 beds). Operational emissions for completion of Phase I (Year 2022) were calculated using CalEEMod. Table IV.B-9 provides construction emissions associated with beginning of Phase II in Year 2022 combined with operational emissions. As shown in Table IV.B-9, combined construction and operational emissions would be well below the SCAQMD's regional and localized significance thresholds.

Table IV.B-9
Estimate of Regional and Localized Project Interim Year (2022) Emissions^a
(pounds per day)

<u>Source</u>	<u>VOC^b</u>	<u>NO_x</u>	<u>CO</u>	<u>SO_x</u>	<u>PM₁₀</u>	<u>PM_{2.5}</u>
Regional Emissions						
Construction (2022)	<u>7</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>66</u>	<u><1</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>
Operations (2022)	<u>10</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>55</u>	<u><1</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>3</u>
Total	<u>17</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>121</u>	<u><1</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>6</u>
SCAQMD Daily Significance Threshold	<u>75</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>550</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>55</u>
Exceed Threshold? _____	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>
Localized Emissions						
Construction (2022)	<u><1</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>56</u>	<u><1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>
Operations (2022)	<u>7</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>19</u>	<u><1</u>	<u><1</u>	<u><1</u>
Total	<u>7</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>75</u>	<u><1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>
SCAQMD Daily Significance Threshold^c	<u>NA</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>1,921</u>	<u>NA</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>9</u>
Exceed Threshold? _____	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>
<p>^a <i>The CalEEMod printout sheets and/or calculation worksheets are presented in Appendix C (CalEEMod Output) of this document.</i></p> <p>^b <i>Please note that the SCAQMD significance threshold is in terms of VOC while CalEEMod calculates reactive organic compounds (ROG) emissions. For purposes of this analysis, VOC and ROG are used interchangeably since ROG represents approximately 99.9 percent of VOC emissions.</i></p> <p>^c <i>Potential localized construction impacts were evaluated using the SCAQMD's LSTs for Source Receptor Area 8. Maximum active construction activities would occur on 5 acres at a distance of approximately 50 meters from sensitive land uses.</i></p> <p>Source: <i>Eyestone Environmental, 2018.</i></p>						

IV.M.2. Utilities and Service Systems—Wastewater

Volume 1, Section IV.M.2, Utilities and Service Systems—Wastewater, page IV.M.2-2, first paragraph of Subsection 2.b.(1), the last sentence has been revised as follows:

Wastewater generated in the City is carried by the local pipe system to trunk wastewater lines operated by the LACSD, ~~located south of the City boundary.~~ Wastewater originating from the Hillside Campus would continue to discharge via a local sewer line to LACSD's Joint Outfall B Unit 6J Trunk Sewer, a 16-inch diameter truck sewer located in Linda Vista Avenue at Lida Street. Wastewater originating from the South Campus would continue to discharge via a local sewer line to LACSD's Arroyo Seco Truck Sewer Section 4, a

21-inch diameter truck sewer located in Garfield Avenue at the Pasadena Freeway (south of the City boundary).

Volume 1, Section IV.M.2, Utilities and Service Systems—Wastewater, page IV.M.2-4, paragraph under Subsection 2.b.(3), has been appended to include additional information regarding the specific water reclamation plant(s) that would serve the Project, as follows:

More specifically, according to LACSD, wastewater generated by the Project would be treated at either the Whittier Narrows WRP, which has a capacity of 15 million gpd and currently processes an average flow of 7.3 million gpd, or the Los Coyotes WRP, which has a capacity of 37.5 million gpd and currently processes an average flow of 20.4 million gpd. The combined capacity from these two facilities total 52.5 million gpd and currently produces a combined average recycled water flow of 27.7 million gpd.¹

¹ Raza, Adriana, Customer Service Specialist, Facilities Planning Department, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, Response to the NOP for the ArtCenter Master Plan, October 3, 2016; Raza, Adriana, Customer Service Specialist, Facilities Planning Department, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, DEIR Response to the ArtCenter College of Design Master Plan, December 11, 2017.

Appendix C—Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Volume 2, Appendix C, Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Emissions, has been amended to include Appendix C.4: Calculations to Support Additional Emissions Analysis, as presented in Appendix C.4 of this Final EIR. This additional appendix includes supporting documentation and calculations for the additional analysis that has been conducted to address comments received from the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) on the Draft EIR.

B. Effect of Corrections and Additions

CEQA Guidelines Section 15088.5 requires that an EIR which has been made available for public review, but not yet certified, be recirculated whenever significant new information has been added to the EIR. The relevant portions of CEQA Guidelines section 15088.5 read as follows:

- (a) A lead agency is required to recirculate an EIR when significant new information is added to the EIR after public notice is given of the availability of the draft EIR for public review under Section 15087 but before certification. As used in this section, the term

“information” can include changes in the project or environmental setting as well as additional data or other information. New information added to an EIR is not “significant” unless the EIR is changed in a way that deprives the public of a meaningful opportunity to comment upon a substantial adverse environmental effect of the project or a feasible way to mitigate or avoid such an effect (including a feasible project alternative) that the project’s proponents have declined to implement. “Significant new information” requiring recirculation include, for example, a disclosure showing that:

- (1) A new significant environmental impact would result from the project or from a new mitigation measure proposed to be implemented.
 - (2) A substantial increase in the severity of an environmental impact would result unless mitigation measures are adopted that reduce the impact to a level of insignificance.
 - (3) A feasible project alternative or mitigation measure considerably different from others previously analyzed would clearly lessen the environmental impacts of the project, but the project’s proponents decline to adopt it.
 - (4) The draft EIR was so fundamentally and basically inadequate and conclusory in nature that meaningful public review and comment were precluded. (*Mountain Lion Coalition v. Fish and Game Com.* (1989) 214 Cal.App.3d 1043)
- (b) Recirculation is not required where the new information added to the EIR merely clarifies or amplifies or makes insignificant modifications in an adequate EIR.

The information contained in this section clarifies, amplifies, or makes insignificant changes to the Draft EIR. In addition, the information added to the Draft EIR is not significant because the Draft EIR is not changed in a way that deprives the public of a meaningful opportunity to comment upon a substantial adverse environmental effect of the Project or a feasible way to mitigate or avoid such an effect.

Based on the above, the clarifications, revisions, and corrections do not result in any new significant impacts or a substantial increase in the severity of an impact already identified in the Draft EIR. In addition, the revisions to the Draft EIR clarify, amplify or make

insignificant refinements to the Draft EIR. Thus, none of the conditions in Section 15088.5 of the CEQA Guidelines are met, and recirculation of the Draft EIR is not required.