MT. SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE

DATE: June 28, 2017 **ACTION**

SUBJECT: Set Aside Approvals for West Parcel Solar Project and Addendum to the 2012 Master Plan Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

BACKGROUND

Mt. San Antonio Community College District is the lead agency for the West Parcel Solar Project, which is among the projects identified and evaluated in the Mt. San Antonio College Facility Master Plan 2012 dated February 18, 2013, and received California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) lead agency approval by the Board of Trustees' certification of the 2012 Master Plan's Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (2012 Master Plan EIR) (SCH 2002041161).

On September 16, 2015, the Board of Trustees at a duly noticed special meeting adopted Resolution No. 15-01 approving the Solar Project. The Board found the Solar Project, as then designed, could have significant effects on the environment; however, the Board found that all potentially significant effects had been analyzed in the 2012 Master Plan EIR pursuant to applicable standards and have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to the 2012 Master Plan EIR including mitigation measures that were adopted in the 2012 Mitigation Monitoring Program applicable to the Solar Project. For these reasons, the Board determined that no additional environmental analysis was required under CEQA. On January 13, 2016, the Board approved an Addendum to the 2012 Master Plan EIR related to the Solar Project.

The 2012 Master Plan EIR and Addendum do not satisfy the requirements for project specific environmental review of the Solar Project under CEQA. The 2012 Master Plan EIR is a programmatic EIR that may be used for tiering but not for project specific CEQA approval.

ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT

Not applicable.

Funding Source

Not applicable.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Board of Trustees set aside approvals for the West Parcel Solar Project and the Addendum to the 2012 Master Plan Environmental Impact Report, as presented.

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