

EXECUTIVE OFFICER SUMMARY REPORT
April 8, 2005

ITEM: **16**

SUBJECT: **SDSU 2005 CAMPUS MASTER PLAN REVISION,
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT /
PROPOSED ADOBE FALLS DEVELOPMENT**

Consideration and possible adoption of a resolution (*tentative Resolution 05-07*) authorizing the Executive Officer to prepare comprehensive comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Mr. W. Anthony Fulton (Director, Office of Facilities Planning and Management, SDSU) will provide an overview of SDSU's proposed 2005 Campus Master Plan Revision and Draft EIR, including the proposed residential development on the north side of Highway 8, surrounding the Adobe Falls portion of Alvarado Creek near its confluence with the San Diego River. (*W. Anthony Fulton*)

PURPOSE: Consideration and possible adoption of tentative Resolution 05-07.

DISCUSSION: The proposed SDSU campus expansion plan has the potential to adversely effect the hydrologic and water quality characteristics of the San Diego River. Increased hardscaping and pollutant sources will result in an increase in the volume and velocity of the runoff as well as an increase in pollutant loading to Alvarado Creek and the San Diego River.

In particular, staff has concerns about the proposed residential development surrounding Adobe Falls. Adobe Creek is a significant tributary to the San Diego River and hence its protection is essential to the protection of the San Diego River. From a biological and cultural resources perspective, Adobe Falls and vicinity is an important and environmentally sensitive area (that is already heavily infested with non-native, invasive plant species) and is in need of restoration and preservation.

Furthermore, the proposed Adobe Falls development is upstream and in very close proximity to Subarea A of the

proposed Grantville Redevelopment Project. For this reason, the “cumulative” hydrologic and water quality impacts of the two projects (Grantville and Adobe Falls) on Alvarado Creek and the San Diego River will likely be significant and should be thoroughly assessed on an individual and combined basis.

In addition, according to local historians, there was an aqueduct and small dam at Adobe Falls associated with the mission irrigation system.

The Executive Officer has requested an extension of the public comment period which officially ended March 19, 2005. In order to accommodate the Conservancy’s public comment, Mr. Fulton has agreed to extend the comment period (for the Conservancy) through Monday, April 11, 2005.

LEGAL CONCERNS: None.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

SUPPORTING
DOCUMENTS:

1. Tentative Resolution 05-07
2. “Introduction and Executive Summary” from Draft Environmental Impact Report, SDSU 2005 Campus Master Plan Revision
3. Compact Disk - Draft Environmental Impact Report, SDSU 2005 Campus Master Plan Revision

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt tentative Resolution 05-07.