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SCH #: 20190701023

Project Title: Evaluating the Proposed Regulation and Permitting of Commercial Cannabis Activities

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Project Location: Fresno, Fresno County
City *County*

Project Decription (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The City of Fresno is proposing an amendment to Sections 15-2739 and 15-2739.1 of the Fresno Municipal Code and amendment to Article 33 to Chapter 9 of the Fresno Municipal Code, relating to adult use and medicinal cannabis retail business and commercial cannabis business. These amendments would facilitate the permitting of the cultivation, testing, manufacturing, distribution, and retail sale of cannabis in the City of Fresno. A detailed and complete description of the Project, analyzed in this Draft EIR, is presented in Chapter 3, Project Description.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

Air Quality – NOx emissions during construction would result in temporary increases above the established thresholds. Greenhouse Gas Emissions - the proposed Project's preliminary GHG analysis demonstrates that the Project will not meet a 29% reduction in GHG emissions from BAU. Therefore, GHG emissions would be considered significant and unavoidable. MM 4.2-1 and MM 4.2-2 will reduce potentially significant impacts related to agricultural resources to less than significant. MM 4.3-1, MM 4.3-2, MM 4.2-3, and MM 4.3-4 would reduce any potentially significant impacts related to air quality impacts to less than significant. MM 4.4-1-9 would reduce any potentially significant impacts related to biological resources to less than significant. MM 4.5-1 will reduce significant impacts to cultural, tribal, and historical resources to less than significant. MM 4.5-2 would reduce significant impacts to tribal and archaeological impacts to less than significant. MM 4.5-3 would reduce possibility of potential impacts related to disturbance to human remains or Dedicated Cemeteries. MM 4.6-1 and MM 4.6-2 would be implemented to reduce potentially significant impacts related to energy use and utilities to less than significant. MM 4.7-1 would reduce potentially significant impacts to unique paleontological resources or site or unique geologic feature to less than significant. MM-4.8-1 and MM 4.8-2 would be implemented to reduce potentially significant impacts related to GHG to less than significant. MM 4.9-1-6 would reduce potential significant impacts related to hazards and hazardous materials and public services to less than significant. MM 4.10-1 would reduce potentially significant impacts related to hydrology, public services, and wildfire to less than significant. MM 4.13-1 and MM 14.13-2 would reduce potentially significant impacts related to noise to less than significant levels. MM 14.17-1-4 would reduce potentially significant impacts related to transportation to less than significant. MM-19-1-4 would be implemented to reduce potentially significant impacts related to utilities to less than significant.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

No areas of controversy were identified through written agency and public comments received during the scoping period. Public comments received during scoping are provided in Appendix A of the Draft EIR. In summary, the following issues were identified during scoping and are addressed in the appropriate sections of Chapter 4, Environmental Impact Analyses in the Draft EIR:
-Biological Resources: Impacts from ground-disturbing activities, nesting birds, lake and streambed alterations
-Transportation: Connectivity and accessibility to existing Class II bike lanes
-Tribal Cultural Resources: Consultation with tribes

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

Local Agencies:
• Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E), San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD), Southern California Edison Company (SCE), Southern California Gas Company (SCG), Fresno Irrigation District

State Agencies:
• California Air Resources Board (CARB)
• California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)
• California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)
• California Integrated Waste Management Board
• Department of Water Resources
• Governor's Office of Planning and Research
• Office of Historic Preservation
• Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), Central Valley Region
• California Department of Consumer Affairs, Bureau of Medical Cannabis Control
• California Department of Food and Agriculture
• California Department of Pesticide Regulation
• Board of Equalization
• Franchise Tax Board
• California Department of Justice
• California Department of Public Health
• California Environmental Protection Agency

Federal Agencies:
• U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
• U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)