INITIAL STUDY/NEGATIVE DECLARATION

[Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080(c) and California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Sections 15070-15071]

LEAD AGENCY: San Joaquin County Community Development Department

PROJECT APPLICANT: Anderson/Bezley

PROJECT TITLE/FILE NUMBER(S): PA-1900201 (SA)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: A Site Approval application to establish a personal storage facility in two (2) phases within three (3) years. Phase 1 includes the construction a 576 square foot office building and four (4) personal storage buildings totaling 41,000 square feet. Phase 2 includes the construction of two (2) personal storage buildings totaling 19,800 square feet. The project also includes the construction of a 672 square foot off-premise billboard sign not tied to the personal storage facility. The project proposes public water, and a private septic system for sewage disposal. Storm water will be retained on site. The project will have access from North Bezley Road. The project site is not under a Williamson Act Contract. (Use Type: Personal Storage, Signs- Off Premises)

The project site is located on the east side of North Bezley Road, 50 feet south of East State Route 88, Clements

ASSESSOR PARCEL NO.: 019-260-54

ACRES: 7.31-ac

GENERAL PLAN: C/RS

ZONING: C-RS

POTENTIAL POPULATION, NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS, OR SQUARE FOOTAGE OF USE(S):

<u>A personal storage facility with a 576 square foot office, and a total of 60,800 square feet of personal storage buildings.</u>

SURROUNDING LAND USES:

NORTH: Commercial/Agricultural with scattered residences.

SOUTH: Residential/Agricultural

EAST: Agricultural with scattered residences

WEST: Commercial/Residential

REFERENCES AND SOURCES FOR DETERMINING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

Original source materials and maps on file in the Community Development Department including: all County and City general plans and community plans; assessor parcel books; various local and FEMA flood zone maps; service district maps; maps of geologic instability; maps and reports on endangered species such as the Natural Diversity Data Base; noise contour maps; specific roadway plans; maps and/or records of archeological/historic resources; soil reports and maps; etc.

Many of these original source materials have been collected from other public agencies or from previously prepared EIR's and other technical studies. Additional standard sources which should be specifically cited below include on-site visits by staff (note date); staff knowledge or experience; and independent environmental studies submitted to the County as part of the project application (Air Impact Assessment: Clements Storage Project (ISR# C-20190454. Provided by the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District for the San Joaquin County Community Development Department. December 5, 2019). Copies of these reports can be found by contacting the Community Development Department.

TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES:

Have California Native American tribes traditionally and culturally affiliated with the project area requested consultation pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.3.1? If so, is there a plan for consultation that includes, for example, the determination of significance of impacts to tribal cultural resources, procedures regarding confidentiality, etc.?

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS:

1.	Does it appear that any environmental feature of the project will generate significant public concern or controversy? Yes No
	Nature of concern(s): Enter concern(s).
2.	Will the project require approval or permits by agencies other than the County? ☐ Yes ☐ No
	Agency name(s): Enter agency name(s).
3.	Is the project within the Sphere of Influence, or within two miles, of any city? Yes No
	City: Enter city name(s).

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:

The e a "Po	environmental factors checked belo tentially Significant Impact" as indic	w wo	ould be potentially affected by this purely the checklist on the following pa	roject iges.	t, involving at least one impact that is		
	Aesthetics		Agriculture and Forestry Resource	s	Air Quality		
	Biological Resources		Cultural Resources		Energy		
	Geology / Soils		Greenhouse Gas Emissions		Hazards & Hazardous Materials		
	Hydrology / Water Quality		Land Use / Planning		Mineral Resources		
	Noise		Population / Housing		Public Services		
	Recreation		Transportation		Tribal Cultural Resources		
	Utilities / Service Systems		Wildfire		Mandatory Findings of Significance		
DETE	ERMINATION: (To be completed by	/ the	Lead Agency) On the basis of this i	nitial	evaluation:		
	find that the proposed project OECLARATION will be prepared.	OUL	D NOT have a significant effect	on t	he environment, and a NEGATIVE		
е		ns ir	the project have been made by		ronment, there will not be a significant reed to by the project proponent. A		
	find that the proposed project MAY REPORT is required.	′ hav	e a significant effect on the environr	ment,	and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT		
ii a	I find that the proposed project MAY have a "potentially significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact on the environment, but at least one effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.						
s 2	I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.						
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Sign	ature: Giuseppe Sanfilippo Associate Planner				Date		

EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

- 1) A brief explanation is required for all answers except "No Impact" answers that are adequately supported by the information sources a lead agency cites in the parentheses following each question. A "No Impact" answer is adequately supported if the referenced information sources show that the impact simply does not apply to projects like the one involved (e.g., the project falls outside a fault rupture zone). A "No Impact" answer should be explained where it is based on project-specific factors as well as general standards (e.g., the project will not expose sensitive receptors to pollutants, based on a project-specific screening analysis).
- 2) All answers must take account of the whole action involved, including off-site as well as on-site, cumulative as well as project-level, indirect as well as direct, and construction as well as operational impacts.
- Once the lead agency has determined that a particular physical impact may occur, then the checklist answers must indicate whether the impact is potentially significant, less than significant with mitigation, or less than significant. "Potentially Significant Impact" is appropriate if there is substantial evidence that an effect may be significant. If there are one or more "Potentially Significant Impact" entries when the determination is made, an EIR is required.
- "Negative Declaration: Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated" applies where the incorporation of mitigation measures has reduced an effect from "Potentially Significant Impact" to a "Less Than Significant Impact." The lead agency must describe the mitigation measures, and briefly explain how they reduce the effect to a less than significant level (mitigation measures from "Earlier Analyses," as described in (5) below, may be cross-referenced).
- 5) Earlier analyses may be used where, pursuant to the tiering, program EIR, or other CEQA process, an effect has been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or negative declaration. Section 15063(c)(3)(D). In this case, a brief discussion should identify the following:
 - a) Earlier Analysis Used. Identify and state where they are available for review.
 - b) Impacts Adequately Addressed. Identify which effects from the above checklist were within the scope of and adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and state whether such effects were addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis.
 - c) Mitigation Measures. For effects that are "Less than Significant with Mitigation Measures Incorporated," describe the mitigation measures which were incorporated or refined from the earlier document and the extent to which they address site-specific conditions for the project.
- 6) Lead agencies are encouraged to incorporate into the checklist references to information sources for potential impacts (e.g., general plans, zoning ordinances). Reference to a previously prepared or outside document should, where appropriate, include a reference to the page or pages where the statement is substantiated.
- 7) Supporting Information Sources: A source list should be attached, and other sources used or individuals contacted should be cited in the discussion.
- 8) This is only a suggested form, and lead agencies are free to use different formats; however, lead agencies should normally address the questions from this checklist that are relevant to a project's environmental effects in whatever format is selected.
- 9) The explanation of each issue should identify:
 - a) the significance criteria or threshold, if any, used to evaluate each question; and
 - b) the mitigation measure identified, if any, to reduce the impact to less than significance.

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		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
	ESTHETICS.					
	cept as provided in Public Resources Code Section 21099,					
	uld the project: Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?				\boxtimes	
b)	Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?				\boxtimes	
c)	In non-urbanized areas, substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of public views of the site and its surroundings? (Public views are those that are experienced from publically accessible vantage point). If the project is in an urbanized area, would the project conflict with applicable zoning and other regulations governing scenic quality?				\boxtimes	
d)	Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?			\boxtimes		

a-d) The proposed project is a Site Approval application to establish a personal storage facility in two (2) phases within three (3) years, to include the construction of a total of 61,376 square feet of building space. The project also includes the construction of a 672 square foot off-premise billboard sign not tied to the personal storage facility. The project site is located North Bezley Road, approximately 50 feet south of East State Route 88, which is a designated scenic route pursuant to 2035 General Plan Figure 12-2. The surrounding area is a mixture of commercial, residential, and agricultural uses. A personal storage facility is classified under the Personal Storage use type, and a billboard sign is classified under the Signs-Off Premises use type. Pursuant to Development Title Table 9-405.2, both the Personal Storage and Signs-Off Premises use types may be conditionally permitted in the C-RS (Rural Service Commercial) zone with an approved Site Approval application. Additionally, the proposed development is consistent with the surrounding commercial development in the vicinity. As a Condition of Approval, the project will be required to provide a ten (10) foot wide landscaping strip along North Bezley Road. Additionally, there are six (6) oak trees on site that will remain. As a result, the proposed project is not anticipated to have an impact on aesthetics.

oroject: a) Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to nonagricultural use? b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?	
William 50H Act Contract?	
c) Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code section 51104(g))?	
d) Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?	
e) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?	

a-e) The proposed project is a Site Approval application to establish a personal storage facility in two (2) phases within three (3) years. The project also includes the construction of a 672 square foot billboard sign. The current zoning for the property is C-RS (Rural Service Commercial). The proposed project will not affect any agricultural uses, nor will it affect existing Williamson Act contracts. Therefore, the proposed application will have no impact on agriculture and forestry resources. Additionally the project site is not classified as Prime Farmland.

		Potentially Significant Impact	Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
Wh app dist	AIR QUALITY. Itere available, the significance criteria established by the blicable air quality management or air pollution control trict may be relied upon to make the following erminations. Would the project:	·	•	·		
a)	Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?				\boxtimes	
b)	Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard?		\boxtimes			
c)	Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?		\boxtimes			
d)	Result in substantial emissions (such as those leading to odors) adversely affecting a substantial number of people?		\boxtimes			

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		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
IV.	BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES:	mpaot	moorporatoa	mpaot	,pa.o.	
Wo a)	uld the project: Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or					
	regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?					
b)	Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or US Fish and Wildlife Service?				\boxtimes	
c)	Have a substantial adverse effect on state or federally protected wetlands (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?				\boxtimes	
d)	Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?				\boxtimes	
e)	Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?				\boxtimes	
f)	Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?				\boxtimes	

a-f) The Natural Diversity Database identifies the valley elderberry longhorn beetle (Desmocerus californicus dimorphus) as rare, endangered, or threatened species located on or near the project area. Referrals have been sent to the San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG) for review. SJCOG has determined that the applicant may participate in the San Joaquin Multi-Species Habitat Conservation and Open Space Plan (SJMSCP), and the applicant has confirmed participation. As a result, the proposed project is consistent with the SJMSCP, as amended, as reflected in the conditions of project approval for this proposal. Pursuant to the *Final EIR/EIS for San Joaquin County Multi-Species Habitat Conservation and Open Space Plan (SJMSCP)*, dated November 15, 2000, and certified by SJCOG on December 7, 2000, implementation of the SJMSCP is expected to reduce impacts to biological resources resulting from the proposed project to a level of less-than-significant.

There are six (6) oak trees on the property. The applicant has stated they do not have plans to remove the oak trees. To protect and preserve the remaining oak tree from development and construction activity, the following standards shall be applicable and also included in the projects final conditions of approval.

- Grade changes near or within the dripline of said oak trees shall comply with the following:
- No grade changes shall occur within six feet of the trunk of the tree.
- No grade changes shall occur that entail removing or adding more than six inches of soil in the protected zone
 of the tree.

- Any grade changes within the protected zone of the tree shall be accomplished so as to prevent soil compaction and injury to or removal of the tree's roots. (Development Title Section 9-1505.5[a])
- Before grading operations may commence, a minimum five (5) foot high chain link fence or other comparable protective fencing shall be installed at the outermost edge of the protected zone of each tree or group of trees (Development Title Section 9-1505.5[b]).
- No trenching whatsoever shall be allowed within the protected zone of subject trees (Development Title Section 9-1505.5[c]).
- Paving within the dripline of affected trees shall be minimized. If paving is necessary, porous materials shall be used (Development Title Section 9-1505.5[e]).

		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
V. (CULTURAL RESOURCES.	·	•			
	ould the project:					
a)	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource pursuant to \$15064.5?			\boxtimes		
b)	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to § 15064.5?			\boxtimes		
c)	Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of dedicated cemeteries?			\boxtimes		

a–c) In the event human remains are encountered during any portion of the project, California state law requires that there shall be no further excavation or disturbance of the site or any nearby area reasonably suspected to overlie adjacent remains until the coroner of the county has determined manner and cause of death, and the recommendations concerning the treatment and disposition of the human remains have been made to the person responsible for the excavation (California Health and Safety Code - Section 7050.5). At the time development, if Human burials are found to be of Native American origin, the developer shall follow the procedures pursuant to Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Article 5, Section 15064.5(e) of the California State Code of Regulations.

		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
Wc	ENERGY. build the project:					
a)	Result in a potentially significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy, or wasteful use of energy resources, during project construction or operation?				\boxtimes	
b)	Conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency?				\boxtimes	

(a,b) The California Energy Code (also titled The Energy Efficiency Standards for Residential and Non-residential Buildings) was created by the California Building Standards Commission in response to a legislative mandate to reduce California's energy consumption. The code's purpose is to advance the state's energy policy, develop renewable energy sources and prepare for energy emergencies. These standards are updated periodically by the California Energy Commission. The code includes energy conservation standards applicable to most buildings throughout California. These requirements will be applicable to the proposed project ensuring that any impact to the environment due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy will be less than significant and preventing any conflict with state or local plans for energy efficiency and renewable energy.

			Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
VII.	GE	OLOGY AND SOILS.					
		the project:					
a)		ectly or indirectly cause potential substantial adverse ects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:			\boxtimes		
	i)	Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.			\boxtimes		
	ii)	Strong seismic ground shaking?			\boxtimes		
	iii)	Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?			\boxtimes		
	iv)	Landslides?			\boxtimes		
b)	Re	sult in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?			\boxtimes		
c)	wo pot	located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that build become unstable as a result of the project, and tentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral reading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?			\boxtimes		
d)		located on expansive soil and create direct or indirect ks to life or property?			\boxtimes		
e)	se	eve soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of ptic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems here sewers are not available for the disposal of waste ater?			\boxtimes		
f)		rectly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological source or site or unique geologic feature?				\boxtimes	

a-f) The proposed the project is not anticipated to cause seismic effects, erosion, safety effects, or impact water and geologic features. The proposed project will not cause the risk of injury or death as a result of a rupture of a known earthquake fault, seismic activity, or landslides because there are no fault lines in the project vicinity. The proposed project will not result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil. The proposed project will not destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geological feature. The proposed project is not located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse.

Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
		\boxtimes		
		\boxtimes		
	Significant	Significant Significant with Mitigation	Significant with Mitigation Incorporated Impact Imp	Significant with Significant No Impact Incorporated Impact

a-b) Emissions of GHGs contributing to global climate change are attributable in large part to human activities associated with the industrial/manufacturing, utility, transportation, residential, and agricultural sectors. Therefore, the cumulative global emissions of GHGs contributing to global climate change can be attributed to every nation, region, and city, and virtually every individual on earth. An individual project's GHG emissions are at a micro-scale level relative to global emissions and effects to global climate change; however, an individual project could result in a cumulatively considerable incremental contribution to a significant cumulative macro-scale impact. As such, impacts related to emissions of GHG are inherently considered cumulative impacts.

Implementation of the underlying project would cumulatively contribute to increases of GHG emissions. Estimated GHG emissions attributable to future development would be primarily associated with increases of carbon dioxide (CO_2) and, to a lesser extent, other GHG pollutants, such as methane (CH_4) and nitrous oxide (N_2O) associated with area sources, mobile sources or vehicles, utilities (electricity and natural gas), water usage, wastewater generation, and the generation of solid waste. The primary source of GHG emissions for the project would be mobile source emissions. The common unit of measurement for GHG is expressed in terms of annual metric tons of CO_2 equivalents ($MTCO_2e/yr$).

As noted previously, the underlying project will be subject to the rules and regulations of the SJVAPCD. The SJVAPCD has adopted the Guidance for Valley Land- use Agencies in Addressing GHG Emission Impacts for New Projects under CEQA and the District Policy - Addressing GHG Emission Impacts for Stationary Source Projects Under CEQA When Serving as the Lead Agency. 11 The guidance and policy rely on the use of performance-based standards, otherwise known as Best Performance Standards (BPS) to assess significance of project specific greenhouse gas emissions on global climate change during the environmental review process, as required by CEQA. To be determined to have a less-than-significant individual and cumulative impact with regard to GHG emissions, projects must include BPS sufficient to reduce GHG emissions by 29 percent when compared to Business As Usual (BAU) GHG emissions. Per the SJVAPCD, BAU is defined as projected emissions for the 2002-2004 baseline period. Projects which do not achieve a 29 percent reduction from BAU levels with BPS alone are required to quantify additional project-specific reductions demonstrating a combined reduction of 29 percent. Potential mitigation measures may include, but not limited to: on-site renewable energy (e.g. solar photovoltaic systems), electric vehicle charging stations, the use of alternative-fueled vehicles, exceeding Title 24 energy efficiency standards, the installation of energy-efficient lighting and control systems, the installation of energyefficient mechanical systems, the installation of drought-tolerant landscaping, efficient irrigation systems, and the use of low-flow plumbing fixtures.

It should be noted that neither the SJVAPCD nor the County provide project-level thresholds for construction-related GHG emissions. Construction GHG emissions are a one-time release and are, therefore, not typically expected to generate a significant contribution to global climate change.

¹¹ San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District. Guidance for Valley Land-use Agencies in Addressing GHG Emission Impacts for New Projects under CEQA. December 17, 2009. San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District. District Policy Addressing GHG Emission Impacts for Stationary Source Projects Under CEQA When Serving as the Lead Agency. December 17, 2009.

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	HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.					
Wo a)	ould the project: Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?			\boxtimes		
b)	Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?			\boxtimes		
c)	Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?			\boxtimes		
d)	Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?			\boxtimes		
e)	For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard or excessive noise for people residing or working in the project area?			\boxtimes		
f)	Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?			\boxtimes		
g)	Expose people or structures, either directly or indirectly, to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?			\boxtimes		

a-g) The proposed application would not result in, create or induce hazards and associated risks to the public. Construction activities for the project typically involve the use of toxic or hazardous materials such as paint, fuels, and solvents. Construction activities would be subject to federal, state, and local laws and requirements designed to minimize and avoid potential health and safety risks associated with hazardous materials. No significant impacts are anticipated related to the transport, use, or storage of hazardous materials during construction.

			Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
		PROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY.		ļ	•		
	Vio req	the project: late any water quality standards or waste discharge juirements or otherwise substantially degrade surface or bund water quality?				\boxtimes	
b)	sub pro	bstantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere ostantially with groundwater recharge such that the bject may impede sustainable groundwater inagement of the basin?				\boxtimes	
c)	or a	bstantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site area, including through the alteration of the course of a eam or river or through the addition of impervious faces, in a manner which would:				\boxtimes	
	i)	result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site;				\boxtimes	
	ii)	substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site;				\boxtimes	
	iii)	create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff; or				\boxtimes	
	iv)	impede or redirect flood flows?					
d)		flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zones, risk release of llutants due to project inundation?			\boxtimes		
e)	COI	onflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality ntrol plan or sustainable groundwater management an?			\boxtimes		

a-e) The project site is located in the Flood Zone X flood designations. A referral has been sent to the Department of Public Works, Flood Control Division for comments. If approved, any new developments will have to comply with Development Title Section 9-1605 regarding flood hazards.

The project site is located approximately 0.31 miles north of Bear Creek, and approximately 1.1 miles south of the Mokelumne River. The proposed project will not violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade surface or ground water quality, conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan.

		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
XI.	LAND USE AND PLANNING.					
	ould the project:					
a)	Physically divide an established community?				\boxtimes	
b)	Cause a significant environmental impact due to a conflict with any land use plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?			\boxtimes		

A personal storage facility is classified under the Personal Storage use type, and a billboard sign is classified under the Signs-Off Premises use type. Pursuant to Development Title Table 9-405.2, both the Personal Storage and Signs-Off Premises use types may be conditionally permitted in the C-RS (Commercial Rural Service) zone with an approved Site Approval application. The project site is surrounded by commercial, residential, and agricultural uses. Therefore, the project will not physically divide an established community and is consistent with surrounding land uses.

The zoning and the General Plan for the project site will remain the same if the project is approved. Additionally, the proposed project will have a less than significant impact to surrounding parcels and will not create premature development pressure on surrounding agricultural lands to convert land from agricultural uses to non-agricultural uses. Therefore, this project is not a growth-inducing action.

The proposed project will not be a conflict with any existing or planned uses or set a significant land use precedent. The proposed project is not in conflict with any Master Plans, Specific Plans, or Special Purpose Plans, or any other applicable plan adopted by the County.

		Potentially Significant Impact	Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
XII.	MINERAL RESOURCES.					
	uld the project:					
a)	Result in the loss of availability of a known_mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?			\boxtimes		
b)	Result in the loss of availability of a locally- important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?			\boxtimes		

a, b) The proposed project will not result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource of a resource recovery site because the site does not contain minerals of significance or known mineral resources. San Joaquin County applies a mineral resource zone (MRZ) designation to land that meets the significant mineral deposits definition by the State Division of Mines and Geology. Although the project site is in an area designated MRZ-1, there is currently no mining activity in the area, and the surrounding area is developed with commercial, residential, and agricultural uses. Therefore, the proposed project applications will have less than a significant impact on the availability of mineral resources or mineral resource recovery sites within San Joaquin County.

		Potentially Significant Impact	Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
	. NOISE.					
	ould the project result in:					
a)	Generation of a substantial temporary or permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the vicinity of the project in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?			\boxtimes		
b)	Generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?			\boxtimes		
c)	For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip or an airport land use plan, or where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?			\boxtimes		

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Impact Discussion:

a-c) The proposed project is for a personal storage facility in to be constructed in two (2) phases within three (3) years, to include the construction of a total of 61,376 square feet of building space. The project also includes the construction of a 672 square foot billboard sign. A portion of the project site lies within the noise contour of East State Route 88 Highway. The applicant anticipates approximately three (3) people using the facility per day. The nearest single-family residence is located approximately 200 feet south of the project site. Development Title Section 9-1025.9 lists the Residential use type as a noise sensitive land use. Development Title Section Table 9-1025.9 Part II states that the maximum sound level for stationary noise sources during the daytime is 70 dB and 65dB for nighttime. This applies to outdoor activity areas of the receiving use, or applies at the lot line if no activity area is known. Additionally, noise from construction activities are exempt from noise standards provided the construction occurs no earlier than 6:00 A.M. and no later than 9:00 P.M. The proposed project would be subject to these Development Title standards. Therefore, noise impacts from the proposed project are expected to be less than significant.

		Potentially Significant Impact	Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
<u> XIV</u>	/. POPULATION AND HOUSING.					
Wc	ould the project:					
a)	Induce substantial unplanned population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?			\boxtimes		
b)	Displace substantial numbers of existing people or housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?			\boxtimes		

a-b) The proposed project is for a personal storage facility in to be constructed in two (2) phases within three (3) years, to include the construction of a total of 61,376 square feet of building space. The project also includes the construction of a 672 square foot billboard sign. The project does not propose housing within the project boundary. Therefore, the project will not induce substantial unplanned population growth in the area. The proposed project will not result in displacement of the population and affect the amount of proposed or existing housing in the vicinity. Therefore, the project's impact on population and housing will be less than significant.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
XV. PUBLIC SERVICES. a) Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:			\boxtimes		
Fire protection?			\boxtimes		
Police protection?			\boxtimes		
Schools?			\boxtimes		
Parks?			\boxtimes		
Other public facilities?			\boxtimes		

a) The proposed project is for a personal storage facility in to be constructed in two (2) phases within three (3) years, to include the construction of a total of 61,376 square feet of building space. The project also includes the construction of a 672 square foot billboard sign. The Clements Rural Fire District provides the existing fire protection. Existing law enforcement protection is provided by the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Department, and the existing school services are provided by the Lodi Unified School District with the nearest school located approximately 4.0-miles southwest of the project site. No parks are impacted as a result of this project. Impacts to public services are anticipated to be less than significant.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
XVI. RECREATION. a) Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?				\boxtimes	
b) Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?				\boxtimes	

a-b) The proposed project will not substantially increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks because no increase in housing or people is associated with this application. Additionally, the project does not include recreation facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities, which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment. Impacts to recreation opportunities are anticipated to be less than significant.

		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
	II. TRANSPORTATION. ould the project:					
	Conflict with a program plan, ordinance, or policy addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadways, bicycle, and pedestrian facilities?			\boxtimes		
b)	Would the project conflict or be inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines section 15064.3, subdivision (b)?				\boxtimes	
c)	Substantially increase hazards due to a geometric design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?			\boxtimes		
d)	Result in inadequate emergency access?				\boxtimes	

a-d) The proposed project is for a personal storage facility in to be constructed in two (2) phases within three (3) years, to include the construction of a total of 61,376 square feet of building space. The project also includes the construction of a 672 square foot billboard sign. The Department of Public Works has reviewed the proposal and has determined the project is not expected to exceed 50 vehicles during any hour. Projects that have a traffic volume that is less than 50 trips per hour have a less than significant impact on traffic.

<u>V</u>)	Wo the Pub feat defi sac	RIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES. uld the project cause a substantial adverse change in significance of a tribal cultural resource, defined in blic Resources Code section 21074 as either a site, ture, place, cultural landscape that is geographically ned in terms of the size and scope of the landscape, red place, or object with cultural value to a California ive American tribe, and that is:	Potentially Significant Impact	Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
	i)	Listed or eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources, or in a local register of historical resources as defined in Public Resources Code section 5020.1(k), or				\boxtimes	
	ii)	A resource determined by the lead agency, in its discretion and supported by substantial evidence, to be significant pursuant to criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code Section 5024.1. In applying the criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resource Code Section 5024.1, the lead agency shall consider the significance of the resource to a California Native American tribe.				\boxtimes	

At the time development, if Human burials are found to be of Native American origin, the developer shall follow the procedures pursuant to Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Article 5, Section 15064.5(e) of the California State Code of Regulations. If human remains are encountered, all work shall halt in the vicinity and the County Coroner shall be notified immediately. At the same time, a qualified archaeologist shall be contacted to evaluate the finds. If Human burials are found to be of Native American origin, steps shall be taken pursuant to Section 15064.5(e) of Guidelines for California Environmental Quality Act.

		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
	UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS. uld the project:	2000 a j 2 2000	are recovered forces retrieves;		·	
a)	Require or result in the relocation or construction of new or expanded water, wastewater treatment, or storm water drainage, electric power, natural gas, or telecommunications facilities, the construction or relocation of which could cause significant environmental effects?				\boxtimes	
b)	Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project and reasonably foreseeable future development during normal, dry and multiple dry years?			\boxtimes		
c)	Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider, which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?			\boxtimes		
d)	Generate solid waste in excess of State or local standards, or in excess of the capacity of local infrastructure, or otherwise impair the attainment of solid waste reduction goals?				\boxtimes	
e)	Comply with federal, state, and local management and reduction statutes and regulations related to solid waste?				\boxtimes	

The applicant has provided a will-serve letter from the Department of Public works that states it will serve the project for public water provided the property annexes into County Service Area 43 through LAFCO. On-site waste water disposal will be provided by a septic tank, and the Environmental Health Department will determine the appropriate capacity of the private sewage disposal system. The project site will be required to keep all storm drainage on site, and the Department of Public Works will determine the appropriate size of the proposed storm drainage retention pond. Therefore, the impact on public services will be less than significant.

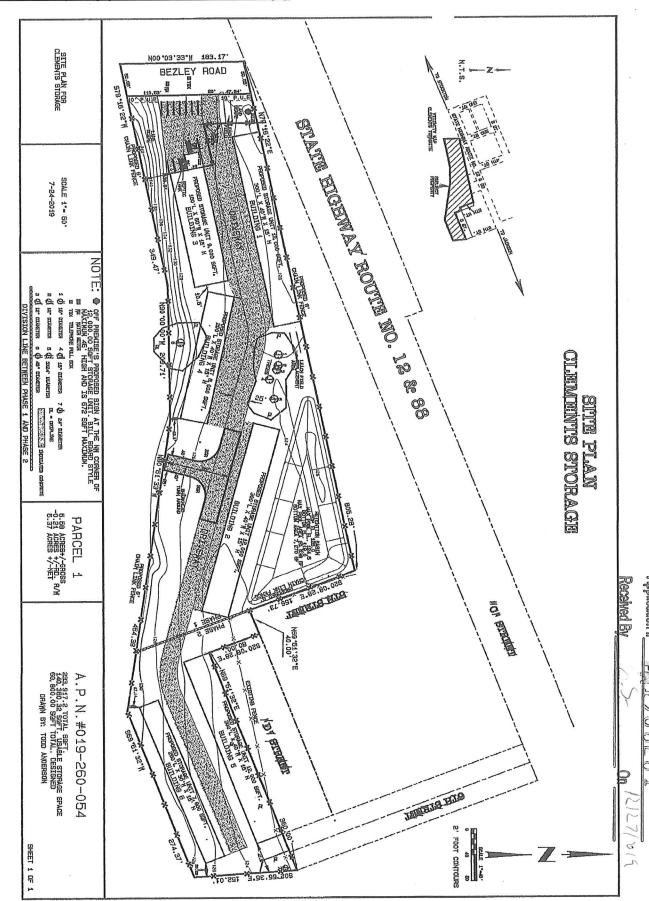
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	<u>ILDFIRE.</u>					
classit	ated in or near state responsibility areas or lands ied as very high fire hazard severity zones, would the					
projec						
	ubstantially impair an adopted emergency response an or emergency evacuation plan?				\boxtimes	
e>	ue to slope, prevailing winds, and other factors, accerbate wildfire risks, and thereby expose project accupants to pollutant concentrations from a wildfire or e uncontrolled spread of a wildfire?				\boxtimes	
in wa ex	equire the installation or maintenance of associated frastructure (such as roads, fuel breaks, emergency ater sources, power lines or other utilities) that may accerbate fire risk or that may result in temporary or agoing impacts to the environment?				\boxtimes	
do re	expose people or structures to significant risks, including ownslope or downstream flooding or landslides, as a sult of runoff, post-fire slope instability, or drainage nanges?				\boxtimes	

a-d) The proposed project is for a personal storage facility in to be constructed in two (2) phases within three (3) years, to include the construction of a total of 61,376 square feet of building space. The project also includes the construction of a 672 square foot billboard sign. Pursuant to the San Joaquin Fire Severity Zone map, the project site is located in an area with moderate fire zone designation.

The project site is accessed by North Bezley Road. Because the project site has direct access from a County maintained road, the project will not require the installation or maintenance of additional infrastructure to mitigate fire risk or may result in impacts to the environment. Additionally, the site plan has been reviewed by the County Fire Prevention Bureau, and the fire turnaround has been determined to be adequate. As a result, the proposed project will have a less than significant impact on potential wildfire hazards.

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XXI. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE a) Does the project have the potential to substantially degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, substantially reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?				\boxtimes	
b) Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)?				\boxtimes	
c) Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?				\boxtimes	

a-c). The proposed application does not have the potential to degrade the environment or eliminate a plant or animal community. The project would not result in significant cumulative impacts or cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly.



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