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: MIKE SMITH ENGINEERING

PROJECT TITLE/FILE NUMBER(S): PA-1900178 (SA)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: A Site Approval application for the construction of a 2700 square foot building for a combination of uses; 1500 square feet will be used for a fast food restaurant and 1200 square feet will be used for retail sales (Use Types: Eating Establishment: Convenience and Retail Sales & Services-Primary). The applicant is requesting a landscaping modification. The restaurant will be open 24-hours a day with 6 employees at any given time.

The project site is located on the southwest corner of East State Route 88 and North Picolo Road, Stockton.

ASSESSORS PARCEL NO(S): 101-180-18

ACRES: 0.48

GENERAL PLAN: C/FS

ZONING: C-FS

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

No existing or proposed dwelling units; two buildings that total 2,700 square feet

SURROUNDING LAND USES:

NORTH: Commercial

SOUTH: Commercial and industrial

EAST: Commercial

WEST: Commercial and State Route 99

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. 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.?

No

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS:

1. Does it appear that any environmental feature of the project will generate significant public concern or controversy?

	Yes	×	No
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Nature of concern(s): Enter concern(s).

2. Will the project require approval or permits by agencies other than the County?

X 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?

X Yes No

City: Stockton

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:

	The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project, involving at least one impact that is a "Potentially Significant Impact" as indicated by the checklist on the following pages.						
	Aesthetics		Agriculture and Forestry Resources		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		
DET	ERMINATION: (To be comple	ted b	y the Lead Agency) On the basis of t	his in	itial evaluation:		
	I find that the proposed propo			fect o	on the environment, and a <u>NEGATIVE</u>		
X	significant effect in this car	se b		bee	on the environment, there will not be a n made by or agreed to by the project		
	I find that the proposed pr IMPACT REPORT is requir		MAY have a significant effect on the	ne en	vironment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL		
	mitigated" impact on the e document pursuant to appl	enviro licabl cribeo	onment, but at least one effect 1) he legal standards, and 2) has been and on attached sheets. An ENVIRONM	as b addre	npact" or "potentially significant unless een adequately analyzed in an earlier essed by mitigation measures based on AL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it		
	significant effects (a) have to applicable standards, and	been (b)	analyzed adequately in an earlier EIF have been avoided or mitigated p	or <u>N</u> ursua	the environment, because all potentially NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to ant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE sed upon the proposed project, nothing		
Signa	than towers	10 G	RICK RIPPIN		2/11/2020 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 crossreferenced).
- 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.

ISSUES:

<u>I. A</u>	AESTHETICS.	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact		Analyzed In The Prior EIR
	cept as provided in Public Resources Code Section 099, would the project:					
a)	Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?				×	
b)	Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?				×	
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?				×	
d)	Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?				×	

Impact Discussion:

The project is in a flat, commercially zoned area. The buildings will be no higher than the 45 feet permitted in the Freeway Service Commercial zone. There are no scenic vistas of views that would be obstructed by the proposed structures.

Potentially Less Than Less Than Analyzed Significant Mitigation Significant No In The Impact Incorporated Impact Impact Prior EIR

II. AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY RESOURCES.

In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Dept. of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. In determining whether impacts to forest resources, including timberland, are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to information compiled by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection regarding the state's inventory of forest land, including the Forest and Range Assessment Project and the Forest Legacy Assessment project; and forest carbon measurement methodology provided in Forest Protocols adopted by the California Air Resources Board. -- Would the project:

- 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?
- 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?

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	×	
	×	
	×	
	X	

Impact Discussion:

The proposed project will have no impact on agriculture or forestry resources. The project site is not located within an area designated as Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, and Farmland of statewide Importance. The site has a zoning designation of C-FS (Freeway Services Commercial), with an underlying General Plan designation of C/FS (Freeway Services Commercial), and the proposed development is to occur within an existing developed, commercial area.

111	AIR QUALITY.	Potentially Significant Impact	Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
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the cor	nere available, the significance criteria established by a applicable air quality management or air pollution ntrol district may be relied upon to make the following terminations. Would the project:					
a)	Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?			×		
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?			×		
c)	Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?			×		
d)	Result in substantial emissions (such as those leading to odors) adversely affecting a substantial number of people?			×		

There will be minimal odors that are normally associated with restaurants. The project will meet the requirements of the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District. The applicant has completed an Air Impact Assessment for SJVAPCD and the district has determined that the mitigated baseline emissions for construictionn and operation will be less than two tons NOx per year and two tons PM10 per year. Pursuant to District Rule 9510 Section 4.3, this project is exempt from the requirements of Section 6.0 (General Mitigation Requirements) and Section 7.0 (Off-site Emission Reduction Fee Calculations and Fee Schedules) of the rule. As such, the District has determined that this project complies with the emission reduction requirements of District Rule 9510 and is not subject to payment of off-site fees.

IV.	BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES.	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
	ould the project:					
a)	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?				×	
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?				X	
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?				×	
e)	Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?				×	
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?			×		

There are no rare or endangered species on or near the project area. The project does not conflict with any habitat conservation plan. This project is subject to the San Joaquin County Multi-Species Habitat Conservation and Open Space Plan (SJMSCP). Participation in the SJMSCP satisfies the requirements of both the state and federal endangered species acts. The applicant will participate in the SJMSCP.

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

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.

<u>VI.</u>	ENERGY.	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
Wc	ould 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?				×	
b)	Conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency?			1233180	×	

<u>VII.</u>	GEOLOGY AND SOILS.	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact		Analyzed In The Prior EIR
Wc	ould the project:					
a)	Directly or indirectly cause potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:				×	
	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.				X	
	ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?				×	
	iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?				X	
	iv) Landslides?				×	
b)	Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?			X		
c)	Be 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?				×	
d)	Be located on expansive soil and create direct or indirect risks to life or property?				×	
e)	Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water?				X	
f)	Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?				×	

A soils report is required pursuant to CBC § 1803 for foundations and CBC appendix§ J104 for grading. All recommendations of the Soils Report shall be incorporated into the construction drawings.

A grading permit will be required for this project prepared by a Registered Design Professional. The grading plan shall show the existing grade and finished grade in contour intervals of sufficient clarity to indicate the nature and extent of the work and show in detail that it complies with the requirements of the California Building code.

An encroachment permit is required for all work within the road right-of-way. (Development Title Sections 9-1145.4 and 9-1145.5)

VIII. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS.	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
Would the project:					
a) Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?			×		
b) Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?			X		

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 proposed 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 (CO₂) and, to a lesser extent, other GHG pollutants, such as methane (CH₄) and nitrous oxide (N₂O) 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 CO₂ equivalents (MTCO₂e/yr).

As noted previously, the proposed 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: onsite 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 energy-efficient lighting and control 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. As such, the analysis herein is limited to discussion of long-term operational GHG emissions.

<u>IX.</u>	HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
Wo	uld the project:					
a)	Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?			×		
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?					
c)	Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?				X	
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?				×	
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?				×	
f)	Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?			×		
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?				X	

- a-c) The San Joaquin County Environmental Health Department (EHD) requires the owner/operator to report to the California Environmental Reporting System (CERS) before any hazardous materials/waste can be stored or used onsite. The existing regulatory framework for the transport and use of any hazardous materials will ensure any impact is less than significant.
 - f) The scope of the proposed project indicates that no additional emergency services will be required to provide for safe evacuation and adequate access to emergency equipment. As such, the project will not impair implementation of, or interfere with, County-adopted emergency response plans.
- e) Pursuant to the California Building code requirement, the project structure will have fire sprinklers installed inside the structure for safety. Implementation of this safety standard will result in any impact to people or structures from wildland fires being less than significant.

<u>X.</u>	HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY.	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact		Analyzed In The Prior EIR
W	ould the project:					
a)	Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade surface or ground water quality?			×		
b)	Substantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that the project may impede sustainable groundwater management of the basin?			×		
c)	Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river or through the addition of impervious surfaces, in a manner which would:			×		
	 result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off- site; 				×	
	ii) substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site;				×	
	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			×		
	iv) impede or redirect flood flows?				×	
d)	In flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zones, risk release of pollutants due to project inundation?				×	
e)	Conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan?				×	

- a) The proposed project's impact on hydrology and water is expected to be less than significant. The project will be served by CSA 15 for sewer and storm drainage. Water will be served by California Water Service. Therefore, the proposed project's impact on these resources will be less than significant.
- b) The San Joaquin County Department of Public Works will require the applicant pay a Water Supply Facilities Impact Mitigation Fee. The Water Impact Mitigation Fee Program was established to finance San Joaquin County's share of the construction cost for the New Melones Water Conveyance Project, which is intended to mitigate the impact of ground and surface water depletion resulting from new development within the fee area. The proposed project's impact on ground and surface water will be mitigated with the required Water Supply Facilities Impact Mitigation Fee, which will reduce any impact the project has on ground and surface water to less than significant.
- c) The proposed project does not propose any substantial alteration to a drainage pattern, stream or river. All necessary drainage improvements onsite will be required as conditions of the construction of the project. The project will not result

in substantial soil erosion because the site will be paved and landscaped subject to building code requirements.

The project falls within the definition of a Regulated Project as defined in either the County Post-Construction Standards Manual or the County Phase II National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit and must comply with the following conditions:

- 1) A registered professional engineer shall design a system or combination of systems to infiltrate, treat, and/or filter the 85th percentile storm drainage as defined in the County's 2009 "Storm Water Quality Control Criteria Plan" (SWQCCP) or in the "California Association of Stormwater Quality Agencies" (CASQA) publications and comply with the conditions of the County Phase II National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. Standard "Best management Practices" for the type of development proposed shall be incorporated into the system design. Plans and/or calculations of the proposed system shall be submitted to the County for review and approval.
- 2) A "Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan" (SWPPP) must be submitted to Public Works for review. The post construction chapter of the SWPPP must identify expected pollutants and how they will be prevented from entering the storm system. The chapter shall also contain a maintenance plan, a spill plan, and a training plan for all employees on proper use, handling and disposal of potential pollutants.
- 3) Permit Registration Documents (PRD's) shall be filed with the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to comply with the State "General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction Activity". Coverage under the SWRCB General Construction Permit Order 2009-0009-DWQ shall be maintained throughout the duration of all phases of the project.
- 4) An annual report of operation and maintenance of any system shall be provided to the County as well as an annual system inspection fee.
- 5) A Maintenance Plan shall be submitted and the execution of a Maintenance Agreement with San Joaquin County shall be required for the owner/operator of stormwater controls prior to the release of the building permit.

With the oversight of the Department of Public Works, any impact the project will have on storm water runoff will be less than significant.

The proposed project site is not in a tsunami or seiche zone. The site is located in the AH flood zone. The finished floor of the proposed structures will be required to be a minimum of one foot above the 100-year flood level. Therefore, there is no risk of release of pollutants due to inundation.

<u>XI.</u>	LAND USE AND PLANNING.	Potentially Significant Impact	Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIF
Wo	ould the project:					
a)	Physically divide an established community?				×	
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?				×	

- a) The construction and operation of the proposed project will not physically divide an established community. The project is an orderly extension of the commercial development that is established within the commercial and industrial corridor along State Route 88 (Waterloo Road). The project is a commercial use adjacent to properties zoned for industrial and commercial use. Therefore, the project's impact on an established community would be less than significant.
- b) The proposed project will not result in conflicts between existing and proposed on-site or off-site land uses because the proposed project is consistent with all land use policies and regulations of the County Development Code and 2035 General Plan. Surrounding parcels are zoned commercial or industrial. The project parcel is zoned Commercial Freeway Service (C-FS). The Eating Establishments-Convenience and Retail Sales and Service-Primary use types may be conditionally permitted in the C-FS zone with an approved Site Approval application.

XII	. MINERAL RESOURCES.	Potentially Significant Impact	Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
W	ould 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?			×		
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?			×		

a-b) The 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. The project site in Stockton has been classified as MRZ-1. The 2035 General Plan Volume II, Chapter 10-Mineral Resources, Table 10-7, defines MRZ-1 as "Areas where adequate information indicates that no significant mineral deposits are present, or where it is judged that little likelihood exists for their presence." Therefore, the project will have a less than significant impact on the availability of mineral resources or mineral resource recovery sites within the region.

		Potentially Significant Impact	Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
XII	I. NOISE.					
Wc	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?			×		
b)	Generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?				×	
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 poise levels?				×	

- a) The project site is surrounded by commercially and industrially zoned properties and is located on the south side of State Route 88. The nearest conforming single family residence is located more than 1600 feet east 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. The proposed project would be subject to these Development Title standards. There is no reason to believe the applicant will exceed the Development Title noise standards with the proposed operation, therefore impacts from the proposed project are expected to be less than significant.
- b) The project does not include any operations that would result in excessive ground-borne vibrations or other noise levels therefore, the project will not have any impact on vibrations or other noise levels.
- c) The project site is not located within an established airport zone.

ΧIV	/. POPULATION AND HOUSING.	Potentially Significant Impact	Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
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)?				×	
b)	Displace substantial numbers of existing people or housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				×	

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Impact Discussion:

a-b) The proposed project will not induce substantial population growth in the area either directly or indirectly because the project site is in a commercial zone and surrounding properties are zoned commercial and industrial. The proposed project would not displace substantial numbers of people or existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere because the project site is currently vacant. Therefore, the project will have no impact on population and housing will be less than significant.

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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:

Fire protection?		X		
Police protection?		×		
Schools?			×	
Parks?			X	
Other public facilities?			X	

Impact Discussion:

a) The proposed project is a fast-food restaurant and retail sales operation. The project site is located in the Waterloo-Morada Fire District and the Linden Unified School District. Both agencies were provided with the project proposal for the opportunity to respond with any concerns or conditions. A response was not received from either agency. The project site is served by the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office. The office was provided with the project proposal for the opportunity to respond with any concerns or conditions. A response was not received from that office. As proposed, the project is not anticipated to result in a need for a substantial change to public services.

XVI. RECREATION.	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
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?				×	
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?				X	

a-b) This project will not increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities because the project will not generate any new residential units and the impacts to parks generated by the employees of this project will be minimal. This project does not include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities, which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment, because a restaurant will not result in an increased demand for recreational facilities. Therefore, the project will have no impact on recreation facilities.

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XVII. TRANSPORTATION.

Would the project:

a)	Conflict with a program plan, ordinance, or policy addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadways, bicycle, and pedestrian facilities?		×		
b)	Would the project conflict or be inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines section 15064.3, subdivision (b)?			×	
c)	Substantially increase hazards due to a geometric design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?			X	
d)	Result in inadequate emergency access?		×		

- a) The proposed restaurant and retail sales operation is located on the south side of Waterloo Road and will operate twenty-four hours per day, seven days a week, with a maximum of six (6) employees per shift. The proposed project will not conflict with a program plan, ordinance, or policy addressing the circulation system because the conditions of approval include conditions to mitigate any conflict. There will be no direct access to or from State Route 88. Access will be from Piccoli Road. The northern entrance from Piccolli Road will have restricted access. A referral was sent to the San Joaquin County Department of Public Works on August 30, 2019. The Department responded in a letter dated October 1, 2019 that stated traffic impacts at this location are less than significant.
- b) N/A
- c) The Department of Public Works will restrict direct access to or from State Route 88. Access will be from Piccoli Road. The northern entrance from Piccoli Road will have restricted access. Prior to issuance of the occupancy permit, the driveway approach shall be improved in accordance with the requirements of San Joaquin County Improvement Standards Drawing No. R-14 [return radii for truck-trailer egress shall be designed to prevent encroachment onto opposing lanes of traffic] (Development Title Section 9-1145.5)
- d) The proposed project has adequate access for emergency equipment. Pursuant to Development Title Section 9-1015.5(h)(1), access driveways shall have a width of no less than twenty-five (25) feet for two-way aisles and sixteen (16) feet for one-way aisles, except that in no case shall driveways designated as fire department access be less than twenty (20) feet wide. With these required improvements, the project's impact on emergency access is expected to be less than significant.

<u>xv</u>	<u>'III. T</u>	ribal cultural resources.	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
a)	cha res 210 lan the or	buld the project cause a substantial adverse ange in the significance of a tribal cultural source, defined in Public Resources Code section 074 as either a site, feature, place, cultural dscape that is geographically defined in terms of a size and scope of the landscape, sacred place, object with cultural value to a California Native nerican tribe, and that is:				
	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			×	
	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.			×	

Impact Discussion:

a) The project must comply with state and federal laws regarding any resources or remains found during construction. If, in the course of development, concentrations of prehistoric or historic-period materials are encountered, all work in the vicinity of the find must be halted until an archaeologist can evaluate the materials and make recommendations for further action. If human remains are encountered, all work must 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.

VI	/ LITH ITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact		Analyzed In The Prior EIR
	K. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS.					
VVC	ould the project:					
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?				×	
b)	Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project and reasonably foreseeable future development during normal, dry and multiple dry years?		(1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1)	×		
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?			×		
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?				X	
e)	Comply with federal, state, and local management and reduction statutes and regulations related to solid waste?			×		

a-b)The project will be served water from California Water Service. Sewer and storm drainage will be served by CSA 15.

b) California Water Service states in a memo dated August 23, 2019, that they have capacity and will provide water to the project. The project is not anticipated to generate solid waste in excess of State and local standards.

VV	ANU DEIDE	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact		Analyzed In The Prior EIR
<u>X X</u>	<u> . WILDFIRE.</u>					
cla	ocated in or near state responsibility areas or lands assified as very high fire hazard severity zones, would a project:					
a)	Substantially impair an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?				×	
b)	Due to slope, prevailing winds, and other factors, exacerbate wildfire risks, and thereby expose project occupants to pollutant concentrations from a wildfire or the uncontrolled spread of a wildfire?				×	
c)	Require the installation or maintenance of associated infrastructure (such as roads, fuel breaks, emergency water sources, power lines or other utilities) that may exacerbate fire risk or that may result in temporary or ongoing impacts to the environment?				×	
d)	Expose people or structures to significant risks, including downslope or downstream flooding or landslides, as a result of runoff, post-fire slope instability, or drainage changes?		100 M	Towns and Towns	×	

a-d)The project location is in the urban unincorporated area of Stockton, which is not identified as a Community at Risk from Wildfire by Cal Fire's "Fire Risk Assessment Program". Communities at Risk from Wildfire are those places within 1.5 miles of areas of High or Very High wildfire threat as determined from CDF-FRAP fuels and hazard data. Therefore, the impact of wildfires on the project are expected to be less than significant.

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?	
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)?	
c) Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?	

a) The proposed project does not appear to have the potential to significantly degrade the overall quality of the region's environment, or 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, 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. There are no identified historic or prehistoric resources identified on this site. No archaeological or paleontological resources have been identified in the project area.

The applicant has confirmed that he will participate in the San Joaquin County Multi-Species Habitat Conservation and Open Space Plan (SJMSCP), which provides compensation for the conversion of Open Space to non-Open Space uses which affect the plant, fish and wildlife species covered by the Plan. With the applicant's participation, the proposed project is consistent with the SJMSCP and any impacts to biological resources resulting from the proposed project will be reduced to a level of less-than-significant

- b) The project is not expected to have cumulatively considerable impacts. Less than significant impacts to air quality, biological resources, traffic, and hydrology have been identified. Any impacts will be adequately addressed through conditions of approval and compliance with existing laws and regulations.
- c) The project does not have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 21083, 21083.05, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 65088.4, Gov. Code; Sections 21080, 21083.05, 21095, Pub. Resources Code; Eureka Citizens for Responsible Govt. v. City of Eureka (2007) 147 Cal.App.4th 357; Protect the Historic Amador Waterways v. Amador Water Agency (2004) 116 Cal.App.4th at 1109; San Franciscans Upholding the Downtown Plan v. City and County of San Francisco (2002) 102 Cal.App.4th 656.

