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, Inc

PROJECT TITLE/FILE NUMBER(S): PA-1800036 (UP)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: A Use Permit application for a change in use of a Historical Resource pursuant to Development Title Section 9-1053.5 in two (2) phases in over three (3) years. Phase 1 to include a conversion of an existing 2,937 square foot storage building into a community assembly hall. This building is listed as a National Registered Historical Places building and was originally used as an assembly hall. Phase 1 also includes the construction of a 600 square foot covered patio and grading to provide thirty-five (35) parking spaces as required by the Development Title. Phase 2 includes grading for seven (7) additional parking spaces for the community assembly hall which is exceeds the Development Title standards and is not a requirement for the project. The community assembly hall will operate 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. four (4) days per week on variable days with two (2) employees with a maximum of 100 customers. The community assembly hall proposes to have twenty-five (25) indoor and outdoor events per year with amplified music and sound on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday during the hours of 11 am to 9 pm for the outdoor events, and 11 am to 10 pm for the indoor events. The outdoor events will be located adjacent to the community center building to the south east in an opened lawn area. The community assembly hall also proposes 100 events per year that will not include amplified music or sound on variable days during the week from 9 am to 9 pm. An existing bed and breakfast inn is located onsite in the historic Locke House building. The parcel will be served by public sewer and water by the Lockeford Community Service District. A private well exists on-site for irrigation uses. Stormwater drainage will be retained on-site. Access to the parcel will be off of N. Elliott Road.

The project site is located on the north side of N. Elliott Road, 140 feet north of East Laird Street, Lockeford.

ASSESSORS PARCEL NO(S).: 051-210-13, -70

ACRES: 2.14-acres

GENERAL PLAN: R/L (Low Density Residential)

ZONING: AG-40 (General Agriculture 40-acre minimum; R-L (Low Density Residential)

POTENTIAL POPULATION, NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS, OR SQUARE FOOTAGE OF USE(S): <u>A bed and breakfast facility and accessory structures</u>

SURROUNDING LAND USES:

- NORTH: Agriculture with scattered residences
- SOUTH: Residential, unincorporated Urban Community of Lockeford, Elliot Road (Scenic Route)

EAST: Residential, unincorporated Urban Community of Lockeford

WEST: Agriculture with scattered residences

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 (Environmental Noise Study dated August 19, 2019 by Saxelby Acoustics.). 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.?

Yes.

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS:

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



Nature of concern(s): Enter concern(s).

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



Agency name(s): Enter agency name(s).

3. Is the project within the Sphere of Influence, or within two miles, of any city?



City: Enter city name(s).

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.
- 3) 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.
- 4) "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.

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
X	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

DETERMINATION: (To be completed by the Lead Agency) On the basis of this initial evaluation:

I find that the proposed project <u>COULD NOT</u> have a significant effect on the environment, and a <u>NEGATIVE</u> <u>DECLARATION</u> will be prepared.

I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A **MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION** will be prepared.

I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an **<u>ENVIRONMENTAL</u> <u>IMPACT REPORT</u>** is required.

I find that the proposed project <u>MAY</u> 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 <u>ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT</u> is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.

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 <u>EIR</u> or <u>NEGATIVE DECLARATION</u> pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier <u>EIR</u> or <u>NEGATIVE</u> <u>DECLARATION</u>, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.

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I. AESTHETICS.

Except as provided in Public Resources Code Section 21099, 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 with in 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?

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Impact Discussion:

The proposed project is for a change in use of an existing storage building to a community assembly hall. The proposed project site is a relatively flat parcel with an existing bed and breakfast facility and storage building. The surrounding land uses include agriculture and one residential unit to the north; residential development and N. Elliot Road which is designated as a scenic route (in accordance with General Plan 2035 Background Report Figure NRC-1 State and local Scenic Routes) to the south, agriculture and one residential unit to the east, and residential development to the west. The project will not obstruct the scenic route or view. The proposed structures and improvements will be required to meet the San Joaquin County Development Title requirements including setbacks away from property lines. This project will require a minimum of ten (10) feet for landscaping along the N. Elliot Road. Therefore, the impact of the project on the existing visual character or the quality of the site and its surroundings will be less than significant.

The proposed project will be subject to the regulations outlined in the Development Title Section 9-1015.5(g) that pertain to lighting for commercial development which states that lighting for parking areas shall be designed to confine direct rays to the premises. No spillover beyond the property line shall be permitted. As a result, the effects of light and glare for daytime and nighttime view in the area are expected to be less than significant.

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?

Impact Discussion:

The proposed project is for a change in use of an existing storage building to a community assembly hall. The current zoning for the property is a combination of AG-40 (General Agriculture 40-acre minimum; and R-L (Low Density Residential). The proposed project is located within the urban Community of Lockeford. The proposed project site is not used for farming and will not effect any agricultural uses, nor will it affect existing Williamson Act contracts Therefore, the proposed application will have no impact on agriculture and forestry resources.

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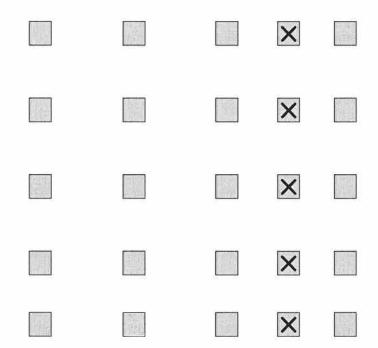
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III. AIR QUALITY.

Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management or air pollution control district may be relied upon to make the following determinations. 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?

Impact Discussion:

The primary source of air pollutants generated by the project would involve dust from onsite traffic. To mitigate this potential impact, the parking and circulation areas for the project will be surfaced with chip seal and pervious cement which will prevent the generation of dust. The San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD) has been established by the State in an effort to control and minimize air pollution. The applicant will be required to meet the existing requirements for emissions and dust control as established by the SJVAPCD. The project was referred to the SJVAPCD for review. At the time of future development, the applicant will be required to meet the requirements for emissions and dust control as established by sJVAPCD. As a result, any impacts to air quality will be reduced to less-than-significant.

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Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan. Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?

Impact Discussion: The project parcel is relatively flat and is currently developed with a bed and breakfast facility and storage building. The Natural Diversity Database lists the following rare, endangered, or threatened species as potentially occurring in or near the project area: the Desmocerus californicus dimorphous (valley elderberry longhorn beetle); Ambystoma californiense (California tiger salamander); Dendroica petechial brewsteri (Yellow warbler); and Agelaius tricolor (tricolored black bird). The San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG) has reviewed the underlying project and determined that the proposed development is subject to the San Joaquin Multi-Species Habitat Conservation and Open Space Plan (SJMSCP). Participation in the SJMSCP satisfies requirements of both state and federal endangered species acts, and ensures that the impacts are mitigated below a level of significance in compliance with CEQA. The applicant has confirmed participation in the SJMSCP and therefore, with this mitigation there will be a less than significant effect on biological resources. The fee, as identified by SJCOG will be required prior to issuance of any building permit and prior to disturbance of any ground.

There are native oak trees located on the property for the project. However, any development or ground disturbance is located away from the trees and no trees will be removed. Any construction around the existing oak trees shall be consistent with the County's Tree Preservation Ordinance (Development Title Section 9-1505.5) which states that no grade changes shall occur within six (6) feet of the trunk of the tree.

Would 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?
- 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?
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Impact Discussion:

The project site is developed with an existing bed and breakfast facility and a storage building. No cultural resources were encountered during the development of the bed and breakfast facility. The project was referred to the California Native Heritage Commission, the North Valley Yokuts Tribe, and the United Auburn Indian Commission. A letter dated September 5, 2019 was received from the United Auburn Indian Commission stating that the site does not show any records of recorded resources but that the project site may be located in a sensitive area. As a result, on September 13, 2019 the Community Development Department required a records search though the Central California Information Center (CCIC). In a letter dated September 20, 2019, the CCIC concluded that there are no known cultural resources located within the project vicinity. In order to mitigate any potential impacts on cultural resources that could potentially be discovered during construction to a less than significant level, the following mitigation measures will be implemented in accordance with the request of the UAIC:

- A construction worker tribal cultural resources awareness brochure shall be distributed by the project manager to the construction workers before construction activities begin on the project site. The brochure will include relevant information regarding sensitive tribal cultural resources, including applicable regulations, protocols for avoidance, and consequences of violating State laws and regulations. The brochure also provides appropriate avoidance and minimization measures for resources that have the potential to be located on the project site and outlines what to do and whom to contact if any potential archaeological resources or artifacts are encountered. The brochure will also underscore the requirement for confidentiality and culturally-appropriate treatment of any find of significance to Native Americans and behaviors, consistent with Native American Tribal values.
- If potential tribal cultural resources (TCRs), archaeological resources, or human remains are discovered by project personnel during construction activities, work will cease within 100 feet of the find.
- The on-site project/construction manager will immediately be informed of the possible find and contact a county coroner and a qualified archeologist or tribal monitor to assess the significance of the find and make recommendations for further evaluation and treatment as necessary.
- If adverse impacts to tribal cultural resources, unique archeology, or other cultural resources occurs, then consultation with UAIC and other traditionally and culturally affiliated Native American Tribes regarding mitigation contained in the Public Resources Code sections 21084.3(a) and (b) and CEQA Guidelines section 15370 shall occur, in order to coordinate for compensation for the impact by replacing or providing substitute resources or environments.

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Impact Discussion:

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. This requirement will be enforced at time of issuance of building permits.

VII. GEOLOGY AND SOILS.

Would the project:

- a) Directly or indirectly cause potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:
 - 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.
 - ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?
 - iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?
 - iv) Landslides?
- b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?
- 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?
- f) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?

Impact Discussion:

The geology of San Joaquin County is composed of high organic alluvium, which is susceptible to earthquake movement. The project will have to comply with the California Building Code (CBC) which includes provisions for soils reports for grading and foundations as well as design criteria for seismic loading and other geologic hazards based on fault and seismic hazard mapping. All recommendations from a soils report must be incorporated into the construction plans. Therefore, impacts to seismic-related (or other) landslide hazards will be less than significant.

The project will not result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil because the project site will be minimally paved to provide adequate parking and maneuvering area and landscaped with natural vegetation and no topsoil will be removed from the site. Therefore, impacts to soil erosion or loss of topsoil will be less than significant.

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The project site is relatively flat terrain where landslides have not historically been an issue. A soils report will be required for grading and foundations and all recommendations from a soils report must be incorporated into the construction plans. Therefore, any risks resulting from being located on an unstable unit will be reduced to less than significant.

The project will be served by the Lockeford Community Service District for public water supply and sewer service in accordance with will serve letters dated February 15, 2019 from the Lockeford Community Service District.

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VIII. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS.

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?

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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: 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. As such, the analysis herein is limited to discussion of long-term operational GHG emissions.

IX. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.

Would 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?
- 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?

Impact Discussion:

The project site is not included on the California Department of Toxic Substances Control EnviroStor database map, compiled pursuant to Government Code 65962.5 and, therefore, will have no impact on the safety of the public or the environment.

The project site is not located in an airport zone. The project site is located approximately 4.0 miles away from the Airport Influence Area Zone 8 (AIA) of the comprehensive Airport Land Use Plan boundaries for the Lodi Airport. The project site is located approximately 6.0 miles southeast of the nearest runway. Due to the distance between the airport and the project site, impacts to people in the project area are expected to be less than significant.

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. The San Joaquin County Fire Prevention Division will require construction of Fire Apparatus Access Roads for the project. The Mokelumne Rural Fire Department is located 1.22 miles south of the project site. As such, the project will not impair implementation of, or interfere with, County-adopted emergency response plans.

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The project will have no impact on wildland fires as the project is located outside of a wildfire area. A referral was sent to the Mokelumne Fire District on June 10, 2019. The project will be required to comply with the Mokelumne Rural Fire Department requirements.

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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:				X	
	 result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off- site; 				×	
	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				X	
	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?				×	
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The proposed project's impact on ground and surface water will be mitigated with the required Water Supply Facilities Impact Mitigation Fee. This fee is required to help reduce any impact the project has on ground and surface water to less than a significant level.

The proposed project does not propose any substantial alteration to a drainage pattern, stream or river. All necessary onsite drainage improvements will be reviewed prior to issuance of any building permit and is required to remain onsite. The project will not result in substantial soil erosion because the site will be paved and landscaped. A geotechnical soil study will be conducted prior to issuance of a building permit.

X. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY.

Would the project:

- a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements or oth degrade surface or ground wat
- b) Substantially decrease groun interfere substantially with gr such that the project may groundwater management of the
- c) Substantially alter the existing the site or area, including thro the course of a stream or addition of impervious surfaces would:
 - i) result in substantial erosion site;
 - ii) substantially increase the surface runoff in a manner flooding on- or off-site;
 - iii) create or contribute runof exceed the capacity of stormwater drainage sy substantial additional source or
 - iv) impede or redirect flood flo
- d) In flood hazard, tsunami, or release of pollutants due to pro
- e) Conflict with or obstruct implei quality control plan or susta management plan?

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The proposed project plans call for storm water to be retained in an on-site retention pond. The Department of Public Works requires that drainage facilities be provided in accordance with the San Joaquin County Development Standards and the Department will determine the design requirements of the proposed retention pond. With the oversight of the Department of Public Works, any storm water related impacts will be reduced to a less than significant level.

The proposed project site is not in a tsunami or seiche zone. The project site is located in the Flood Zone X, which is defined as areas determined to be outside the 0.2 % annual chance of the 500-year flood plain.

XI. LAND USE AND PLANNING.	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact		Analyzed In The Prior EIR
Would 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?			×		

Impact Discussion:

The project site is located along the northern edge of the urban community boundary of Lockeford. The project site is zoned AG-40 (General Agriculture 40-acre minimum) and R-L (Low Density Residential), the General Plan designation is R/L (Low Density Residential). The project will not divide an established community but rather provide a place to have a community assembly.

The Community Assembly use type is not a permitted use in the the AG-40 (General Agriculture 40-acre minimum) and R/L (Low Density Residential) zone. However, this use type would be allowed through a Use Permit application process in accordance with the Development title Chapter 9-1053, Historic Resource Preservation, to preserve its original use as a community assembly as described in the National Registered Historical Resources.

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

Impact Discussion:

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 Linden has been classified as MRZ-1. The General Plan 2035 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 less than a significant impact on the availability of mineral resources or mineral resource recovery sites within the region.

XIII. NOISE.

Would the project result in:

- a) Generation of a substantial temporary or permane increase in ambient noise levels in the vicinity of the project in excess of standards established in th local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicab standards of other agencies?
- b) Generation of excessive groundborne vibration groundborne noise levels?
- c) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip an airport land use plan, or where such a plan ha not been adopted, within two miles of a public airpo or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?

Impact Discussion:

The project site is surrounded by residences, except to the northeast which is actively used for farming. The nearest residences are located on the neighboring parcels located to the southeast, northwest, and southwest across N. Elliot Road at approximate distances of 140 feet, 230 feet, and 240 feet from the outdoor activity area; and 218 feet, 140 feet, and 235 feet from the indoor area, respectively. 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.

Indoor and outdoor amplified sound is being proposed as part of the community assembly use which will operate 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. four (4) days per week on variable days. Because of the project's close proximity to residences, a noise study was required to determine any potentially significant noise impacts and to identify possible mitigation measures that would reduce any potentially significant amplified noise impacts to a less than a significant level. A noise study report dated August 19, 2019 was prepared by Saxelby Acoustics (attached) which concluded that the use of amplified sound will comply with the County of San Joaquin daytime noise level standard (7 a.m. to 10 p.m.) if that the following mitigation measures are implemented:

- 1) Reducing average (Leg) noise levels to 65 dB at the Outdoor Control location (50 feet from sound system or live band) and 80 dB at the Indoor Control location (center of barn interior) as shown in in Figure 1 of the report.
- 2) The outdoor speakers shall be located in the approximate area shown on Figure 1 of the report and oriented facing towards the northwest (away from the closest neighboring residence to the south east).
- 3) The venue staff should be trained to use a sound level meter for periodic monitoring during events and limit noise levels to no more than 65 dB Leq for outdoor events and 80 dB Leq for indoor events, at their respective control points as shown in Figure 1 of the report.
- 4) The events are required to terminate by 10:00 p.m. to meet the County's daytime exterior noise standards.

These mitigation measures will be incorporated into the Conditions of Approval if the project is approved.

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XIV. POPULATION AND HOUSING.

Would 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 necessitating the construction of housing, replacement housing elsewhere?

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Impact Discussion:

The project will not induce substantial population growth in the area either directly or indirectly as it does not create a significant number of new jobs. The proposed project would not displace substantial numbers of people or existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere because the project will not result in or remove any residential housing units. Therefore, the project will have no impact on population and housing will be less than significant.

XV. PUBLIC SERVICES.	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
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?			×		
Police protection?			×		
Schools?			×		
Parks?			×		
Other public facilities?			×		

Impact Discussion:

The scope of the project does not suggest there will be a need for a substantial change to public services. The San Joaquin County Fire Division states that the California Fire Code (CFC) will be applicable to the proposed project. No additional schools or parks as a result of this project will be required. Therefore, the project will have a less than a significant impact on public services.

XVI. RECREATION.	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant 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?				×	

Impact Discussion:

This project will not 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, 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 the type of project proposed will not result in an increased demand for recreational facilities.

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)?		×		
d)	Result in inadequate emergency access?		×		

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Impact Discussion:

The proposed project will not conflict with a program plan, ordinance, or policy addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadways, etc., because there is no transit, roadway, or bicycle plan in the project vicinity. The proposed community assembly facility is located on the east side of N. Elliot Road, and will operate with two employees per shift and a maximum of 100 attendees at each event. The hours of operation for these events will be from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., four days (4) days per week. It is anticipated that the customer, vendor, and employee trip count will be approximately 33 trips per day, which is below the threshold of requiring a traffic study by the Department of Public Works. A referral was sent to the San Joaquin County Department of Public Works on May 16, 2019 in which a response letters was received on June 6, 2019. The letter stated that the project will not degrade the level of service along adjacent roadways and/or intersections to an unacceptable level.

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XVIII. TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES.

- a) Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource, defined in Public Resources Code section 21074 as either a site, feature, place, cultural landscape that is geographically defined in terms of the size and scope of the landscape, sacred place, or object with cultural value to a California Native American tribe, and that is:
 - 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
 - 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:

The project site is developed with an existing bed and breakfast facility and a storage building. No tribal cultural resources were encountered during the development of the bed and breakfast facility. The project was referred to the California Native Heritage Commission, the North Valley Yokuts Tribe, and the United Auburn Indian Commission. A letter dated September 5, 2019 was received from the United Auburn Indian Commission stating that the site does not show any records of recorded resources but that the project site may be located in a sensitive area. As a result, on September 13, 2019 the Community Development Department required a records search though the Central California Information Center (CCIC). In a letter dated September 20, 2019, the CCIC concluded that there are no known cultural resources located within the project vicinity. In order to mitigate any potential impacts on curtural resources that could potentially be discovered during construction to a less than significant level. The following mitigation measures will be implemented in accordance with the request of the UAIC:

A construction worker tribal cultural resources awareness brochure shall be distributed by the project manager to the construction workers before construction activities begin on the project site. The brochure will include relevant information regarding sensitive tribal cultural resources, including applicable regulations, protocols for avoidance, and consequences of violating State laws and regulations. The brochure also provides appropriate avoidance and minimization measures for resources that have the potential to be located on the project site and outlines what to do and whom to contact if any potential archaeological resources or artifacts are encountered. The brochure will also underscore the requirement for confidentiality and culturally-appropriate treatment of any find of significance to Native Americans and behaviors, consistent with Native American Tribal values.

If potential tribal cultural resources (TCRs), archaeological resources, or human remains are discovered by project personnel during construction activities, work will cease within 100 feet of the find.

The on-site project/construction manager will immediately be informed of the possible find and contact a county coroner and a qualified archeologist or tribal monitor to assess the significance of the find and make recommendations for further evaluation and treatment as necessary.

If adverse impacts to tribal cultural resources, unique archeology, or other cultural resources occurs, then consultation with UAIC and other traditionally and culturally affiliated Native American Tribes regarding mitigation contained in the Public Resources Code sections 21084.3(a) and (b) and CEQA Guidelines section 15370 should occur, in order to coordinate for compensation for the impact by replacing or providing substitute resources or environments.

XIX. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS.

Would 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?
- 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?
- e) Comply with federal, state, and local management and reduction statutes and regulations related to solid waste?

Impact Discussion:

The project will be served by the Lockeford Community Service District for sewer and water service Lockeford Community Service District has submitted a "will-serve" letter dated February 15, 2019 stating that Lockeford Community Service District will provide potable water and sewer service for the project. The applicant is proposing an onsite stormwater basin. The Department of Public Works will determine the size of the onsite stormwater basin prior to issuance of building permit. Therefore, the impact on public services is expected to be less than significant.

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XX. WILDFIRE.

If located in or near state responsibility areas or lands classified as very high fire hazard severity zones, would the 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?

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Impact Discussion:

The project is located outside of high fire hazard severity zones and is not expected to be impacted by wildfires. In addition, public water is served by the Lockeford Community Service District and the project site is located 1.22 miles from the Mokelumne Rural Fire Department.

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?

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?

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Impact Discussion:

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. Participation in the SJMSCP will mitigate impacts to wildlife and habitat. There are no identified prehistoric resources identified on this site. No archaeological or paleontological resources have been identified in the project area.

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 identified mitigation measures and ordinance requirements.

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.

ATTACHMENT: (MAP[S] OR PROJECT SITE PLAN[S]

