# 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: Dillon & Murphy

# PROJECT TITLE/FILE NUMBER(S): PA-1900304

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: <u>A Use Permit application to expand an existing Small Winery on a 4.38 acreparcel to a Medium Winery in two (2) phases over five (5) years. Phase 1 includes the construction of a 13,800 square foot building for fermentation, storage, laboratory, breakroom and restroom. Phase 2 includes the construction of a 7,200 square foot storage building. Also proposed is an above ground waste tank and a fire suppression water tank. The winery is open to the public seven (7) days a week during peak season and five (5) days a week during the off-season, for six (6) hours per day. The winery is currently approved for Marketing Events (maximum of 12 annually) with a maximum of 150 attendees, Small-scale Accessory Events (maximum of 1 daily) with a maximum of 80 attendees, and Wine Release Events (maximum of 4 annually) with a maximum of 150 attendees at any given time. Indoor and outdoor amplified music is permitted at events with the condition the event ends by 9:00 p.m. No changes in events are proposed with this application. The project site utilizes a private well for water supply, an onsite septic system for sewage disposal, and on-site natural drainage for storm water. Access is from two (2) driveways off of E. Peltier Road.</u>

The project site is located on the north side of E. Peltier Road, 1.7 miles east of State Route 99 in Acampo.

ASSESSORS PARCEL NO(S).: 005-260-61

ACRES: 4.38 acres

GENERAL PLAN: OS/RC and A/G

ZONING: AG-40

POTENTIAL POPULATION, NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS, OR SQUARE FOOTAGE OF USE(S): <u>Four (4) buildings totaling approximately 52,000 square feet for a Medium Winery, and one (1) dwelling unit with a</u> <u>detached garage.</u>

SURROUNDING LAND USES:

NORTH: Agricultural with scattered residences

SOUTH: Agricultural with scattered residences

EAST: Agricultural with scattered residences

WEST: Agricultural 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 (Enter report name, date, and consultant.). 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?



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

No

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



Agency name(s): Alcohol Beverage Control; Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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



City: Enter city name(s).

# 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
- 10	Geology / Soils		Greenhouse Gas Emissions	Hazards & Hazardous Materials
m	Hydrology / Water Quality		Land Use / Planning	Mineral Resources
	Noise		Population / Housing	Public Services
	Recreation	01	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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# **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.

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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 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 points). 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:

- a-c) The project parcel is located on E. Peltier Road, north of the City of Lodi, and is the site of an existing winery. Pursuant to San Joaquin County General Plan 2035 Natural and Cultural Resources Element Figure NCR-1 (page 3.4-13), this section of E. Peltier Road is not designated as a Scenic Route. The parcels surrounding the project parcel are in agricultural production, or are uncultivated land, with scattered residences with the exception of the parcel adjacent to the west which is the site of a commercial seed farm. The proposed project, an expansion of an existing winery, consists of the construction of two (2) buildings totaling 21,000 at the rear of the property. The proposed buildings will not interfere with any public views of the surroundings and will be screened from public view by the existing trees on the project parcel. The existing minimal landscaping requirements for the street frontage of the project parcel will remain in effect. Therefore, any impact on a scenic vista or resource is expected to be less than significant and the project will not degrade the visual character or quality of public views of the site and its surroundings.
  - d) The proposed project is an expansion of an existing Small Winery to a Medium Winery. The winery is not open to the public after dark, therefore outdoor lighting in parking areas is not required. Therefore, the project is expected to have a less than significant impact from new sources of light or glare on day or nighttime views in the area.

#### **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 a 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:

- a) The project parcel is not identified or designated as Prime or Unique Farmland or as Farmland of Statewide Importance on maps provided by the California Department of Conservation's Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program. The subject property is designated as Urban and Built-Up Land (D) by the Department of Conservation's Rural Land Mapping Project, which is further described as land occupied by structures with a building density of at least 1 unit to 1.5 acres. Therefore, the project will not result in the conversion of Prime, Unique, or Statewide Importance Farmland to nonagricultural uses.
- b) A Medium Winery is an agricultural use that may be conditionally permitted in the AG-40 (General Agriculture, 40 acre minimum) zone with an approved Use Permit application, therefore, the project will not conflict with existing zoning nor will it conflict with a Williamson Act contract as the project parcel is not under a Williamson Act contract.

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- c-d) The subject property is not zoned for forest land or Timberland Production as defined by Public Resources Code and Government Code, therefore, the project will have no impact on corresponding zoning or conversion of such land.
  - e) The proposed project, an expansion of an existing winery, does not conflict with any existing uses as the zoning and General Plan designations will remain the same. The expansion will not interfere with any agricultural activity on the parcel. Furthermore, it has been previously determined that a medium winery may be a conditionally permitted use the AG-40 zone.

Wł the coi	<b>AIR QUALITY.</b> here available, the significance criteria established by a applicable air quality management or air pollution htrol district may be relied upon to make the following terminations. Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact		Analyzed In The Prior EIR
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?			×	4	
d)	Result in substantial emissions (such as those leading to odors) adversely affecting a substantial number of people?			×		

a-d) The proposed project is the expansion of an existing winery. The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (APCD) has been established by the State in an effort to control and minimize air pollution. The project was referred to the APCD for review on January 3, 2020. APCD responded on March 23, 2020 that, having reviewed the project, the agency had no comments. Because the project may be subject to the District's regulatory requirements, the applicant is encouraged to contact APCD. Therefore, any impacts to air quality are expected to be less than significant.

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# IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES.

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?
- 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?

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# Impact Discussion:

a) The California Department of Fish and Wildlife Natural Diversity Database lists *lepidurus packardi* (vernal pool tadpole shrimp) and *branchinecta mesovallensis* (midvalley fairy shrimp) as rare, endangered, or threatened species or habitat located on or near the site for the proposed project. Referrals have been sent to the San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG), the agency responsible for verifying the correct implementation of 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. Pursuant to the Final EIR/EIS for SJMSCP, dated November 15, 2000, and certified by SJCOG on December 7, 2000, implementation of the SJMSCP is expected to reduce impacts to biological resources resulting from the proposed project to a level of less-than-significant.

SJCOG responded to this project referral in a letter dated December 30, 2019, that the project is subject to the SJMSCP. The applicant has confirmed that he will participate in SJMSCP. 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-c) The subject property has no riparian habitat or wetlands located within its boundaries, therefore the proposed project, an expansion of an existing winery, will not have an impact on riparian habitat or wetlands.
- d-f) This application, an expansion to an existing winery, will be conditioned to participate in the SJMSCP. The applicant has confirmed his intention to participate in the SJMSCP, therefore, any impacts to biological resources resulting from the proposed project will be reduced to a level of less-than-significant.

<u>V. (</u>	CULTURAL RESOURCES.	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
Wo	uld 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?			щ	×	
c)	Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of dedicated cemeteries?			×		

- Impact Discussion:
- a-b) The proposed project will have no impact on Cultural Resources as there are no resources on the project site that are listed or are eligible for listing on a local register, the California Register of Historic Places, or National Register of Historic Places.
  - c) In the event human remains are encountered during any portion of the project, California state law requires that there shall be no further excavation or disturbance of the site or any nearby area reasonably suspected to overlie adjacent remains until the coroner of the county has determined manner and cause of death, and the recommendations concerning the treatment and disposition of the human remains have been made to the person responsible for the excavation (California Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5). In this way, any disturbance to human remains will be reduced to less than significant.

<u>VI. ENERGY.</u>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
Would the project:				
a) Result in a potentially significant environmenta 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?			×	

a-b) The California Energy Code (also titled The Energy Efficiency Standards for Residential and Non-residential Buildings) was created by the California Building Standards Commission in response to a legislative mandate to reduce California's energy consumption. The code's purpose is to advance the state's energy policy, develop renewable energy sources and prepare for energy emergencies. 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.

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# VII. GEOLOGY AND SOILS.

Would the project:

- Directly or indirectly cause potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:
  - Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as i) 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.
  - Strong seismic ground shaking? ii)
  - 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?
- Be located on expansive soil and create direct or d) 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 а unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?

# Impact Discussion:

- a) 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.
- b) The project will not result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil because the project will require a grading permit in conjunction with a building permit. Therefore, the grading will be done under permit and inspection by the San Joaquin County Community Development Department's Building Division. As a result, impacts to soil erosion or loss of topsoil will be less than significant.
- c-d) The project site is relatively flat terrain where landslides have not historically been an issue. A soils report will be required

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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.

- e) The project will be served by an onsite septic tank or alternative wastewater disposal system for the disposal of waste water. The sewage disposal system shall comply with the onsite wastewater treatment systems standards of San Joaquin County. A percolation test, performed under permit and inspection by the Environmental Health Department, is required. After a successful percolation test, the onsite wastewater treatment system will be evaluated prior to issuance of a building permit. With these standards in place, only soils capable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks will be approved for the septic system.
- f) The project area has not been determined to contain significant historic or prehistoric archeological artifacts that could be disturbed by project construction, therefore, damage to unique paleontological resources or sites or geologic features is anticipated to be less than significant.

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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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# Impact Discussion:

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 (CO<sub>2</sub>) and, to a lesser extent, other GHG pollutants, such as methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) and nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O) associated with area sources, mobile sources or vehicles, utilities (electricity and natural gas), water usage, wastewater generation, and the generation of solid waste. The primary source of GHG emissions for the project would be mobile source emissions. The common unit of measurement for GHG is expressed in terms of annual metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalents (MTCO<sub>2</sub>e/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, the installation of energy-efficient lighting and control 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.

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

#### 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:

- a-c) The proposed project is an expansion of an existing winery that includes the construction of two (2) buildings totaling 21,000 square feet to be used for storage, fermentation, and laboratory. Pursuant to the Hazardous Materials Disclosure Survey submitted with the application, the project is not expected to use or store hazardous materials on site, therefore the risk of hazard due to the transportation or use of hazardous materials is expected to be less than significant.
  - d) The project site is not listed as a hazardous materials site on the California Department of Toxic Substances Control EnviroStor database map, compiled pursuant to Government Code 65962.5 and, therefore, will not result in creating a significant hazard to the public or the environment.
  - e) The project site is located within the Airport Influence Area zone for the Lodi Airport with the nearest runaway located approximately two (2) miles northwest of the project site. The project was referred to the Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) on January 3, 2020. In a response letter dated February 6, 2020, the ALUC responded that the project is in Lodi Airport Zone 8 (AIA) and that the project is compatible with the 2018 San Joaquin County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan. Additionally, pursuant to the San Joaquin Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan, dated January 2018,

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the project site is located outside of the airport's noise exposure contours for both major and marginal effects, therefore, impacts resulting from airport noise levels to people in the project area are expected to be less than significant.

- f) The project site is located in a rural area north of the city of Lodi and is currently developed with a winery. The project, an expansion to the existing winery, will employ approximately six (6) people and anticipates approximately fifteen (15) customers per day. Therefore, the project is not expected to generate a significant amount of traffic to create traffic congestion that would interfere with the execution of an emergency plan.
- e) The project location 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.

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# X. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY.

Would 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 offsite;
  - 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?

#### Impact Discussion:

a-b) The proposed project is an expansion of an existing winery. The project will be served by an onsite wastewater treatment system (OWTS). Construction of an OWTS is required to be under permit and inspection by the Environmental Health Department at the time of development and must comply with the onsite wastewater treatment systems standards of San Joaquin County.

The applicant's plans are for winery wastewater to be stored in an above ground storage tank until it is hauled off site by a contractor. This project was referred to the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (CVRWQCB) for review on January 3, 2020. The CVRWQCB has been established to protect the waters of the State by ensuring compliance with clean water laws and taking enforcement actions when violations occur. A response was received from CVRWQCB dated January 23, 2020 containing regulations for wastewater discharge. The project will be subject to the Board's rules and regulations to mitigate for any impacts to surface and ground water.

Therefore, compliance with the rules and regulations of the Environmental Health Department and the CVRWQCB will ensure any impacts to surface or groundwater quality and groundwater quality are reduced to less than significant.

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c) The proposed project plan calls for natural, on site drainage storm water drainage. The project parcel is 4.38 acres in size with existing and proposed structures and paving to cover approximately 1.75 acres. The remaining acreage, approximately 2.6 acres, is permeable uncultivated land, allowing for natural groundwater recharge through a permeable surface.

All development projects are required by the Development Title to provide drainage facilities to contain the storm water runoff on site and to prevent offsite sediment transport. The project will be conditioned by the Department of Public Works to provide drainage facilities in accordance with the San Joaquin County Development Standards.

With the project thus conditioned, impacts from drainage are expected to be less than significant.

d-e) The project site is not in a tsunami or seiche zone and the site is located in an area determined to be outside the 0.2% annual chance (500-year) floodplain. Therefore, the risk of release of pollutants due to inundation is less than significant.

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?				X	
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) This proposed project is an expansion to an existing winery. The winery is located in a rural, agricultural area and will not result in physically dividing an established community.
- b) The project parcel is zoned General Agriculture with a 40 acre minimum size. A Medium Winery is a permitted use in the AG-40 zone with an approved Use Permit. The proposed project is consistent with all land use policies and regulations of the County Development Code and 2035 General Plan, therefore, the project's impact on the environment due to land use conflict is expected to be less than significant.

<u>XII</u>	. MINERAL RESOURCES.	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
Wo	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) Pursuant to the San Joaquin County General Plan Background Report, Chapter 10-Mineral Resources, the primary extractive resource in San Joaquin County is sand and gravel, with the principal areas of sand and gravel extraction located in the southwestern part of the county and along the Mokelumne, Calaveras, and Stanislaus rivers in the eastern portion of the county. The project site is located approximately 2.5 miles north of the Mokelumne River and is outside of the mapped area designated as an area containing mineral deposits. Therefore, the project will not result in the loss of mineral resources or mineral resource recovery sites within the region and in the Lodi community.

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# XIII. NOISE.

Would 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 noise levels?

#### Impact Discussion:

- a) The project site is located on E. Peltier Road, north of the City of Lodi, and is the site of an existing winery. The parcels surrounding the project parcel are in agricultural production, or are uncultivated land, with scattered residences with the exception of the parcel adjacent to the west which is the site of a commercial seed farm. The nearest residence is located 155 feet south of the project parcel. Pursuant to Pursuant to Development Title Section 9-1025.9(a)(1), a residential use is a noise sensitive land use. However, noise sources emanating from any agricultural operations, including activities associated with a winery, when such activities are conducted on agriculturally zoned lands, are exempt from the Noise ordinance (Development Title Section 9-1025.9(b)(5)). Therefore, any noise impacts from this project will 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 located within the Airport Influence Area zone for the Lodi Airport with the nearest runaway located approximately two (2) miles northwest of the project site. Pursuant to the San Joaquin Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan, dated January 2018, the project site is located outside of the airport's noise exposure contours for both major and marginal effects, therefore, impacts resulting from airport noise levels to people residing or working in the project area are expected to be less than significant.

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XIV. POPULATION AND HOUSING.	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
Would the project:				
<ul> <li>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)?</li> </ul>			×	
<ul> <li>b) Displace substantial numbers of existing people or housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?</li> </ul>			×	11 No.

a-b) The proposed project will not induce substantial population growth in the area either directly or indirectly because the project is not anticipated to result in an increase in the number of jobs available. 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 and the zoning will remain the same if the project is approved. Therefore, the project's impact on population and housing is expected to 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:

Parks?

Fire protection?

Police protection?

Other public facilities?

#### Impact Discussion:

Schools?

a) The proposed project is an expansion of an existing winery with no increase in the number of events permitted or in the number of participants permitted at events. The project site is located in the Liberty Fire District and is in the Lodi Unified School District. Both agencies were provided with the project proposal and invited to respond with any concerns or conditions. The San Joaquin County Fire Prevention Department responded with requirements from the California Fire Code that were applicable to the project but did not identify any significant impacts. A response was not received from the school district. The project site is served by the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office. The office was provided with the project proposal and invited to respond with any concerns or conditions. A response was not received from that office. Therefore, 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		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?				×	

a-b) The proposed 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 project, an expansion of an existing winery, is not expected to result in an increased demand for recreational facilities. Therefore, the project will have no impact on recreation 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)?			X				
d)	Result in inadequate emergency access?			×				
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- a-c) The proposed project is an expansion of an existing winery. The expansion is proposed to increase the winery's production and storage capacity. A project referral was sent to the Department of Public Works on January 3, 2020. The Department of Public Works requires a traffic study for projects that are expected to generate in excess of fifty vehicles during any hour or, and, in the Department's response letter dated October 22, 2019, a traffic study was not required for this project. Therefore, the project is expected to have a less than significant impact on traffic volumes on the local streets, is not expected to conflict with program plans, ordinances, or policies, and the project did not present with any hazardous design features.
  - d) The proposed project has adequate access from E. Peltier Road that will provide for adequate access for emergency equipment. The Department of Public Works, in its conditions, requires that the driveway approach be improved in accordance with the requirements of San Joaquin County Improvement Standards Drawing No. R-17. 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.

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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:
  - 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.

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#### Impact Discussion:

a) This project site is located in a rural area north of the city of Lodi and approximately 2.5 miles north of the Mokelumne River. The project is an expansion to an existing winery. Referrals were sent January 3, 2020 to the California Tribal TANF Partnership, the California Native American Heritage Commission, the California Valley Miwok Tribe, the North Valley Yokuts Tribe, and the United Auburn Indian Community. The United Auburn Indian Community (UAIC) responded in a letter dated February 7, 2020, that their records indicated there are no known tribal cultural resources in the proposed project area and that there is a low potential for unknown or buried tribal cultural resources to occur. No other responses or requests for consult were received as a result of the referral, therefore any possible disruption to a potential site is expected to be less than significant.

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c) The project will utilize an Onsite Sewage Disposal System constructed under permit from the Environmental Health Department and subject to the onsite wastewater treatment system regulations that will comply with the standards of San Joaquin County.

b) The project will be served by an existing private well. The nearest public water system is approximately three (3) miles

a) The proposed project is an expansion to an existing winery, located in a rural area north of the city of Lodi. The project will utilize a private well and an Onsite Wastewater Treatment System. Storm water drainage will be natural, onsite drainage. Therefore, the project will be served by private, onsite services and will not require relocation of existing

d-e) The project is an expansion of an existing winery. As proposed, the project is not anticipated to generate solid waste in excess of State and local standards and will be able to comply with all regulations related to solid waste.

# XIX. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS.

Would the project:

- 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?

facilities or require new facilities.

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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:

- Substantially impair an adopted emergency a) 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 location is in a rural area north of the city of Lodi, CA, which is not identified as a Community at Risk from a-d) 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.

#### cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?

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

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

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a-c) Review of this project has not indicated any features which might significantly impact the environmental quality of the site and/or surrounding area. Mitigation measures have been identified in areas where a potentially significant impact has been identified and these measures, included as conditions of approval, will reduce these impacts to a less than significant level.