#### 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: Waterloo Morada Rural County Fire Protection District

PROJECT TITLE/FILE NUMBER(S): PA-2000066

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project is a Use Permit for a second fire station location for the Waterloo Morada Rural County Fire Protection District. The project includes utilization of an existing 1,740 square foot, single family residence for a firehouse, a 1,440 sq. ft. building for training, and an existing 2700 sq. ft. building for apparatus storage. The station will house one (1) engine. (Use Type: Public Services-Essential). The project site will be served by a private well and septic system. Storm drainage will be retained on site.

<u>The project site is located on the south side of E. Eight Mile Road, 850 feet east of State Route 99 East Frontage</u> Road, in Stockton.

ASSESSORS PARCEL NO(S).: 086-070-09

ACRES: 7.34 acres

GENERAL PLAN: R/R (Rural Residential)

**ZONING: R-R (Rural Residential)** 

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

Three (3) buildings totaling approximately 6,600 square feet for a Fire Station.

#### **SURROUNDING LAND USES:**

NORTH: Agricultural with scattered residences

SOUTH: Residential Residential

WEST: Residential; City of Stockton

#### 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	t appear	that ar	y environmental feature of the project will generate significant public concern or controversy?
		Yes	X	No
	Nature	of conc	ern(s):	Enter concern(s).
2.	Will th	e project	require	e approval or permits by agencies other than the County?
		Yes	X	No
	Agend	y name(	s): Ent	er agency name(s).
3.	Is the	project w	ithin th	e Sphere of Influence, or within two miles, of any city?
	X	Yes		No
	City:	Stockto	<u>n</u> .	

# **ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:**

a "Potentially Significant Impact" as indicated by the checklist on the following pages.									
Aesthetics	Agriculture and Forestry Resou	rces Air Quality							
Biological Resources	Cultural Resources	Energy							
Geology / Soils	Greenhouse Gas Emissions	Hazards & Hazardous Materials							
Hydrology / Water Quality	Land Use / Planning	Mineral Resources							
Noise	Population / Housing	Public Services							
Recreation	Transportation	Tribal Cultural Resources							
Utilities / Service Systems	Wildfire	Mandatory Findings of Significance							
<b>DETERMINATION:</b> (To be comple	ted by the Lead Agency) On the basi	s of this initial evaluation:							
I find that the proposed propo		nt effect on the environment, and a <u>NEGATIVE</u>							
significant effect in this ca		ant effect on the environment, there will not be a have been made by or agreed to by the project repared.							
I find that the proposed proposed proposed proposed is required.		on the environment, and an <b>ENVIRONMENTAL</b>							
mitigated" impact on the educument pursuant to apple the earlier analysis as described.	environment, but at least one effect licable legal standards, and 2) has b	nificant impact" or "potentially significant unless 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier een addressed by mitigation measures based on ONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it							
significant effects (a) have applicable standards, and	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 DECLARATION</u> , including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.								
Alisa Howlant 5-19-2020  Signature Date									

#### **EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:**

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

<u>J. /</u>	AESTHETICS.	Potentially Significant Impact	Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
	cept as provided in Public Resources Code Section 099, would the project:				
a)	Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?			X	
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?			×	

- a-c) The project parcel is located on E. Eight Mile Road, east of State Route 99 and the City of Stockton. Pursuant to San Joaquin County General Plan 2035 Natural and Cultural Resources Element Figure NCR-1 (page 3.4-13), this section of E. Eight Mile Road is not designated as a Scenic Route. The area is rural in nature, with large residential parcels. The proposed project, a fire station, consists of utilizing existing buildings on the lot. The proposed fire station will not alter the aesthetics of the parcel as it currently exists. 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 a fire station housing one engine for the Waterloo-Morada Rural County Fire Protection District that will be staffed twenty-four (24) hours, seven (7) days a week. Any outdoor lighting will be conditioned to be designed to confine direct rays to the premises, allowing no spillover beyond the property lines. 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.

Less Than **Potentially Less Than** Analyzed Significant with Significant **Significant** In The No Mitigation **Impact** Impact Prior EIR Incorporated Impact 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: 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))?

#### **Impact Discussion:**

d) Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of

 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?

forest land to non-forest use?

- a) The subject parcel is zoned Rural Residential (R-R) and 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 Department of Conservation categorizes the site as Farmland of Local Importance. This designation is applied to all farmable land within San Joaquin County that does not meet the definitions of "Prime Farmland," "Farmland of Statewide Importance," and "Unique Farmland." The subject parcel consists of 7.34 acres with only one acre developed with buildings. The remaining acreage is idle farmland. The proposed project, a fire station, will not convert important farmland to non-agricultural use.
- b) The subject property is zoned Rural Residential (R-R) and is not zoned for agricultural use. Therefore, the proposed project will not conflict with an agricultural use and is not under a Williamson Act contract.

- c-d) The subject property is not located in an area of forest land, timberland, 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 subject property is not classified as Farmland or forest land therefore the project will have no impact on the conversion of such lands.

<u>III.</u>	AIR QUALITY.	Potentially Significant Impact	Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
the con	here available, the significance criteria established by applicable air quality management or air pollution atrol district may be relied upon to make the following erminations. Would the project:					
a)	Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?			X		
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?	44		X		

a-d) The proposed project is a fire station housing one engine for the Waterloo-Morada Rural County Fire Protection District. 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 April 22, 2020. APCD responded on May 18, 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.

IV.	BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES.	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
Wc	ould the project:					
a)	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?			×		

a) The proposed project is a fire station housing one engine for the Waterloo-Morada Rural County Fire Protection District that will utilize existing structures on approximately one (1) acre of a 7.34 acre parcel. A project referral was sent to the San Joaquin Council of Governments on April 22, 2020. The San Joaquin Council of Governments responded in a letter dated April 23, 2020 that it was determined the project as proposed is not subject to participate in the San Joaquin County Multi-Species Habitat Conservation and Open Space Plan (SJMSCP) because of structure and ground disturbance already existing. However, if the Waterloo-Morada Rural County Fire Protection District wants to expand outside of the one (1) acre developed area in the future, the future expansion will be subject to the SJMSCP. Because the current project will occur in an area previously disturbed, the project is expected to have a less than significant impact on habitat and/or species in the area.

<u>V. (</u>	CULTURAL RESOURCES.	Potentially Significant Impact	Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact		Analyzed In The Prior EIR
Wo	ould the project:					
a)	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource pursuant to \$15064.5?				×	
b)	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to § 15064.5?				X	
c)	Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of dedicated cemeteries?			×		

- 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.</u>	ENERGY.	Potentially Significant Impact	Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
Wo	ould the project:				
a)	Result in a potentially significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy, or wasteful use of energy resources, during project construction or operation?			X	
b)	Conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency?			X	

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.

VII	I. GEOLOGY AND SOILS.	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
	ould the project:				
a)	Directly or indirectly cause potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:			×	
	i) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.			×	
	ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?			X	
	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?			×	

- a-d) The proposed project is a fire station housing one engine for the Waterloo-Morada Rural County Fire Protection District that will utilize existing structures on approximately one (1) acre of a 7.34 acre parcel. The project may require building permits for changes in occupancy but there will be no additional ground disturbance required for the project, with the exception of driveway widening. Building permits for changes in occupancy will require compliance with the California Building Code (CBC). Therefore, impacts to seismic-related adverse effects, soil erosion or instability are expected to be 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 must comply with the onsite wastewater treatment systems standards of San Joaquin County. 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 coul be disturbed by project construction, therefore, damage to unique paleontological resources or sites or geologic feature is anticipated to be less than significant.								

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

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

As noted previously, the 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 energy-efficient 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.

<sup>11</sup> 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.

IAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.	Significant Impact	Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
ld the project:					
Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?			×		
Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of nazardous materials into the environment?			X		
Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?			X		
Be located on a site which is included on a list of nazardous 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?				×	
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?			p:	×	
mpair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?			×		
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  - 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 not located within an airport land use plan. The nearest runway is at the Lodi Precissi Airport located 3.8 miles to the west.
  - f) The project is a fire station housing one engine for the Waterloo-Morada Rural County Fire Protection District to be

staffed by trained firefighters. Therefore, the project will result in the placement of emergency responders in this area site to implement emergency response plans.

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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<u>X.  </u>	HYD	ROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY.					
Wo	uld 1	the project:					
a)	disc	late any water quality standards or waste charge requirements or otherwise substantially grade surface or ground water quality?			×		
b)	inte suc	ostantially decrease groundwater supplies or erfere substantially with groundwater recharge the that the project may impede sustainable undwater management of the basin?			X		
c)	the the	ostantially alter the existing drainage pattern of site or area, including through the alteration of course of a stream or river or through the lition of impervious surfaces, in a manner which uld:			×		
	i)	result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site;			×		
	ii)	substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site;			×		
	iii)	create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff; or			×		
	iv)	impede or redirect flood flows?			×		
d)		flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zones, risk ease of pollutants due to project inundation?			×		
e)	qua	nflict with or obstruct implementation of a water ality control plan or sustainable groundwater nagement plan?			×		

- a-b) The proposed project is a fire station housing one engine for the Waterloo-Morada Rural County Fire Protection District. 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.
  - Therefore, compliance with the rules and regulations of the Environmental Health Department will ensure any impacts to surface or groundwater quality and groundwater quality are reduced to less than significant.
- c) All development projects are required to provide drainage facilities in accordance with the San Joaquin County Development Standards. The project will be conditioned by the Department of Public Works to provide drainage in accordance with the San Joaquin County Development Standards. The proposed project plan calls for natural, on site drainage storm water drainage. The project parcel is 7.34 acres in size with existing structures and paving covering approximately one (1) acre. The remaining acreage, approximately 6.34 acres, is permeable uncultivated land, allowing for natural groundwater recharge through a permeable surface. With the project drainage conditions, impacts on drainage are expected to be less than significant.

d-e)	The project site levees from the than significant.	is not in a tsunal 1% annual chance	mi or seiche zone e (100-year) flood.	and the site is Therefore, the r	located in an are isk of release of p	ea determined to loollutants due to in	pe protected by undation is less

<u>XI.</u>	LAND USE AND PLANNING.	Potentially Significant Impact	Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
Wc	ould 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 a fire station housing one engine for the Waterloo-Morada Rural County Fire Protection District that will utilize existing buildings on the project parcel. No improvements will be constructed in the road and no improvements will result in physically dividing an established community.
- b) The project parcel is zoned Rural Residential (R-R). A fire station is a permitted use in the R-R 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 approved and conditioned project's impact on the environment due to land use conflict is expected to be less than significant.

XII	. MINERAL RESOURCES.	Potentially Significant Impact	Less I han 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?				X	
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?				X	

a-b) The proposed project, a fire station housing one engine for the Waterloo-Morada Rural County Fire Protection District, will not result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource of a resource recovery site because the site does not contain minerals of significance or known mineral resources. San Joaquin County applies a mineral resource zone (MRZ) designation to land that meets the significant mineral deposits definition by the State Division of Mines and Geology. The project site in Stockton has been classified as MRZ-1. The San Joaquin County 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." Additionally, the project will utilize existing structures and will not expand into an undeveloped area. Therefore, the project will not result in the loss of mineral resources or mineral resource recovery sites within the region.

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

- a) The project site is located on E. Eight Mile Road, 0.2 miles east of State Route 99 and the City of Stockton. The parcels surrounding the project parcel are zoned Rural Residential with large parcels and scattered residences. The nearest residence is located 130 feet north of the project parcel and 205 feet from any buildings to be used by the fire station. Pursuant to Development Title Section 9-1025.9(a)(1), a residential use is a noise sensitive land use. However, pursuant to Development Title Section 9-1025.9(c)(2), any mechanical device or equipment used in emergency activities or emergency work are exempt from the noise provisions of the Development Title. Therefore, any impacts on ambient noise levels in the vicinity of the 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 not located within an airport land use plan. The nearest runway is at the Lodi Precissi Airport located 3.8 miles to the west. Therefore, impacts resulting from airport noise levels to people residing or working in the project area are expected to be less than significant.

XIV	7. POPULATION AND HOUSING.	Potentially Significant Impact	Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
Wo	ould the project:					
a)	Induce substantial unplanned population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?			×		
b)	Displace substantial numbers of existing people or housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?			×		

a-b) The proposed project is a fire station housing one engine for the Waterloo-Morada Rural County Fire Protection District which is not expected to 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 or dwellings available. The proposed project would not displace substantial numbers of people or existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere because there is just one (1) residence on the project site which will continue to be used for a residential purpose for fire district personnel. Therefore, the project's impact on population and housing is expected to be less than significant.

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

## **Impact Discussion:**

a) The proposed project is a fire station housing one engine for the Waterloo-Morada Rural County Fire Protection District. The fire station will be the second station for the district. The project site is served by the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office and is located in the Lodi Unified School District. Both agencies were provided with the project proposal and invited to respond with any concerns or conditions. A response was not received from those offices. 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	No Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
a) Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?			X		
b) Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?			X		

a-b) The proposed project, a fire station housing one engine for the Waterloo-Morada Rural County Fire Protection District, 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 is not expected to result in an increased demand for recreational facilities. Therefore, the project will have a less than significant impact on recreation facilities.

XVI	II. TRANSPORTATION.	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact		Analyzed In The Prior EIR			
Wo	uld 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)?				X				
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?			X					
lmp	mpact Discussion:								

- The proposed project is a fire station housing one engine for the Waterloo-Morada Rural County Fire Protection District. A project referral was sent to the Department of Public Works on April 22, 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 May 15, 2020, 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 is a fire station proposing a thirty (30) foot wide driveway to accommodate emergency fire vehicles. 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 improvements, the project's impact on emergency access is expected to be less than significant.

<u>xv</u>	III. T	RIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES.	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
a)	cha res 210 land the or o	ould the project cause a substantial adverse ange in the significance of a tribal cultural ource, defined in Public Resources Code section 074 as either a site, feature, place, cultural dscape that is geographically defined in terms of size and scope of the landscape, sacred place, object with cultural value to a California Native iterican 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			X	
	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.			X	

**Less Than** 

## **Impact Discussion:**

a) This project site is located in a rural residential area, 0.2 miles east of the city of Stockton, and 0.5 miles south of Bear Creek. The project is a fire station. Referrals were sent April 22, 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. A response was received from the Buena Vista Rancheria Tribe, dated May 7, 2020, stating that it was determined there would be no objection to the project. However, if any cultural resources were discovered, they would like to be notified. With this response and having received no other responses or requests for consult as a result of the referral, any possible disruption to a potential site is expected to be less than significant.

<u>XI)</u>	K. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS.	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
Wo	ould the project:				
a)	Require or result in the relocation or construction of new or expanded water, wastewater treatment, or storm water drainage, electric power, natural gas, or telecommunications facilities, the construction or relocation of which could cause significant environmental effects?			×	
b)	Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project and reasonably foreseeable future development during normal, dry and multiple dry years?			X	
c)	Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?			×	
d)	Generate solid waste in excess of State or local standards, or in excess of the capacity of local infrastructure, or otherwise impair the attainment of solid waste reduction goals?			X	
e)	Comply with federal, state, and local management and reduction statutes and regulations related to solid waste?			×	
lm	pact Discussion:				

- a) The proposed project is a fire station housing one engine for the Waterloo-Morada Rural County Fire Protection District. 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 facilities or require new facilities.
- b) The project will be served by an existing private well. The project parcel is located adjacent to County Service Area 46, a public water system, and is located 0.2 miles east of the City of Stockton public water system. It is expected that the project will have sufficient water supply.
- c) The project will utilize an Onsite Sewage Disposal System which must comply with the onsite wastewater treatment systems standards of San Joaquin County.
- d-e) The project is a fire station housing one engine for the Waterloo-Morada Rural County Fire Protection District. 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.

<u> </u>	. WILDFIRE.	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
cla	ocated in or near state responsibility areas or lands ssified as very high fire hazard severity zones, would 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?			×		

a-d) The project location is in a low density residential area just east of the city of Stockton, CA, which is not identified as a Community at Risk from Wildfire by Cal Fire's "Fire Risk Assessment Program". Communities at Risk from Wildfire are those places within 1.5 miles of areas of High or Very High wildfire threat as determined from CDF-FRAP fuels and

hazard data. Therefore, the impact of wildfires on the project are expected to be less than significant.

XXI. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE.	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
a) Does the project have the potential to substantially degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, substantially reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?			×		
b) Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)?			×		
c) Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?			×		

a-c) Review of this project has not indicated any features which might significantly impact the environmental quality of the site and/or surrounding area. No mitigation measures are required and any impacts to the environment are expected to be at a less than significant level.

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