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MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

As Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the City of Lemoore reviewed the project described below to determine whether it could have a significant effect on the environment because of its development. In accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15382, "[s]ignificant effect on the environment" means a substantial, or potentially substantial, adverse change in any of the physical conditions within the area affected by the project, including land, air, water, minerals, flora, fauna, ambient noise, and objects of historic or aesthetic significance.

Project Name

Venture Place Cannabis Campus and Food Court

Project Location

The project site is located on Venture Place, west of Commerce Way, north of Enterprise Drive, east of SR 41, and south of SR 198 in the City of Lemoore, Kings County, CA. The project site is within Assessor's Parcel Numbers 024-400-002 through 024-400-009, totaling approximately 7.63 acres.

Project Description

The project consists of a seed to sale cannabis campus, which includes delivery service, manufacturing and processing facility, microbusiness, distribution hub, cultivation facility and a food truck dining area. The Cannabis Campus includes 20 greenhouses with gross area ranging from 2,700 square feet to 3,600 square feet for a total gross greenhouse area of 71,100 square feet. A 1,350-square-foot accessory building will support greenhouse operations and may be used for temporary non-storefront delivery and support for the temporary extraction containers during the first few phases. The phase two area of the greenhouse has the provision for up to six temporary extractor containers to be utilized until the first phase of the processing building is complete. In addition, there are two buildings roughly 80 feet by 225 feet each, plus additional 30 percent maximum mezzanine to be built in three phases with one being used for product processing from drying through finished product that does not include extraction. The second building is to be used for extraction through finished product packaging, distribution and delivery. The mezzanines in both buildings are to be used for offices and/or storage as needed. A third building of roughly 4,800 square feet plus a porch will initially be used for offices and non-storefront delivery, with the possibility that if an additional storefront permit is allowed in the City, it could be considered for a permit.

The Food Truck/Court is to be used to provide an eating option for the local area and the employees of the Cannabis Campus. It can be closed to the public for private events, which will include a mezzanine area for viewing a small temporary stage area. The area has provisions for a shuttle service stop to be used between local preferred hotels. A shared self-

parking lot and valet parking will be used during private events that will be held on occasional evenings and weekends.

Implementation of the project requires approval by the Lemoore City Council of a roadway abandonment of the Venture Place cul-de-sac; approval by the Lemoore Planning Commission of a Major Site Plan Review (Major SPR); and administrative approval of a Lot Line Adjustment (LLA) to combine the existing parcels. The project also requires all the necessary permits issued by the State of California.

Mailing Address and Phone Number of Contact Person

John Peterson Wellsona Partners 470 East Herndon Ave, Suite 200 Fresno, CA 93270 (925) 324-0800

Findings

As Lead Agency, the City finds that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment. The Initial Study (IS) (see *Section 3 - Environmental Checklist*) identified one or more potentially significant effects on the environment, but revisions to the project have been made before the release of this Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) or mitigation measures would be implemented that reduce all potentially significant impacts to less-than-significant levels. The City further finds that there is no substantial evidence that this project would have a significant effect on the environment.

Mitigation Measures Included in the Project to Avoid Potentially Significant Effects

MM CUL-1: Tribal Monitoring. Prior to any ground disturbance, a surface inspection of the site shall be conducted by a Tribal Monitor. The Tribal Cultural Staff shall monitor the site during grading activities. The Tribal Cultural Staff shall provide preconstruction briefings to supervisory personnel and any excavation contractor, which will include information on potential cultural material finds and, on the procedures, to be enacted if resources are found. Prior to any ground disturbance, the applicant shall offer the Santa Rosa Rancheria Tachi Yokut Tribe the opportunity to provide a Native American Monitor during ground-disturbing activities during both construction and decommissioning. Tribal participation would be dependent upon the availability and interest of the tribe.

MM CUL-2: Stop Work in the Event of Unanticipated Discoveries. In the event that cultural resources, paleontological resources, or unique geological features are discovered during construction or decommissioning, operations shall stop within 100 feet of the find, and a qualified archeologist shall determine whether the resource requires further study. The qualified archaeologist shall determine the measures that shall be implemented to protect the discovered resources, including but not limited to excavation of the finds and evaluation

of the finds in accordance with §15064.5 of the CEQA Guidelines. Mitigation measures may include avoidance, preservation in-place, recordation, additional archaeological testing, and data recovery, among other options. Any previously undiscovered resources found during construction within the project area shall be recorded on appropriate Department of Parks and Recreation forms and evaluated for significance. No further ground disturbance shall occur in the immediate vicinity of the discovery until approved by the qualified archaeologist.

The Lead/Permitting Agency along with other relevant or tribal officials, shall be contacted upon the discovery of cultural resources to begin coordination on the disposition of the find(s). Treatment of any significant cultural resources shall be undertaken with the approval of the Lead/Permitting Agency.

MM CUL-3: Disposition of Cultural Resources. Upon coordination with the Lead/Permitting Agency, any archaeological artifacts recovered shall be donated to an appropriate tribal custodian or a qualified scientific institution where they would be afforded applicable cultural resources laws and guidelines.

MM CUL-4: Treatment of Human Remains. The applicant shall follow current legal requirements at the time of discovery for the treatment of human remains. Currently, pursuant to Section 5097.98 of the California Public Resources Code (PRC) and Section 7050.5€ of the California State Health and Safety Code (HSC) Section and PRC Section 5097.98, if human remains or bone remains of unknown origin are found at any time during on or offsite construction, all work shall stop in the vicinity of the find, and the Kings County Coroner shall be contacted immediately. If the remains are determined to be Native American, the coroner shall notify the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC), who shall identify the person believed to be the Most Likely Descendant (MLD), who shall have at least 48 hours from notification of the find to comment.

The landowner and MLD, shall make all reasonable efforts to develop an agreement for the treatment of human remains and associated or unassociated funerary objects with appropriate dignity (CEQA Guidelines Sec. 15064.5(d)). The agreed upon treatment shall include appropriate excavation, removal, recordation, analysis, custodianship, curation, and final disposition of the human remains and associated or unassociated funerary objects. If the MLD and the other parties do not agree on the reburial method, the project shall follow PRC Section 5097.98(e) which states that "... the landowner or his or her authorized representative shall reinter the human remains and items associated with Native American burials with appropriate dignity on the property in a location not subject to further subsurface disturbance."

Any findings shall be submitted by the archaeologist in a professional report submitted to the project applicant, the MLD, the Lead/Permitting Agency and the California Historical Resources Information System, Southern San Joaquin Valley Information Center.

The archaeologist may assist the Santa Rosa Rancheria Tachi Yokut Tribe, if requested, but the archaeologist has no jurisdiction over human remains, and is subject to the same fines as anyone else.

MM CUL-5: If human remains are discovered during construction or operational activities, further excavation or disturbance shall be prohibited pursuant to Section 7050.5 of the California Health and Safety Code. The specific protocol, guidelines, and channels of communication outlined by the Native American Heritage Commission, in accordance with Section 7050.5 of the Health and Safety Code, Section 5097.98 of the Public Resources Code (Chapter 1492, Statutes of 1982, Senate Bill 297), and Senate Bill 447 (Chapter 44, Statutes of 1987), shall be followed. Section 7050.5(c) shall guide the potential Native American involvement, in the event of discovery of human remains, at the direction of the County Coroner.

MM GEO-1: If any paleontological resources are encountered during ground-disturbance activities, all work within 25 feet of the find shall halt until a qualified paleontologist as defined by the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology Standard Procedures for the Assessment and Mitigation of Adverse Impacts to Paleontological Resources (2010), can evaluate the find and make recommendations regarding treatment. Paleontological resource materials may include resources such as fossils, plant impressions, or animal tracks preserved in rock. The qualified paleontologist shall contact the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County or other appropriate facility regarding any discoveries of paleontological resources.

If the qualified paleontologist determines that the discovery represents a potentially significant paleontological resource, additional investigations and fossil recovery may be required to mitigate adverse impacts from project implementation. If avoidance is not feasible, the paleontological resources shall be evaluated for their significance. If the resources are not significant, avoidance is not necessary. If the resources are significant, they shall be avoided to ensure no adverse effects, or such effects must be mitigated. Construction in that area shall not resume until the resource appropriate measures are recommended or the materials are determined to be less than significant. If the resource is significant and fossil recovery is the identified form of treatment, then the fossil shall be deposited in an accredited and permanent scientific institution. Copies of all correspondence and reports shall be submitted to the Lead Agency.

MM HYD-1: Prior to issuing of grading or building permits, the project applicant shall submit to the City: (1) the approved Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) and (2) the Notice of Intent (NOI) to comply with the General National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) from the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board. The requirements of the SWPPP and NPDES shall be incorporated into design specifications and construction contracts. Recommended Best Management Practices for the construction phase may include the following:

- Stockpiling and disposing of demolition debris, concrete, and soil properly;
- Protecting existing storm drain inlets and stabilizing disturbed areas;
- Implementing erosion controls;

- Properly managing construction materials; and
- Managing waste, aggressively controlling litter, and implementing sediment controls.
- Evidence of the approved SWPPP shall be submitted to the Lead Agency.

SECTION 1 - INTRODUCTION

1.1 - Overview

John Peterson/Wellsona Partners has requested approval to construct and operate a seed to sale Cannabis Campus (project), which includes delivery service, manufacturing and processing facility, microbusiness, distribution hub, cultivation facility and a food truck dining area. Implementation of the project requires approval by the Lemoore City Council of a roadway abandonment of the Venture Place cul-de-sac; approval by the Lemoore Planning Commission of a Major Site Plan Review (Major SPR); and administrative approval of a Lot Line Adjustment (LLA) to combine the existing parcels. The project also requires all the necessary permits issued by the State of California.

1.2 - CEQA Requirements

The City of Lemoore is the Lead Agency for this project pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines (Public Resources Code Section 15000 et seq.). The Environmental Checklist (CEQA Guidelines Appendix G) or Initial Study (IS) (see *Section 3 – Initial Study*) provides analysis that examines the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the project. Section 15063 of the CEQA Guidelines requires the Lead Agency to prepare an IS to determine whether a discretionary project will have a significant effect on the environment. A Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) is appropriate when an IS has been prepared and a determination can be made that no significant environmental effects will occur because revisions to the project have been made or mitigation measures will be implemented that reduce all potentially significant impacts to less-than-significant levels.

Based on the IS, the Lead Agency has determined that the environmental review for the proposed application can be completed with an MND.

1.3 - Impact Terminology

The following terminology is used to describe the level of significance of project environmental impacts.

- A finding of "no impact" is appropriate if the analysis concludes that the project would not affect a topic area in any way.
- An impact is considered "less than significant" if the analysis concludes that it would cause no substantial adverse change to the environment and requires no mitigation.
- An impact is considered "less than significant with mitigation incorporated" if the analysis concludes that it would cause no substantial adverse change to the environment with the inclusion of environmental commitments that have been agreed to by the proponent.
- An impact is considered "potentially significant" if the analysis concludes that it could have a substantial adverse effect on the environment.

1.4 - Document Organization and Contents

The content and format of this IS/MND is designed to meet the requirements of CEQA. The report contains the following sections:

- *Section 1 Introduction:* This section provides an overview of CEQA requirements, intended uses of the IS/MND, document organization, and a list of regulations that have been incorporated by reference.
- *Section 2– Project Description:* This section describes the project and provides data on the site's location.
- *Section 3 Environmental Checklist:* This section contains the evaluation of 21 different environmental resource factors contained in Appendix G of the CEQA Guidelines. Each environmental resource factor is analyzed to determine whether the proposed project would have an impact. One of four findings is made which include: no impact, less-than-significant impact, less than significant with mitigation, or significant and unavoidable. If the evaluation results in a finding of significant and unavoidable for any of the 21 environmental resource factors, then an Environmental Impact Report will be required.
- *Section 4 References:* This section contains a full list of references that were used in the preparation of this IS/MND.

1.5 - Incorporated by Reference

The following documents and/or regulations are incorporated into this IS/MND by reference:

- City of Lemoore General Plan
- City of Lemoore Zoning Ordinance
- City of Lemoore Municipal Code
- City of Lemoore 2015 Urban Water Management Plan
- City of Lemoore Master Storm Drain Plan
- 2015 Kings County Emergency Operations Plan
- California Title 24 Code of Regulations (2019)

SECTION 2 - PROJECT DESCRIPTION

2.1 - Introduction

John Peterson/Wellsona Partners has requested approval to construct and operate a seed to sale Cannabis Campus (project), which includes delivery service, manufacturing and processing facility, microbusiness, distribution hub, cultivation facility and a food truck dining area. Implementation of the project requires approval by the Lemoore City Council of a roadway abandonment of the Venture Place cul-de-sac; approval by the Lemoore Planning Commission of a Major Site Plan Review (Major SPR); and administrative approval of a Lot Line Adjustment (LLA) to combine the existing parcels. The project also requires all the necessary permits issued by the State of California.

2.2 - Project Location

The proposed site is in Section 16, Township 19 South, Range 20 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, within the incorporated City of Lemoore, County of Kings, California. The project site is located on Venture Place, west of Commerce Way, north of Enterprise Drive, east of SR 41, and south of SR 198 within Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APNs: 024-400-002; 003; 004; 005; 006; 007; 008; 009), which totals approximately 7.63 acres in area. The regional location is depicted on Figure 2-1 and the project site location is depicted on Figure 2-2.

2.3 - Surrounding Land Uses

The area surrounding the project site consists of agricultural services to the north, selfstorage facility and vacant land to the east, an industrial business park and agricultural services to the south, and SR 41 to the west. Planned land uses and development surrounding the site are depicted on Figure 2-3.

2.4 - Proposed Project

The project is a seed to sale cannabis campus, which includes delivery service, manufacturing and processing facility, microbusiness, distribution hub, cultivation facility and a food truck dining area, and requires a roadway abandonment of the Venture Place culde-sac, Major Site Plan Review (Major SPR), and Lot Line Adjustment (LLA). The project site plan is 7.63 acres in area, is zoned ML (Light Industrial), and includes processing, manufacturing, and office buildings, greenhouses, and a food truck court with a total 131,000 sq. ft. of improvements and a 0.353 Floor Area Ratio (FAR). The project also requires all the necessary cannabis-related permits issued by the State of California.

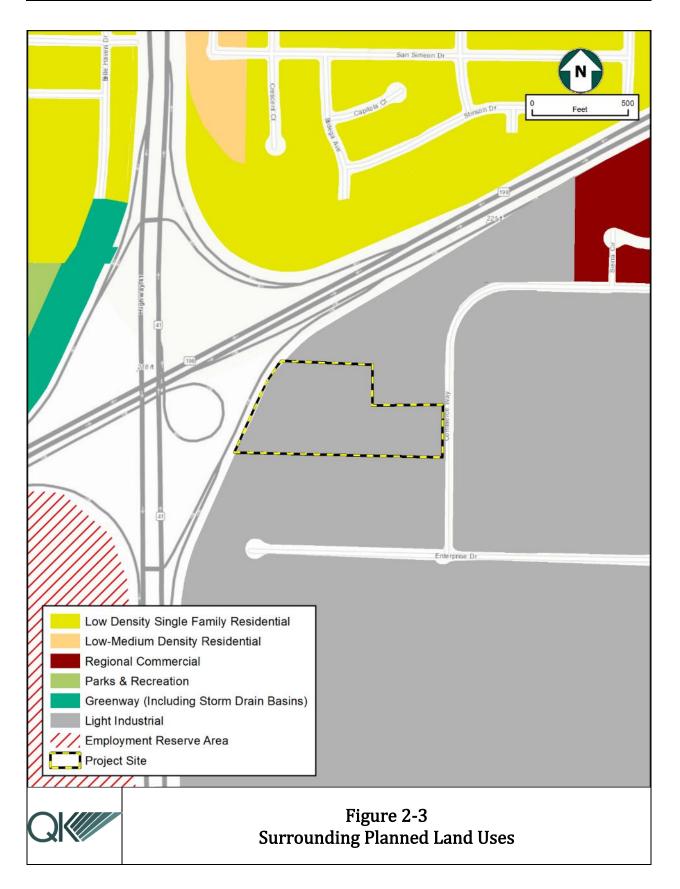
The project includes 20 greenhouses ranging from 2,700 to 3,600 square feet, and a 1,350square-foot accessory building that will support the greenhouse operations and may be used as for temporary delivery and extraction purposes during the first project phase. During phase two, the greenhouses will utilize up to six temporary extractor containers, until phase one of the processing building is complete. Two additional 80-foot by 225-foot buildings with mezzanines will be built in three phases. The first buildings will be used for product processing, and the second building will be used for extraction through finished product packaging, distribution and delivery. The mezzanines in both buildings are to be used for offices and/or storage as needed. A third 4,800-square-foot building will be used for offices and non-storefront delivery.

The food truck court will provide a variety of food services for the local residents and employees at the project site. The food truck court may be closed to the public for private events, and there will be a small temporary stage in the mezzanine area.

The project includes a shuttle service stop to shuttle patrons from local hotels, and a shared self-parking lot and valet parking to be used during private events that will be held on occasional evenings and weekends. The project includes a roadway abandonment to vacate the Venture Place right of way and allow the area to be gated for better security as shown on the site plan.







SECTION 3 - EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

3.1 - Environmental Checklist and Discussion

1. Project Title:

Venture Place Cannabis Campus and Food Court

2. Lead Agency Name and Address:

City of Lemoore 711 W. Cinnamon Drive Lemoore, CA 93245

3. Contact Person and Phone Number:

Judy Holwell, Community Development Director (559) 924-6744

4. Project Location:

The project site is located on Venture Place, west of Commerce Way, north of Enterprise Drive, east of SR 41, and south of SR 198 in the City of Lemoore, Kings County, CA. The project site is within Assessor's Parcel Numbers 024-400-002 through 024-400-009, which totals approximately 7.63 acres in area.

5. Project Sponsor's Name and Address:

John Peterson, Applicant Wellsona Partners 470 East Herndon Ave, Suite 200 Fresno, CA 93270 (925) 324-0800

6. General Plan Designation:

Light Industrial

7. Zoning:

ML (Light Industrial)

8. Description of Project:

See Section 2.4 – Proposed Project.

9. Surrounding Land Uses and Setting:

See *Section 2.3 – Surrounding Land Uses* and Figure 2-3.

10. Other Public Agencies Whose Approval May be Required:

- San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD)
- Regional Water Quality Control Board Lahontan (RWQCB)
- State Water Resource Control Board (SWRCB)
- State Bureau of Cannabis Control
- CalCannabis Cultivation Licensing, a division of the California Department of Food and Agriculture
- Manufactured Cannabis Safety Branch, a division of the California Department of Public Health

11. 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, has consultation begun?

On March 16, 2020, the City of Lemoore Planning Department, acting as the CEQA Lead Agency informed the Santa Rosa Rancheria Tachi Yokut Tribe in writing of the project and its location. The tribe responded. Their requests have been incorporated as mitigation measures.

NOTE: Conducting consultation early in the CEQA process allows tribal governments, lead agencies, and project proponents to discuss the level of environmental review, identify and address potential adverse impacts to tribal cultural resources, and reduce the potential for delay and conflict in the environmental review process. (See Public Resources Code Section 21083.3.2.) Information may also be available from the California Native American Heritage Commission's Sacred Lands File per Public Resources Code Section 5097.96 and the California Historical Resources Information System administered by the California Office of Historic Preservation. Please also note that Public Resources Code Section 21082.3(c) contains provisions specific to confidentiality.

3.2 - 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 Forest Resources	Air Quality
Biological Resources	Cultural Resources	Geology/Soils
Greenhouse Gas Emissions	Hazards & Hazardous Materials	Hydrology/Water Quality
Land Use/Planning	Mineral Resources	Noise
Population/Housing	Public Services	Recreation
Transportation/Traffic	Utilities/Service Systems	Findings of Significance

3.3 - Determination

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

- I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION 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 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.
- I find that the proposed project MAY have a "potentially significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact on the environment, but at least one effect (a) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and (b) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENT IMPACT REPORT 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 EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable

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

< Judy Holwell >

Judy Holwell, Community Development Director

Date

3.4 - 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 offsite as well as onsite, 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 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; and
 - 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 significant.

2 4	.1 - Aesthetics	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less-than- Significant Impact	No Impact
3.4	.I - AESTHETICS				
Wou	ld the project:				
a.	Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?				\boxtimes
b.	Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a State scenic highway?				\boxtimes
C.	In nonurbanized area, substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of public views of the site and its surroundings? 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 that would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?			\boxtimes	

Discussion

Impact #3.4.1a – Would the project have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?

As seen in Figure 2-1, the project site consists of undeveloped land and is surrounded by agricultural services to the north, self-storage facility and vacant land to the east, an industrial business park and agricultural services to the south, and SR 41 to the west.

The City of Lemoore 2030 General Plan Community Design Element includes an implementing action specific to scenic vistas:

• CD-I-4: Maintain scenic vistas to the Coalinga Mountains, other natural features, and landmark buildings.

The City of Lemoore 2030 General Plan states that there are no buildings or structures listed in the National Register of Historic Places or as California Historic Landmarks. However, there are 37 sites listed as having local historic significance located within the downtown district (City of Lemoore, 2008). There are no natural features or landmark buildings within the vicinity of the project site. The project is not located in an area that would result in substantial adverse effects on any scenic vistas, therefore, causing no negative impacts.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

No mitigation is required.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

There would be *no impact*.

Impact #3.4.1b – Would the project substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a State scenic highway?

There are no listed State scenic highways within or near the City of Lemoore, nor are there scenic highways in Kings County, therefore, the site would not damage scenic resources within a State scenic highway (California Department of Transportation, 2020). The closest eligible scenic highway is SR 198, west of I-5, which is approximately 49.5 miles west of the project site.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

No mitigation is required.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

There would be *no impact*.

Impact #3.4.1c – In nonurbanized area, substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of public views of the site and its surroundings? If the project is in an urbanized area, would the project conflict with applicable zoning and other regulations governing scenic quality?

The overall visual character of the site itself would change, as the currently undeveloped land would be improved with light industrial uses. However, the proposed project would be similar in visual appearance to the existing light industrial uses that surround the project site and throughout the City.

The project does not require a General Plan Amendment or Zone Change, as the project is consistent with the zoning and land use designations. The visual character of the site would change, as the existing vacant land is improved with residential uses, however, the project has been designed to be consistent with local development standards and would include landscaping and other infrastructure that would reduce the visual impact of the project. The project includes onsite improvements that will be approved in compliance with the City's General Plan and Municipal Code. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

No mitigation is required.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

Impacts would be *less than significant*.

Impact #3.4.1d – Would the project create a new source of substantial light or glare that would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?

Construction of the proposed project would be temporary and generally occur during daytime hours, typically from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. All lighting would be directed downward and shielded to focus illumination on the desired work areas only and prevent light spillage onto adjacent properties. Because lighting used to illuminate work areas would be shielded and focused downward, the potential for lighting to affect any adjacent properties adversely is minimal. Increased truck traffic and the transport of construction materials to the project site would temporarily increase glare conditions during construction. However, this increase in glare would be minimal. Construction activity would focus on specific areas on the sites, and any sources of glare would not be stationary for a prolonged period. Therefore, construction of the proposed project would not create a new source of substantial glare that would affect daytime views in the area.

The proposed development would also comply with all lighting standards established in the City's 2030 General Plan Community Design Element, and Zoning Ordinance (Title 9, Chapter 5, Article B, Section 4), therefore, impacts would be less than significant.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

No mitigation is required.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

Impacts would be *less than significant*.

	Less than Significant		
Potentially	with	Less-than-	
Significant	Mitigation	Significant	No
Impact	Incorporated	Impact	Impact

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

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

Discussion

Impact #3.4.2a – 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 nonagricultural use?

The proposed project will not convert any Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance. According to the Department of Conservation's Farmland Mapping

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and Monitoring Program (FMMP), the project site is classified as "Vacant or Disturbed Land" and is surrounded by "Urban and Built-Up Land" (Figure 3.4.2-1), which are defined as:

- Vacant or Disturbed Land Open field areas that do not qualify as an agricultural category, mineral and oil extraction areas, off-road vehicle areas, electrical substations, channelized canals, and rural freeway interchanges.
- Urban and Built-up Land is used for residential, industrial, commercial, construction, institutional, public administrative purposes, railroad yards, cemeteries, airports, golf courses, sanitary landfills, sewage treatment plants, water control structures, and other development purposes (CA Department of Conservation, 2016).

The site also is not currently used for farming and is not zoned for agricultural use. Considering these factors, the proposed project will have no impact on conversion of agricultural resources.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

No mitigation is required.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

There would be *no impact.*

Impact #3.4.2b – Would the project conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use or a Williamson Act contract?

See Impact #3.4.2a response.

According to the City of Lemoore's Zoning Ordinance, the project site has a Light Industrial land use designation and is currently zoned ML (Light Industrial). The project site is not subject to a Williamson Act contract and would not conflict with any current Williamson Act contracted land in the vicinity (see Figure 3.4.2-2). Therefore, the project will not conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use or a Williamson Act contract.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

No mitigation is required.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

There would be *no impact.*

Impact #3.4.2c – Would the project 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))?

The project site is zoned ML (Light Industrial) and will not require a Zone Change. According to the City of Lemoore Zoning Map, the project site and the surrounding areas are not zoned for forest land or timberland. The site will be improved with light industrial uses in compliance with existing zoning. The project will have no impact on land designated for forest land or timberland use.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

No mitigation is required.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

There would be *no impact*.

Impact #3.4.2d – Would the project result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?

See discussion of Impact #3.4.2c, above.

The proposed project will have no impact.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

No mitigation is required.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

There would be *no impact*.

Impact #3.4.2e – Would the project involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to nonagricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?

See discussion of Impact #3.4.2c, above.

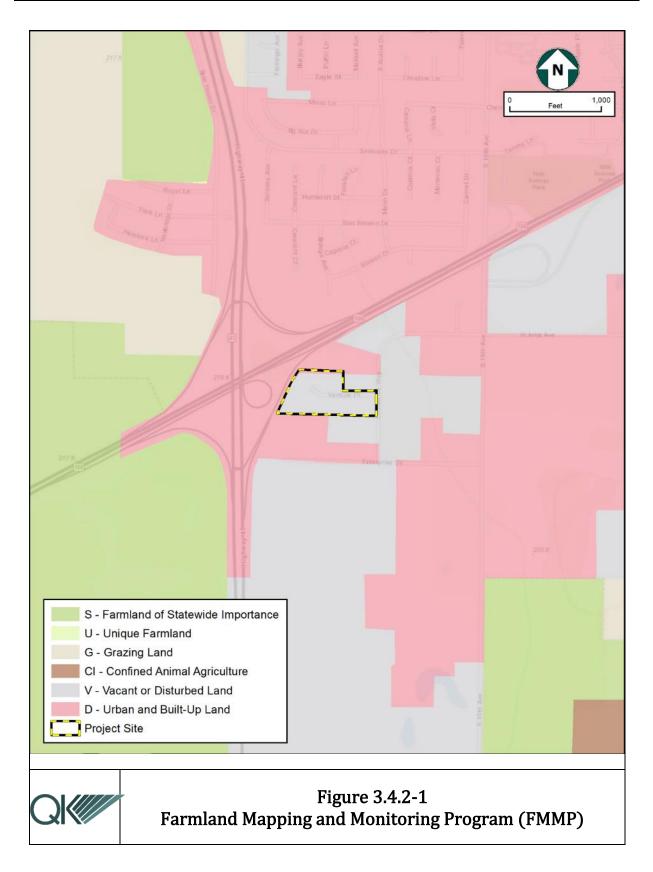
The proposed project will have no impact.

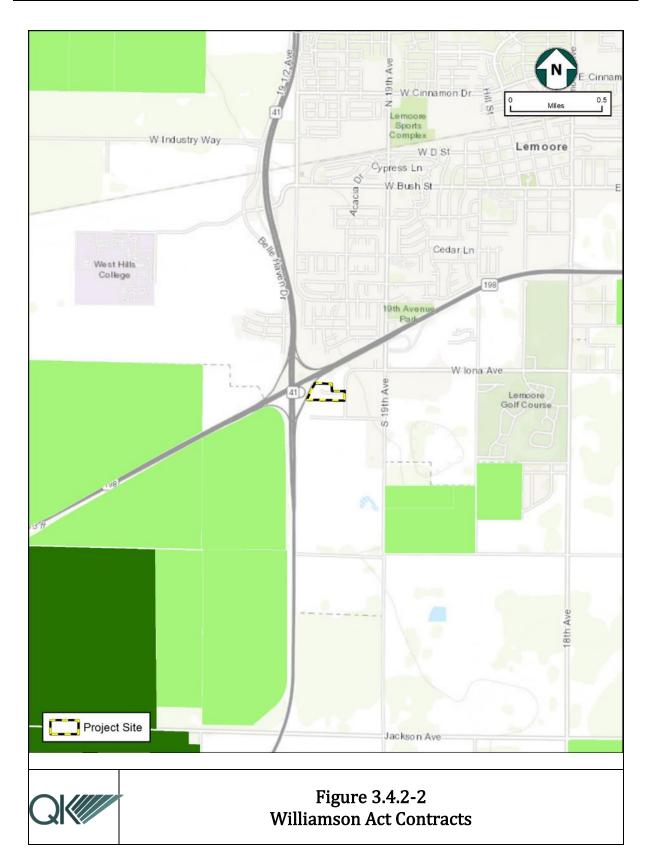
MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

No mitigation is required.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

There would be *no impact*.





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Potentially	with	Less-than-	
Significant	Mitigation	Significant	No
Impact	Incorporated	Impact	Impact

3.4.3 - AIR QUALITY

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

a.	Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?		\boxtimes	
b.	Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is nonattainment under an applicable federal or State ambient air quality standard?		\boxtimes	
C.	Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentration?		\boxtimes	
d.	Result in other emissions (such as those leading to odor) adversely affecting a substantial number of people?		\boxtimes	

Discussion

Impact #3.4.3a – Would the project conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?

The project is located within the San Joaquin Valley Air Basin (SJVAB), which is under the jurisdiction of the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD). The SJVAB is designated nonattainment of State and federal health-based air quality standards for ozone and PM_{2.5}. The SJVAB is designated nonattainment of State PM₁₀. To meet Federal Clean Air Act (CAA) requirements, the SJVAPCD has multiple Air Quality Attainment Plan (AQAP) documents, including:

- 2016 Ozone Plan;
- 2007 PM₁₀ Maintenance Plan and Request for Redesignation; and
- 2016 PM_{2.5} Plan.

The SJVAPCD's Guidance for Assessing and Mitigating Air Quality Impacts (GAMAQI) thresholds are designed to implement the general criteria for air quality emissions as required in the CEQA Guidelines, Appendix G, Paragraph III (Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations §15064.7) and CEQA (California Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et. al). SJVAPCD's specific CEQA air quality thresholds are presented in Table 3.4.3-1.

Criteria Pollutant	Threshold (tons/year)
СО	100
ROG	10
NOx	10
SOx	27
PM10	15
PM _{2.5}	15

Table 3.4.3-1GAMAQI Thresholds of Significance for Criteria Pollutants

(San Joaquin Air Pollution Control District, 2015)

The project is a seed to sale cannabis campus, which includes delivery service, manufacturing and processing facility, microbusiness, distribution hub, cultivation facility and a food truck dining area. and requires a Master Site Plan Review (MSPR), Lot Line Adjustment (LLA), and Roadway Abandonment (RAB). The project site plan is 7.63 acres in area, is zoned ML (Light Industrial), and includes processing, manufacturing, and office buildings, greenhouses, and a food truck court with a total 131,000 sq. ft. of improvements and a 0.353 FAR.

The project will be constructed in four phases. The anticipated construction duration for the proposed project is not entirely set but will be over several years. Stationary sources that comply or that would comply with Air District rules and regulations are generally not considered to have a significant air quality impact.

During construction, the proposed project would be subject to Regulation VIII (Fugitive PM₁₀ Prohibition) of the SJVAPCD. The purpose of Regulation VIII is to reduce ambient concentrations of fine particulate matter (PM₁₀) by requiring actions to prevent, reduce or mitigate anthropogenic fugitive dust emissions. Regulation VIII would require fugitive dust emission controls at the construction site such as water application, dust suppressants, reduced vehicle speeds on unpaved roads (SJVAPCD, 2017).

The SJVAPCD Small Project Analysis Level (SPAL) process established review parameters to determine whether a project qualifies as a "small project." A project that is found to be "less than" the established SPAL review parameters, has "no possibility of exceeding criteria pollutant emissions thresholds."

As shown in Table 3.4.3-2, the proposed project would not exceed the established SPAL limits for an industrial park project. The project site plan is 7.63 acres in area, is zoned ML (Light Industrial), and includes processing, manufacturing, and office buildings, greenhouses, and a food truck court with a total 131,000 sq. ft. of improvements and a 0.353 FAR. Based on the above information, this project qualifies for a limited air quality analysis applying the SPAL guidance to determine air quality impacts.

Land Use Category - Industrial	Project Size
General Light Industry	510,000 sq.ft.
Heavy Industry	920,000 sq.ft.
Industrial Park	370,000 sq.ft.
Manufacturing	400,000 sq.ft.
Source: (SJVAPCD, 2017)	

Table 3.4.3-2Small Project Analysis Level – Industrial Land Use Category

Construction and operation of the proposed project would not exceed any established SJVAPCD thresholds, therefore, implementation of the proposed project would not obstruct implementation of an air quality plan. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

No mitigation is required.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

Impacts would be *less than significant*.

Impact #3.4.3b – Would the project result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is nonattainment under an applicable federal or State ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?

The nonattainment pollutants for the SJVAPCD are ozone, PM_{10} and $PM_{2.5}$. Therefore, the pollutants of concern for this impact are ozone precursors, and regional PM_{10} , and $PM_{2.5}$. As discussed above, the thresholds of significance used for determination of emission significance are shown in Table 3.4.3-1 above. The proposed project would create NOx and PM_{10} emissions during construction, which would contribute to the current nonattainment status of these pollutants within the SJVAB. As noted in Impact #3.4.3a, the project's emissions during temporary construction activities would not exceed thresholds.

Operation of the project would also create additional criteria pollutants, particularly as a result of increased mobile emissions in the project area. However, these impacts also would not exceed thresholds. Although the emissions from the proposed project may be under the SJVAPCD CEQA thresholds of 10 tons per year for NOx and 15 tons per year for PM₁₀, CEQA and SJVAPCD's Rule 9510 require that all feasible and reasonable mitigation be applied to the proposed project to reduce air quality impacts from construction and operations.

The General Plan analyzed activities that disturb the soil, such as grading and excavation, infrastructure construction, building demolition, and a variety of construction activities. The General Plan also analyzed operational air quality impacts that would likely occur based on

the various land use designations and possible resultant land uses that could occur during buildout of the City.

The General Plan EIR requires that all new development, such as the proposed project, be subject to Best Management Practices to reduce dust and other air pollutant emissions, as well as mandatory compliance with all applicable SJVAPCDs rules and regulations. These rules and regulations include, but are not limited to:

- Rule 2201 (New and Modified Station Source Review), Rule 4002 (National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants),
- Regulation VIII (Fugitive PM₁₀ Prohibitions), and
- Rule 9510 (Indirect Source Review (ISR)).

The construction and operation of the proposed project would also be subject to SJVAPCD's Regulation VIII (Fugitive PM_{10} Prohibitions). Because project construction at the project site would not result in significant emissions for which the SJVAPCD and surrounding air districts are in nonattainment, construction emissions would not result in a cumulatively considerable net increase. Further, as the proposed project would not result in significant operational emissions of criteria pollutants, the proposed project would not contribute to a long-term cumulative increase in criteria pollutants.

With implementation of this mitigation, the project would not violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation. Impacts would be less than significant.

In addition, as shown in Table 3.4.3-2, the proposed project would not exceed the established SPAL limits for an industrial park project. The project site plan is 7.63 acres in area, is zoned ML (Light Industrial), and includes processing, manufacturing, and office buildings, greenhouses, and a food truck court with a total 131,000 sq. ft. of improvements and a 0.353 FAR. Based on the above information, this project qualifies for a limited air quality analysis applying the SPAL guidance to determine air quality impacts.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

No mitigation is required.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

Impacts would be *less than significant*.

Impact #3.4.3c – Would the project expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?

The CARB provides guidance for siting sensitive receptors near sources of Toxic Air Contaminants (TAC) emissions (California Air Resources Board, 2005). Sensitive receptors are defined as areas where young children, chronically ill individuals, the elderly, or people who are more sensitive than the general population reside. The following locations are

where several sensitive receptors are likely to reside and be affected by substantial pollutant concentrations: schools, hospitals, nursing homes, and daycare centers. It is recommended that sources of air pollution be kept away from sensitive receptors, including recommendations for distances from certain land uses.

The project site is zoned for Light Industrial uses, and the area surrounding the project site consists of agricultural services to the north, self-storage facility and vacant land to the east, an industrial business park and agricultural services to the south, and SR 41 to the west. The PW Engvall Elementary School is the closest sensitive receptor and is located 0.67 miles northeast of the project site. The school is separated from the site by State Route 198.

During construction of the project, construction activities and equipment may generate emission from construction equipment exhaust. These impacts are localized and temporary in nature and therefore are considered less than significant. The project would not expose sensitive receptors to substantial concentrations of localized PM₁₀, carbon monoxide, diesel particulate matter, hazardous air pollutants, or naturally occurring asbestos, as discussed below.

Hazardous Pollutants or Odors

The GAMAQI guidelines introduce two types of projects that should be assessed when considering hazardous air pollutants (HAPs) which includes: (1) placing a toxic land use in an area where it may have an adverse health impact on an existing sensitive land use and (2) placing a sensitive land use in an area where an adverse health impact may occur from an existing toxic land use. Some examples of projects that may include HAPs are:

- Agricultural products processing;
- Bulk material handling;
- Chemical blending, mixing, manufacturing, storage, etc.;
- Combustion equipment (boilers, engines, heaters, incinerators, etc.);
- Metals etching, melting, plating, refining, etc.;
- Plastics & fiberglass forming and manufacturing;
- Petroleum production, manufacturing, storage, and distribution; and
- Rock & mineral mining and processing.

The proposed project is located on a site that is currently undeveloped land. The project site plan is 7.63 acres in area, is zoned ML (Light Industrial), and includes processing, manufacturing, and office buildings, greenhouses, and a food truck court with a total 131,000 sq. ft. of improvements and a 0.353 FAR. During the construction period, some odors could result from vehicles and equipment using diesel fuels. However, vehicles and equipment using diesel fuels at the proposed project would have to comply with the California Air Resources Board (CARB) guidelines, which limit idling time to five minutes with the Airborne Toxic Control Measure (ATCM). All construction would be temporary.

Cannabis flowers can emit a particularly powerful smell. The floral scent is composed of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) called terpenes. Terpene odor can be a nuisance for

sensitive receptors and residential areas. The nearest residentially zoned area is 500 feet north of the project site. The nearest sensitive receptor is an elementary school located 0.67 miles northeast of the project site.

The City of Lemoore Municipal Code includes an ordinance regulating cannabis activities (Municipal Code Chapter 8 of Title 4). Section 4-8-4 C lists the minimum operational requirements and restrictions for all commercial cannabis operations in the city. The requirement for regulating odor states:

4-8-4 C 15. Odor Control: The business owner shall provide an odor-absorbing ventilation and exhaust system, so that odor generated inside the facility that is distinctive to its commercial cannabis operations is not detected outside the premises, outside the building housing the commercial cannabis operations, or anywhere on adjacent property or public rights-of-way. Accordingly, the business owner must install and maintain the following equipment or any other equipment which the City's building official determines has the same or better effectiveness:

- a. An exhaust air filtration system with odor control that prevents internal odors and pollen from being emitted externally; or
- b. An air system that creates negative air pressure between the cannabis facility's interior and exterior so that the odors generated inside the cannabis facility are not detectable outside the cannabis facility.

Therefore, the proposed project would not create or expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations or emissions.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

No mitigation is required.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

Impacts would be *less than significant*.

Impact #3.4.3d – Would the project result in emissions (such as those leading to odors) adversely affecting a substantial number of people?

Sensitive receptors include locations where young children, chronically ill individuals, the elderly, or people who are more sensitive than the general population reside, such as schools, hospitals, nursing homes, and daycare centers. The PW Engvall Elementary School is the closest sensitive receptor and is located 0.67 miles northeast of the project site. Although emissions from construction-related vehicles are anticipated during temporary construction activities, the proposed project is not expected to affect these sensitive receptors, as discussed in Impact #3.4.3c above. The project site is zoned for Light Industrial uses, and the area surrounding the project site consists of agricultural services to the north, self-storage

facility and vacant land to the east, an industrial business park and agricultural services to the south, and SR 41 to the west. Therefore, the proposed project is not expected to result in the generation of odors or hazardous air pollutants that would affect a substantial number of people. The emissions associated with the construction of the project would be temporary in nature and are not anticipated to result in the generation of a substantial amount of hazardous air pollutants. Therefore, the project will have a less-than-significant impact.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

No mitigation is required.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

Impacts would be *less than significant*.

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3.4.4 - 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 Wildlife 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 Wildlife or U.S. 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?

Discussion

Impacts #3.4.4a – Would the project have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special-status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?

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Special-status species are those plants and animals that, because of their acknowledged rarity or vulnerability to various causes of habitat loss or population decline, are recognized in some fashion by federal, State, or other agencies as deserving special consideration. According to historical records maintained by the California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDB), no sensitive status plant species occur within the City (City of Lemoore , 2008). There are historical occurrences of Tipton kangaroo rat, a State and federally endangered species along the southern boundary of the City. The project site is not located within proximity of the potential wildlife habitat areas identified in the City General Plan.

The area surrounding the project site consists of urbanized development including roadways, businesses to the north and south, self-storage facility and undeveloped land to the east, and SR 41 to the west. The project site and surrounding area are zoned for industrial uses and is predominantly developed. The project site has been graded and improved with the Venture Place cul-de-sac and associated infrastructure. The site has been repeatedly disked for weed control. There is not suitable habitat for special status species. Therefore, it is unlikely that listed or special status species would inhabit the site. The project will have a less-than-significant impact.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

No mitigation is required.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

Impacts would be *less than significant.*

Impact #3.4.4b – Would the project 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 Wildlife or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?

Riparian habitat is defined as lands that are influenced by a river, specifically the land area that encompasses the river channel and its current or potential floodplain. Designated critical habitat is absent from the project area itself, and the site does not contain wetland or riparian habitat.

The project is not located within a river or an area that encompasses a river or potential floodplain. The proposed project would not have any adverse effect to a riparian habitat.

The project site is highly disturbed and does not provide habitat to maintain these communities. There are no anticipated impacts to sensitive natural communities as a result of the proposed project.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

No mitigation is required.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

There would be *no impact.*

Impact #3.4.4c – Would the project 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?

The United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has regulatory authority over the Clean Water Act (CWA), as provided for by the EPA. The USACE has established specific criteria for the determination of wetlands based upon the presence of wetland hydrology, hydric soils, and hydrophilic vegetation.

Wetlands, streams, reservoirs, sloughs, and ponds typically meet the criteria for federal jurisdiction under Section 404 of the CWA and State regulatory authority under the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act. Streams and ponds typically meet the criteria for State regulatory authority under Section 1602 of the California Fish and Game Code.

There are no federally protected wetlands or vernal pools that occur within the project site, and there are no features on the project site that would meet the criteria for either federal jurisdiction or State regulatory authority. There would be no impact to federally protected wetlands or waterways or State wetlands or waters.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

No mitigation is required.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

There would be *no impact*.

Impact #3.4.4d – Would the project 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?

Open spaces in the city limits provides movement corridors for regional wildlife, and include the Kings River, Lemoore Canal, and other smaller watercourses. Larger agricultural and grassland areas may also serve as areas for regional wildlife movement, foraging, and dispersal corridors. Riparian vegetation associated with local watercourses and the freshwater marsh may also provide cover for migrating or nonmigrating birds and mammals (City of Lemoore, 2008).

The area surrounding the project site consists of urbanized development and the project site and surrounding area are zoned for industrial uses. The project site has been graded and improved with associated infrastructure. No core areas or Essential Habitat Connectivity areas occur on or near the project site. The project will not restrict, eliminate, or significantly alter wildlife movement corridors, core areas, or Essential Habitat Connectivity areas either during construction or after the project has been constructed. Project construction will not substantially interfere with wildlife movements or reduce breeding opportunities or affect migrating birds or other wildlife.

The project area does not contain features likely to function as a wildlife movement corridor. Future buildout of the site will have no effect on the Pacific flyway; birds using the flyway will continue to do so during and following construction. The project will have no effect on wildlife movement corridors. Therefore, the project will have a less-than-significant impact.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

No mitigation is required.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

Impacts would be *less than significant.*

Impacts #3.4.4e – Would the project conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?

In compliance with CEQA, the Lead Agency must consider conformance with applicable goals, objectives, and policies of the Lemoore General Plan. The project appears to be in compliance with all provisions of General Plan polices. No known habitat conservation plans are in effect for the area.

Besides requiring compliance with State policies, the City of Lemoore does not have any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources nor an adopted habitat conservation plan, natural community conservation plan, or other approved local, regional, or State habitat conservation plan. Therefore, there would be no impact.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

No mitigation is required.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

There would be *no impact*.

Impact #3.4.4f – Would the project conflict with the provisions of an adopted habitat conservation plan, natural community conservation plan, or other approved local, regional, or State habitat conservation plan?

See discussion in Impact #3.4.4-e, above. The project site is not located within any natural community conservation plan area or any other local, regional, or State habitat conservation plan.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

No mitigation is required.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

There would be *no impact*.

3.4	4.5 - Cultural Resources	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less-than- Significant Impact	No Impact
Wo	uld the project:				
a.	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.5?		\boxtimes		
b.	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.5?		\boxtimes		
C.	Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?		\boxtimes		

Discussion

Impact #3.4.5a – Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.5?

Historic resources are standing structures of historic or aesthetic significance. Architectural sites dating from the Spanish Period (1529–1822) through the post-World War II period (1945–1955) are generally considered for protection if they are determined to be historically or architecturally significant. Sites dating after the post-World War II period may also be considered for protection if they could gain significance in the future. Historic resources are often associated with archaeological deposits of the same age.

According to the Southern San Joaquin Valley Archeological Information Center (SSJVAIC) at California State University Bakersfield (CSUB), there are currently no buildings or structures listed in the National Register of Historic Places or as California Historic Landmarks. However, there are 37 sites listed as having local historic significance. Many of these local historic sites are located within the downtown district, bounded by the railroad to the north, Lemoore Avenue to the east, "C" Street on the south and Hill Street to the west. (City of Lemoore, 2008).

The City of Lemoore 2030 General Plan states there are no buildings or structures listed in the National Register of Historic Places or as California Historic Landmarks, and that there are 37 sites listed as having local historic significance located within the downtown district. The closest site listed as having local historic significance is the Judge Henley Home and is located 1.5 miles north of the project site. Therefore, the project will have a less-thansignificant impact.

Agricultural activities have disturbed the immediate ground surface in the project area, however, intact historical resources may be discovered below the agricultural layer in land subject to ground-disturbing activities. In order to account for unanticipated discoveries and the potential to impact previously undocumented or unknown resources, the following mitigations measures shall be implemented:

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

MM CUL-1: Tribal Monitoring. Prior to any ground disturbance, a surface inspection of the site shall be conducted by a Tribal Monitor. The Tribal Cultural Staff shall monitor the site during grading activities. The Tribal Cultural Staff shall provide preconstruction briefings to supervisory personnel and any excavation contractor, which will include information on potential cultural material finds and, on the procedures, to be enacted if resources are found. Prior to any ground disturbance, the applicant shall offer the Santa Rosa Rancheria Tachi Yokut Tribe the opportunity to provide a Native American Monitor during ground-disturbing activities during both construction and decommissioning. Tribal participation would be dependent upon the availability and interest of the tribe.

MM CUL-2: Stop Work in the Event of Unanticipated Discoveries. In the event that cultural resources, paleontological resources, or unique geological features are discovered during construction or decommissioning, operations shall stop within 100 feet of the find, and a qualified archeologist shall determine whether the resource requires further study. The qualified archaeologist shall determine the measures that shall be implemented to protect the discovered resources, including but not limited to excavation of the finds and evaluation of the finds in accordance with §15064.5 of the CEQA Guidelines. Mitigation measures may include avoidance, preservation in-place, recordation, additional archaeological testing, and data recovery, among other options. Any previously undiscovered resources found during construction within the project area shall be recorded on appropriate Department of Parks and Recreation forms and evaluated for significance. No further ground disturbance shall occur in the immediate vicinity of the discovery until approved by the qualified archaeologist.

The Lead/Permitting Agency along with other relevant or tribal officials, shall be contacted upon the discovery of cultural resources to begin coordination on the disposition of the find(s). Treatment of any significant cultural resources shall be undertaken with the approval of the Lead/Permitting Agency.

MM CUL-3: Disposition of Cultural Resources. Upon coordination with the Lead/Permitting Agency, any archaeological artifacts recovered shall be donated to an appropriate tribal custodian or a qualified scientific institution where they would be afforded applicable cultural resources laws and guidelines.

With the implementation of MM CUL-1 through MM CUL-3, impacts under this criterion would be less than significant with mitigation.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

Impacts would be *less than significant with mitigation incorporated*.

Impact #3.4.5b – Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.5?

Archaeological resources are places where human activity has measurably altered the earth or left deposits of physical remains. Archaeological resources may be either prehistoric (before the introduction of writing in a particular area) or historic (after the introduction of writing). The majority of such places in this region are associated with either Native American or Euroamerican occupation of the area.

According to CSUB, there are 10 recorded archeological resource sites within the Planning Area. Of those, there are five habitation sites with human burials, two of which are completely destroyed, one is being systematically destroyed, and the other is destroyed on the surface only.

Furthermore, the project site has been improved with a graded roadway, with drainage and utilities. Therefore, the project is not anticipated to have a significant impact with implementation of mitigation measures MM CUL-1 through MM CUL-3.

In the event of an accidental discovery or recognition of any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries, California State Health and Safety Code § 7050.5 dictates that no further disturbance shall occur until the County Coroner has made the necessary findings as to origin and disposition pursuant to CEQA regulations and Public Resources Code § 5097.98. If human remains are found on the project site, the applicant shall adhere to those legal requirements, per MM CUL-4 below. Mandatory compliance with the legal requirements set forth in MM CUL-4 and implementation of MM CUL-1 to MM CUL-3 would ensure that potential impacts associated with human remains during the construction phase would be less than significant.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

MM CUL-4: Treatment of Human Remains. The applicant shall follow current legal requirements at the time of discovery for the treatment of human remains. Currently, pursuant to Section 5097.98 of the California Public Resources Code (PRC) and Section 7050.5€ of the California State Health and Safety Code (HSC) Section and PRC Section 5097.98, if human remains or bone remains of unknown origin are found at any time during on or offsite construction, all work shall stop in the vicinity of the find, and the Kings County Coroner shall be contacted immediately. If the remains are determined to be Native American, the coroner shall notify the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC), who shall identify the person believed to be the Most Likely Descendant (MLD), who shall have at least 48 hours from notification of the find to comment.

The landowner and MLD, shall make all reasonable efforts to develop an agreement for the treatment of human remains and associated or unassociated funerary objects with appropriate dignity (CEQA Guidelines Sec. 15064.5(d)). The agreed upon treatment shall include appropriate excavation, removal, recordation, analysis, custodianship, curation, and final disposition of the human remains and associated or unassociated funerary objects. If the MLD and the other parties do not agree on the reburial method, the project shall follow PRC Section 5097.98(e) which states that "... the landowner or his or her authorized representative shall reinter the human remains and items associated with Native American burials with appropriate dignity on the property in a location not subject to further subsurface disturbance."

Any findings shall be submitted by the archaeologist in a professional report submitted to the project applicant, the MLD, the Lead/Permitting Agency and the California Historical Resources Information System, Southern San Joaquin Valley Information Center.

The archaeologist may assist the Santa Rosa Rancheria Tachi Yokut Tribe, if requested, but the archaeologist has no jurisdiction over human remains, and is subject to the same fines as anyone else.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

Impacts would be *less than significant with mitigation incorporated.*

Impact #3.4.5c – Would the project disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?

Human remains are not known to exist within the project area. However, construction would involve earth-disturbing activities, and it is still possible that human remains may be discovered, possibly in association with archaeological sites. MM CUL-5 has been included in the unlikely event that human remains are found during ground-disturbing activities. Impacts would be less than significant with implementation of mitigation.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

MM CUL-5: If human remains are discovered during construction or operational activities, further excavation or disturbance shall be prohibited pursuant to Section 7050.5 of the California Health and Safety Code. The specific protocol, guidelines, and channels of communication outlined by the Native American Heritage Commission, in accordance with Section 7050.5 of the Health and Safety Code, Section 5097.98 of the Public Resources Code (Chapter 1492, Statutes of 1982, Senate Bill 297), and Senate Bill 447 (Chapter 44, Statutes of 1987), shall be followed. Section 7050.5(c) shall guide the potential Native American involvement, in the event of discovery of human remains, at the direction of the County Coroner.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

Impacts would be *less than significant with mitigation incorporated*.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less-than- Significant Impact	No Impact
3.4.6 - Energy				
Would the project:				
a. Result in a potentially significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources, during project construction or operation?				
b. Conflict with or obstruct a State or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency?			\boxtimes	

Discussion

The following analysis is based on project data provided by the applicant, the Small Project Analysis Level Assessment (SPAL) and available energy resource consumption data.

Impact #3.4.6a – Would the project result in a potentially significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources, during project construction or operation?

Construction

Energy demand during the construction phase would result from the transportation of materials, construction equipment, and construction worker vehicle trips. Construction equipment includes scrapers, motor graders (blades), vibrators and static compactors, 3,500-gallon water trucks, track excavators, graders, off-highway trucks, rubber-tired loaders and backhoes, concrete trucks tractors, concrete extrusion machine, cranes, forklifts, generator sets, pavers, air compressors and rollers.

The project would comply with the SJVAPCD requirements regarding the limitation of vehicle idling, and the use of fuel-efficient vehicles and equipment, to the extent feasible. Using a typical fuel efficiency of 5.85 miles per gallon, the delivery of building materials is expected to require approximately 49,000 gallons of diesel per construction phase. The project will not use natural gas during the construction phase. Compliance with standard regional and local regulations, the project would minimize fuel consumption during construction. By complying with standard regional and local regulations, the project would minimize fuel consumption during not expected to result in inefficient, wasteful, or unnecessary energy use. Thus, construction-related fuel consumption at the project would not result in inefficient, wasteful, or unnecessary energy use.

Post-Construction

The project includes 20 greenhouses ranging from 2,700 to 3,600 sq. ft. in area, and a 1,350 sq. ft. accessory building that will support the greenhouse operations. During project phase two, the greenhouses will utilize up to six temporary extractor containers, until phase one of the processing building in complete. There are two additional 80-foot by 225-foot buildings with mezzanines that will be built in three phases. The first buildings will be used for product processing, and the second building will be used for extraction through finished product packaging, distribution and delivery. The mezzanines in both buildings are to be used for offices and/or storage as needed. A third 4,800-square-foot building will be used for offices and non-storefront delivery.

In order to determine the project's estimated electrical energy demands, calculations were made based on the total proposed new indoor cultivation facilities. To calculate the electricity demand estimates, the published Mills report (Mills, E., 2018) was used. The majority of electrical energy demands would result from indoor cultivation facilities, and the project will include 71,100 square feet of greenhouses for cannabis cultivation.

The Mills model estimated electrical usage of a 10,000 sq. ft. windowless warehouse cultivation operation to be approximately 2,903,474 kWh/year (Mills, E., 2018). Using this estimate, the total electrical use for the proposed 71,100 sq. ft. of indoor cultivation would be approximately 20.6 GWh/year. In the Mills model, lights are spaced on a four-foot grid and run 18 hours per day during the vegetation phase and 12 hours per day in the flowering phase of cannabis cultivation.

According to the Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), the electrical energy demand of the top 10 Zip Codes in the Fresno area is 2,336.7 GWh/year, with 1,406.8 GWh from commercial and industrial uses. (Data from the Lemoore/Kings County area was not able to be obtained in a timely fashion. Using the Mills model as a range of estimated electrical demand, the proposed project would require approximately 20.6 GWh/year. Using the PG&E baseline, the electrical energy demand from 71,100 square feet of greenhouse cultivation would represent 0.009 percent of the PG&E baseline, which is de minimis.

The project will use a variety of energy-saving components to reduce energy consumption. These include, but are not limited to dual-pane glass, low-flow toilets, tankless water heaters, and Energy Star rated insulation and appliances. In addition, solar panels, while not standard, are available for installation on the rooftops to offset electrical costs and reduce the impact to the Lemoore PG&E electrical grid.

The project will comply with all applicable standards and building codes included in the 2019 California Green Building Standards Code. Therefore, the project would have a less-than-significant impact.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

No mitigation is required.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

Impacts would be *less than significant.*

Impact #3.4.6b – Would the project conflict with or obstruct a State or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency?

The project must comply with Title 24, Chapter 4 of the California Green Building Standards Code for nonresidential development and Part 6, of the California Energy Code (CEC) the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 20 with adoptions of the California Energy Commission (California Building Standards Commission, 2019).

The project includes 20 greenhouses ranging from 2,700 to 3,600 square feet in area, and a 1,350-square-foot accessory building that will support the greenhouse operations. During project phase two, the greenhouses will utilize up to six temporary extractor containers, until phase one of the processing building in complete. There are two additional 80-foot by 225-foot buildings with mezzanines that will be built in three phases. The first buildings will be used for product processing, and the second building will be used for extraction through finished product packaging, distribution and delivery. The mezzanines in both buildings are to be used for offices and/or storage as needed. A third 4,800-square-foot building will be used for offices and non-storefront delivery.

Energy saving strategies will be implemented where feasible to reduce the project's energy consumption during the construction and post-construction phases. Strategies being implemented include those recommended by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) that may reduce both the project's construction energy consumption, including diesel antiidling measures, light-duty vehicle technology, usage of alternative fuels such as biodiesel blends and ethanol, and heavy-duty vehicle design measures to reduce energy consumption. Additionally, as outlined in the SJVAPCD's GAMAQI, the project includes recommendations to reduce energy consumption by shutting down equipment when not in use for extended periods, limiting the usage of construction equipment to eight cumulative hours per day, usage of electric equipment for construction whenever possible in lieu of diesel or gasoline powered equipment, and encouragement of employees to carpool to retail establishments or to remain onsite during lunch breaks.

The project will also incorporate energy saving design features as outlined in the 2019 California Green Building Standards Code and the City of Lemoore Building Codes - Chapter 8-1-J-1 Green Code in order to reduce energy consumption and costs. As noted above, energy efficiency design features include, skylights, dual-pane glass windows with window treatments and by the use of renewable energy. Energy efficient lighting and low-flow plumbing infrastructure will also be installed in each home. Based on this analysis, the project would be consistent and not conflict with or obstruct a State of local plan related to renewable energy or energy consumption. Impacts would be less than significant.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

No mitigation is required.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

Impacts would be *less than significant*.

	Less than Significant		
Potentially Significant Impact	with Mitigation Incorporated	Less-than- Significant Impact	No Impact

3.4.7 - GEOLOGY AND SOILS

Would 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?
 - 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 offsite landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction, or collapse?
- d. Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property?
- e. Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems in areas where sewers are not available for the disposal of wastewater?
- f. Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?

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Discussion

The responses in this section were based on the 2030 Lemoore General Plan, and the California Department of Conservation, 2020.

Impact #3.4.7a(i) – Would the project expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault?

According to the City of Lemoore 2030 General Plan, there are no known major fault systems within Lemoore (City of Lemoore, 2008). The greatest potential for geologic disaster in the City is posed by the San Andres Fault, which is located approximately 60 miles west of the Kings County boundary line with Monterey County.

The project site is not located within an Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zone. There are no active fault traces in the project vicinity. Accordingly, the project area is not within an Earthquake Fault Zone (Special Studies Zone) and will not require a special site investigation by an Engineering Geologist. By adhering to the most recent California Building Standard Codes, the project will have a less-than-significant impact of endangering people and structures associated with this project. Therefore, the project would have a less-than-significant impact (California Department of Conservation, 2020).

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

No mitigation is required.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

Impacts would be *less than significant*.

Impact #3.4.7a(ii) – Would the project expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving strong seismic ground shaking?

See response to Impact #3.4.6a.

Secondary hazards from earthquakes include ground shaking/rupture, seiche, landslides, liquefaction, and subsidence. Since there are no known faults within the immediate area, ground shaking/rupture from surface faulting should not be a potential problem. Seiche and landslides are not potential hazards in the area. Lastly, deep subsidence problems may be low to moderate according to the conclusions of the Five County Seismic Safety Element. However, there are no known occurrences of structural or architectural damage due to deep subsidence in the Lemoore area.

According to the Seismic Safety Map contained within the Health and Safety Element of the 2035 Kings County General Plan (Figure HS-2, page HS-10), the project site is located within an area designated as Zone V1 or Valley Zone 1, which is identified as the area of least expected seismic shaking by the Kings County Seismic Zone Description in the 2035 General Plan (Kings County, 2010). The potential for ground shaking is discussed in terms of the percent probability of exceeding peak ground acceleration (% g) in the next 50 years (Kings County, 2010).

The project is required to design buildings and associated infrastructure to withstand substantial ground shaking in accordance with all applicable State law and applicable codes included in the California Building Code (CBC) Title 24 for earthquake construction standards and building standards code including those relating to soil characteristics (California Building Standards Commission, 2019). The project shall adhere to all applicable local and State regulations to reduce any potentially significant impacts to structures resulting from strong seismic ground shaking at the project site. Therefore, project impacts would be less than significant.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

No mitigation is required.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

Impacts would be *less than significant*

Impact #3.4.7a(iii) - Would the project expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?

See discussion of Impact #3.4.7a(i) above.

The potential magnitude/geographic extent of expansive liquefaction erosion was deemed 'negligible' and its significance 'low' throughout the City (City of Lemoore, 2012). Liquefaction is possible in local areas during a strong earthquake or other seismic ground shaking, where unconsolidated sediments coincide with a high-water table.

Structures constructed as part of the project would be required by State law to be constructed in accordance with all applicable IBC and CBC earthquake construction standards, including those relating to soil characteristics. Adherence to all applicable regulations would avoid any potential impacts to structures resulting from liquefaction at the project site.

The project site plan is 7.63 acres in area, is zoned ML (Light Industrial), and includes processing, manufacturing, and office buildings, greenhouses, and a food court with a total 131,000 sq. ft. of improvements and a 0.353 FAR, therefore, impacts from liquefaction is considered potentially significant. Structures constructed as part of the project would be required by State law to be constructed in accordance with all applicable IBC CBC, Title 24

construction standards. Adherence to all applicable regulations would reduce or avoid any potential impacts to structures resulting from liquefaction at the project site and impacts would be less than significant.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

No mitigation is required.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

Impacts would be *less than significant.*

Impact #3.4.6a(iv) – Would the project expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving landslides?

The land is relatively flat with no significant topological features. As such, there is no potential for rock fall and landslides to impact the project in the event of a major earthquake, as the area has no dramatic elevation changes. Secondary hazards from earthquakes include ground shaking/rupture, seiche, landslides, liquefaction, and subsidence. Since there are no known faults within the immediate area, ground shaking/rupture from surface faulting should not be a potential problem. Seiche and landslide hazards are also not likely to occur. Lastly, deep subsidence problems may be low to moderate according to the conclusions of the Five County Seismic Safety Element. However, there are no known occurrences of structural or architectural damage due to deep subsidence in the Lemoore area.

The project site currently consists of undeveloped land and the surrounding area is essentially flat. The site's topography would not change substantially as a result of project development since the site is essentially flat in nature from previous activities with no surrounding slopes and it is not considered to be prone to landslides. The project would not expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects from landslides. Therefore, there would be no impact.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

No mitigation is required.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

Impacts would be *less than significant*

Impact #3.4.7b – Would the project result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?

There are two types of soil found within the project site, which are Lakeside loam and Lemoore sandy loam. The project site plan is 7.63 acres in area, is zoned ML (Light Industrial), and includes processing, manufacturing, and office buildings, greenhouses, and a food court with a total 131,000 sq. ft. of improvements. The project is not expected to subject the site to any extreme erosion problems.

Construction activities associated with the proposed project will disturb surface vegetation and soils during construction and would expose these disturbed areas to erosion by wind and water. To reduce the potential for soil erosion and loss of topsoil, the project would comply with the State Water Resources Control Board's (SWRCB) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit (No. 2012-0006-DWQ) during construction. Under the NPDES, the preparation and implementation of a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) are required for construction activities that would disturb an area of one acre or more. A SWPPP must identify potential sources of erosion or sedimentation as well as identify and implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) that reduce erosion. Typical BMPs intended to control erosion include sandbags, retention basins, silt fencing, street sweeping, etc.

Mitigation Measure MM HYD-1 requires the approval of a SWPPP to comply with the NPDES General Construction Permit. The project will comply with all the grading requirements as outlined in Title 24 and Appendix J of the California Building Code (UpCodes, 2016). The project is not expected to result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil with the incorporation of Mitigation Measure MM HYD-1.

Once constructed, the project will have both impermeable surfaces as well as permeable surfaces. Impermeable surfaces would include roadways, driveways and building sites. Permeable surfaces would include mezzanines, landscaped areas, and open space. Overall, development of the project would not result in conditions where substantial surface soils would be exposed to wind and water erosion.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

MM HYD-1: Prior to issuing of grading or building permits, the project applicant shall submit to the City: (1) the approved Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) and (2) the Notice of Intent (NOI) to comply with the General National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) from the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board. The requirements of the SWPPP and NPDES shall be incorporated into design specifications and construction contracts. Recommended Best Management Practices for the construction phase may include the following:

- Stockpiling and disposing of demolition debris, concrete, and soil properly;
- Protecting existing storm drain inlets and stabilizing disturbed areas;
- Implementing erosion controls;
- Properly managing construction materials; and
- Managing waste, aggressively controlling litter, and implementing sediment controls.

Evidence of the approved SWPPP shall be submitted to the Lead Agency.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

Impacts would be *less than significant with mitigation incorporated*.

Impact #3.4.7c – Would the project 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 offsite landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction, or collapse?

As previously discussed, the site soils are considered stable in that there is not a potential of on or offsite landslides, lateral spreading, subsidence or collapse. However, as discussed in Impact #3.4.7a(iii), the project site is potentially located on a geologic unit or soil that could potentially result in liquefaction.

All structures would be subject to all applicable City of Lemoore Building Ordinances, as well as all applicable IBC and CBC earthquake construction standards, including those relating to soil characteristics. Adherence to all applicable regulations would reduce or avoid any potential impacts to structures at the project site, and impacts would be less than significant.

MITIGATION MEASURES

No mitigation is required.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

Impacts would be *less than significant*.

Impact #3.4.7d – Would the project be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property?

Expansive clay soils are subject to shrinking and swelling due to changes in moisture content over the seasons. These changes can cause damage or failure of foundations, utilities, and pavements. During periods of high moisture content, expansive soils under foundations can heave and result in structures lifting. In dry periods, the same soils can collapse and result in settlement of structures.

There are two types of soil found within the project site, which are Lakeside loam and Lemoore sandy loam. The subject site and soil conditions, with the exception of the loose surface soils, expansive nature of the clayey soils, would be conducive to the development of the project. The surface soils have a loose consistency. These soils are disturbed, have low strength characteristics, and are highly compressible when saturated.

Compliance with the policies of the City of Lemoore Municipal Code would reduce potential site-specific impacts to less-than-significant levels.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

No mitigation is required.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

Impacts would be *less than significant*.

Impact #3.4.7e – Would the project have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems in areas where sewers are not available for the disposal of wastewater?

Refer to Section 3.4.19 - Utilities and Service Systems.

The proposed project does not include the development or use of septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems as the project would connect to the City's existing sewer system.

MITIGATION MEASURES

No mitigation is required.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

Impacts would be *less than significant*.

Impact #3.4.7f – Would the project directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?

Geological records of the region and those prepared for the General Plan found no evidence of paleontological resources or unique geological features in Lemoore. Additionally, the Lemoore area has sedimentary rocks of tertiary and quaternary age, which are younger rocks of continental origin. The project is in an area identified as having geologic features that are less than 150 years before present age, which is considered to have low potential for paleontological resources (Meyer, Jack et al, 2010).

However, there is a possibility that future ground-disturbing activities could cause damage to, or destruction of, previously undiscovered paleontological resources or unique geologic features. Implementation of MM GEO-1 would reduce potential impacts to a less-thansignificant level. In addition, the Lemoore General Plan policies and guidelines direct the City to require construction to stop immediately if paleontological resources are uncovered during grading or other onsite excavation activities, until appropriate mitigation is implemented. Therefore, with MM GEO-1, the project will have a less-than-significant impact.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

MM GEO-1: If any paleontological resources are encountered during ground-disturbance activities, all work within 25 feet of the find shall halt until a qualified paleontologist as defined by the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology Standard Procedures for the Assessment and Mitigation of Adverse Impacts to Paleontological Resources (2010), can evaluate the find and make recommendations regarding treatment. Paleontological resource materials may include resources such as fossils, plant impressions, or animal tracks preserved in rock. The qualified paleontologist shall contact the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County or other appropriate facility regarding any discoveries of paleontological resources.

If the qualified paleontologist determines that the discovery represents a potentially significant paleontological resource, additional investigations and fossil recovery may be required to mitigate adverse impacts from project implementation. If avoidance is not feasible, the paleontological resources shall be evaluated for their significance. If the resources are not significant, avoidance is not necessary. If the resources are significant, they shall be avoided to ensure no adverse effects, or such effects must be mitigated. Construction in that area shall not resume until the resource appropriate measures are recommended or the materials are determined to be less than significant. If the resource is significant and fossil recovery is the identified form of treatment, then the fossil shall be deposited in an accredited and permanent scientific institution. Copies of all correspondence and reports shall be submitted to the Lead Agency.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

Impacts would be *less than significant. with mitigation incorporated*.

		Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less-than- Significant Impact	No Impact
3.4	8 - GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS				
Woi	ıld the project:				
a.	Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?				
b.	Conflict with any applicable plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?			\boxtimes	

Discussion

There have been significant legislative and regulatory activities that directly and indirectly affect climate change and GHGs in California. The primary climate change legislation in California is AB 32, the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006. AB 32 focuses on reducing GHG emissions in California. GHGs, as defined under AB 32, include carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, hydrofluorocarbons, perfluorocarbons, sulfur hexafluoride, and nitrogen trifluoride. AB 32 requires that GHGs emitted in California be reduced to 1990 levels by the year 2020. The California Air Resources Board is the State agency charged with monitoring and regulating sources of emissions of GHGs that cause global warming in order to reduce emissions of GHGs. SB 32 was signed by the Governor in 2016, which would require the State Board to ensure that statewide greenhouse gas emissions are reduced to 40 percent below the 1990 level by 2030.

Although construction of the proposed project would result in temporary emissions of GHGs, the project as a whole is not expected to generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly that may have a significant impact on the environment. The project GHG emissions are primarily from mobile source activities.

The SJVAPCD Small Project Analysis Level (SPAL) process established review parameters to determine whether a project qualifies as a "small project." A project that is found to be "less than" the established parameters, according to the SPAL review parameters, has "no possibility of exceeding criteria pollutant emissions thresholds."

As shown in Table 3.4.3-2, the proposed project would not exceed the established SPAL limits for an industrial park project. The project site plan is 7.63 acres in area, is zoned ML (Light Industrial), and includes processing, manufacturing, and office buildings, greenhouses, and a food court with a total 131,000 sq. ft. of improvements, which is well below the maximum SPAL threshold of 370,000 sq. ft. Based on the above information, this project qualifies for a limited GHG analysis applying the SPAL guidance to determine air quality impacts.

Impact #3.4.8a – Would the project generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?

The SJVAPCD has adopted the Final Draft Staff Report, addressing Greenhouse Gas Emissions Impacts under the California Environmental Quality Act (November 5, 2009), that included a recommended methodology for determining significance for stationary source projects and traditional development projects (such as residential, commercial, or industrial projects).

The proposed project would emit greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide (CO₂), methane, and nitrous oxide from the exhaust of equipment and the exhaust of vehicles for residents, customers, and delivery trips. The increased rate of greenhouse gas emissions would not be considered cumulatively significant per the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006. As stated in the SJVAPCD's GAMAQI, projects whose emissions have been reduced or mitigated, consistent with Assembly Bill 32 – California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, should be considered to have a less-than-significant impact on global climate change.

The City of Lemoore 2030 General Plan has analyzed greenhouse gas emissions for the City based on land use designations, including emissions for areas designated as Industrial and Neighborhood Commercial. Construction and operational greenhouse gas emissions as a result have already been analyzed in the General Plan EIR. The project will comply with GHG emission reduction polices, such as incorporating green building design principles, sustainable site design, landscaping and maintenance, the use of energy efficient appliances and lighting, etc. The use of renewable energy such as PV solar is encouraged in the City. With implementation of these and other applicable City policies, as well as mandatory compliance with the applicable SJVAPCD rules and regulations, project GHG emissions will be reduced to less-than-significant levels.

MITIGATION MEASURES

No mitigation is required.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

Impacts would be *less than significant*

Impact #3.4.8b – Would the project conflict with any applicable plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?

See response to Impact #3.4.8a.

The proposed project falls within the jurisdiction of the SJVAPCD and the City of Lemoore 2030 General Plan. Both agencies consider baseline emissions inventory for light industrial uses for the City of Lemoore. Because the proposed project will be consistent with the

applicable General Plan land use designations of ML (Light Industrial), it can be concluded that the proposed project would not conflict with the approved General Plan.

Because the proposed project is consistent with the General Plan, the project construction and operational GHG emissions as a result have already been analyzed in the General Plan EIR. With implementation of applicable General Plan policies, as well as mandatory compliance with all applicable SJVAPCD rules and regulations, the project GHG emissions will be reduced to less-than-significant levels. Therefore, the project will not conflict with any applicable plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases.

MITIGATION MEASURES

No mitigation required.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

Impacts would be *less than significant*.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less-than- Significant Impact	No Impact
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3.4.9 - 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 involve handling hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within onequarter mile of an existing or proposed school?
- d. Be located on a site that 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 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??

Discussion

Impacts #3.4.9a, #3.4.9b, and #3.4.9c – Would 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 hazardous materials into the environment or emit hazardous emissions or involve handling hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?

A material is considered hazardous if it appears on a list of hazardous materials prepared by a federal, State, or local agency, or if it has characteristics defined as hazardous by such an agency. The California Code of Regulation (CCR) defines a hazardous material as a substance that, because of physical or chemical properties, quantity, concentration, or other characteristics, may either (1) cause an increase in mortality or an increase in serious, irreversible, or incapacitating, illness or (2) pose a substantial present or potential hazard to human health or environment when improperly treated, stored, transported or disposed of, or otherwise managed (CCR, Title 22, Division 4.5, Chapter 10, Article 2, Section 66260.10). Hazardous materials have been and are commonly used in commercial, agricultural, and industrial applications and, to a limited extent, in residential areas. Hazardous wastes are defined in the same manner.

Hazardous wastes are hazardous materials that no longer have practical use, such as substances that have been discarded, discharged, spilled, contaminated, or are being stored prior to proper disposal. Hazardous materials and hazardous wastes are classified according to four properties: toxic (causes human health effects), ignitable (has the ability to burn), corrosive (causes severe burns or damage to materials), and reactive (causes explosions or generates toxic gases) (CCR, Title 22, Chapter 11, Article 3) (City of Lemoore, 2008).

The project site is zoned for Light Industrial uses, and the area surrounding the project site consists of agricultural services to the north, self-storage facility and vacant land to the east, an industrial business park and agricultural services to the south, and SR 41 to the west. The PW Engvall Elementary School is the closest sensitive receptor and is located 0.67 miles northeast of the project site. The use of hazardous materials will be limited in quantities and duration, and if spilled, would be very localized. The proposed project would not emit hazardous emissions or involve handling hazardous or acutely hazardous materials substances. The transport use and storage of hazardous materials would be required to comply with all applicable State and federal regulations, such as requirements that spills would be cleaned immediately, and all wastes and spills control materials would be properly disposed of at approved disposal facilities.

Potential Short-Term Construction Impacts

The proposed project could include the transport and use of small amounts of liquid waste, including cleaning fluids, dust palliative, herbicides, and solvents. Some solid hazardous waste, such as welding materials and dried paint, may also be generated during construction.

These materials would be transported to the project site during construction, and any hazardous materials that are produced as a result of the construction of the project would be collected and transported away from the site. During construction of the project, material safety data sheets for all applicable materials present at the site would be made readily available to onsite personnel. During construction activities, nonhazardous construction debris would be generated and disposed of in local landfills. Sanitary waste would be managed using portable toilets located at a reasonably accessible onsite location.

Mitigation Measure MM HYD-1 requires the preparation of a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) which includes a list of BMPs to be implemented on the site both during construction to minimize potential impacts from accidental spills. Compliance with the SWPPP and all local, State, and federal regulations regarding hazardous materials, impacts associated with the use or accidental spill of hazardous materials would be less than significant.

Potential Long-Term Operational Impacts

Cannabis cultivation, similar to other agricultural crops, would require the use of pesticides and fertilizers. Potting soil and fertilizers contain nutrients, particularly nitrogen and phosphorous, which when excess water is applied and untreated runoff occurs, these nutrients could contribute to toxic algae blooms, and deplete the dissolved oxygen that fish and other aquatic species need to survive. In addition, pesticides can lead to many unintended effects, and often are easily mobilized by stormwater runoff.

New development associated with the proposed project includes 71,100 square feet of greenhouse cultivation, which may utilize hazardous materials, and expose business employees to future hazardous materials releases. Additionally, new development that involves routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials will be required to conform to City of Lemoore General Plan policies and Municipal Code regulations regarding the transport, use and disposal of hazardous materials.

- **Policy SN-I-20** Coordinate enforcement of the Hazardous Material Disclosure Program with the Kings County Health Department to identify facilities producing, utilizing, or storing hazardous wastes. State and federal legislation requires every business that handles hazardous materials report their inventories to the local fire department. The program's primary function is to identify, monitor, and assist businesses using or storing hazardous materials and allow the City to handle emergency incidents more effectively. The City will maintain and share this information with police, fire, and emergency services.
- Section 103.1 General: Establishment and Duties of Bureau of Fire Prevention The California Fire Code as adopted and amended herein shall be enforced by the Bureau of Fire Prevention (or other designated agency) in the Fire Department of the City of Lemoore, which is hereby established and which shall be operated under the supervision of the Chief of the Fire Department. Under the Chief's direction, the Fire Department is

authorized to enforce all ordinances of the jurisdiction pertaining to the storage, use, and handling of hazardous materials.

The project requires a Major Site Plan Review, Lot Line Adjustment, and Roadway Abandonment, and will require review comments by various City departments including, planning, public works, police, and fire. Therefore, project conditions of approval will ensure compliance with all applicable City policies and regulations. Therefore, impacts will be less than significant with mitigation.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

Implementation of MM HYD-1.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

Impacts would be *less than significant with mitigation incorporated*.

Impact #3.4.9d – Would the project be located on a site that 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?

An online search was conducted of Cortese List to identify locations on or near the project site. The search indicated that there are no hazardous or toxic sites in the vicinity (within one mile) of the project site (Cal EPA, 2019). Currently, there are no hazardous wastes landfill sites within Lemoore (City of Lemoore, 2008).

According to EnviroStor, there are no hazardous waste and substances sites in the vicinity of the project site. The closest site is the Self Help Enterprises Tract No. 656 (ID No. 16150001), which is a "voluntary cleanup" site and is approximately 1.5 miles northeast of the project site (CA Dept of Toxic Substances, 2020). The proposed project site is not located on a site that is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and would therefore not create a significant hazard to the public or the environment.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

No mitigation is required.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

There would be *no impact*.

Impact #3.4.9e – 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?

There are no public airports within two miles of the project site. The Naval Air Station Lemoore runways are located 7.6 miles to the west of the project site. The closest public airport is the Hanford Municipal Airport, located approximately 10 miles east of the project. The project is not within an airport land use compatibility plan area. There is no adopted airport land use plan that includes the City of Lemoore.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

No mitigation is required.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

There would be *no impact*.

Impact #3.4.9f –Would the project impair implementation of, or physically interfere with, an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?

The 2015 Kings County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) establishes emergency procedures and policies and identifies responsible parties for emergency response in the County, and includes the incorporated City of Lemoore (Kings County, 2015). The EOP includes policies that would prevent new development from interfering with emergency response of evacuation plans. The project will comply with all local regulations related to the construction of new development that is consistent with the EOP.

The General Plan also provides guidance to City staff in the event of extraordinary emergency situation associated with natural disaster and technological incidents (City of Lemoore, 2008). The project would also comply with the appropriate local and State requirements regarding emergency response plans and access. The proposed project would not inhibit the ability of local roadways to continue to accommodate emergency response and evacuation activities. The proposed project would not interfere with the City's adopted emergency response plan, therefore, there would be no impact.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

No mitigation is required.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

There would be *no impact*.

Impact #3.4.9g – Would the project expose people or structures, either directly or indirectly, to a significant risk of loss, injury, or death involving wildland fires?

The majority of the City is considered to have either little or no threat or a moderate threat of wildfire. Only one percent of the area within Lemoore city boundaries currently has a high threat of wildfire. Wildfire hazard present in the Planning Area should decrease as vacant parcels become developed (City of Lemoore , 2008).

Applicable General Plan policies:

- SN-I-13. Ensure Fire Department personnel are trained in wildfire prevention, response and evacuation procedures.
- SN-I-14. Continue the City's Weed Abatement Program administered by the Volunteer Fire Department to reduce fire hazards before the fire season.
- SN-I-15. Enforce the Uniform Fire Code through the approval of construction plans and final occupancy permits.

The project site is in an unzoned area of the Kings County Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map Local Responsibility Area (LRA) (Cal Fire, 2006). However, Cal Fire has determined that portions of the City of Lemoore are categorized as a Moderate Fire Hazard Severity Zone in LRA. The closest Moderate Fire Hazard Severity Zone is vacant land on the east side of SR 41 located 0.9 miles southwest of the project site. The closest High Fire Hazard Severity Zone is located in Three Rivers, 51 miles east of the project site. The project site is not located within proximity of a wildland area.

Construction and operation activities at the project site are not expected to increase the risk of wildfires. The General Plan includes policies that would protect the project and the community from fire dangers. These include the enforcement of fire codes during building construction and occupancy. In addition, developers are required to pay impact fees that offset the impact of residential development on public services such as fire protection.

The Lemoore City Fire Department, located approximately 1.4 miles away, would provide fire protection services to the project. The project will comply with all applicable State and local building standards as required by local fire codes, as well as impact fees to support additional fire protection services. The project would not expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury, or death involving wildland fires. Therefore, there would be no impact.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

No mitigation is required.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

Impacts would be *less than significant*.

	.10 - Hydrology and Water Ality	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less-than- Significant Impact	No Impact
-	ld the project:				
a.	Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade surface water quality?		\boxtimes		
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:				
	i. Result in substantial erosion or siltation on or offsite?		\boxtimes		
·	ii. Substantially increase the rate of amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result flooding on or offsite?		\boxtimes		
	iii. Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?				
	iv. Impede or redirect flood flows?		\boxtimes		
d.	In flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zones, risk release of pollutants due to project inundation?			\boxtimes	
e	Conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan?				

Discussion

Impact #3.4.10a – Would the project violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade surface or groundwater quality?

Project construction would cause ground disturbance that could result in soil erosion or siltation and subsequent water quality degradation offsite, which is a potentially significant impact. Construction-related activities would also involve the use of materials such as vehicle fuels, lubricating fluids, solvents, and other materials that could result in polluted runoff, which is also a potentially significant impact. Construction activities involving soil disturbance, excavation, cutting/filling, stockpiling and grading activities could result in increased erosion and sedimentation to surface waters. However, the potential consequences of any spill or release of these types of materials are generally minimal due to the localized, short-term nature of such releases. The volume of any spills would likely be relatively small because the volume in any single vehicle or container would generally be anticipated to be less than 50 gallons.

Accidental spills or disposal of potentially harmful materials used during construction could possibly wash into and pollute surface water runoff. Mitigation Measure MM HYD-1 requires the preparation and implementation of a SWPPP to comply with the Construction General Permit requirements.

With implementation of Mitigation Measure MM HYD-1, the project would not violate any water quality standards or degrade groundwater quality, and impacts would be less than significant.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

MM HYD-1: Prior to issuing of grading or building permits, the project applicant shall submit to the City: (1) the approved Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) and (2) the Notice of Intent (NOI) to comply with the General National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) from the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board. The requirements of the SWPPP and NPDES shall be incorporated into design specifications and construction contracts. Recommended Best Management Practices for the construction phase may include the following:

- Stockpiling and disposing of demolition debris, concrete, and soil properly;
- Protecting existing storm drain inlets and stabilizing disturbed areas;
- Implementing erosion controls;
- Properly managing construction materials; and
- Managing waste, aggressively controlling litter, and implementing sediment controls.

Evidence of the approved SWPPP shall be submitted to the Lead Agency.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

Impacts would be *less than significant with mitigation incorporated*.

Impact #3.4.10b – Substantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that the project may impede sustainable groundwater management of the basin?

The project site is located within the South Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA), Basin ID No. 5-022.12 "exclusive local agency" per Water Code §10723(c). In compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) was submitted by the GSA to the Department of Water Resources (DWR), but it is not yet certified.

The project site plan is 7.63 acres in area, is zoned ML (Light Industrial), and includes processing, manufacturing, and office buildings, greenhouses, and a food court with a total 131,000 sq. ft. of improvements, which is well below the 650,000 sq. ft. of floor area threshold requiring a Water Supply Assessment pursuant to State Bill 610. The City also adopted an Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) in 2017 (City of Lemoore, 2017). This document is a planning tool that was created to help generally guide the actions of urban water suppliers in successfully preparing for potential water supply disruptions and issues. It provides a framework for long-term water planning and informs the public of a supplier's plans for long-term resource planning that ensures adequate water supplies for existing and future demands.

The City currently utilizes local groundwater as its sole source of municipal water supply. The City's municipal water system extracts its water supply from underground aquifers via six active groundwater wells within the city limits. The City maintains four ground-level storage reservoirs within the distribution system, with a total capacity of 4.4 million gallons (City of Lemoore, 2017). The groundwater basin underlying the City is the Tulare Lake Basin as defined in the Department of Water Resources Bulletin 118 for construction and operation would come from the City of Lemoore's existing water system.

Based on available data on water usage by land use type, light industrial warehousing and distribution uses are estimated to have an annual water usage 0.07 acre-feet per year per one thousand sq. ft. (City of Santa Barbara, 2009). The project will include 71,100 square feet of greenhouses for cannabis cultivation, with an estimated water usage of 4.98 acre-feet per year (71,100 square x 0.07 acre-feet per year/one thousand sq. ft.).

Per the City's 2015 UWMP, the City's existing system has a total supply capacity of 21,674,000 gallons per day with an average day demand of 8,769,000 gallons (City of Lemoore, 2017). As the project site is currently zoned for Light Industrial development, the General Plan has adequately analyzed the water needed to meet the increased water demand. The proposed project will not substantially deplete aquifer supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge or significantly alter local groundwater supplies.

Based on the calculated amount of water used, the proposed project is not expected to result in a substantial decrease of groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that the project may impede sustainable groundwater management of the basin. Therefore, the project will have a less-than-significant impact.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

No mitigation is required.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

Impacts would be *less than significant.*

Impact #3.4.10c(i) – Would the project substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner that would result in substantial erosion or siltation onsite or offsite?

The rate and amount of surface runoff is determined by multiple factors, including the following: topography, the amount and intensity of precipitation, the amount of evaporation that occurs in the watershed and the amount of precipitation and water that infiltrates to the groundwater. The proposed project would alter the existing drainage pattern of the site, which would have the potential to result in erosion, siltation, or flooding on or offsite. However, there are no streams or rivers located on the project site. The disturbance of soils onsite during construction could cause erosion, resulting in temporary construction impacts. In addition, the placement of permanent structures onsite could affect drainage in the long-term. Impacts from construction and operation are discussed below.

As discussed in Impact #3.4.10a. above, potential impacts on water quality arising from erosion and sedimentation are expected to be localized and temporary during construction. Construction-related erosion and sedimentation impacts as a result of soil disturbance would be less than significant after implementation of an SWPPP (see Mitigation Measure MM HYD-1) and BMPs required by the NPDES. No drainages or other water bodies are present on the project site, and therefore, the proposed project would not change the course of any such drainages.

Existing drainage pattern of the site and area would be affected by project development because of the increase in impervious surfaces at the site. The project design includes natural features such as landscaping and vegetation that would allow for the percolation of stormwater. However, there will be an addition in impervious surfaces (building pads, driveways, etc.), which could increase the potential for stormwater runoff and soil erosion.

The project would also connect to existing City stormwater sewer infrastructure. The project will comply with all applicable local building codes and regulations in order to minimize impacts during construction and post-construction of the project. With implementation of MM HYD-1, impacts that would result in substantial erosion or siltation on or offsite is less than significant.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

Implementation of MM HYD-1.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

Impacts would be *less than significant with mitigation incorporated*.

Impact #3.4.10c(ii) – Would the project substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner that would result in flooding onsite or offsite?

See also Impact #3.4.10c(i), above. The project site is flat, and grading would be minimal. The topography of the site would not change because of grading activities, and it does not contain any water features, streams or rivers. The project would develop significant areas of impervious surfaces that could significantly reduce the rate of percolation at the site or concentrate and accelerate surface runoff in comparison to the baseline condition.

The BMPs associated with the SWPPP would prevent flooding onsite or offsite. Therefore, the project would not substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner that would result in flooding on or offsite. With implementation of Mitigation Measure MM HYD-1, impacts would be less than significant

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

Implementation of MM HYD-1.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

Impacts would be *less than significant with mitigation incorporated.*

Impact #3.4.10c(iii) – Would the project 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 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?

Please see Impact #3.4.10c(i)-c(ii), above. The BMPs associated with the SWPPP would prevent sources of polluted runoff. Therefore, the project would not otherwise alter existing drainage patterns that cause runoff water to exceed the capacity of existing stormwater drainage systems or create polluted runoff. With implementation of Mitigation Measure MM HYD-1, impacts would be less than significant.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

Implementation of MM HYD-1.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

Impacts would be *less than significant with mitigation incorporated.*

Impact #3.4.10c(iv) – Would the project 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 impede or redirect flood flows?

As discussed above in Impact #3.4.10a through c(iii), construction activities could potentially degrade water quality through the occurrence of erosion or siltation at the project site.

Construction of the project would include soil-disturbing activities that could result in erosion and siltation, as well as the use of harmful and potentially hazardous materials required to operate vehicles and equipment. The transport of disturbed soils or the accidental release of potentially hazardous materials could result in water quality degradation. The project would be required to comply with the NPDES Construction General Permit. A SWPPP would be prepared to specify BMPs to prevent construction pollutants as required by MM HYD-1. The proposed project would not otherwise substantially degrade water quality. Therefore, the project will have a less-than-significant impact.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

Implementation of MM HYD-1.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

Impacts would be *less than significant with mitigation incorporated*.

Impact #3.4.10d – Would the project, in flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zones, risk release of pollutants due to project inundation?

The project site is not located near the ocean or a steep topographic feature (i.e., mountain, hill, bluff, etc.). Additionally, there is no body of water within the vicinity of the project site. The proposed project's inland location makes the risk of a tsunami highly unlikely. The probability of a seiche occurring in the City of Lemoore is considered negligible. Furthermore, given the geologic context at the proposed project site and the absence of pollutants, if such an event were to occur, the likelihood of it exposing project structures or people to a significant risk is considered low.

As shown in Figure 3.4.10-1, the project is not located within a FEMA 100-year floodplain. According to FEMA, the site is located in an area of minimal flood hazard and has a less than

0.2 percent chance of an annual flooding. As such, the project would not place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal flood hazard boundary or flood insurance rate map or other flood hazard delineation map.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

No mitigation is required.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

Impacts would be *less than significant.*

Impact #3.4.10e – Conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan?

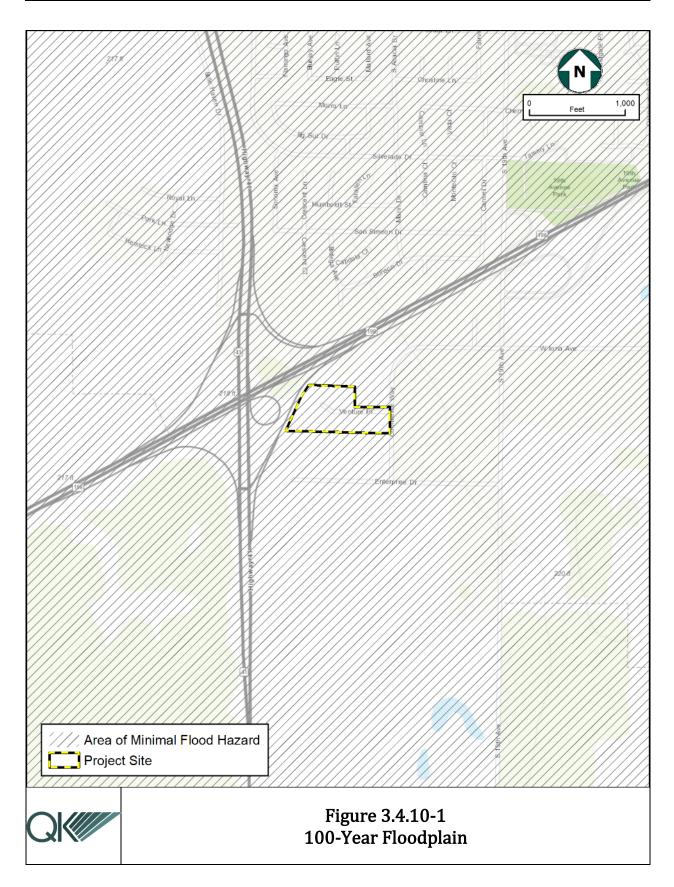
See response to Impact #3.4.10b above. Based on this estimate, the project is anticipated to use approximately 4.98 acre-feet (AF) of water annually.

Per the City's 2015 UWMP, the City's existing system has a total supply capacity of 21,674,000 gallons per day with an average day demand of 8,769,000 gallons (City of Lemoore, 2017). As the project site is currently zoned for Light Industrial development, the General Plan has adequately analyzed the water needed to meet the increased water demand. The proposed project will not substantially deplete aquifer supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge or significantly alter local groundwater supplies. Therefore, the project will have a less-than-significant impact.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

No mitigation is required.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE



		Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less-than- Significant Impact	No Impact
3.4	.11 - Land Use and Planning				
Wou	ld the project:				
a.	Physically divide an established community?				\boxtimes
b.	Cause a significant environmental impact due to a conflict with any land use plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?			\boxtimes	

Discussion

Impact #3.4.11a – Would the project physically divide an established community?

The project site plan is 7.63 acres in area, is zoned ML (Light Industrial), and includes processing, manufacturing, and office buildings, greenhouses, and a food truck court with a total 131,000 sq. ft. of improvements and a 0.353 FAR.

The area surrounding the project site consists of businesses and urban development to the north, east and south, and SR 41 to the west. Planned land uses and development surrounding the site are depicted on Figure 2-3.

Therefore, the project will not physically divide an established community.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

No mitigation is required.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

There would be *no impact*.

Impact #3.4.11b – Would the project 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?

The project is a seed to sale cannabis campus, which includes delivery service, manufacturing and processing facility, microbusiness, distribution hub, cultivation facility and a food truck dining area, and requires approval by the Lemoore City Council of a roadway abandonment of the Venture Place cul-de-sac; approval by the Lemoore Planning

Commission of a Major Site Plan Review (Major SPR); and administrative approval of a Lot Line Adjustment (LLA).

Neither a General Plan Amendment or a Zone Change are required for the project, as it complies with the existing land use and zoning. The discretionary approvals required for the project will include reviews and comments from responsible agencies, and from several City departments to ensure compliance with all applicable, plans, policies, regulations, standards, and conditions of approval. With approval of the discretionary actions, the project will be consistent with the City's General Plan and Zoning Ordinance and comply with local and State building codes and requirements.

Therefore, the project will not conflict with any land use plan, policy, or regulation.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

No mitigation is required.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

2.4		Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less-than- Significant Impact	No Impact
3.4	.12 - Mineral Resources				
Wou	ld the project:				
a.	Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the State?				\boxtimes
b.	Result in the loss of availability of a locally important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan, or other land use plan?				\boxtimes

Discussion

Impact #3.4.12a – Would the project 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?

The City of Lemoore and the surrounding area have no mapped mineral resources, and no regulated mine facilities (City of Lemoore, 2008). Additionally, per the California Department of Conservation - Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM, formerly the Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR)), there are no active, inactive, or capped oil wells located within the project site, and it is not within a CalGEM-recognized oilfield (see Figure 3.4.12-1). Therefore, there would be no impact.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

No mitigation is required.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

There would be *no impact*.

Impact #3.4.12b – Would the project 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?

The project site is not designated for mineral and petroleum resources activities by the City of Lemoore General Plan. The project site and surrounding lands are zoned for Light Industrial uses. No mining occurs in the project area or in the nearby vicinity. The closest active oil well is located in the unincorporated community of Westhaven, approximately 23 miles southwest of the project site. There are no mineral extraction activities that will be conducted in the future as a result of the project. The project would not result in the loss of

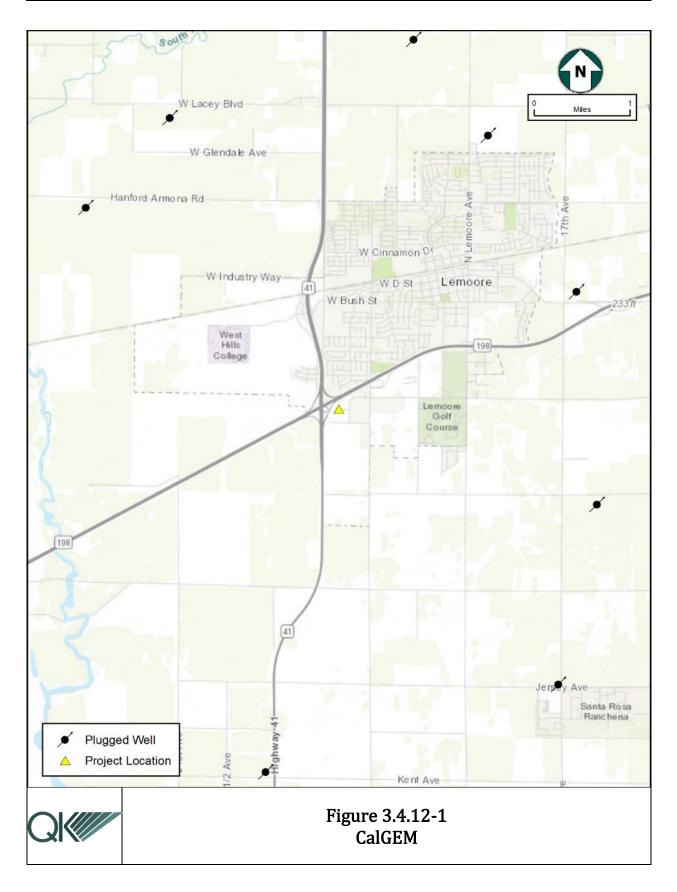
availability of a locally important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan, or other land use plan and would therefore have no impact.

MITIGATION MEASURES

No mitigation is required.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

There would be *no impact*.



		Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less-than- Significant Impact	No Impact
3.4	.13 - Noise				
Wou	ld the project result in:				
a.	Exposure of persons to, or generate, noise levels in excess of standards established in a local general plan or noise ordinance or applicable standards of other agencies?				
b.	Exposure of persons to or generate excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?			\boxtimes	
C.	For a project located within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?				

Discussion

Impact #3.4.13a – Would the project result in exposure of persons to, or generate, noise levels in excess of standards established in a local general plan or noise ordinance or applicable standards of other agencies?

There are two industrial zones in Lemoore with the potential to cause noise hazards. The first is located south of Iona Avenue along both sides of 19th Avenue, and the second is located northwest between the San Joaquin Railroad tracks and SR 41. Activities carried out in both areas are primarily related to food processing and light manufacturing. At full buildout of the General Plan, more industries are expected to locate in both areas, adding to the number of noise sources.

To minimize noise impacts to surrounding residents, industrial uses are usually separated from residential areas by a road or other physical element. The amount of noise present will depend on the type of industrial activity carried out and is not expected to be as severe as noise from vehicular traffic or airplanes (City of Lemoore, 2008).

The City of Lemoore Municipal Code, Chapter 6-Noise, provides the following:

• Sec 5.6.1.B - This chapter shall be applicable to all uses and activities conducted within the City except for industrial uses and activities conducted in industrial zones.

The closest residential neighborhood is located 0.4 miles north of the project site, on the other side of SR 41. As stated in the General Plan – "The amount of noise present will depend on the type of industrial activity carried out and is not expected to be as severe as noise from vehicular traffic or airplanes."

Construction-related noise levels and activities will be temporary and intermittent. The proposed project will generate noise from the following construction equipment: graders, bulldozers, tractors, loaders and loaded trucks, excavators, graders, scrapers, forklifts, generators, cranes, pavers, rollers, compactors and air compressors. Additionally, traffic and the various other noises generally associated with construction activities will be temporary and only take place during daylight hours. In addition, the construction-related noise will be intermittent and cease once the proposed project is completed.

Project construction would generate temporary increases in noise levels. Title 5, Chapter 6 of the City's Municipal Code establishes regulations and enforcement procedures for noise generated in the City. The regulations do not apply to the operation on days other than Sunday of construction equipment or of a construction vehicle, or the performance on days other than Sunday of construction work, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., provided that all required permits for the operation of such construction equipment or construction work have been obtained from the appropriate City department (Lemoore Municipal Code 5-6-1-C.4).

Therefore, the project would not result in the exposure of persons to or generate noise levels more than standards established in a local general plan or noise ordinance or applicable standards of other agencies. Impacts would be less than significant.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

No mitigation is required.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

Impacts would be *less than significant*.

Impact #3.4.13b – Would the project result in exposure of persons to or generate excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?

The proposed project is expected to create temporary groundborne vibration as a result of the construction activities (during site preparation and grading). According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Railroad Administration, vibration is sound radiated through the ground. The rumbling sound caused by the vibration is called groundborne noise. The ground motion caused by vibration is measured as particle velocity in inches per second and is referenced as vibration decibels (VdB). The background vibration velocity level in residential areas is usually around 50 VdB. A list of typical vibration-generating equipment is shown in Table 3.4.13-1.

Vibration Velocity Level	Equipment Type
94 VdB	Vibratory roller
87 VdB	Large bulldozer
87 VdB	Caisson drilling
86 VdB	Loaded trucks
79 VdB	Jackhammer
58 VdB	Small bulldozer

Table 3.4.13-1 Different Levels of Groundborne Vibration

Source: (Federal Transit Administration, 2006)

Note: 25 feet from the corresponding equipment

The vibration velocity level threshold of perception for humans is approximately 65 VdB. A vibration velocity level of 75 VdB is the approximate dividing line between barely perceptible and distinctly perceptible levels for many people.

Typical outdoor sources of perceptible groundborne vibration are construction equipment and traffic on rough roads. For example, if a roadway is smooth, the groundborne vibration from traffic is rarely perceptible.

Typically, groundborne vibration generated by construction activity attenuates rapidly with distance from the source of the vibration. Therefore, vibration issues are generally confined to distances of less than 500 feet (U.S. Department of Transportation, 2005). There are schools located within the surrounding area of the proposed project site. Potential sources of temporary vibration during construction of the proposed project would be minimal and would include transportation and use of equipment to the site.

Construction activity would include various site preparation, grading, in fabrication, and site cleanup work. Construction would not involve the use of equipment that would cause high groundborne vibration levels such as pile-driving or blasting.

Once constructed, the proposed project would not have any components that would generate high vibration levels. Thus, construction and operation of the proposed project would not result in any vibration and impacts would be less than significant.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

No mitigation is required.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

Impacts would be *less than significant*.

Impact #3.4.13c – For a project located 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?

There are no public airports within two miles of the project site. The Naval Air Station Lemoore (NASL) runways are located 7.6 miles to the west of the project site. The closest public airport is the Hanford Municipal Airport, located approximately 10 miles east of the project. The project is not within an airport land use compatibility plan area. There is no adopted airport land use plan that includes the City of Lemoore.

The City Zoning Ordinance established an NASL overlay zone as provided in this article shall apply to those properties as designated on the zoning map, generally west of State Route 41 and south of the city limits, which fall in the military influence area (MIA) (Ord. 2013-05, 2-6-2014) (City of Lemoore, 2019). The project is adjacent to, but not within the Overlay III area, which experiences aircraft noise less than 65 decibels (<65 dB CNEL).

Therefore, there will be a less-than-significant impact.

MITIGATION MEASURES

No mitigation is required.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

		Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less- than Significant Impact	No Impact
3.4	1.14 - Population and Housing				
Wοι	ıld the project:				
a.	Induce substantial 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 housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				\boxtimes

Discussion

Impact #3.4.14a – Would the project induce substantial 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)?

The project site is zoned ML (Light Industrial), and includes processing, manufacturing, and office buildings, greenhouses, and a food court with a total 131,000 sq. ft. of improvements. The project does not include new dwelling units and would not induce population growth in the area. Any potential for population growth, due to the employment opportunities associated with the project, is not substantial relative to the total population of the City of Lemoore. The project is planned to be constructed in four phases. According the California Department of Finance estimate, the City's population was 26,257 in 2019. The City anticipates a 3.1 percent annual increase in population, with an estimated population of 34,719 in 2025 and 47,115 by 2035 (City of Lemoore, 2017).

Therefore, any population growth resulting from new employment opportunities will be minimal and will be absorbed over the four-phase construction period, which will result in less-than-significant impacts.

All onsite improvements will be completed in compliance with applicable General Plan and Municipal Code requirements. The Lemoore General Plan includes policies to limit development only to areas inside an urban boundary around the city. Any growth inducement could only occur on lands that are designated and have been evaluated for urban development. Therefore, the impact would be less than significant.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

No mitigation is required.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

Impacts would be *less than significant*.

Impact #3.4.14b – Would the project displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?

The proposed project would not require demolition of any housing, as the project site is currently undeveloped land zoned for Light Industrial uses. Therefore, there would be no need to construct replacement housing elsewhere. There would be no impact.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

No mitigation is required.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

There would be *no impact*.

	Less than Significant		
Potentially	with	Less-than-	
Significant	Mitigation	Significant	No
Impact	Incorporated	Impact	Impact

3.4.15 - PUBLIC SERVICES

Would the project:

a. 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 to other performance objectives for any of the public services:

i.	Fire protection?		\boxtimes	
ii.	Police protection?		\boxtimes	
iii.	Schools?		\boxtimes	
iv.	Parks?		\boxtimes	
v.	Other public facilities?		\boxtimes	

Discussion

Impact #3.4.15a(i) – 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 to other performance objectives for any of the public services – fire protection?

The Lemoore Volunteer Fire Department (LVFD) has operated as an all-volunteer department since 1921. The LVFD includes one Chief, two Assistant Chiefs, four Crew Captains, seven Engineers, 11 Emergency Medical Technicians, one paid part-time Secretary, and one paid full-time maintenance worker. The department covers an area of approximately nine square miles, with Mutual Aid Agreements with Kings County Fire, Hanford City Fire, and Naval Air Station Lemoore.

	Existing (2006)	Demand Buildout (2030)
Staffing	35 volunteers	72 volunteers
Facilities	2	3
(City of Lemon	re 2008)	

Table 3.4.15-1 **Fire Service Existing and Future Demand**

(City of Lemoore, 2008)

Construction and operation of the proposed project would not be expected to result in an increase in demand of fire protection services leading to the construction of new or physically altered facilities. Fire suppression support is provided by the City of Lemoore Volunteer Fire Department (LVFD), which has two fire stations and the closest station to the project site is located at 210 Fox Street, approximately 1.6 miles northeast of the project site.

The project site plan is 7.63 acres in area and includes processing, manufacturing, and office buildings, greenhouses, and a food court with a total 131,000 sq. ft. of improvements. The project does not include new dwelling units and would not induce population growth in the area. Therefore, the project will not result in significant environmental impacts related to acceptable service ratios, response times, or to other performance objectives fire protection services.

The City of Lemoore will ensure that construction activities would be in accordance with local and State fire codes. Fire protection services are adequately planned for within the City's General Plan through policies to ensure the City maintains Fire Department performance and response standards by allocating the appropriate resources. The project applicant is responsible for constructing any infrastructure needed to serve the project and pay the appropriate impact fees, which would reduce impacts to fire protection to less-thansignificant levels.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

No mitigation is required.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

Impacts would be *less than significant*.

Impact #3.4.15a(ii) - 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 to other performance objectives for any of the public services - police protection?

The Police Department has a staff of 31 sworn peace officers and seven civilian staff members. There are 30 vehicles assigned to the department.

The Police Department currently operates at a ratio of 1.33 officers per thousand residents, which is lower than the Western U.S. average of 1.5 officers per one thousand residents reported by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Average response times in 2006 averaged between 2.1 to 6.1 minutes depending on the priority type. Response times and the ability of the Police Department to provide acceptable levels of service are contingent on increasing staffing levels, sworn and civilian, consistent with resident population increase and the population of visitors, merchants, schools, and shoppers with the department's service area.

Table 3.4.15-2Police Service Existing and Future Demand

	Existing (2006)	Demand Buildout (2030)
Sworn Officers	31	64
Population	23,390	48,250
(City of Lemoore . 2008	3)	

The City's police station is located at 657 Fox Street, approximately 1.8 miles northeast of the project site. The project will not increase the local population or add additional streets into the police patrol network and will not result in significant environmental impacts related to acceptable service ratios, response times, or to other performance objectives police protection services. To ensure that there will be no impacts to public protection services, the project developer is required to pay appropriate impact fees related to police protection and is responsible for constructing any infrastructure needed to serve the project. Therefore, impacts on police protection services would therefore be considered less than significant.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

No mitigation is required.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

Impacts would be *less than significant*.

Impact #3.4.15a(iii) – 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 to other performance objectives for any of the public services – schools?

Buildout of the General Plan will result in the addition of 8,020 households (single-family and multi-family), with an additional population of approximately 24,860. Student generation factors by household type shown in Table 3.4.15-3 are used to calculate future enrollment. School size assumptions for households in the Planning Area are as follows:

• K- 6: 750 students per school

- 6-8:800 students per school
- 9-12: 1800 students per school

Household Type					
Type Single Family Multi-family					
Elementary School (K-6)	0.354	0.320			
Middle School (7-8)	0.088	0.070			
High School (9-12)	0.183	0.117			
Total	0.625	0.507			

Table 3.4.15-3 Student Generation Factors

Source: Lemoore Union Elementary School District and Lemoore Union High School District, 2006.

Government Code Section 65996 requires statutory developer fees as the exclusive means of considering and mitigating impacts on school facilities. The developer will pay appropriate impact fees at the time building permits are issued. Therefore, the impact would be less than significant.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

No mitigation is required.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

Impacts would be *less than significant*.

Impact #3.4.15a(iv) – 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 to other performance objectives for any of the public services – parks?

Future parkland in Lemoore will come primarily from two sources:

- Neighborhood and community parks provided as a result of dedication by developers in new development areas; and
- Other parkland provided through City acquisitions or contributions by public and private sources.

The number of parks and open spaces allocated under the General Plan, as shown is larger than is required under current City Park Standards and the Quimby Act. This is in response to the wish of Lemoore residents to have greater access to recreation facilities and a higher quality of life.

The parkland goal will be achieved through parkland dedications in new subdivisions, at a ratio of five acres per one thousand residents, and additional parkland at one acre per one

thousand residents, to be acquired by the City through private and public funding sources and through impact fees. The system of parks and recreational facilities will be geographically distributed throughout the City. With full buildout of the General Plan, 96 percent of Lemoore residents will live within one-quarter mile of a neighborhood park or one-half mile of a community park (City of Lemoore , 2008).

See Impacts #3.4.14a-b. The project does not include new dwelling units and would not induce population growth in the area. The project will be reviewed and approved in compliance with the goals, policies, and implementation measures of the General Plan and Lemoore City Municipal Code Title 9, Chapter 7, Article N. Therefore, the project would have a less-than-significant impact to the City park system.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

No mitigation is required.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

Impacts would be *less than significant*.

Impact #3.4.15a(v) – 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 to other performance objectives for any of the public services – other public facilities?

Community facilities are the network of public and private institutions that support the civic and social needs of the population. They offer a variety of recreational, artistic, and educational programs and special events. New community facilities are not specifically sited on the General Plan Land Use Diagram. Small-scale facilities are appropriately sited as integral parts of neighborhoods and communities, while existing larger-scale facilities are generally depicted as public/semi-public land use, as appropriate (City of Lemoore, 2008).

The proposed project does not include any impacts to other public facilities such as libraries, hospitals or emergency medical facilities. The proposed project would comply with the goals, policies, and implementation measures of the General Plan.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

No mitigation is required.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less-than- Significant Impact	No Impact
3.4.16 - RECREATION				
Would the project:				
a. 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. Include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities that might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?			\boxtimes	

Discussion

Impact #3.4.16a – 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?

Currently, the Parks and Recreation Department of the City of Lemoore maintains approximately 88 acres of parkland, which excludes the City-owned municipal golf course. The City's ponding basins, including the one adjacent to West Hills College, provide an additional 38 acres of open space. The City's current park standard for public parkland is five acres of parkland per one thousand residents. With a population of 25,585 residents in 2015, the City currently provides approximately five acres of parkland per one thousand residents.

Currently, there is a joint use agreement between the Lemoore Union Elementary and High School Districts and the City to share facilities after school hours. School fields and facilities, however, are not included as part of park land calculations.

See Impact #3.4.14a-b. and #3.4.15a(iv)-(v). The project will be reviewed and approved in compliance with the goals, policies, and implementation measures of the General Plan and Lemoore City Municipal Code Title 9, Chapter 7, Article N. Therefore, the project would not increase the use of existing parks or the need to construct or expand existing recreational facilities.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

No mitigation is required.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

Impacts would be *less than significant*.

Impact #3.4.16b – Would the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities that might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?

See Impact #3.4.15a(iv)-(v). The project does not require the construction of any new recreational facilities. Therefore, it would not generate an adverse physical effect on the environment.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

No mitigation is required.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

3.4	.17 - TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less-than- Significant Impact	No Impact
Wou	ld the project:				
a.	Conflict with a program, plan, ordinance or policy addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadway, bicycle and pedestrian facilities?				
b.	Conflict or be inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.3, subdivision (b)?			\boxtimes	
C.	Substantially increase hazards due to a geometric design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?				
d.	Result in inadequate emergency access?			\boxtimes	

Discussion

A Trip General Analysis was prepared for this project (Peters Engineering Group, 2020), and is included in Appendix A. The Trip Generation Analysis was prepared using trip generation and design hour volumes calculated using the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) Trip Generation, 10th Edition, Volume 2, 2017.

Impact #3.4.17a – Would the project conflict with a program, plan, ordinance or policy addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadway, bicycle and pedestrian facilities?

The trip analysis focuses on estimating the anticipated number of vehicle trips resulting from the project and the associated number of parking spaces required.

The number of employees for the greenhouses, manufacturing, processing, and office buildings and will be as follows: Phase 1–10 staff; Phase 1 and 2–20 staff; Phase 1 through 3–30 staff; Phase 1 through 4–35 staff.

Transit

The project site and surrounding area is zoned for Light Industrial uses. The General Plan does not include transit stops in the project area. The closest bus stop is the KART FLEX stop No. 46 located on 19th Avenue in front of the Montgomery Crossing Apartments.

Bike

The project site and surrounding area is zoned for Light Industrial uses. The General Plan does not include bike lanes in the project area. The closest bike lane is located along Bodega Avenue, which is north of SR 198.

Roadways

The City of Lemoore General Plan states that most traffic studies are to use a LOS "D" as their standard for traffic impact analysis purposes. Caltrans endeavors are to maintain a target LOS at the transition between LOS "C" and LOS "D" on State highway facilities.

The Circulation Element of the General Plan contains design objectives for street standards are as follows:

- To provide guidance for a system of public streets that will meet the City's needs.
- To ensure that streets will fulfill their intended functions, consistent with the General Plan, and support multiple modes of travel.
- To provide adequate traffic-carrying capacity, while minimizing width, to create strong neighborhood character.
- To create a system of sidewalks and bikeways which promote safe walking and bicycle riding for transportation and recreation.

The traffic analysis states that the proposed facility is unique and very little empirical data exists for trip generation related to cannabis facilities. In general, the project trips were estimated based on manufacturing and industrial uses for the western portion of the site and based on office and restaurant uses for the eastern portion of the site. The trip generation calculations were first performed for the complete project (Phases 1 through 4), and the calculations are summarized in Tables 3.4.17-1 through 3.4.14-5 below. The greenhouses were considered to be similar to agricultural land and were not included in the building areas used in the calculations.

The trip generation estimates for the complete project are summarized in Table 3.4.17-1.

Weekday			A.M. Peak Hour			P.M. Peak Hour		
			(Between 7	:00 and 9	9:00 a.m.)	(Betweer	n 4:00 an	d 6:00 p.m.)
Enter	Exit	Total	Enter	Exit	Total	Enter	Exit	Total
625	625	1,250	84	42	126	81	80	161

Table 3.4.17-1Phases 1 through 4 Trip Generation Summary – Complete Project

Table 3.4.17-2 presents the trip generation estimates for Phase 1 of the project, which represents approximately 40 percent completion of the western portion of the site.

Weekday			A.M. Peak Hour			P.M. Peak Hour		
_			(Between 7	:00 and 9	:00 a.m.)	(Betweer	n 4:00 an	d 6:00 p.m.)
Enter	Exit	Total	Enter	Exit	Total	Enter	Exit	Total
54	54	108	13	3	15	6	8	14

Table 3.4.17-2Phase 1 Trip Generation Summary

Table 3.4.17-3 presents the trip generation estimates for Phases 1 and 2 of the project, which represents approximately 70 percent completion of the western portion of the site.

Table 3.4.17-3Phases 1 and 2 Trip Generation Summary

Weekday			A.M. Peak Hour			P.M. Peak Hour		
			(Between 7	:00 and 9	:00 a.m.)	(Betweer	1 4:00 an	d 6:00 p.m.)
Enter	Exit	Total	Enter	Exit	Total	Enter	Exit	Total
94	94	188	23	3	26	9	14	25

Table 3.4.17-4 presents the trip generation estimates for Phases 1 through 3 of the project, which represents 100 percent completion of the western portion of the site.

Table 3.4.17-4Phases 1 through 3 Trip Generation Summary

Weekday			A.M. Peak Hour			P.M. Peak Hour		
_			(Between 7	:00 and 9	:00 a.m.)	(Betweer	n 4:00 an	d 6:00 p.m.)
Enter	Exit	Total	Enter	Exit	Total	Enter	Exit	Total
134	134	268	32	4	36	15	20	35

Typical Weekday Parking Generation

Data provided in the ITE *Parking Generation Manual, 5th Edition* dated January 2019 were used to estimate the number of parked vehicles anticipated to be generated by each phase of the project. It is noted that proposed facility is unique and very little empirical data exists for parking generation related to cannabis facilities. In general, the parking demand was estimated based on manufacturing and industrial uses for the western portion of the site and based on office and restaurant uses for the eastern portion of the site. The parking demand calculations were performed for the complete project (Phases 1 through 4). The calculations were performed for various independent variables. The greenhouses were considered to be similar to agricultural land and were not included in the building areas used in the calculations. The parking demand estimates for the project are summarized in Table 3.4.17-5.

Phase	Projected Parking Demand
1	18
1 and 2	31
1 through 3	43
1 through 4	139

Table 3.4.17-5 Projected Parking Demand

The project consists of a seed to sale cannabis campus, which includes delivery service, manufacturing and processing facility, microbusiness, distribution hub, cultivation facility and a food truck dining area. All street designs are subject to review and approval by the Planning Commission, City Council, Planning Department and Public Works Department. Therefore, the project will not conflict with a program, plan, ordinance or policy addressing the circulation system.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

Mitigation is not required.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

Impacts would be *less than significant.*

Impact #3.4.17b – Would the project conflict or be inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.3, subdivision (b)?

Please see Impact #3.4.17a, above. Impacts will be less than significant.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

Mitigation is not required.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

Impacts would be *less than significant*.

Impact #3.4.17c – Would the project substantially increase hazards due to a geometric design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?

It is proposed that the Venture Place right of way could be vacated in part or all by the City to allow the area to be gated for better security as shown on the site plan. The project will be designed to current standards and safety regulations, and will be constructed as to comply with the City and Caltrans regulations, and design and safety standards of Chapter 33 of the California Building Codes (CBC) and the guidelines of Title 24 in order to create safe and accessible roadways.

Vehicles exiting the site will be provided with a clear view of the roadway without obstructions. Specific design features will incorporate all applicable safety measures to ensure that inadequate emergency access to the site or other areas surrounding the project area would not occur.

Therefore, with the incorporated design features and all applicable rules and regulations, the project will have a less-than-significant impact.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

No mitigation is required.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

Impacts would be *less than significant*.

Impact #3.4.17d – Would the project result in inadequate emergency access?

See the discussion in Impact #3.4.9f.

State and City fire codes establish standards by which emergency access may be determined. The proposed project would have to provide adequate unobstructed space for fire trucks to turn around. The proposed project site would have adequate internal circulation capacity including entrance and exit routes to provide adequate unobstructed space for fire trucks and other emergency vehicles to gain access and to turn around.

The proposed project would not inhibit the ability of local roadways to continue to accommodate emergency response and evacuation activities. The proposed project would not interfere with the City's adopted emergency response plan.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

No mitigation is required.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

	Less than Significant		
Potentially	with	Less-than-	
Significant	Mitigation	Significant	No
Impact	Incorporated	Impact	Impact

3.4.18 - TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES

Would the project:

- a. Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource, defined in Public Resources Code Section 21074 as either a site, feature, place, cultural landscape that is geographically defined in terms of the size and scope of the landscape, sacred place, or object with cultural value to a California Native American tribe, and that is:
 - Listed or eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources, or in a local register of historical resources as defined in Public Resources Code Section 5020.1(k), or
 - 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.

Discussion

Impact #3.4.18a(i) – Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource, defined in Public Resources Code Section 21074 as either a site, feature, place, cultural landscape that is geographically defined in terms of the size and scope of the landscape, sacred place, or object with cultural value to a California Native American tribe, and that is listed or eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources, or in a local register of historical resources as defined in Public Resources Code Section 5020.1(k)?

Please see Impacts #3.4.5a, #3.4.5b, and #3.4.5d, above.

On March 16, 2020, an outreach letter was mailed to the Santa Rosa Rancheria Tachi Yokut Tribe (Appendix B). The outreach letter and follow-up calls are considered best practices within cultural resource management. The Santa Rosa Rancheria Tachi Yokut Tribe responded via email and provided mitigation language that has been incorporated into Mitigation Measures MM CUL-1 through MM CUL-5.

NOTE: Conducting consultation early in the CEQA process allows tribal governments, lead agencies, and project proponents to discuss the level of environmental review, identify and address potential adverse impacts to tribal cultural resources, and reduce the potential for delay and conflict in the environmental review process. (See Public Resources Code Section 21083.3.2.) Information may also be available from the California Native American Heritage Commission's Sacred Lands File per Public Resources Code Section 5097.96 and the California Historical Resources Information System administered by the California Office of Historic Preservation. Please also note that Public Resources Code Section 21082.3(c) contains provisions specific to confidentiality.

With implementation of Mitigation Measures MM CUL-1 through MM CUL-5, the project would not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource that is listed or eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources, or in a local register of historical resources.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

Implement MM CUL-1 through MM CUL-5.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

Impact would be *less than significant with mitigation incorporated*.

Impact #3.15.17a(ii) - 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 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?

Please see Impacts #3.4.5a, #3.4.5b, and #3.4.5d, above.

With implementation of Mitigation Measures MM CUL-1 through MM CUL-5, the project would not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource that is 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.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

Implement MM CUL-1 through MM CUL-5.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

Impact would be *less than significant with mitigation incorporated*.

		Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less-than- Significant Impact	No Impact
3.4	1.19 - UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS				
Woi	ıld the project:				
a.	Require or result in the relocation or construction of new or expanded water, wastewater treatment, or stormwater 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 that 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		\boxtimes		

Discussion:

Impact #3.4.19a – Would the project require or result in the relocation or construction of new or expanded water, wastewater treatment, or stormwater drainage, electric power, natural gas, or telecommunications facilities, the construction or relocation of which could cause significant environmental effects?

The project would be constructed on land that has already been designated for industrial development in the General Plan. The City has indicated that the infrastructure necessary to serve the project is available and sufficient, and that the project will connect to the City's existing water and sewer systems. The project is located within the planned service area for the City services.

regulations related to solid waste?

Therefore, no additional sewer capacity would be required for the proposed project. Impacts are considered less than significant.

The City of Lemoore belongs to the San Joaquin Valley Power Authority, which was formed in November 2006, to develop and conduct electricity-related programs for the region. The San Joaquin Valley Power Authority is the governing body authorized by Community Choice, created by the California legislature in 2002, to provide an opportunity for local government (cities, counties or combinations of cities and counties) to purchase electricity on behalf of their residents and businesses. Community Choice is only for the purchase of electricity. The delivery, metering, billing, operation and maintenance of wires and poles remains the responsibility of PG&E within Lemoore (City of Lemoore, 2008).

There is existing trunk and transmission facilities adequate to meet present and projected demand in the community. The project will connect to the existing transmission lines for electrical power. Telecommunication requirements for the project are typical of this type of land use and would not require any expansion or construction of new telecommunication facilities.

The proposed project would not require or result in the construction or expansion of existing of new water, wastewater treatment, electrical or telecommunications facilities. Therefore, the project would have a less-than-significant impact.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

No mitigation is required.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

Impacts would be *less than significant*.

Impact #3.4.19b – Would the project have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project and reasonably foreseeable future development during normal, dry and multiple dry years?

As noted in Impact #3.4.10b, the Tulare Lake Subbasin total storage capacity is estimated to be 17,100,000 acre-feet to a depth of 300 feet, and 82,500,000 acre-feet to the base of fresh groundwater. According to the 2015 Urban Water Management Plan, the City's 2015 maximum day demand is approximately 12.8 mgd. It is anticipated that the City has sufficient water available to supply the project.

The project will connect to the existing water supply system. The usage of water would be consistent with the City's current demands. As noted previously, the project will comply with City Municipal Codes related to water conservation, such as xeriscape landscaping, drip irrigation, low flow toilets, water efficient appliances, etc. The proposed increase in water usage at the project site is not anticipated to require the construction of new water facilities or the expansion of existing facilities. Impacts would be less than significant.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

No mitigation is required.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

Impacts would be *less than significant*.

Impact #3.4.19c – Would the project result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider that 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?

Municipal Code Chapter 4, Section 8-4-1 notes that the development of land for urban uses substantially accelerates the concentration of surface and stormwaters. The City has established drainage fees to defray all or a part of the actual or the estimated cost of constructing planned drainage facilities for the removal of surface and stormwaters from drainage areas. The project will be reviewed by the Department of Public Works and any applicable drainage fees will be determined. The payment of the fees would help reduce impacts of the project related to wastewater treatment.

Thus, average influent flow to serve development in accord with the General Plan is projected to drop to 3.1 mgd in 2015, and then rise to 6.3 mgd in 2030. The existing headworks will need to be upgraded between year 2015 and 2030 and treatment facilities must be expanded or replaced with discharge requirement-compliant facilities which can handle increased influent volumes.

The project will connect to the existing City sewer system. The generation of wastewater and water would be consistent with the City requirements. The proposed increase in water and wastewater usage at the project site is not anticipated to require the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or the expansion of existing facilities. Impacts would be less than significant.

The project will connect to the existing storm drain lines. The site engineering and design plans for the proposed project would be required to implement BMPs, comply with requirements of the City Building and Development Standards.

Therefore, the project would not require or result in the construction of new stormwater drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

No mitigation is required.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

Impact #3.4.19d – Would the project 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?

Implementation of the proposed project would result in the generation of solid waste on the site, which would increase the demand for solid waste disposal. During construction these materials, which are not anticipated to contain hazardous materials, would be collected and transported away from the site to an appropriate disposal facility.

Solid waste disposal for Lemoore is managed by Kings Waste and Recycling Authority (KWRA). The City's Refuse Division is responsible for solid waste collection services. The majority of the City's solid waste is taken to the Kettleman Hills nonhazardous landfill facility, owned by Chemical Waste Management (CWMI). The facility is located south of Lemoore and has an available capacity of 15.6 million cubic yards as of 2020 (Cal Recycle , 2020). KWRA is currently studying the future needs of solid waste services including building a new landfill to be operated by CWMI near the existing site. The County has a 25-year contract with CWMI to handle its solid waste until 2023 (City of Lemoore , 2008).

Cannabis waste is considered a type of organic waste. There are three State licensing agencies that provide regulations for cannabis waste. These agencies include: Bureau of Cannabis Control, CalCannabis Cultivation Licensing, and Manufactured Cannabis Safety Branch. Based on these agency regulations, a cannabis cultivator is required to dispose of cannabis waste in one of the following methods:

- 1. On-premises composting of cannabis waste;
- 2. Collection and processing of cannabis waste by a local agency, a waste hauler franchised or contracted by a local agency, or a private waste hauler permitted by a local agency;
- 3. Self-haul cannabis waste to one or more of the following:
 - a. A manned, fully permitted solid waste landfill or transformation facility;
 - b. A manned, fully permitted composting facility or manned composting operation;
 - c. A manned, fully permitted in-vessel digestion facility or manned in-vessel digestion operation;
 - d. A manned, fully permitted transfer/processing facility or manned transfer/processing operation; or
 - e. A manned, fully permitted chip and grind operation or facility.
 - f. A recycling center as defined in Title 14, Section 17402.5(d) of the California Code of Regulations and that meets the following:
 - The cannabis waste received shall contain at least ninety (90) percent inorganic material;
 - The inorganic portion of the cannabis waste is recycled into new, reused, or reconstituted products which meet the quality standards necessary to be used in the marketplace; and

- The organic portion of the cannabis waste shall be sent to a facility or operation identified in subsection (c)(1) through (5).
- 4. Reintroduction of cannabis waste back into agricultural operation through on premises organic waste recycling methods, including but not limited to tilling directly into agricultural land and no-till farming.

As a cannabis-related business, the project will comply with all applicable local, State and federal regulations regarding the appropriate disposal of cannabis-related waste products. There is sufficient capacity at the local landfill to accommodate project-related waste. Therefore, project impacts would be less than significant.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

No mitigation is required.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

Impacts would be *less than significant.*

Impact #3.4.19e – Would the project comply with federal, State, and local management and reduction statutes and regulations related to solid waste?

The 1989 California Integrated Waste Management Act (AB 939) requires Kings County to attain specific waste diversion goals. In addition, the California Solid Waste Reuse and Recycling Access Act of 1991, as amended, requires expanded or new development projects to incorporate storage areas for recycling bins into the proposed project design. Reuse and recycling of construction debris would reduce operating expenses and save valuable landfill space.

The project is subject to the solid disposal ordinance of the City of Lemoore as well as the rules of the contracted waste franchise. The project is also subject to Title 4–Chapter 1 of the Lemoore Municipal Code that regulates all solid waste activities from disposal, sorting, and recycling of materials. The Lemoore Public Works–Refuse Department would provide refuse, recycling and green waste collection services. Refuse service fees have been established and would be charged by the City when services are requested.

The proposed project would not be expected to significantly impact Lemoore or Kings County landfills. The proposed project would be required to comply with all federal, State, and local statues and regulations related to solid waste. As stated in Impact #3.4.19d Cannabis waste is considered a type of organic waste. There are three State licensing agencies that provide regulations for cannabis waste. These agencies include: Bureau of Cannabis Control, CalCannabis Cultivation Licensing, and Manufactured Cannabis Safety Branch.

Therefore, implementation of the proposed project would result in a less-than-significant impact with Mitigation Measure MM 4.19-1.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

No mitigation is required.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

Impacts would be *less than significant with mitigation.*

		Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less-than- Significant Impact	No Impact
3.4	4.20 - Wildfire				
land	ocated in or near state responsibility areas or ds classified as very high fire hazard severity es, would the project:				
a.	Substantially impair an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?			\boxtimes	
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 Require the installation or maintenance of associated infrastructure (such as roads, fuel breaks, emergency water sources, power lines or				
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?			\boxtimes	

Discussion:

Impact #3.4.20a – Would the project substantially impair an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?

The 2015 Kings County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) establishes emergency procedures and policies and identifies responsible parties for emergency response in the County, and includes the incorporated City of Lemoore (Kings County, 2015). The EOP includes policies that would prevent new development from interfering with emergency response of evacuation plans. The project will comply with all local regulations related to the construction of new development that is consistent with the EOP.

The General Plan also provides guidance to City staff in the event of extraordinary emergency situation associated with natural disaster and technological incidents (City of Lemoore, 2008). The project would also comply with the appropriate local and State requirements regarding emergency response plans and access. The proposed project would not inhibit the ability of local roadways to continue to accommodate emergency response and evacuation activities. The proposed project would not interfere with the City's adopted emergency response plan, therefore, there would be no impact.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

No mitigation is required.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

Impacts would be *less than significant*.

Impact #3.4.20b – Would the project, due to slope, prevailing winds, and other factors, exacerbate wildfire risks, and thereby expose project occupants to, pollutant concentrations from a wildfire?

Wildfire hazard data for the Lemoore Planning Area is provided by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, as summarized in Table 3.4.20-1. The majority of the City is considered to have either little or no threat or a moderate threat of wildfire. Only one percent of the Planning Area currently has a high threat of wildfire. Wildfire hazard present in the Planning Area should decrease as vacant parcels become developed.

Fire Hazards	Acreage	Percent of City Area
Little or No Threat	5,648	46
Moderate	6,494	53
High	85	1
Very High	0	0
Total	12,227	100

Table 3.4.20-1 Existing Wildfire Hazards

There are no other factors of the project or the surrounding area that would exacerbate wildfire risks, and thereby expose project occupants to pollutant concentration from a wildfire or the uncontrolled spread of a wildfire. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

No mitigation is required.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

Impacts would be *less than significant*.

Impact #3.4.20c – Would the project, require the installation or maintenance of associated infrastructure (such as roads, fuel breaks, emergency water sources, power lines?

See Impacts #3.4.20a and b, above.

The project would require the installation or maintenance of additional distribution lines to connect the buildings to the existing utility grid. However, the project would be constructed in accordance with all local and State regulations regarding power lines and other related infrastructure, as well as fire suppression requirements.

Therefore, the project would not exacerbate fire risk or result in temporary or ongoing impacts to the environment and impacts would be less than significant.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

No mitigation is required.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

Impacts would be *less than significant*.

Impact #3.4.20d – Would the project, 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?

The project site is not located near the ocean or a steep topographic feature (i.e., mountain, hill, bluff, etc.). Additionally, there is no body of water within the vicinity of the project site. As shown in Figure 3.4.9-1, the project is not located within a FEMA 100-year floodplain. According to FEMA, the site is located in an area of minimal flood hazard and has a less than 0.2 percent chance of an annual flooding. As such, the project would not place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal flood hazard boundary or flood insurance rate map or other flood hazard delineation map.

Therefore, the project will not expose people or structures to risks of flooding, landslides, runoff, slope instability, or drainage changes.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

No mitigation is required.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

Impacts would be *less than significant*.

		Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less-than- Significant Impact	No Impact
	.21 - Mandatory Findings of Nificance				
a.	Does the project have the potential to 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 en- dangered 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 significant 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 that would cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly 2		\boxtimes		

Discussion:

indirectly?

Impact #3.4.21a – Does the project have the potential to 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?

As evaluated in this IS/MND, the proposed project would not 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; reduce the number or restrict the range of an endangered, rare, or threatened species; or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory. Mitigation measures have been included to lessen the significance of potential impacts. Similar mitigation measures would be expected of other projects in the surrounding area, most of which share a similar cultural paleontological and biological resources. Consequently, the incremental effects of the proposed project, after mitigation, would not contribute to an adverse cumulative impact on these resources. Therefore, the project would have a less-than-significant impact with mitigation incorporated.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

Implement MM CUL-1 through MM CUL-5, GEO-1, HYD-1.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

Impacts would be *less than significant with mitigation incorporated*.

Impact #3.4.21b - Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are significant when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)?

As described in the impact analyses in Sections 3.4.1 through 3.4.20 of this IS/MND, any potentially significant impacts of the proposed project would be reduced to a less-thansignificant level following incorporation of the mitigation measures. All planned projects in the vicinity of the proposed project would be subject to review in separate environmental documents and required to conform to the City of Lemoore General Plan, zoning, mitigate for project-specific impacts, and provide appropriate engineering to ensure the development meets are applicable federal, State and local regulations and codes. As currently designed, and with compliance of the recommended mitigation measures, the proposed project would not contribute to a cumulative impact. Thus, the cumulative impacts of past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future projects would be less than cumulatively considerable.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

Implement MM CUL-1 through MM CUL-5, GEO-1, HYD-1.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

Impacts would be *less than significant with mitigation incorporated.*

Impact #3.4.21c - Does the project have environmental effects that would cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?

All the project's impacts, both direct and indirect, that are attributable to the project were identified and mitigated to a less-than-significant level. All planned projects in the vicinity of the proposed project would be subject to review in separate environmental documents and required to conform to State regulations, the City of Lemoore General Plan, Zoning Ordinance, and Municipal Codes to mitigate for project-specific impacts. The project will have the appropriate engineering to ensure the development meets are applicable federal,

State and local regulations and codes. Thus, the cumulative impacts of past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future projects would be less than cumulatively considerable. Therefore, the proposed project would not either directly or indirectly cause substantial adverse effects on human beings because all potentially adverse direct impacts of the proposed project are identified as having no impact, less-than-significant impact, or less-than-significant impact with mitigation incorporated.

MITIGATION MEASURE(S)

Implement MM CUL-1 through MM CUL-5, GEO-1, HYD-1.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

Impacts would be *less than significant with mitigation incorporated*.

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APPENDIX A

TRIP GENERATION ANALYSIS



May 1, 2020

Base Camp Cannabis Company, LLC c/o Mr. John R. Peterson 2115 San Miguel Drive Walnut Creek, California 94596

Subject: Limited Traffic Analyses - Trip and Parking Generation Estimates Proposed Venture Place Project West Side of Commerce Way Lemoore, California

Dear Mr. Peterson:

This report presents the results of limited traffic analyses for the subject project. The analysis focuses on estimating the anticipated number of vehicle trips resulting from the project and the associated number of parking spaces required.

Project Description

The Venture Place project consists of a comprehensive seed-to-sale Cannabis Campus and a Food Court dining area to be serviced by a permanent structure and food trucks. The Cannabis Campus is part of a Project Development Agreement and City Cannabis Regulatory Permit which allows for delivery service, a manufacturing facility, microbusiness, distribution hub, cultivation facility, and holding private events. The site plan also includes an office building that could be used for a dispensary if later allowed by the City. The food court/trucks will serve the local area and employee food services, and will occasionally be closed to the public for private events. A site plan is attached.

The Cannabis Campus includes 20 greenhouses with gross areas ranging from 2,700 square feet to 3,600 square feet for a total gross greenhouse area of 71,100 square feet. A 1,350-square-foot accessory building will support greenhouse operations and may be used as a temporary non-storefront delivery and support for the temporary extraction containers during the first few phases. The second phase greenhouse area has the provision for up to six temporary extractor containers to be utilized until the first phase of the processing building is complete. In addition, there are two buildings, approximately 18,000 square feet each, plus an additional 30-percent-maximum mezzanine to be built in three phases, with one building being used for product processing from drying through finished product that does not include extraction. The second building is to be used for extraction through finished product packaging, distribution, and delivery. The mezzanines in both buildings are to be used for offices and non-storefront delivery, with the possibility that, if an additional storefront permit is allowed in the City, it could be considered for a permit.

The Food Truck/Court is to be used to provide an eating option for the local area and the employees of the Cannabis Campus. It can be closed to the public for private events, which

will include a mezzanine area for viewing a small temporary stage area. The area has provisions for a shuttle service stop for local hotels. A shared self-parking lot and valet parking will be used during private events that will be held on occasional evenings and weekends.

The number of employees for the greenhouses, manufacturing, processing, and office buildings and will be as follows:

Phase 1: 10 Phase 1 and 2: 20 Phase 1 through 3: 30 Phase 1 through 4: 35

It is proposed that the Venture Place right of way could be vacated in part or all by the City to allow the area to be gated for better security as shown on the site plan.

Typical Weekday Trip Generation

Data provided in the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) *Trip Generation Manual*, 10th Edition, were used to estimate the number of trips that could be generated by each phase of the project. It is noted that proposed facility is unique and very little empirical data exists for trip generation related to cannabis facilities. In general, the project trips were estimated based on manufacturing and industrial uses for the western portion of the site, and based on office and restaurant uses for the eastern portion of the site. The trip generation calculations were first performed for the complete project (Phases 1 through 4), and the calculations are attached. The calculations were performed for various independent variables, and the results used in the final projection are highlighted in green with bold, underlined font. The greenhouses were considered to be similar to agricultural land and were not included in the building areas used in the calculations.

The trip generation estimates for the complete project are summarized in Table 1.

<u>P</u>	hases 1 th	rough 4	<u>Trip Gen</u>	<u>Phases 1 through 4 Trip Generation Summary – Complete Project</u>												
	Weekday		-	M. Peak Ho 7:00 and 9		P.M. Peak Hour (Between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m.)										
Enter	Exit	Total	Enter	Exit	Total	Enter	Exit	Total								
625	625	1,250	84	42	126	81	80	161								

<u>Table 1</u> <u>Phases 1 through 4 Trip Generation Summary – Complete Project</u>

Table 2 presents the trip generation estimates for Phase 1 of the Project, which represents approximately 40 percent completion of the western portion of the site.

	Phase 1 Trip Generation Summary											
	Weekday		-	M. Peak Ho 7:00 and 9		P.M. Peak Hour (Between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m.)						
Enter	Exit	Total	Enter	Exit	Total	Enter	Exit	Total				
54	54	108	13	3	15	6	8	14				

<u>Table 2</u> Phase 1 Trip Generation Summary

Table 3 presents the trip generation estimates for Phases 1 and 2 of the Project, which represents approximately 70 percent completion of the western portion of the site.

	<u>Phases 1 and 2 Trip Generation Summary</u>											
	Weekday		-	M. Peak Ho 7:00 and 9		P.M. Peak Hour (Between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m.)						
Enter	Exit	Total	Enter	Exit	Total	Enter	Exit	Total				
94	94	188	23	3	26	9	14	25				

<u>Table 3</u> <u>Phases 1 and 2 Trip Generation Summary</u>

Table 4 presents the trip generation estimates for Phases 1 through 3 of the Project, which represents 100 percent completion of the western portion of the site.

 Table 4

 Phases 1 through 3 Trip Generation Summary

	Weekday			M. Peak Ho 7:00 and 9		P.M. Peak Hour (Between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m.)			
Enter	Exit	Total	Enter	Exit	Total	Enter	Exit	Total	
134	134	268	32	32 4		15	20	35	

Typical Weekday Parking Generation

Data provided in the ITE *Parking Generation Manual*, 5th Edition dated January 2019 were used to estimate the number of parked vehicles anticipated to be generated by each phase of the project. It is noted that proposed facility is unique and very little empirical data exists for parking generation related to cannabis facilities. In general, the parking demand was estimated based on manufacturing and industrial uses for the western portion of the site, and based on office and restaurant uses for the complete project (Phases 1 through 4), and the calculations were first performed for the complete project (Phases 1 through 4), and the calculations are attached. The calculations were performed for various independent variables, and the results used in the final projection are highlighted in green with bold, underlined font. The greenhouses were considered to be similar to agricultural land and were not included in the building areas used in the calculations. The parking demand estimates for the Project are summarized in Table 5.

Projected Par	king Demand
Phase	Projected Parking Demand
1	18
1 and 2	31
1 through 3	43
1 through 4	139

Table 5 Projected Parking Demand

Special Events

The trip generation and parking demand for special events will depend upon the type of event and the anticipated attendance. In general, it is recommended that the number of vehicles be estimated based on the expected attendance and an occupancy of 2.5 persons per vehicle.

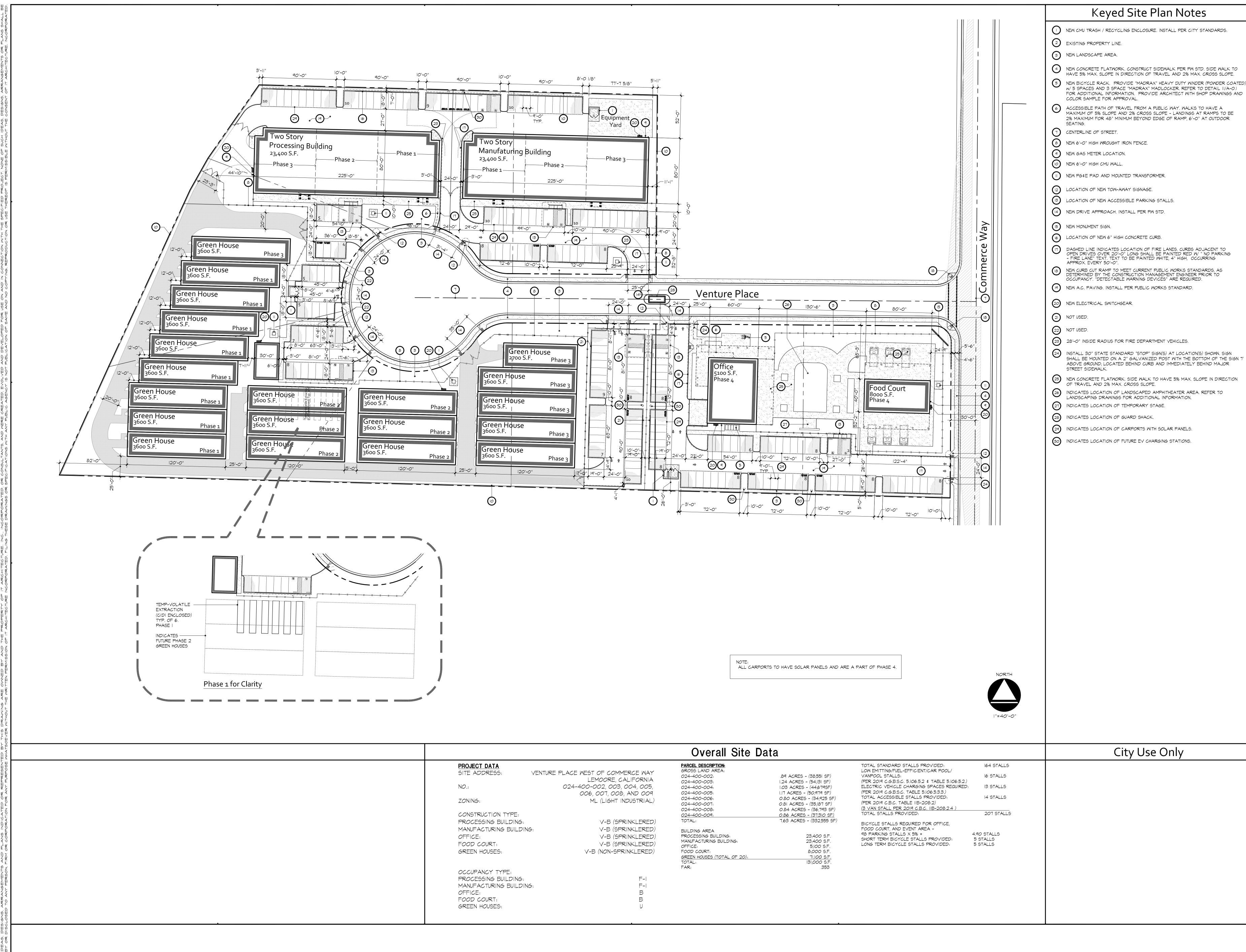
Thank you for the opportunity to perform these traffic analyses. Please feel free to contact our office if you have any questions.

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John Rowland, PE, TE

Attachment: Site Plan Trip Generation Calculations Parking Deman Calculations





		Overall Site	Data
PROJECT DATA SITE ADDRESS:	VENTURE PLACE WEST OF COMMERCE WAY LEMOORE, CALIFORNIA	PARCEL DESCRIPTION: GROSS LAND AREA: 024-400-002: 024-400-003:	.89 ACRES 1.24 ACRES
NO.:	024-400-002, 003, 004, 005, 006, 007, 008, AND 009	024-400-004: 024-400-005:	1.03 ACRES
ZONING:	ML (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL)	024-400-006: 024-400-007: 024-400-008:	0.80 ACRE 0.81 ACRES 0.84 ACRE
CONSTRUCTION TYPE: PROCESSING BUILDING:	V-B (SPRINKLERED)	<u>024-400-009:</u> TOTAL:	<u>0.86</u> ACRE 7.63 ACRE
MANUFACTURING BUILDING OFFICE: FOOD COURT: GREEN HOUSES: OCCUPANCY TYPE:		BUILDING AREA PROCESSING BUILDING: MANUFACTURING BUILDING: OFFICE: FOOD COURT: <u>GREEN HOUSES (TOTAL OF 20):</u> TOTAL: FAR:	
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PHASE 4 TRIP GENERATION CALCULATIONS

<u>Table TG-1.1</u> <u>Trip Generation Calculations – General Light Industrial (Building Area)</u>

Land	Units	Daily (Enter Plus Exit)			A.M. Peak Hour (Between 7:00 and 9:00 a.m.)				P.M. Peak Hour (Between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m.)				
Use		Rate	Total	Rate	In:Out	Enter	Exit	Total	Rate	In:Out	Enter	Exit	Total
110	46,800 sf	4.96	234	0.70	88:12	29	4	33	0.63	13:87	4	26	30

Reference: *Trip Generation Manual*, *10th Edition*, Institute of Transportation Engineers 2017 Rates are reported in trips per 1,000 square feet of building area.

<u>Table TG-1.2</u> <u>Trip Generation Calculations – General Light Industrial (Employees)</u>

Land Use	Units	Daily (Enter Plus Exit)		A.M. Peak Hour (Between 7:00 and 9:00 a.m.)					P.M. Peak Hour (Between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m.)				
		Rate	Total	Rate	In:Out	Enter	Exit	Total	Rate	In:Out	Enter	Exit	Total
110	35 employees	3.05	108	0.52	83:17	16	3	19	0.49	22:78	4	14	18

Reference: *Trip Generation Manual*, 10th Edition, Institute of Transportation Engineers 2017 Rates are reported in trips per employee.

<u>Table TG-2.1</u> <u>Trip Generation Calculations – Manufacturing (Building Area)</u>

Land Use	Units	Daily(Enter Plus Exit)			A.M. Peak Hour Between 7:00 and 9:00 a.m.)				P.M. Peak Hour (Between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m.)				
		Rate	Total	Rate	In:Out	Enter	Exit	Total	Rate	In:Out	Enter	Exit	Total
140	46,800 sf	3.93	184	0.62	77:23	23	7	30	0.67	31:69	10	22	32

Reference: *Trip Generation Manual, 10th Edition,* Institute of Transportation Engineers 2017 Rates are reported in trips per 1,000 square feet of building area.

<u>Table TG-2.2</u> <u>Trip Generation Calculations – Manufacturing (Acres)</u>

Land	Units	Daily (Enter Plus Exit)			A.M. Peak Hour (Between 7:00 and 9:00 a.m.)					P.M. Peak Hour (Between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m.)				
Use		Rate	Total	Rate	In:Out	Enter	Exit	Total	Rate	In:Out	Enter	Exit	Total	
140	7.63 acres	35.02	<u>268</u>	4.62	90:10	<u>32</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>36</u>	4.54	43:57	<u>15</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>35</u>	

Reference: *Trip Generation Manual, 10th Edition,* Institute of Transportation Engineers 2017 Rates are reported in trips per acre.

<u>Table TG-2.3</u> <u>Trip Generation Calculations – Manufacturing (Employees)</u>

Land Use	Units	-	ily lus Exit)	()	A.M Between 7	. Peak H :00 and		.)	(1	P.M. Between 4	Peak Ho :00 and 6		.)
Use		Rate	Total	Rate	In:Out	Enter	Exit	Total	Rate	In:Out	Enter	Exit	Total
140	35 employees	2.47	88	0.37	74:26	10	3	13	0.33	39:61	5	7	12

Reference: *Trip Generation Manual*, 10th *Edition*, Institute of Transportation Engineers 2017 Rates are reported in trips per employee.

PHASE 4 TRIP GENERATION CALCULATIONS (Continued)

		Trip	Genera	tion C		tions	<u>– Sma</u>	<u>ill Off</u>	ice Bu	ilding			
Land Use	Units		iily lus Exit)	(1	A.M Between 7	. Peak H 7:00 and		.)	()	P.M. Between 4	Peak Ho :00 and 6		.)
Use		Rate	Total	Rate	In:Out	Enter	Exit	Total	Rate	In:Out	Enter	Exit	Total
712	5,100 sf	16.19	<u>84</u>	1.92	83:18	<u>8</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>10</u>	2.45	32:68	<u>4</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>13</u>

<u>Table TG-3.1</u> <u>Trip Generation Calculations – Small Office Building</u>

Reference: *Trip Generation Manual*, 10th Edition, Institute of Transportation Engineers 2017 Rates are reported in trips per 1,000 square feet of building area.

<u>Table TG-3.2</u> <u>Trip Generation Calculations – Single-Tenant Office Building</u>

Land Use	Units		ily 'lus Exit)	()	A.M Between 7	. Peak H ':00 and		.)	()	P.M. Between 4	Peak Ho :00 and 6		.)
Use		Rate	Total	Rate	In:Out	Enter	Exit	Total	Rate	In:Out	Enter	Exit	Total
715	5,100 sf	11.25	58	1.78	89:11	9	1	10	1.71	15:85	1	8	9

Reference: *Trip Generation Manual*, 10th Edition, Institute of Transportation Engineers 2017 Rates are reported in trips per 1,000 square feet of building area.

<u>Table TG-3.3</u> <u>Trip Generation Calculations – General Office Building</u>

Land Use	Units	Da (Enter P		(1	A.M Between 7	. Peak H :00 and		.)	(1	P.M. Between 4	Peak Ho :00 and 6		.)
Use		Rate	Total	Rate	In:Out	Enter	Exit	Total	Rate	In:Out	Enter	Exit	Total
710	5,100 sf	9.74	50	1.16	86:14	5	1	6	1.15	16:84	1	5	6

Reference: *Trip Generation Manual, 10th Edition,* Institute of Transportation Engineers 2017 Rates are reported in trips per 1,000 square feet of building area.

Table TG-3.4

Trip Generation Calculations – Marijuana Dispensary

(For informational purposes only – not part of current proposal)

Land Use	Units	Da (Enter P	ily lus Exit)	(1	A.M Between 7	. Peak H ':00 and		.)	(1	P.M. Between 4	Peak Ho :00 and 6		.)
Use		Rate	Total	Rate	In:Out	Enter	Exit	Total	Rate	In:Out	Enter	Exit	Total
882	5,100 sf	252.70	1,290	10.44	56:44	30	24	54	21.83	50:50	56	56	112

Reference: *Trip Generation Manual*, 10th Edition, Institute of Transportation Engineers 2017 Rates are reported in trips per 1,000 square feet of building area.

PHASE 4 TRIP GENERATION CALCULATIONS (Continued)

Table TG-4.1 Trip Generation Calculations – Fast Casual Restaurant

Land Use	Units		iily lus Exit)	(1	A.M Between 7	. Peak H 2:00 and		.)	(1	P.M. Between 4	Peak Ho :00 and 6		.)
Use		Rate	Total	Rate	In:Out	Enter	Exit	Total	Rate	In:Out	Enter	Exit	Total
930	8,000 sf	315.17 *	2,522	2.07*	67:33	11	6	17	14.13	55:45	<u>62</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>113</u>

Reference: *Trip Generation Manual, 10th Edition,* Institute of Transportation Engineers 2017 Rates are reported in trips per 1,000 square feet of building area.

* Small sample size

<u>Table TG-4.2</u> <u>Trip Generation Calculations – High-Turnover (Sit-Down) Restaurant</u>

Land Use	Units	Da (Enter P	ily lus Exit)	(1	A.M Between 7	. Peak H :00 and		.)	(1	P.M. Between 4	Peak Ho :00 and 6		.)
Use		Rate	Total	Rate	In:Out	Enter	Exit	Total	Rate	In:Out	Enter	Exit	Total
932	8,000 sf	112.18	<u>898</u>	9.94	55:45	<u>44</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>80</u>	9.77	62:38	49	30	79

Reference: *Trip Generation Manual, 10th Edition,* Institute of Transportation Engineers 2017 Rates are reported in trips per 1,000 square feet of building area.

Table TG-4.3 Trip Generation Calculations – Food Cart Pod

Land Use	Units	Da (Enter P	ily lus Exit)	()	A.M Between 7	. Peak H ':00 and		.)	(1	P.M. Between 4	Peak Ho :00 and 6		.)
Use		Rate	Total	Rate	In:Out	Enter	Exit	Total	Rate	In:Out	Enter	Exit	Total
926	6 trucks	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	3.08*	n/a	n/a	n/a	19

Reference: *Trip Generation Manual*, 10th Edition, Institute of Transportation Engineers 2017 Rates are reported in trips per food truck.

n/a : Data not available

* Small sample size

PHASE 4 PARKING GENERATION CALCULATIONS

<u>Table P-1.1</u>

Parking Generation Calculations – General Light Industrial (Building Area)

Rate Demand	L and Uaa	Units	Peak Parki	ng Demand
110 46 800 sf 0.65 31	Land Use	Units	Rate	Demand
40,000 Si 0.05 51	110	46,800 sf	0.65	31

Reference: *Parking Generation Manual, 5th Edition,* Institute of Transportation Engineers 2019 Rates are reported in vehicles per 1,000 square feet of building area

<u>Table P-1.2</u> <u>Parking Generation Calculations – General Light Industrial (Employees)</u>

Land Use	Units	Peak Parki	ng Demand
Lanu Use	Units	Rate	Demand
110	35 employees	0.55	20

Reference: *Parking Generation Manual, 5th Edition,* Institute of Transportation Engineers 2019 Rates are reported in vehicles per employee

<u>Table P-2.1</u> Parking Generation Calculations – Manufacturing (Building Area)

Land Use	Units	Peak Parki	ng Demand
Land Use	Units	Rate	Demand
140	46,800 sf	0.92	43

Reference: *Parking Generation Manual*, 5th *Edition*, Institute of Transportation Engineers 2019 Rates are reported in vehicles per 1,000 square feet of building area

Table P-2.2

Parking Generation Calculations – Manufacturing (Employees)

Land Use	IIn:to	Peak Parki	ng Demand
Land Use	Units	Rate	Demand
140	35 employees	0.81	29

Reference: *Parking Generation Manual*, 5th *Edition*, Institute of Transportation Engineers 2019 Rates are reported in vehicles per employee

Table P-3.1

Parking Generation Calculations – Small Office Building (Building Area)

Land Use	Units	Peak Parking Demand	
		Rate	Demand
712	5,100 sf	2.56	6

Reference: *Parking Generation Manual*, 5th *Edition*, Institute of Transportation Engineers 2019 Rates are reported in vehicles per 1,000 square feet of building area

<u>Table P-3.2</u> <u>Parking Generation Calculations – Single-Tenant Office Building (Building Area)</u>

Land Use	Units	Peak Parking Demand	
		Rate	Demand
715	5,100 sf	3.10	16

Reference: *Parking Generation Manual*, 5th Edition, Institute of Transportation Engineers 2019 Rates are reported in vehicles per 1,000 square feet of building area

PHASE 4 PARKING GENERATION CALCULATIONS (Continued)

Table P-3.3
Parking Generation Calculations – General Office Building

Land Use	Units	Peak Parking Demand	
		Rate	Demand
710	5,100 sf	2.39	13

Reference: *Parking Generation Manual*, 5th *Edition*, Institute of Transportation Engineers 2019 Rates are reported in vehicles per 1,000 square feet of building area

<u>Table P-4.1</u>			
Parking Generation Calculations – Fast Casual Restaurant			

Land Use	Units	Peak Parking Demand	
		Rate	Demand
930	8,000 sf	9.93	80

Reference: *Parking Generation Manual*, 5th *Edition*, Institute of Transportation Engineers 2019 Rates are reported in vehicles per 1,000 square feet of building area

<u>Table P-4.2</u> Parking Generation Calculations – High-Turnover (Sit-Down) Restaurant

Land Use	Units	Peak Parking Demand	
		Rate	Demand
932	8,000 sf	9.44	76
932	8,000 sf		76

Reference: *Parking Generation Manual*, 5th *Edition*, Institute of Transportation Engineers 2019 Rates are reported in vehicles per 1,000 square feet of building area

APPENDIX B

LETTER TO SANTA ROSA RANCHERIA TACHI YOKUT TRIBE



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March 16, 2020

The Honorable Leo Sisco Chairman, Santa Rosa Rancheria Tachi Yokut Tribe 16835 Alkali Drive/P.O Box 8 Lemoore, CA 93245 Attn: Shana Powers Director, SRR Cultural Department lmcgee@tachi-yokut-nsn.gov

RE: Tribal Cultural Resources under the California Environmental Quality Act, AB 52 (Gatto, 2014). A Formal Notification for Consultation Opportunity of Proposed Project within the Geographic Area of Traditional and Cultural Affiliation, pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21080.3.1 (hereafter PRC).

Dear Mr. Sisco,

The City of Lemoore (City) is proposing to undertake the following project:

Venture Place – **Application for Proposed Industrial Development:** A request by Thomas Vorhees to construct a roughly 14-acre industrial project. The site is located southeast of SR 41 and SR 198 on the east and west side of Commerce Way (APNs 024-051-018, 024-051-019, 024-400-002, 024-400-003, 024-400-004, 024-400-005, 024-400-006, 024-400-007, 024-400-008, and 024-400-009).

Pursuant to PRC § 21080.3.1 (b), you have 30 days from the receipt of this letter to request consultation, in writing, with the City. We recommend that your request be sent via certified U.S. Mail, with return receipt. Please address your request to the City as follows:

City of Lemoore ATTN: Judy Holwell Community Development Director 711 W. Cinnamon Drive Lemoore, CA 93230

Should you have any questions, please contact our designated representative, Judy Holwell, at (559) 924-6744, ext. 704 or <u>iholwell@lemoore.com</u>. When sending email, please list Tribal Consultation in the Subject Line. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Judy Holwell Community Development Director

"In God We Trust"

