INITIAL STUDY/NEGATIVE DECLARATION

[Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080(c) and California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Sections 15070-15071]

LEAD AGENCY: San Joaquin County Community Development Department

PROJECT APPLICANT: John Sikkhema Construction, Inc.

PROJECT TITLE/FILE NUMBER(S): PA-2000054

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: A Site Approval to expand an existing activated carbon distribution facility. The project includes a 4,250 square foot expansion of an existing 6,785 square foot building to be used for storage of material. (Use Type: Wholesaling and Distribution – Light) The parcel will be served by an existing on-site septic system, public water service from California Water Service, and public storm drain service from County Service Area No. 17. Access is from Wigwam Drive.

The project site is located on the south side of N. Wigwam Drive, opposite the southern terminus of N. Teepee Drive, Stockton.

ASSESSORS PARCEL NO(S).: 132-080-12

ACRES: 0.94 acres

GENERAL PLAN: I/L

ZONING: J-L

POTENTIAL POPULATION, NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS, OR SQUARE FOOTAGE OF USE(S): 11,035 square feet for a warehouse / distribution site.

SURROUNDING LAND USES:

NORTH: Industrial

SOUTH: Industrial; Residential; Stockton Diverting Canal

EAST: Industrial; State Route 99
WEST: Industrial; Residential

REFERENCES AND SOURCES FOR DETERMINING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

Original source materials and maps on file in the Community Development Department including: all County and City general plans and community plans; assessor parcel books; various local and FEMA flood zone maps; service district maps; maps of geologic instability; maps and reports on endangered species such as the Natural Diversity Data Base; noise contour maps; specific roadway plans; maps and/or records of archeological/historic resources; soil reports and maps; etc.

Many of these original source materials have been collected from other public agencies or from previously prepared EIR's and other technical studies. Additional standard sources which should be specifically cited below include on-site visits by staff (note date); staff knowledge or experience; and independent environmental studies submitted to the County as part of the project application (Enter report name, date, and consultant.). Copies of these reports can be found by contacting the Community Development Department.

TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES:

Have California Native American tribes traditionally and culturally affiliated with the project area requested consultation pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.3.1? If so, is there a plan for consultation that includes, for example, the determination of significance of impacts to tribal cultural resources, procedures regarding confidentiality, etc.?

No

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS:

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

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:

			ow would be potentially affected by the indicated by the checklist on the follow		oject, involving at least one impact that is pages.	
	Aesthetics		Agriculture and Forestry Resources		Air Quality	
	Biological Resources		Cultural Resources		Energy	
	Geology / Soils		Greenhouse Gas Emissions		Hazards & Hazardous Materials	
	Hydrology / Water Quality		Land Use / Planning		Mineral Resources	
	Noise		Population / Housing		Public Services	
	Recreation		Transportation		Tribal Cultural Resources	
	Utilities / Service Systems		Wildfire		Mandatory Findings of Significance	
DETE	ERMINATION: (To be completed	ed b	y the Lead Agency) On the basis of t	his ir	nitial evaluation:	
	I find that the proposed project <u>COULD NOT</u> have a significant effect on the environment, and a <u>NEGATIVE</u> <u>DECLARATION</u> will be prepared.					
×	I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A <u>MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION</u> will be prepared.					
	I find that the proposed proposed proposed is required.		MAY have a significant effect on the	ne er	nvironment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL	
	mitigated" impact on the educument pursuant to appl	nviro icabl ribeo	onment, but at least one effect 1) he legal standards, and 2) has been a d on attached sheets. An ENVIRONM	nas b addre	npact" or "potentially significant unless been adequately analyzed in an earlier essed by mitigation measures based on FAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it	
	I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier <u>EIR</u> or <u>NEGATIVE DECLARATION</u> pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier <u>EIR</u> or <u>NEGATIVE</u> <u>DECLARATION</u> , including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.					
	alisa Your	en	+		6-2-2020	
Signa	ature /		 -		Date	

EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

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

<u>I. </u>	AESTHETICS.	Potentially Significant Impact	Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
	cept as provided in Public Resources Code Section 099, would the project:					
a)	Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?			X		
b)	Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?			X		
c)	In non-urbanized areas, substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of public views of the site and its surroundings? (Public views are those that are experienced from publically accessible vantage points). If the project is in an urbanized area, would the project conflict with applicable zoning and other regulations governing scenic quality?			×		
d)	Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?			×		

- a-c) The proposed project, the expansion of an existing 6,785 square foot distribution warehouse with a 4,250 square foot addition, is located on N. Wigwam Drive, in an industrial park, in the Urban community of Stockton. Pursuant to San Joaquin County General Plan 2035 Natural and Cultural Resources Element Figure NCR-1 (page 3.4-13), N. Wigwam Road is not designated as a Scenic Route. Therefore, the project will not impact, or substantially damage, a scenic vista or resources, nor will it affect other regulations governing scenic quality.
- d) The proposed project is an expansion of an existing 6,785 square foot distribution warehouse with a 4,250 square foot addition. The expansion will not alter the existing requirement for outdoor parking area lighting if the parking area is to be used at night. Outdoor lighting is conditioned to be designed to confine direct rays to the premises, allowing no spillover beyond the property lines. Therefore, the project is expected to have a less than significant impact from new sources of light or glare on day or nighttime views in the area.

<u>II. 7</u>	AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY RESOURCES.	Impact	Incorporated	Impact	Impact	Prior EIF
are refe Site Ca use det inc effe by Protecting Protect	determining whether impacts to agricultural resources a significant environmental effects, lead agencies may be to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and the Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the differnia Dept. of Conservation as an optional model to be in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. In the termining whether impacts to forest resources, duding timberland, are significant environmental ects, lead agencies may refer to information compiled the California Department of Forestry and Fire extection regarding the state's inventory of forest land, and the Forest and Range Assessment Project and the Forest Legacy Assessment project; and forest rebon measurement methodology provided in Forest botocols adopted by the California Air Resources and Would the project:					
a)	Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to a nonagricultural use?				X	
b)	Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?				×	
c)	Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code section 51104(g))?				×	
d)	Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?				×	
e)	Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?				×	

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a-e) The subject property is located in the Urban community of Stockton and is not identified or designated as Prime or Unique Farmland or as Farmland of Statewide Importance on maps provided by the California Department of Conservation's Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program. The subject property is designated as Urban and Built-Up Land (D) by the Department of Conservation's Rural Land Mapping Project, which is further described as land occupied by structures with a building density of at least 1 unit to 1.5 acres. The subject property is zoned Limited Industrial (I-L) and is currently developed with a warehouse. Additionally, the area does not have designated forest land. Therefore, the proposed project will not convert important farmland to non-agricultural use or forest land to non-forest use, conflict

with agricultural or forestland zoning or a Williamson Act Contract, or result in loss of forest land.

<u>III.</u>	AIR QUALITY.	Potentially Significant Impact	Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact		Analyzed In The Prior EIR
the cor	nere available, the significance criteria established by applicable air quality management or air pollution atrol district may be relied upon to make the following terminations. Would the project:					
a)	Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?			X		
b)	Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard?			×		
c)	Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?			×		
d)	Result in substantial emissions (such as those leading to odors) adversely affecting a substantial number of people?			×	1 112	

a-d) The proposed project is the expansion of an existing distribution warehouse with a 4,250 square foot addition. The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (APCD) has been established by the State in an effort to control and minimize air pollution. The project was referred to the APCD for review on April 3, 2020. The applicant will be required to meet existing requirements for emissions and dust control as established by SJVAPCD. Therefore, any impacts to air quality will be reduced to less than significant. Therefore, any impacts to air quality are expected to be less than significant.

11.7	PIOLOCICAL RESOURCES	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
	BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES.					
Wc	ould the project:					
a)	Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?		×			
b)	Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or US Fish and Wildlife Service?				×	
c)	Have a substantial adverse effect on state or federally protected wetlands (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?				×	
d)	Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?		×			
e)	Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?		×			
f)	Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?		×			

a) The California Department of Fish and Wildlife Natural Diversity Database lists atriplex joaquiniana (San Joaquin spearscale), Cordylanthus palmatus (palmate-bracted bird's beak), Sagittaria sanfordii (Sanford's arrowhead), California macrophyllum (round-leaved filaree), Thamnophis gigas (giant garter snake) and buteo swainsoni (Swainson's hawk) as rare, endangered, or threatened species or habitat located on or near the site for the proposed project. Referrals have been sent to the San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG), the agency responsible for verifying the correct implementation of the San Joaquin County Multi-Species Habitat Conservation and Open Space Plan (SJMSCP), which provides compensation for the conversion of Open Space to non-Open Space uses which affect the plant, fish and wildlife species covered by the Plan. Pursuant to the Final EIR/EIS for SJMSCP, dated November 15, 2000, and certified by SJCOG on December 7, 2000, implementation of the SJMSCP is expected to reduce impacts to biological resources resulting from the proposed project to a level of less-than-significant.

SJCOG responded to this project referral in a letter dated April 7, 2020, that the project is subject to the SJMSCP, that the project is mapped as Urban Habitat and will require in-house biological oversite. The applicant has confirmed that he will participate in SJMSCP. With the applicant's participation, the proposed project is consistent with the SJMSCP and any impacts to biological resources resulting from the proposed project will be reduced to a level of less-than-significant.

- b-c) The subject property is developed with a 6,785 square foot warehouse with paved parking and maneuvering areas. The proposed project, a 4,250 square foot warehouse expansion will be located on an existing concrete pad. There will be no new ground disturbance and, therefore, the project is not expected to have a significant impact on riparian habitat or wetlands.
- d-f) This application, an expansion to an existing warehouse, will be conditioned to participate in the SJMSCP. The applicant has confirmed his intention to participate in the SJMSCP, therefore, any impacts to biological resources resulting from the proposed project will be reduced to a level of less-than-significant.

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

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

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

a-b) The California Energy Code (also titled The Energy Efficiency Standards for Residential and Non-residential Buildings) was created by the California Building Standards Commission in response to a legislative mandate to reduce California's energy consumption. The code's purpose is to advance the state's energy policy, develop renewable energy sources and prepare for energy emergencies. The code includes energy conservation standards applicable to most buildings throughout California. These requirements will be applicable to the proposed project ensuring that any impact to the environment due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy will be less than significant and preventing any conflict with state or local plans for energy efficiency and renewable energy.

		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
VII.	. GEOLOGY AND SOILS.					
Wo	ould the project:					
a)	Directly or indirectly cause potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:			×		
	i) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.			X		
	ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?			×		
	iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?			×		
	iv) Landslides?			×		
b)	Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?			×		
c)	Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?			×		
d)	Be located on expansive soil and create direct or indirect risks to life or property?			×		
e)	Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water?			×		
f)	Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?			×		

- a) The project will have to comply with the California Building Code (CBC) which includes provisions for soils reports for grading and foundations as well as design criteria for seismic loading and other geologic hazards based on fault and seismic hazard mapping. All recommendations from a soils report must be incorporated into the construction plans. Therefore, impacts to seismic-related (or other) landslide hazards will be less than significant.
- b) The project, an expansion of an existing 6,785 square foot warehouse with a 4,250 square foot addition, will not result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil because the project site has been previously graded and paved. The expansion will be located on an existing concrete pad. As a result, impacts to soil erosion or loss of topsoil will be less than significant.
- c-d) The project site is relatively flat terrain where landslides have not historically been an issue. A soils report will be required

for foundations and all recommendations from a soils report must be incorporated into the construction plans. Therefore, any risks resulting from being located on an unstable unit will be reduced to less than significant.

- e) The project will be served by an existing onsite wastewater disposal system for the disposal of waste water. The system must comply with current onsite wastewater treatment systems standards of San Joaquin County. With these standards in place, only soils capable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks will be approved for the septic system.
- f) The project area has not been determined to contain significant historic or prehistoric archeological artifacts that could be disturbed by project construction, therefore, damage to unique paleontological resources or sites or geologic features is anticipated to be less than significant.

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

a-b) Emissions of GHGs contributing to global climate change are attributable in large part to human activities associated with the industrial/manufacturing, utility, transportation, residential, and agricultural sectors. Therefore, the cumulative global emissions of GHGs contributing to global climate change can be attributed to every nation, region, and city, and virtually every individual on earth. An individual project's GHG emissions are at a micro-scale level relative to global emissions and effects to global climate change; however, an individual project could result in a cumulatively considerable incremental contribution to a significant cumulative macro-scale impact. As such, impacts related to emissions of GHG are inherently considered cumulative impacts.

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

As noted previously, the proposed project will be subject to the rules and regulations of the SJVAPCD. The SJVAPCD has adopted the *Guidance for Valley Land- use Agencies in Addressing GHG Emission Impacts for New Projects under CEQA* and the *District Policy – Addressing GHG Emission Impacts for Stationary Source Projects Under CEQA When Serving as the Lead Agency.* 11 The guidance and policy rely on the use of performance-based standards, otherwise known as Best Performance Standards (BPS) to assess significance of project specific greenhouse gas emissions on global climate change during the environmental review process, as required by CEQA. To be determined to have a less-than-significant individual and cumulative impact with regard to GHG emissions, projects must include BPS sufficient to reduce GHG emissions by 29 percent when compared to Business As Usual (BAU) GHG emissions. Per the SJVAPCD, BAU is defined as projected emissions for the 2002-2004 baseline period. Projects which do not achieve a 29 percent reduction from BAU levels with BPS alone are required to quantify additional project-specific reductions demonstrating a combined reduction of 29 percent. Potential mitigation measures may include, but not limited to: onsite renewable energy (e.g. solar photovoltaic systems), electric vehicle charging stations, the use of alternative-fueled vehicles, exceeding Title 24 energy efficiency standards, the installation of energy-efficient lighting and control systems, the installation of energy-efficient mechanical systems, the installation of drought-tolerant landscaping, efficient irrigation systems, and the use of low-flow plumbing fixtures.

It should be noted that neither the SJVAPCD nor the County provide project-level thresholds for construction-related GHG emissions. Construction GHG emissions are a one-time release and are, therefore, not typically expected to generate a significant contribution to global climate change. As such, the analysis herein is limited to discussion of long-term operational GHG emissions.

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

<u>IX.</u>	HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
Wo	ould the project:					
a)	Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?			X		
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?			X		
c)	Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?			X		
d)	Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?				X	
e)	For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard or excessive noise for people residing or working in the project area?				×	
f)	Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?			×		
g)	Expose people or structures, either directly or indirectly, to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?			X		

- a-c) The proposed project is the expansion of an existing 6,785 square foot warehouse with the addition of 4,250 square feet. Pursuant to the Hazardous Materials Disclosure Survey submitted with the application, the project is not expected to use or store hazardous materials on site, therefore the risk of hazard due to the transportation or use of hazardous materials is expected to be less than significant.
 - d) The project site is not listed as a hazardous materials site on the California Department of Toxic Substances Control EnviroStor database map, compiled pursuant to Government Code 65962.5 and, therefore, will not result in creating a significant hazard to the public or the environment.
 - e) The project site is not located within an airport land use plan or within two (2) miles of an airport. The nearest airport is the Stockton Metropolitan Airport located six (6) miles south of the project site. Therefore, impacts resulting from airport noise levels to people in the project area are expected to be less than significant.
 - f) The project, an expansion of an existing distribution warehouse with a 4,250 square foot addition, is located on N.

Wigwam Drive, in an industrial park, in the Urban community of Stockton. The project currently employs approximately four (4) people and no additional employees are expected to be added. Therefore, the project is not expected to generate a significant amount of traffic to create traffic congestion that would interfere with the execution of an emergency plan.

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

<u>X.</u>	HYC	PROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY.	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
Wo	ould	the project:					
a)	dis	plate any water quality standards or waste charge requirements or otherwise substantially grade surface or ground water quality?			×		
b)	inte suc	ostantially decrease groundwater supplies or erfere substantially with groundwater recharge the that the project may impede sustainable nundwater management of the basin?		X			
c)	the the add	ostantially alter the existing drainage pattern of site or area, including through the alteration of course of a stream or river or through the dition of impervious surfaces, in a manner which uld:			×		
	i)	result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off- site;		(41)	×		
	ii)	substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site;	0		×		
	iii)	create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff; or			×		
	iv)	impede or redirect flood flows?		1.11	X	15 m	
d)		flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zones, risk ease of pollutants due to project inundation?			×		
e)	qua	nflict with or obstruct implementation of a water ality control plan or sustainable groundwater nagement plan?		X		11.2	Wear

a-b) The proposed project is the expansion of an existing distribution warehouse with a 4,250 square foot addition. The project will be served by an existing onsite wastewater treatment system (OWTS). All onsite wastewater treatment systems are required to comply with the Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems standards of San Joaquin County to prevent violations that could degrade surface and groundwater. The project site receives water from California Water Service, a public water system. To mitigate for possible loss of groundwater, the San Joaquin County Department of Public Works requires a Water Supply Facilities Impact Mitigation Fee. The Water Impact Mitigation Fee Program was established to finance San Joaquin County's share of the construction cost for the New Melones Water Conveyance Project, which is intended to mitigate the impact of ground and surface water depletion resulting from new development within the fee area. The fee area includes the unincorporated area of the County within the SEWD and Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District and the area within one-half mile north of the SEWD boundary along Eight Mile Road, between Rio Blanco Road and Alpine Road. Therefore, compliance with the rules and regulations of the Environmental Health Department and payment of the Water Supply Facilities Impact Mitigation Fee are expected to ensure any impacts to surface or groundwater quality and quantity are reduced to less than significant.

- c) The proposed project is the expansion of an existing distribution warehouse with a 4,250 square foot addition. The location of the addition is on a site that was previously graded and paved. Therefore, any ground disturbance will be minimal. Additionally, the project receives public storm drain service through County Service Area No. 17. The Department of Public Works has provided a letter dated February 28, 2020 which states that the county will continue to provide the parcel with this service for the proposed project. Therefore, impacts from alterations to drainage are expected to be less than significant.
- d) The project site is not in a tsunami or seiche zone and the site is located in an area that has been determined to be subject to 1% annual chance (100-year) flood with flood depths of one (1) to three (3) feet (usually areas of ponding). Therefore, the risk of release of pollutants due to inundation is less than significant.
- e) The San Joaquin County Department of Public Works will require the applicant to pay a Water Supply Facilities Impact Mitigation Fee. The Water Impact Mitigation Fee Program was established to finance San Joaquin County's share of the construction cost for the New Melones Water Conveyance Project, which is intended to mitigate the impact of ground and surface water depletion resulting from new development within the fee area. Therefore, the applicant will participate in a groundwater management plan.

<u>XI.</u>	LAND USE AND PLANNING.	Potentially Significant Impact	Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
Wc	ould the project:					
a)	Physically divide an established community?			X		
b)	Cause a significant environmental impact due to a conflict with any land use plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?			X		

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- a) This proposed project is the expansion of an existing distribution warehouse with a 4,250 square foot addition. All improvements will be located on the parcel and the expansion will not construct any barriers that would result in physically dividing an established community.
- b) The project parcel is zoned Limited Industrial (I-L). A warehouse for wholesaling and distribution is a permitted use in the I-L zone with an approved Site Approval application. The proposed project is consistent with all land use policies and regulations of the County Development Code and 2035 General Plan, therefore, the project's impact on the environment due to land use conflict is expected to be less than significant.

<u>XII.</u>	. MINERAL RESOURCES.	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
Wo	ould the project:				
a)	Result in the loss of availability of a known_mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?			×	
b)	Result in the loss of availability of a locally- important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?			×	

a-b) The proposed project, an expansion of an existing warehouse with a 4,250 square foot addition in the Urban community of Stockton, will not result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource of a resource recovery site because the site does not contain minerals of significance or known mineral resources. San Joaquin County applies a mineral resource zone (MRZ) designation to land that meets the significant mineral deposits definition by the State Division of Mines and Geology. Although the project site is in an area designated MRZ-1, there is currently no mining activity in the area, and the surrounding area is developed with residential, industrial, and commercial uses. Therefore, the proposed project will have a less than significant impact on the availability of mineral resources or mineral resource recovery sites within San Joaquin County.

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

- a) The project site is located is located on N. Wigwam Drive, in an industrial park, in the Urban community of Stockton, 550 feet west of State Route 99, and consists of storing and distributing active carbon. No manufacturing activity takes place at the project site. The surrounding land uses are industrial to the north, south and west, and industrial and residential to the South. The nearest residence is located 580 feet south of the project parcel. Development Title Section Table 9-1025.9 Part II states that the maximum sound level for stationary noise sources during the daytime is 70 dB and 65dB for nighttime. This applies to outdoor activity areas of the receiving use, or applies at the lot line if no activity area is known. Additionally, noise from construction activities are exempt from noise standards provided the construction occurs no earlier than 6:00 a.m. and no later than 9:00 p.m. The proposed project would be subject to these Development Title standards. Therefore, noise impacts from the proposed project are expected to be less than significant.
- b) The proposed project is an expansion of an existing warehouse with a 4,250 square foot addition. There is no increase in the number of trucks and trailers to the site with this expansion, therefore, this project will not have any impact on vibrations or other noise levels.
- c) The project site is not located within an Airport Influence Area zone or within two (2) miles of a public airport. The nearest airport is the Stockton Metropolitan Airport located six (6) miles south of the project site. Therefore the project is not expected to expose people in the project area to excessive noise levels associated with an airport.

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

a-b) The proposed project will not induce substantial population growth in the area either directly or indirectly because the project is not anticipated to result in an increase in the number of jobs available. The proposed project would not displace substantial numbers of people or existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere, and the zoning will remain the same if the project is approved. Therefore, the project's impact on population and housing is expected to be less than significant.

Less Than Potentially Less Than Analyzed Significant with Significant **Significant** In The No Mitigation **Impact Impact** Impact Prior EIR Incorporated XV. PUBLIC SERVICES. a) Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services: Fire protection? Police protection? Schools? Parks? Other public facilities?

Impact Discussion:

a) The proposed project is an expansion of an existing warehouse with a 4,250 square foot addition. The project site is located in the Waterloo-Morada Fire District and is in the Stockton Unified School District. Both agencies were provided with the project proposal and invited to respond with any concerns or conditions. A response was not received from either agency. The project site is served by the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office. The office was provided with the project proposal and invited to respond with any concerns or conditions. A response was not received from that office. Therefore, as proposed, the project is not anticipated to result in a need for a substantial change to public services.

XVI. RECREATION.	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
a) Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?			X		
b) Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?			×		

a-b) The proposed project will not increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated, because the project will not generate any new residential units and the project, an expansion of an existing warehouse, is not expected to result in an increased demand for recreational facilities. Therefore, the project will have no impact on recreation facilities.

<u>xv</u>	II. TRANSPORTATION.	Significant Impact	Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact		Analyzed In The Prior EIR
Wo	ould the project:					
a)	Conflict with a program plan, ordinance, or policy addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadways, bicycle, and pedestrian facilities?			×		
b)	Would the project conflict or be inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines section 15064.3, subdivision (b)?				X	
c)	Substantially increase hazards due to a geometric design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?			X		
d)	Result in inadequate emergency access?			X	14	
lmp	pact Discussion:					

a-c) The proposed project is an expansion of an existing warehouse with a 4,250 square foot addition. A project referral was sent to the Department of Public Works on April 3, 2020. The Department of Public Works requires a traffic study for projects that are expected to generate in excess of fifty vehicles during any hour or, and, in the Department's response letter dated April 3, 2020, a traffic study was not required for this project. Therefore, the project is expected to have a less than significant impact on traffic volumes on the local streets, is not expected to conflict with program plans, ordinances, or

policies, and the project did not present with any hazardous design features.

d) The proposed project has adequate access from N. Wigwam Drive that will provide for adequate access for emergency equipment. The depth of the parcel is 205 feet, therefore emergency access to all areas of the parcel are adequate.

<u>xv</u>	III. T	RIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES.	Significant Impact	Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Significant Impact	In The Prior EIR
a)	chares 210 land the or o	uld the project cause a substantial adverse ange in the significance of a tribal cultural ource, defined in Public Resources Code section 0.74 as either a site, feature, place, cultural dscape that is geographically defined in terms of size and scope of the landscape, sacred place, object with cultural value to a California Native erican tribe, and that is:				
	i)	Listed or eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources, or in a local register of historical resources as defined in Public Resources Code section 5020.1(k), or			×	
	ii)	A resource determined by the lead agency, in its discretion and supported by substantial evidence, to be significant pursuant to criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code Section 5024.1. In applying the criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resource Code Section 5024.1, the lead agency shall consider the significance of the resource to a California Native American tribe.			×	

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Impact Discussion:

a) This project site is located on N. Wigwam Drive, in an industrial park, in the Urban community of Stockton. The project is an expansion to an existing warehouse. Referrals were sent April 3, 2020 to the California Tribal TANF Partnership, the California Native American Heritage Commission, the California Valley Miwok Tribe, the North Valley Yokuts Tribe, and the United Auburn Indian Community. No responses or requests for consult were received as a result of the referral, therefore any possible disruption to a potential site is expected to be less than significant.

XIX	K. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS.	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
Wc	ould the project:					
a)	Require or result in the relocation or construction of new or expanded water, wastewater treatment, or storm water drainage, electric power, natural gas, or telecommunications facilities, the construction or relocation of which could cause significant environmental effects?			×		
b)	Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project and reasonably foreseeable future development during normal, dry and multiple dry years?			X		
c)	Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?			×		
d)	Generate solid waste in excess of State or local standards, or in excess of the capacity of local infrastructure, or otherwise impair the attainment of solid waste reduction goals?			X		
e)	Comply with federal, state, and local management and reduction statutes and regulations related to solid waste?			×		
lm	pact Discussion:					

- a) The proposed project is an expansion of an existing warehouse with a 4,250 square foot addition, located in an existing industrial park, in the Urban community of Stockton. The project site currently receives water from a public water system, the California Water Service and storm water drainage through a public system, County Service Area No. 17. The project site will continue to utilize an existing Onsite Wastewater Treatment System. Therefore, the project is not expected to result in the need to relocate existing facilities or require new facilities.
- b) The project receives public water service through California Water Company. The California Water Service has provided a letter dated March 11, 2020 which states that the company is prepared to provide water to the project.
- c) The project will utilize an existing Onsite Sewage Disposal System operated under permit from the Environmental Health Department and subject to the onsite wastewater treatment system regulations that will comply with the standards of San Joaquin County.
- d-e) The project is an expansion of an existing warehouse with a 4,250 square foot addition. As proposed, the project is not anticipated to generate solid waste in excess of State and local standards and will be able to comply with all regulations related to solid waste.

	WILDEIDE	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
<u> </u>	. WILDFIRE.					
cla	ocated in or near state responsibility areas or lands ssified as very high fire hazard severity zones, would e project:					
a)	Substantially impair an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?			×		
b)	Due to slope, prevailing winds, and other factors, exacerbate wildfire risks, and thereby expose project occupants to pollutant concentrations from a wildfire or the uncontrolled spread of a wildfire?			×		
c)	Require the installation or maintenance of associated infrastructure (such as roads, fuel breaks, emergency water sources, power lines or other utilities) that may exacerbate fire risk or that may result in temporary or ongoing impacts to the environment?			×		
d)	Expose people or structures to significant risks, including downslope or downstream flooding or landslides, as a result of runoff, post-fire slope instability, or drainage changes?			X		

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

of wildfires on the project are expected to be less than significant.

XXI. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE.	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
a) Does the project have the potential to substantially degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, substantially reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?			×	
b) Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)?			×	
c) Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?			×	

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

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