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: St. Edwards Catholic Church

PROJECT TITLE/FILE NUMBER(S): PA-1900061

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This project is a Use Permit to expand facilities at an existing Community Religious Assembly with the addition of an 18,810 sq. ft. multi-purpose building to be used as a gymnasium/hall, office, storage, commercial kitchen, and classrooms for up to 200 students. The building is proposed with a maximum occupancy of 400 and will operate during non-mass hours. The building will not change the maximum seating capacity of the Community Religious Assembly which is currently 312. (Use Type: Religious Assembly – Community) This parcel is developed with parking, driveways, drainage, administration office, and existing church. There are 12 new parking spaces proposed for a total of 199 parking stalls. This parcel has access from S. Cardinal Ave., and will utilize public water and sewer, with an on-site stormwater retention basin.

The project site is located on the west side of S. Cardinal Avenue, 985 feet north of E. Main Street, Stockton.

ASSESSORS PARCEL NO.: 159-110-24

ACRES: 6.08

GENERAL PLAN: R/L

ZONING: R-L

POTENTIAL POPULATION, NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS, OR SQUARE FOOTAGE OF USE(S): Religious assembly with a maximum seating capacity of 312, with structures totaling 32,022 square feet, and with a 2,699 square foot priest's house.

SURROUNDING LAND USES:

NORTH: Residential, Diverting Canal

SOUTH: Residential

EAST: Residential, Elmwood Elementary School

WEST: 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. Copies of these reports can be found by contacting the Community Development Department.

TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES:

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

No

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS:

1.	Does it appear that any environmental feature of the project will generate significant public concern or controversy?
	Yes X No
	Nature of concern(s): Enter concern(s).
~2.	Will the project require approval or permits by agencies other than the County?
	Yes X No
	Agency name(s): Enter agency name(s).
3.	Is the project within the Sphere of Influence, or within two miles, of any city?
	X Yes No
	City: Stockton

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	1	Agriculture and Forestry Resources		Air Quality		
	Biological Resources		Cultural Resources		Energy		
(Geology / Soils		Greenhouse Gas Emissions		Hazards & Hazardous Materials		
H	Hydrology / Water Quality		Land Use / Planning		Mineral Resources		
1	Noise		Population / Housing	TE	Public Services		
F	Recreation		Transportation	i	Tribal Cultural Resources		
To the	Jtilities / Service Systems		Wildfire		Mandatory Findings of Significance		
DETE	RMINATION: (To be completed)	ed b	y the Lead Agency) On the basis of t	his in	nitial evaluation:		
	I find that the proposed propo			fect o	on the environment, and a <u>NEGATIVE</u>		
X	significant effect in this case	se b		bee	on the environment, there will not be a n made by or agreed to by the project		
	I find that the proposed pr IMPACT REPORT is requir		MAY have a significant effect on the	ie en	vironment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL		
	mitigated" impact on the educument pursuant to appl	nviro cabl ribeo	onment, but at least one effect 1) he legal standards, and 2) has been and attached sheets. An ENVIRONM	as b addre	npact" or "potentially significant unless een adequately analyzed in an earlier essed by mitigation measures based on AL 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 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.						
Signa	Alisa Garlart Signature 6-26-7020 Date						

EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

- A brief explanation is required for all answers except "No Impact" answers that are adequately supported by the information sources a lead agency cites in the parentheses following each question. A "No Impact" answer is adequately supported if the referenced information sources show that the impact simply does not apply to projects like the one involved (e.g., the project falls outside a fault rupture zone). A "No Impact" answer should be explained where it is based on project-specific factors as well as general standards (e.g., the project will not expose sensitive receptors to pollutants, based on a project-specific screening analysis).
- 2) All answers must take account of the whole action involved, including off-site as well as on-site, cumulative as well as project-level, indirect as well as direct, and construction as well as operational impacts.
- Once the lead agency has determined that a particular physical impact may occur, then the checklist answers must indicate whether the impact is potentially significant, less than significant with mitigation, or less than significant. "Potentially Significant Impact" is appropriate if there is substantial evidence that an effect may be significant. If there are one or more "Potentially Significant Impact" entries when the determination is made, an EIR is required.
- "Negative Declaration: Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated" applies where the incorporation of mitigation measures has reduced an effect from "Potentially Significant Impact" to a "Less Than Significant Impact." The lead agency must describe the mitigation measures, and briefly explain how they reduce the effect to a less than significant level (mitigation measures from "Earlier Analyses," as described in (5) below, may be 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	Less Inan Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact		Analyzed In The Prior EIR
	cept as provided in Public Resources Code Section 099, would the project:					
a)	Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?				×	7
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 a publically accessible vantage point). If the project is in an urbanized area, would the project conflict with applicable zoning and other regulations governing scenic quality?				×	
d)	Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?	H 110		×		

- a-c) The proposed project is located on S. Cardinal Avenue, 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), S. Cardinal Avenue 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 to an existing religious assembly. The expansion will require outdoor parking area lighting if the parking area is to be used at night, but the outdoor lighting will be conditioned to be designed to confine direct rays to the premises, allowing no spillover beyond the property lines. Currently, there are 187 parking spaces on site. The expansion will add 12 additional parking spaces for a total of 199 spaces, however, with the outdoor lighting conditions, the project is expected to have a less than significant impact on day or nighttime views in the area.

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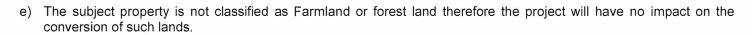
II. AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY RESOURCES.

In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Dept. of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. In determining whether impacts to forest resources, including timberland, are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to information compiled by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection regarding the state's inventory of forest land. including the Forest and Range Assessment Project and the Forest Legacy Assessment project; and forest carbon measurement methodology provided in Forest Protocols adopted by the California Air Resources Board. -- Would the project:

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

- a) The subject parcel is zoned Low Density Residential (R-L) and is not identified or designated as Prime or Unique Farmland or as Farmland of Statewide Importance on maps provided by the California Department of Conservation's Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program. The Department of Conservation categorizes the site as Urban and Built-up Land. Land with this designation is intended for use as residential, industrial, commercial, construction, institutional, public administration, railroad and other transportation yards, cemeteries, airports, golf courses, sanitary landfills, sewage treatment, water control structures, and other developed purposes. Therefore, the proposed project, a Use Permit for an expansion of an existing religious assembly, will not convert important farmland to non-agricultural use.
- b) The subject property is zoned Low Density Residential (R-L) and is not zoned for agricultural use. Therefore, the proposed project will not conflict with an agricultural use and is not under a Williamson Act contract.

c-d)	The subject property is not located in an area of forest land, timberland, or Timberland Production as defined by Public
	Resources Code and Government Code therefore, the project will have no impact on corresponding zoning or
	conversion of such land.



<u>III.</u>	AIR QUALITY.	Potentially Significant Impact	Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No 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?			×		

a-d) The proposed project is an expansion of an existing religious assembly with the addition of an 18,810 square foot multipurpose building. The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (APCD) has been established by the State in an effort to control and minimize air pollution. Therefore the project was referred to the APCD on August 23, 2019 for review to determine if the project could result in significant impacts to air quality. A response from APCD dated September 18, 2019, stated that the proposed project was subject to District Rule 9510 (Indirect Source Review) requiring the completion of an Air Impact Assessment. As a result of the Air Impact Assessment, the applicant is required to instate emission reduction measures for each phase of the project to recordkeeping for each phase of the project to include start and end dates for each phase and the date of issuance of the first certificate of occupancy. Compliance with the requirements of APCD are expected to lessen any impacts on air quality to less than significant.

<u>IV.</u>	BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES.	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
W	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?		X			
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?		X	1 - 3 - 1		
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a) The California Department of Fish and Wildlife Natural Diversity Database lists *Thamnophis gigas* (giant garter snake), *Buteo swainsoni* (Swainson's Hawk), and *Aster lentus* (Suisun Marsh aster) 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 has responded to the referral for this project, stating that the project is subject to the SJMSCP. The applicant has confirmed that he will participate in SJMSCP. With the applicant's participation, the proposed project is expected to be consistent with the SJMSCP and any impacts to biological resources resulting from the proposed project will be reduced to a level of less-than-significant.

b-c) The subject property has no riparian habitat or wetlands located within its boundaries, therefore the proposed project, an expansion to a previously-approved religious assembly, will not have an impact on riparian habitat or wetlands.

d-f)	This application, an ex the applicant's particip biological resources re	cpansion of an existing pation in the SJMSCP esulting from the propo	religious assembly, , the proposed proje osed project will be re	will be conditioned to pa ct is consistent with the educed to a level of less	articipate in the SJMS SJMSCP and any in than-significant.	SCP. With mpacts to

<u>V.</u>	CULTURAL RESOURCES.	Potentially Significant Impact	Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
Wc	ould the project:					
a)	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource pursuant to \$15064.5?			X		
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 an expansion of an existing religious assembly. The project is not expected to have an impact on Cultural Resources as there are no known 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). Following health and safety codes will ensure that any impact to human remains will be less than significant.

VI.	ENERGY.	Significant Impact	Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Significant Impact	No Impact	In The Prior EIR
Wc	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?	11		X		
b)	Conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency?			×		

Less Than

Impact Discussion:

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	I. GEOLOGY AND SOILS.					
W	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?			×	THE STATE OF	
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?			×		III TI
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 will not result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil because the project will require a grading permit and the grading will be done under permit and inspection by the San Joaquin County Community Development Department's Building Division. As a result, impacts to soil erosion or loss of topsoil will be less than significant.
- c-d) The project site is relatively flat terrain where landslides have not historically been an issue. A soils report will be required for grading and foundations and all recommendations from a soils report must be incorporated into the construction

plans. Therefore, any risks resulting from being located on an unstable unit will be reduced to less than significant.

- e) The project parcel will continue to receive sanitary sewer service from the City of Stockton, a public sewer system. Development on the site will not require an onsite septic tank or alternative wastewater disposal system for the disposal of wastewater.
- 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
VIII. GREENHOUSE GAS LIVIISSIONS.					
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: on-site renewable energy (e.g. solar photovoltaic systems), electric vehicle charging stations, the use of alternative-fueled vehicles, exceeding Title 24 energy efficiency standards, the installation of energy-efficient lighting and control systems, the installation of energy-efficient mechanical systems, the installation of drought-tolerant landscaping, efficient irrigation systems, and the use of low-flow plumbing fixtures.

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

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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.

ĮX.	HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.	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)	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?			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?			×	n, di	
d)	Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?				×	
e)	For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard or excessive noise for people residing or working in the project area?				×	
f)	Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?			×		
g)	Expose people or structures, either directly or indirectly, to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?	ne			×	
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- a-c) The project includes the development of a multipurpose building to serve as a hall/gymnasium, classrooms, storage, office, and containing a commercial kitchen, for an existing religious assembly. The proposed use does not include the use, transport, or disposal of hazardous materials nor could there be an accidental release of hazardous materials, therefore, the project will have a less than significant impact on the environment due to hazardous materials.
 - d) The project site is not included on the California Department of Toxic Substances Control EnviroStor database map, compiled pursuant to Government Code 65962.5 and, therefore, will have not create 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 miles of a public airport or public use airport, therefore, the project is not expected to result in a safety hazard or in excessive noise for people residing or working in the project area.
 - f) The project site is currently developed with a religious assembly. The project, an expansion of an existing religious

assembly, will not increase the current maximum seating capacity of 312. The site plan depicts two (2) driveways for ingress/egress. Any roadway improvements required by the Department of Public Works will be conditions of approval for the project. Therefore, the project's impact on emergency plans is expected to be less than significant.

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

			Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
<u>X.</u>	HYD	ROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY.	•		•	•	
Wo	ould	the project:					
a)	dis	late any water quality standards or waste charge requirements or otherwise substantially grade surface or groundwater quality?			×		
b)	inte suc	bstantially decrease groundwater supplies or erfere substantially with groundwater recharge the that the project may impede sustainable bundwater management of the basin?	11	×		7	
c)	the the add	bstantially 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;	7.		×		14
	ii)	substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site;			×		
	iii)	create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff; or			×		
	iv)	impede or redirect flood flows?			×		
d)		flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zones, risk ease of pollutants due to project inundation?	(11 ×		×		
e)	qua	nflict with or obstruct implementation of a water ality control plan or sustainable groundwater nagement plan?		tel I	×		11 = 3

- a) The proposed project's impacts on hydrology and water are expected to be less than significant. The project will be served by a public water system and a public sewer system. The applicant has provided a will serve letter from the California Water Service Company (CalWater) confirming that CalWater will provide water service to the project. The applicant has also provided a will serve letter from the City of Stockton confirming that the City will provide sanitary sewer service to the project. Therefore, these public services will ensure that the project's impact on ground water will be less than significant.
- b) 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. 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. The proposed project's impact on ground and surface water will be mitigated with the required Water Supply Facilities Impact Mitigation Fee which will reduce any impact the project has on ground and surface water to less than significant.

c-e) The proposed project does not propose any substantial alteration to a drainage pattern, stream or river. All necessary drainage improvements onsite will be required as conditions of the construction of the project. The project will not result in substantial soil erosion because the site will be paved and landscaped subject to building code requirements.

Development Title Section 9-1135.2 requires all development projects to provide drainage facilities within and downstream from the development project. Storm water runoff shall be conveyed into a terminal drain or may be retained in a retention basin. The Department of Public Works requires that drainage facilities be provided in accordance with the San Joaquin County Development Standards. The proposed project plans call for storm water to be retained in an on-site retention pond. The Department of Public Works will determine the feasibility of the proposed retention pond.

The project falls within the definition of a Regulated Project as defined in either the County Post-Construction Standards Manual or the County Phase II National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit and must comply with the following conditions:

- 1) A registered professional engineer shall design a system or combination of systems to infiltrate, treat, and/or filter the 85th percentile storm drainage as defined in the County's Post-Construction 2009 "Storm Water Quality Control Criteria Plan" (SWQCCP). The system design shall follow standards as outlined in the 2009 SWQCCP and comply with the conditions of the County Phase I National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. Plans and/or calculations of the proposed system shall be submitted to the County for review and approval prior to clearance for plan check.
- 2) All Priority New Development and Significant Redevelopment Projects must meet the volume reduction requirement outlined in the County's SWQCCP.
- 3) Applicant shall submit a "Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan" (SWPPP) to Public Works for review. A SWPPP preparation guide is available at the Department of Public Works. A copy of the approved SWPPP and all required records, updates, test results and inspection reports shall be maintained on the construction site and be available for review upon request. The post construction chapter of the SWPPP must identify expected pollutants and how they will be prevented from entering the storm system. The chapter shall also contain a maintenance plan, a spill plan, and a training plan for all employees on proper use, handling and disposal of potential pollutants.
- 4) Owner shall be responsible for providing the County with an annual report of operation and maintenance of any system. The property owner shall also be responsible for the payment to the County of an annual system inspection fee established by Resolution of the Board of Supervisors.
- 5) A Maintenance Plan shall be submitted and the execution of a Maintenance Agreement with San Joaquin County will be required for the owner/operator of stormwater controls prior to the release of the building permit.
- 6) Standard Best Management Practices for the type of development proposed shall be incorporated into the site storm drainage design.

With the oversight of the Department of Public Works, any impact the project will have on drainage patterns, surface runoff, or the release of runoff pollutants will be less than significant.

The proposed project site is not in a tsunami or seiche zone. The site is located in the x(levee) flood zone, which is defined as areas protected by levees from the 1% annual chance (100-year) flood. Therefore, there is no risk of release of pollutants due to inundation.

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

- a) This project is an expansion of an existing religious assembly. The existing assembly is located in an urban, residential community. The site is adjacent to residences and to a public elementary school. The proposed expansion is to provide classrooms and social space for the congregation. No part of the expansion would present barriers to the site or to surrounding areas. Therefore, the project will not divide an established community.
- b) This project is an expansion of an existing religious assembly. The project parcel is zoned Low Density Residential (R-L) and the project use type, Religious Assembly Regional, may be conditionally permitted in the R-L zone with an approved Use Permit application. The proposed project does not conflict with any existing or planned land uses, therefore, the project's impact on the environment due to a conflict with any land use plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect is expected to be less than significant.

<u>XII</u>	. MINERAL RESOURCES.	Potentially Significant Impact	Less I nan 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?				X	

a-b) The proposed project, an expansion to an existing religious assembly, will not result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource of a resource recovery site because the site does not contain minerals of significance or known mineral resources. San Joaquin County applies a mineral resource zone (MRZ) designation to land that meets the significant mineral deposits definition by the State Division of Mines and Geology. The project site in Stockton has been classified as MRZ-1. The San Joaquin County General Plan 2035 Volume II, Chapter 10-Mineral Resources, Table 10-7, defines MRZ-1 as "Areas where adequate information indicates that no significant mineral deposits are present, or where it is judged that little likelihood exists for their presence." Therefore, the project will not result in the loss of mineral resources or mineral resource recovery sites within the region.

		Potentially Significant Impact	Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	In The Prior EIR
XII	I. NOISE.		ee.peratea			
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 nearest residence is located approximately 35 feet south of the project site. Development Title Section 9-1025.9 lists the residential use type as a noise sensitive land use. Development Title Section Table 9-1025.9 Part II states that the maximum sound level for stationary noise sources during the daytime is 70 dB and 65dB for nighttime. This applies to outdoor activity areas of the receiving use, or applies at the lot line if no activity area is known. The proposed project would be subject to these Development Title standards. The project will not exceed the Development Title noise standards with the proposed operation because the majority of activities associated with the new buildings will take place indoors, therefore impacts from the proposed project are expected to be less than significant.
- b) The project does not include any operations that would result in excessive ground-borne vibrations or other noise levels therefore, the project will not have any impact on vibrations or other noise levels.
- c) The project site is not located within the vicinity of a private airstrip, an airport land use plan, or within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, therefore, the project is not expected to expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels.

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

a-b) The proposed project, the expansion of an existing religious assembly, will not induce substantial population growth in the area either directly or indirectly because the project does not propose new homes or businesses. Therefore, the proposed project will not displace substantial numbers of people or existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere because the project site is currently vacant. Therefore, the project will have no impact on population and housing.

Less Than **Potentially Less Than Analyzed** Significant with **Significant** In The **Significant** 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?

Impact Discussion:

Other public facilities?

a) The proposed project is an expansion of an existing religious assembly. The project site is served by the Stockton Fire Department and the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office. Both agencies were provided with the project proposal and invited to respond with any concerns or conditions. A response was not received from either department. The project site is located in the Stockton Unified School District and Elmwood Elementary School is directly across from the site. The school district was also provided with the project proposal and invited to respond with any concerns or conditions. A response was not received from the school district. 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 I han 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) This project, an expansion of an existing religious assembly, 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 will not result in an increased demand for recreational facilities. This project includes a gymnasium to be used by church sports teams. The gymnasium is included in this environmental review and is not expected to have a significant effect on the environment.

		Significant Impact	Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Significant Impact		Analyzed In The Prior EIR
ΧV	II. TRANSPORTATION.	•		•	·	
Wc	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?			×		

Less Than

- a) The proposed project is an expansion of an existing religious assembly. The expansion does not affect the maximum seating capacity for the religious assembly. Instead, it will increase the activities available to the existing members. A project referral was sent to the Department of Public Works on August 23, 2019 and the Department responded in a letter dated September 24, 2019 that the applicant was required to submit a Technical Memorandum from a registered traffic engineer certifying that the proposed development will not degrade the level of service along adjacent roadways and/or intersections to unacceptable conditions. A Technical Memorandum, dated February 13, 2020, was performed by KD Anderson & Associates, Inc. The memo addresses the effects of weekday classroom use on traffic conditions at the adjacent elementary school and the effects of evening use on p.m. peak hour traffic conditions. The memo concludes that, although the project's trip generation forecasts may exceed the County's threshold for requiring a TIA, because these forecasts are not achieved regularly and because the County's minimum LOS threshold is met under the studied conditions, that threshold should not apply. The memo concludes that the County's preliminary conclusion of no significant impact under CEQA is supported. Therefore, the project is expected to have a less than significant impact on traffic volumes on the local streets and on the level of service along adjacent roadways, and is not expected to conflict with program plans, ordinances, or policies.
- b) N/A
- c) The project is expected to have a less than significant impact on transportation hazards as all improvements will be on site with no alterations made to public roadways. Additionally, a religious assembly is a permitted use in the Low Density Residential zone with an approved land use permit, therefore, it will not create an incompatible use.
- d) The proposed project is an expansion of an existing religious assembly. The expansion will have access driveways that meet the requirement for one way and two way traffic, therefore, the project is not expected to result in inadequate emergency access.

Potentially Less Than Analyzed Significant with Significant **Significant** In The No Mitigation **Impact Impact** Impact Prior EIR Incorporated XVIII. TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES. a) Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource, defined in Public Resources Code section 21074 as either a site, feature, place, cultural landscape that is geographically defined in terms of the size and scope of the landscape, sacred place, or object with cultural value to a California Native American tribe, and that is: Listed or eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources, or in a local register of historical resources as defined in Public Resources Code section 5020.1(k), or 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.

Less Than

Impact Discussion:

The project site is located in an established residential area on the east side of Stockton. The nearest waterway is Mormon Slough, located 0.4 miles to the south. Additionally, the site is surrounded by development such as streets, sidewalks, and public water and sewer infrastructure.

Referrals were sent August 23, 2019 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 consultation were received as a result of the referral, therefore any possible disruption to a potential site 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 XIX. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS. Would the project: Require or result in the relocation or construction of new or expanded water, wastewater treatment, or storm water drainage, electric power, natural gas, or telecommunications facilities, the construction or relocation of which could cause significant environmental effects? b) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project and reasonably foreseeable future development during normal, dry and multiple dry years? 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? Comply with federal, state, and local management and reduction statutes and regulations related to solid waste?

- a) The proposed project is an expansion of an existing religious assembly. The project site receives water from California Water Service and sanitary sewer service from the City of Stockton, both public systems. The applicant submitted letters from both agencies stating they would continue to serve the project site. Storm water will be retained on site with a retention pond as there is not a public storm drain system available to the site. The project referral was sent August 23, 2019 to Pacific Gas & Electric and AT&T. No responses were received from these utility entities therefore, it appears the project will not require new public facilities, the construction or relocation of which could cause significant environmental effects.
- b) The applicant has submitted a will serve letter from California Water Service dated May 10, 2019, confirming that California Water Serve will continue to serve the subject parcel with water.
- c) The applicant has submitted a will serve letter from the City of Stockton dated July 23, 2019, confirming that the City of Stockton will continue to provide sanitary sewer service to the project parcel.
- d) The project, an expansion of an existing religious assembly, is not expected to generate waste in a quantity in excess of the capacity of the local landfill. The site is served by the Lovelace Materials Recovery Facility and Transfer Station and the Foothill Sanitary Landfill, which, according to the current permit, is projected to be in operation until 2082, providing adequate capacity for the proposed project.
- The proposed project will be required to comply with state and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste so there will be no significant impact in this area.

XX	. WILDFIRE.	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
cla	ocated in or near state responsibility areas or lands ssified as very high fire hazard severity zones, would project:					
a)	Substantially impair an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?			×		
b)	Due to slope, prevailing winds, and other factors, exacerbate wildfire risks, and thereby expose project occupants to pollutant concentrations from a wildfire or the uncontrolled spread of a wildfire?			×		
c)	Require the installation or maintenance of associated infrastructure (such as roads, fuel breaks, emergency water sources, power lines or other utilities) that may exacerbate fire risk or that may result in temporary or ongoing impacts to the environment?	11		×		
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	No Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
a) Does the project have the potential to substantially degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, substantially reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?		X			
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)?		X			
c) Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?		HATE CONTRACTOR	×		

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 have reduced these impacts to a less than significant level.

REVISED SITE PLAN

