#### 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 Joaguin County Community Development Department

PROJECT APPLICANT: XTRA Lease LLC

PROJECT TITLE/FILE NUMBER(S): PA-1900286 and PA-2000077

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: <u>A Specific Plan application to amend the Wilcox Road Specific Plan which was</u> originally adopted in 1977. The Wilcox Road Specific Plan established exact locations and width reserved for future public right-of-way and the construction of any improvements that are not road-related in the planned right of way is not permitted. The amendment proposes to remove from the road plan the section of Wilcox Road (undeveloped) beginning on the south side of Cherokee Rd. and continuing south for approximately 1,800 feet (ending at the terminus of the developed portion of Wilcox Rd. off of St Rt. 88 (Waterloo Road). In addition, the amendment will remove from the road plan a 500 foot section of Ad Art Road (undeveloped) off of Wilcox Road as shown on the site plan. These portions of the Wilcox Road Specific Plan and its future right-of-way prevents\_ development of the parcel that is the proposed site of the Site Approval project described below.

This Specific Plan application is being processed concurrently with a Site Approval application for a facility that will lease and sell semi-trailers. The project includes parking for 622 trailers and the construction of an 8,539 square foot building; 3,421 square feet of the building will be for office operations and 5,118 square feet will be for trailer maintenance. Only fleet semi-trailers will be maintained at the facility. The parcel is served by public services for water, sewer, and storm drainage. Access is proposed at the south end of the parcel, off of Wilcox Road and Waterloo Road. The site for the proposed project is currently bisected lengthwise on the road plan for the planned, undeveloped section of Wilcox Road addressed in the Specific Plan application. (Use Type: Truck Sales & Services-Sales).

The project site is located on the east side of Cherokee Road, 1,215 feet north of State Route 99, Stockton,

ASSESSORS PARCEL NO.: 087-100-72

ACRES: 20 acres

GENERAL PLAN: C/G

ZONING: <u>C-G</u>

POTENTIAL POPULATION, NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS, OR SQUARE FOOTAGE OF USE(S): <u>8,539 square foot building and parking for 622 trailers.</u>

#### SURROUNDING LAND USES:

NORTH: <u>Residential</u> SOUTH: <u>Commercial, Industrial</u> EAST: <u>Residential, Commercial, Industrial</u> WEST: <u>Industrial</u>

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

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



Agency name(s): Enter agency name(s).

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



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	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

**DETERMINATION:** (To be completed by the Lead Agency) On the basis of this initial evaluation:

I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE **DECLARATION** will be prepared.

I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.

I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL **IMPACT REPORT** is required.

I find that the proposed project MAY have a "potentially significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact on the environment, but at least one effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.

I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE **DECLARATION**, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.

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7-10-2020 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.

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# I. AESTHETICS.

Except as provided in Public Resources Code Section 21099, would the project:

- a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?
- b) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?
- c) In non-urbanized areas, substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of public views of the site and its surroundings? (Public views are those that are experienced from publically accessible vantage 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?

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### Impact Discussion:

- a-c) The proposed project is located on Cherokee Road, in a developed area east of the city of Stockton. Pursuant to San Joaquin County General Plan 2035 Natural and Cultural Resources Element Figure NCR-1 (page 3.4-13), this section of Cherokee Road is not designated as a Scenic Route. Additionally, the section of Wilcox Road proposed for removal from the Wilcox Road Specific Plan was not to receive scenic route status if developed. 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 includes a semi-trailer leasing and selling facility. The facility 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. Therefore, the project is expected to have a less than significant impact from new sources of light or glare on day or nighttime views in the area.

#### **II. AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY RESOURCES.**

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

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

#### Impact Discussion:

a-e) The subject property 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 Other Land (X), which is further described as Vacant or Disturbed Land (V) by the Department of Conservation's Rural Land Mapping Project. The subject property is zoned General Commercial (C-G) and is located within an existing commercial, industrial, and residential area. The area does not have forest land or agricultural 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.

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#### **III. AIR QUALITY.**

Where available, the significance criteria establish the applicable air quality management or air po control district may be relied upon to make the fol determinations. Would the project:

- a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation applicable air quality plan?
- b) Result in a cumulatively considerable net incre any criteria pollutant for which the project renon-attainment under an applicable federal o ambient air quality standard?
- c) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial po concentrations?
- d) Result in substantial emissions (such as leading to odors) adversely affecting a subs number of people?

#### Impact Discussion:

a-d) The proposed project includes a semi-trailer leasing and selling facility. 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 December 20, 2019. A response from APCD dated January 6, 2020, stated that the District concluded that the project would have a less than significant impact on air quality when compared to significance thresholds. The applicant was required to demonstrate compliance with District Rule 9510, intended to mitigate a project's impact on air quality through project design elements or by payment of applicable off-site mitigation fees, with completion of an Air Impact Assessment (AIA) application. The AIA was submitted by the applicant and approved by the APCD. Compliance with the requirements of APCD are expected to lessen any impacts on air quality to less than significant.

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### **IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES.**

Would the project:

- a) Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?
- b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or US Fish and Wildlife Service?
- c) Have a substantial adverse effect on state or federally protected wetlands (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?
- d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?
- e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?
- f) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?

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#### Impact Discussion:

a-f) The California Department of Fish and Wildlife Natural Diversity Database lists Buteo swainsoni (Swainson's Hawk) and Thamnophis gigas (giant garter snake) 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-thansignificant.

SJCOG responded to this project referral that the project is subject to the SJMSCP, therefore, this application, a semitrailer leasing and selling facility, will be conditioned to participate in the SJMSCP. The applicant has confirmed his intention to participate in the SJMSCP. With the applicant's participation, the proposed project will 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.

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#### Impact Discussion:

- 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 possible disturbance to human remains will be reduced to less than significant.

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

#### 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.

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#### VII. GEOLOGY AND SOILS.

Would the project:

- a) Directly or indirectly cause potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:
  - i) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.
  - ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?
  - iii) Seismic-related including ground failure, 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 а unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?

#### Impact Discussion:

- a) The project will have to comply with the California Building Code (CBC) which includes provisions for soils reports for grading and foundations as well as design criteria for seismic loading and other geologic hazards based on fault and seismic hazard mapping. All recommendations from a soils report must be incorporated into the construction plans. Therefore, impacts to seismic-related (or other) landslide hazards will be less than significant.
- b) The project will not result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil because the project will require a grading permit as the site will be paved and landscaped. Therefore, the grading will be done under permit and inspection by the San Joaquin County Community Development Department's Building Division. As a result, impacts to soil erosion or loss of topsoil will be less than significant.
- c-d) The project site is relatively flat terrain where landslides have not historically been an issue. A soils report will be required

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

- e) The project will be served by San Joaquin County's Service Area 15 (CSA15) public sewer system and 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.

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#### VIII. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS.

Would the project:

a) Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?

b) Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?

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#### Impact Discussion:

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

Implementation of the proposed project would cumulatively contribute to increases of GHG emissions. Estimated GHG emissions attributable to future development would be primarily associated with increases of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) and, to a lesser extent, other GHG pollutants, such as methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) and nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O) associated with area sources, mobile sources or vehicles, utilities (electricity and natural gas), water usage, wastewater generation, and the generation of solid waste. The primary source of GHG emissions for the project would be mobile source emissions. The common unit of measurement for GHG is expressed in terms of annual metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalents (MTCO<sub>2</sub>e/yr).

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

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#### IX. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.

Would the project:

- a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?
- b) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?
- c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?
- d) Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?
- e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard or excessive noise for people residing or working in the project area?
- f) Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?
- g) Expose people or structures, either directly or indirectly, to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?

#### Impact Discussion:

- a-c) The proposed project includes a semi-trailer leasing and selling facility. The nearest school is 1.4 miles from the proposed project site. Hazardous materials such as are used for the repair and maintenance of semi-trailers, which consists mostly of brake repair, tire replacement, and electrical system maintenance, will be used and stored on site. The San Joaquin County Environmental Health Department (EHD) requires the owner/operator to report to the California Environmental Reporting System (CERS) before any hazardous materials/waste can be stored or used onsite. The existing regulatory framework for the transport and use of any hazardous materials will ensure any impact is 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 nor within two miles of a public airport, therefore, impacts from the project on an airport are expected to be less than significant.

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- f) The project site is twenty (20) acres in size and is currently undeveloped. The project, a semi-trailer leasing and selling facility, will have approximately four (4) to six (6) employees and 15 to 25 trailer trips per day. The site plan depicts the driveway on the south side of the site, at the terminus of Wilcox Road, off of Waterloo Road. 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) Pursuant to the California Building code requirement, the project structure will have fire sprinklers installed inside the structure for safety. Implementation of this safety standard will result in any impact to people or structures from wildland fires being less than significant.

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#### X. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY.

Would the project:

- a) Violate any water guality standards or waste discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade surface or ground water quality?
- b) Substantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that the project may impede sustainable groundwater management of the basin?
- c) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river or through the addition of impervious surfaces, in a manner which would:
  - i) result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or offsite;
  - 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) In flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zones, risk release of pollutants due to project inundation?
- e) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwate management plan?

#### Impact Discussion:

- a-b) The proposed project includes a semi-trailer leasing and selling facility. The project site is in water district and sewer district CSA15 (County Service Area 15) and will receive water service and sewer service through public systems, therefore, no impact on surface and ground water is anticipated.
  - c) The proposed project includes a semi-trailer leasing and selling facility. The project site is in storm district CSA15 (County Service Area 15) and will receive storm drainage through a public system, therefore, storm drainage impact from the project is anticipated to be less than significant.
- d-e) The project site is not in a tsunami or seiche zone. The site is located in an 'x(500)' flood designation area, which is defined as areas of 0.2% annual chance (500-year) flood. Therefore, the risk of release of pollutants due to inundation is less than significant. The project itself, a semi-trailer leasing and selling facility, if approved, will have to comply with Development Title Section 9-1605 regarding flood hazards.

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Less Than Analyzed Potentially Less Than Significant with Significant Significant In The No Mitigation Impact Prior EIR Impact Impact Incorporated XI. LAND USE AND PLANNING. Would the project: a) Physically divide an established community? Х 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?

#### Impact Discussion:

a) This proposed project includes a Specific Plan to amend the Wilcox Road Specific Plan. The Wilcox Road Specific Plan established exact locations and width and reserved future public right-of-way for Wilcox Road. The construction of any improvements that are not road-related in the planned right-of-way is not permitted. The proposed amendment would remove from the Wilcox Road Specific Plan the section of Wilcox Road (undeveloped) that laterally bisects the proposed project site for a semi-trailer leasing and selling facility. Amending the road plan would not divide an established community as the road plan is a paper road and no arrangements to construct that section of road are planned.

The proposed project also includes a semi-trailer leasing and selling facility located on a site that is adjacent to existing commercial and industrial uses to the west and south. To the east and north of the site, on Cherokee Road, is an established residential area. The site plan proposes locating the site access at the south end of the parcel, off of Waterloo Road, through the existing commercial area to lessen any traffic impact on the residential neighborhood.

Additionally, Development Title Section 9-1022.4 requires commercial projects that abut a residential zone to be screened using a solid masonry wall six to seven feet in height erected along the abutting property line. Additionally, Development Title Section 9-410.5(b)(1)(2) requires that side and rear yards of lots within the commercial zones must be increased to a minimum of twenty (20) feet when abutting property that is developed with conforming residential uses. Therefore, the project will be conditioned to require a solid masonry wall six to seven feet in height along the eastern property line and a side yard setback on the eastern property line of twenty (20) feet.

b) This proposed project includes a semi-trailer leasing and selling facility. The project parcel is zoned General Commercial (C-G) and the project use type, Truck Sales and Services - Sales, may be conditionally permitted in the C-G 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.

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#### XII. MINERAL RESOURCES.

#### Would the project:

- Result in the loss of availability of a known\_mineral a) 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?

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#### Impact Discussion:

a-b) The proposed project includes a semi-trailer leasing and selling facility. The project 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 have a less than significant impact on loss of mineral resources or mineral resource recovery sites within the region and in the Stockton community.

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#### XIII. NOISE.

Would the project result in:

- Generation of a substantial temporary or permanent a) increase in ambient noise levels in the vicinity of the project in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?
- b) Generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?
- c) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip or an airport land use plan, or where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?

#### Impact Discussion:

The project site is located 1,200 feet east of State Route 99 and is adjacent to commercially, industrially, and a) residentially zoned properties. The nearest residence is located adjacent to the eastern property line of the project site. Development Title Section 9-1025.9 lists the Residential use type as a noise sensitive land use. To reduce any possible increase in ambient noise levels to noise sensitive residential properties, Development Title Section 9-1022.4 requires commercial projects that abut a residential zone to be screened using a solid masonry wall six to seven feet in height erected along the abutting property line. Additionally, Development Title Section 9-410.5(b)(1)(2) requires that side and rear yards of lots within the commercial zones must be increased to a minimum of twenty (20) feet when abutting property that is developed with conforming residential uses. Therefore, the project will be conditioned to require a solid masonry wall six to seven feet in height along the eastern property line and a side yard setback on the eastern property line of twenty (20) feet.

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. Therefore, with the separation created with the required masonry wall, the 20 foot side yard setback from the residential properties, as well as the maximum sound level which to which the project will be required to comply, any possible increase in ambient noise levels in the vicinity of the project are expected to be less than significant.

- b) The project does not include any operations that would result in excessive ground-borne vibration levels or other noise levels therefore, the project is not expected to have a significant impact on vibration or other noise levels.
- The project site is approximately six (6) miles from the nearest airport. Any impacts resulting from proximity to an airport C) are expected to be less than significant.

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#### **XIV. POPULATION AND HOUSING.**

Would 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 necessitating the construction of housing, replacement housing elsewhere?

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#### Impact Discussion:

a-b) The proposed project will not induce substantial population growth in the area either directly or indirectly because the project site is in a commercial zone. The proposed project would not displace substantial numbers of people or existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere because the project site is currently vacant and the zoning will remain the same if the project is approved. Additionally, the proposed project will employ a maximum of six people which will not create a significant demand for housing. Therefore, the project's impact on population and housing is expected to be less than significant.

XV. PUBLIC SERVICES.	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
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 includes a semi-trailer leasing and selling facility with a proposed 8,539 square foot building. The project site is located in the Waterloo Morada Fire District and is in the Linden Unified School District. Both agencies were provided with the project proposal and invited to respond with any concerns or conditions. Responses were 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. As proposed, the project's impact on public services is expected to be less than significant.

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 recreationa facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?			X		
b) Does the project include recreational facilities of require the construction or expansion of recreationa facilities which might have an adverse physical effect or the environment?			×		

#### Impact Discussion:

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 impacts to parks generated by the employees of this project will be minimal. This project does not include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities, which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment, because the type of project proposed, a semi-trailer leasing and selling facility, will not result in an increased demand for recreational facilities. Therefore, the project's impact on recreation facilities will be less than significant.

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#### XVII. TRANSPORTATION.

Would the project:

a)	Conflict with a program plan, ordinance, or policy addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadways, bicycle, and pedestrian facilities?		×	
b)	Would the project conflict or be inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines section 15064.3, subdivision (b)?		X	
c)	Substantially increase hazards due to a geometric design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?		×	
d)	Result in inadequate emergency access?		×	
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- a) The proposed project will not conflict with a program plan, ordinance, or policy addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadways, etc., because the conditions of approval include conditions to mitigate any conflict. The proposed trailer rental facility is located at the terminus of a developed portion of Wilcox Road, with the proposed driveway on the south side of the property, from Waterloo Road, and will operate eleven (11) hours per day, five (5) days a week, with a maximum of six (6) employees per shift. A referral was sent to the San Joaquin County Department of Public Works on December 20, 2019. The Department's response letter, dated February 24, 2020, did not list a requirement for a Traffic Impact Study, therefore, the traffic impacts at this location are expected to be less than significant.
- b) N/A
- c) The proposed project includes a Specific Plan to amend the Wilcox Road Specific Plan. If the amendment is approved, the Department of Public Works will require the applicant to construct a turnaround for trucks at the current terminus of Wilcox Road at the south end of the project site to mitigate for the loss of the planned thoroughfare. Additionally, the parcel for the proposed project is zoned General Commercial (C-G) and the proposed project, a semi-trailer leasing and selling facility, can be conditionally permitted in the C-G zone with an approved Site Approval. Therefore, the project is not expected to increase hazards due to an incompatible use.
- d) The proposed project includes a Specific Plan to amend the Wilcox Road Specific Plan. The proposed amendment would remove from the Wilcox Road Specific Plan the section of Wilcox Road (undeveloped) that laterally bisects the proposed project site for a semi-trailer leasing and selling facility and prevents full development of that site. The effect of removing this portion of Wilcox Road from the Specific Plan will not result in inadequate emergency access as the road is not constructed and the proposed project site is accessed from the south.

The proposed project has adequate emergency access from N. Wilcox Road north of E. Waterloo Road. The Department of Public Works, in its conditions, requires that the driveway approach be improved in accordance with the requirements of San Joaquin County Improvement Standards Drawing No. 13 [including return radii to accommodate truck-trailer movements for trucks exiting the site so as not to encroach on opposing lanes of traffic]. Pursuant to Development Title Section 9-1015.5(h)(1), access driveways shall have a width of no less than twenty-five (25) feet for two-way aisles and sixteen (16) feet for one-way aisles, except that in no case shall driveways designated as fire department access be less than twenty (20) feet wide. With these required improvements, the project's impact on emergency access is expected to be less than significant.

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## XVIII. TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES.

- a) Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource, defined in Public Resources Code section 21074 as either a site, feature, place, cultural landscape that is geographically defined in terms of the size and scope of the landscape, sacred place, or object with cultural value to a California Native American tribe, and that is:
  - Listed or eligible for listing in the California i) Register of Historical Resources, or in a local register of historical resources as defined in Public Resources Code section 5020.1(k), or
  - ii) A resource determined by the lead agency, in its discretion and supported by substantial evidence, to be significant pursuant to criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code Section 5024.1. In applying the criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resource Code Section 5024.1, the lead agency shall consider the significance of the resource to a California Native American tribe.

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#### Impact Discussion:

a) This project site is located in the urban community of Stockton, one (1) mile south of the Calaveras River, in a developed area. The project is a semi-trailer rental and sales facility that includes an 8,539 square foot building. Referrals were sent December 20, 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 consult were received as a result of the referral, therefore any possible disruption to a potential site is expected to be less than significant.

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### XIX. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS.

Would 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?
- c) Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?
- d) Generate solid waste in excess of State or local standards, or in excess of the capacity of local infrastructure, or otherwise impair the attainment of solid waste reduction goals?
- e) Comply with federal, state, and local management and reduction statutes and regulations related to solid waste?

#### Impact Discussion:

- a) The proposed project is a semi-trailer rental and sales facility, located in a developed area in the urban community of Stockton, that includes construction of an 8,539 square foot building. The project site is located in San Joaquin County's Service Area 15 and will receive sewer service and storm drainage through this public system. The parcel will receive water from the California Water Service. The applicant has provided will serve letters from both utility providers confirming that water, sewer service, and storm drainage will be provided to the project. Therefore, the project will be served by existing services and will not require new facilities.
- b) The project will be served by a public water system. The applicant has provided a will serve letter from the California Water Service Company (CalWater) confirming that CalWater will be able to provide water service to the project.
- c) The project will be served by a public sewer system. The applicant has provided a will serve letter from the San Joaquin County Department of Public Works confirming that the County will be able to provide sewer service to the project through County Service Area 15.
- d-e) The project includes a semi-trailer leasing and selling facility, located in a developed area in Stockton. 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.

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## XX. WILDFIRE.

If located in or near state responsibility areas or lands classified as very high fire hazard severity zones, would the project:

- 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?

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#### Impact Discussion:

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

XXI. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE.

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?

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#### Impact Discussion:

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.