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: Shea Homes LP

PROJECT TITLE/FILE NUMBERS: PA-2000126 (SU)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Major Subdivision- Neighborhood D proposes the development of a 13.31-acre R-MH parcel (Parcel 'Q', or Tract 4047 in Neighborhood D) that would: 1) be divided into 171 residential lots, which would range in size from 2,035 square feet to 2,085 square feet (average lot size of 2,235 square feet), and 36 common area lots; 2) provide for the construction of 166 single family attached ("duet") homes and five detached single family homes with the following characteristics/amenities: a) two-story construction, with homes ranging in size from approximately 1,777 square feet to 2,073 square feet of living area with three to four bedrooms; b) two-car garage per home; c) private back yard and side yard per home; d) homes constructed in the Mission, Prairie, Traditional and Farmhouse architectural themes (to facilitate diversity in colors, materials, roof lines and street frontage); and e) homes fronting onto the loop road and onto alleys within the project, and onto public streets generally on the perimeter of the project; 3) provide internal circulation featuring: a) a loop street and alleys, with no parking along them and with a width of 22 feet between curbs; b) sidewalks on both sides of the loop street, and a sidewalk on one side of the alleys; and c) two access points to public streets: one to Ramsey Drive, between Central Parkway and Tradition Street; and one to Phelps Drive, between Central Parkway and Tradition-Street; 4) provide guest parking scattered throughout the project for 92 guests; 5) provide a homeowner's association for the maintenance of common area lots (e.g., private streets, landscaping, guest parking areas); and 6) be developed at a density of 12.85 dwelling units per acre.

The project is located east of, and adjacent to, Central Parkway, and is bounded on the north, east, and south by Ramsey Drive, Tradition Street, and Phelps Drive, respectively.

ASSESSORS PARCEL NO.: 269-450-39

ACRES: Neighborhood D (13.31 acres)

MASTER PLAN: R/MH (Medium- High Density Residential

ZONING: R-MH (Medium- High Density Residential)

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

171 Single-Family residential units

SURROUNDING LAND USES:

NORTH: Residential

SOUTH: Community Commercial

EAST: Residential 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 (note report title, date, and consultant). Copies of these reports can be found by contacting the Community Development Department.

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS:

1.	Does it appear that any e or controversy?	nviro	onmental feature of the project	will	generate significant public concern
	☐ Yes ⊠ No Nature of	cor	ncern(s):		
2.	Will the project require ap	prov	al or permits by agencies othe	r tha	n the County?
		nam	e(s): <u>Mountain House Comm</u>	unit	y Services District
3.	Is the project within the Sp	oher	e of Influence, or within two mi	les,	of any city?
	⊠Yes ☐ No City: <u>Cit</u>	y of	<u>Tracy</u>		
The er the cho	econmental factors check ecklist on the following parasthetics blogical Resources eenhouse Gases	ced l	pelow would be potentially aff		d by this project, as indicated by Air Quality Geology/Soils Hydrology/Water Quality
	nissions	Ш	Materials	Ш	Hydrology/Water Quality
⊠ La	nd Use/Planning		Mineral Resources	\boxtimes	Noise
⊠ Po	pulation/Housing	\boxtimes	Public Services		Recreation
⊠ Tra	ansportation/Traffic		Utilities/Service Systems		Mandatory Findings of Significance

DETERMINATION:

On the basis of this initial evaluation:
☐ I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
☑ I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.
☐ I find that the proposed project MAY have a "potentially significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact on the environment, but at least one effect 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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PREPARED BY: Frank Girardi

DATE: August 17, 2020

TITLE: Associate Planner

	ISSUES:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
I.	AESTHETICS				
W	ould the project:				
a)	Have a substantial adverse effect on a scervista?	nic 🗌			\boxtimes
b)	Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?				
c)	Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings?				
d)	Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely-affect day or nighttime views in the area?				

a–d) The proposed Major Subdivision application would facilitate the development of a 13.31-acre R-MH (Medium-High Density Residential) parcel and will not affect the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings. The proposed visual and residential land use improvements for the project site are subject to Design Review and existing community approvals to ensure the aesthetics, character, and quality envisioned for the community are maintained. Also, no significant new light and glare impacts would result from the project. Therefore, any impacts on the existing visual character or surrounding residential development will be less than significant.

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ISSUES:

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 the forest carbon measurement methodology provided in Forest Protocols adopted by the California Air Resources Board.

Wc	ould 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 non-agricultural use?			
b)	Conflict with existing zoning for agriculture use, or a Williamson-Act contract?	-		\boxtimes
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 .

Impact Discussion:

a-e) The proposed Major Subdivision application will not affect agricultural uses, agricultural zoning within or adjacent to Mountain House nor will it effect existing Williamson Act contracts. There are no Williamson Act contracts within the project area. Therefore, the proposed application request(s) will have no impact on agriculture and forestry resources.

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III.	AIR QUALITY					
W	ould the project:					
a)	Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?		. 🗆	\boxtimes		
b)	Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?	e 🗌				
c)	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 qualit standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?	у				
d)	Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?					
e)	Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?					

Impact Discussion:

a-e) The proposed Major Subdivision application would facilitate the development of a 13.31-acre R-MH (Medium-High Density Residential) parcel. The project site is within the San Joaquin Valley Air Basin, which has been classified as "non-attainment" for ozone and fine particulate matter - dust (PM-10) as defined by the Federal Clean Air Act. The San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD) has been established by the State in an effort to control and minimize air pollution.

The District maintains permit authority over stationary sources and the proposed project may be subject to District Rules and Regulations. Based on information provided to the District, the proposed project would equal or exceed 50 residential dwelling units and the District concluded that the proposed project is subject to District Rule 9510 (Indirect Source Review). The applicant (Shea Homes LLC) has indicated that they will comply with District 9510 and mitigate the project's impact on air quality through product design elements or by payment of applicable off-site mitigation fees.

Therefore, as a result of the project applicant complying with the rules and regulations of the San Joaquin Air Pollution Control District, the projects impact on air quality standards will be reduced to less than significant.

Less Than Significant

ISSUES:	Potentially Significant Impact	With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES		-		
 Would the project: a) Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, of species identified as a candidate, sensitive special status species in local or regional policies, or regulations, or by the Californ Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish Wildlife Service? 	<i>r</i> e, or plans, ia			
b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional p policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fis Wildlife Service?	olans,			
c) Have a substantial adverse effect on feder protected wetlands as defined by Section of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?	404 t c.)			
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				
 e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinand protecting biological resources, such as a preservation policy or ordinance? 				
f) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Comr Conservation Plan, or other approved loc regional, or state habitat conservation pla	nunity al,			

Impact Discussion:

a-f)The California Department of Fish and Wildlife Natural Diversity Database does not list any rare, endangered, or threatened species or habitat located on or near the site. Referrals have been sent to the San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG) and SJCOG determined that the applicant is subject to and may participate in the San Joaquin Multi-Species Habitat Conservation and Open Space Plan (SJMSCP). The applicant has chosen to participate in the SJMSCP.

Pursuant to the Final EIR/EIS for San Joaquin County Multi-Species Habitat Conservation and Open Space Plan (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.

- b) The project site is not located in a riparian habitat as there is no river, stream or other waterway on the site, therefore, impacts will be less than significant.
- c) The project will not have an effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means, because the project is not within an identified protected wetland. Therefore, impacts will be less than significant.
- f) The project will not conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan, because the project applicant will participate in the San Joaquin Multi-Species Habitat Conservation and Open Space Plan (SJMSCP). Implementation of the SJMSCP is expected to reduce impacts to biological resources resulting from the proposed project to a level of less-than-significant.

		Potentially Significant	Significant With Mitigation	Less Than Significant	No
	ISSUES:	Impact	Incorporated	Impact	Impact
V.	CULTURAL RESOURCES				
	ould the project: Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defin in § 15064.5?				\boxtimes
b)	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to § 15064.5?				
-c)	Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geological feature?				
d)	Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?	· 🗌			\boxtimes

Impact Discussion:

a – d) The development approval will include conditions of approval and mitigation measures to avoid potential impacts to cultural resources. 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).

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VI.	GEOLOGY AND SOILS					
	ould the project: Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:				\boxtimes	
	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	· 🚺	<u> </u>			
	Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.					
	ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?				\boxtimes	
	iv) Landslides?				\boxtimes	
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 result of the project, and potentially result in or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction, or collapse?	s a				
d)	Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property?					
e)	Have soils incapable of adequately support the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are r available for the disposal of waste water?					

Impact Discussion:

a-e) a) The geology of San Joaquin County is composed of high organic alluvium, which is susceptible to earthquake movement. 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. A geotechnical report was completed (June 17, 2020) and all recommendations from the geotechnical report shall be incorporated into the construction plans and included in the conditions of approval. Therefore, impacts to seismic-related (or other) landslide hazards will be less than significant.

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VII	GREENHOUSE GASES EMISSIONS				
Wo	ould the project:				
a)	Generate greenhouse gas emissions, eithe directly or indirectly, that may have a signifi 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) The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD) has published the "Guidance for Assessing and Mitigating Air Quality Impacts", that would be used to analyze air quality and greenhouse gas (GHG) impacts associated with the project. With the rules and regulations of the San Joaquin Air Pollution Control District added to the Conditions of Approval for the project, the impact of the project for greenhouse gas emissions will be less than significant.

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VII	I. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATER	RIALS			
Wo	ould the project:				
a)	Create a significant hazard to the public or environment through the routine transport, or disposal of hazardous materials?				\boxtimes
b)	Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous material into the environment?	s			
c)	Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mi of an existing or proposed school?	le			
d)	Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 659 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 plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport public use airport, would the project result i safety hazard for people residing or working the project area?	t or n a			
f)	For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?				
g)	Impair implementation of or physically inter with an adopted emergency response plan emergency evacuation plan?				
h)	Expose people or structures to a significant of loss, injury or death involving wildland fir including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?				

a-h) The proposed application would not result in, create or induce hazards and associated risks to the public. Construction activities for the project typically involve the use of toxic or hazardous materials such as paint, fuels, and solvents. Construction activities would be subject to federal, state, and local laws and requirements designed to minimize and avoid potential health and safety risks associated with hazardous materials. No significant impacts are anticipated related to the transport, use, or storage of hazardous materials during construction activities are anticipated.

The nearest airport is the Byron Airport, located approximately 5 miles northwest of the project site. The proposed structures will not exceed 50 feet in height. Project referrals have been sent to Caltrans Division of Aeronautics, Contra Costa County ALUC, SJCOG ALUC, and Byron Airport. Any comments or conditions of approval received from the agencies will be included in the final conditions of approval to ensure any impacts are reduced to less than significant.

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IX.	HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY				
Wo	ould the project:				
a)	Violate any water quality standards or wast discharge requirements?	e 🗌			
b)	Substantially deplete groundwater supplies interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net de in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?	ficit n o to od			
c)	Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through alteration of the course of a stream or river, manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site?				
d)	Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site?				
e)	Create or contribute runoff water which we exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?	ould 🗌			
f)	Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?			\boxtimes	<u> </u>
g)	Place housing within a 100-year floodplain hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate or other flood hazard delineation map?	Мар			
h)	Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flows?	ilood			

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i)	Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding including flooding as a result of the failure of levee or dam?],			
j-)	Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?		.[\boxtimes

a-j) 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 Mountain House Community Services District (MHCSD) confirming that MHCSD will provide sewer, storm drainage and water services to the project site. The project would be required to comply with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Systems (NPDES) permit program. Also, the residential development would be required to implement additional water quality Best Management Practices (BMP's). These BMP's would be determined on a case-by-case basis and approved by the MHCSD. Therefore, project impacts related to hydrology and water quality will be less than significant.

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X.	LAND USE AND PLANNING				
	ould the project: Physically divide an established community	? 🗌			\boxtimes
b)	Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to the general plan, specific plan local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?				
c)	Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan?				
d)	Result in land use/operational conflicts between existing and proposed on-site or off-site land uses?			·⊠	

Impact Discussion:

- a-d) The proposed project is subject to the 2035 San Joaquin County General Plan, Mountain House Master Plan, and Specific Plan II document. The current Master Plan designation is R/MH and the zoning is R-MH. The proposed development project would do the following:
- 1) Provide for the development of a 13.31-acre R-MH parcel (Parcel 'Q' or Tract 4047of Neighborhood D) that would be divided into 171 residential lots, which would range in size from 2,035 square feet to 2,805 square feet (average lot size of 2,235 square feet), and 36 common area lots;
- 2) Provide for the construction of 166 single family attached ("duet") homes and five detached single family homes with the following characteristics/amenities: a) two-story construction, with homes ranging in size from approximately 1,777 square feet to 2,073 square feet of living area with three to four bedrooms; b) two-car garage per home; c) private back yard and side yard per home; d) homes constructed in the Mission, Prairie, Traditional and Farmhouse architectural themes (to facilitate diversity in colors, materials, roof lines and street frontage); and e) homes fronting onto the loop road and onto alleys within the project, and onto public streets generally on the perimeter of the project;
- 3) Provide internal circulation featuring: a) a loop street and alleys, with no parking along them and with a width of 22 feet between curbs; b) sidewalks on both sides of the loop street, and a sidewalk on one side of the alleys; and c) two access points to public streets: one to Ramsey Drive, between Central Parkway and Tradition Street; and one to Phelps Drive, between Central Parkway and Tradition Street;
- 4) Provide guest parking scattered throughout the project for 92 guests;
- 5) Provide a homeowner's association for the maintenance of common area lots (e.g., private streets, landscaping, guest parking areas; and be developed at a density of 12.85 dwelling units per acre.

A K-6 school and neighborhood park are located immediately east-northeast of the project site and the proposed residential development would not result in any adjacent land use conflicts with the existing uses. As such, the building placement and residential architecture located near the school and park uses, shall reflect the common theme established for the neighborhood in terms of form, detail, materials and colors. (SP II 4.6, Neighborhood Center Focus Areas, SP II Implementation Measure No. 40)

The Master Plan and Specific Plan II documents contain over 300 policies and implementation measures addressing land use and planning, and this residential development project and Major Subdivision application are consistent with those goals, objectives, and implementation measures of these documents. Also, the project site is subject to Mountain House Residential Design Manual and Design Review to ensure these implementation measures are maintained. Therefore, the proposed residential development project and Major Subdivision application will have a less than significant impact on existing land uses and planning policies and plans.

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XI.	MINERAL RESOURCES					
	ould the project: Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to t region and the residents of the state?	he				
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 project 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 will-retain an approximately 1.0 acre minimally developed and landscaped lot at the corner of Phelps Drive and Tradition Street for potential mineral rights access. Therefore, the project will have less than a significant impact on the availability of mineral resources or mineral resource recovery sites within San Joaquin County and the Mountain House community.

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W	ould the project result in:					
a)	Exposure of persons to or generation of noilevels in excess of standards established in local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?					
b)	Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?					
c)	A substantial permanent increase in ambier noise levels in the project vicinity above levexisting without the project?					
d)	A substantial temporary or periodic increase ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?	e in 🗌				
e)	For a project located within an airport land of plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project are excessive noise levels?	t or				
f)	For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?					

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Impact Discussion:

a-f) The development project may have equipment utilized in the grading of the site that will temporarily increase the area's ambient noise levels. Underlying projects when approved will be required to comply with Development Title Section 9-1025.9 (c) (3) which states that:

Noise sources associated with construction are exempt from the provisions of the Noise Ordinance provided such activities do not take place before 6:00 a.m. or after 9:00 p.m. on any day.

As such, noise generation from the proposed underlying projects will be reduced to less than significant with this added condition.

Development Title Section 9-1025.9 lists the Residential use type as a noise sensitive land use. Development Title Section 9-1025.9(d) states that the Review Authority shall require the preparation of an acoustical study in instances where it has been determined that a project may expose existing or proposed noise sensitive land uses to noise levels exceeding the noise standards specified in Table 9-1025.9.

An Environmental Noise Analysis was prepared by Illingworth and Rodkin on July 16, 2020 and it was determined that the exterior noise levels at the backyards of residences nearest to Central Parkway would exceed the 65 dBA Ldn threshold for San Joaquin County. If approved the following conditions shall apply:

NOISE WALL: A six-foot noise wall made of concrete or masonry block is required between the residences and connect to each residence (along the western facades) of the proposed lots facing Central Parkway and the wall shall be included in the improvement plans. (Development Title Section 9-1150.10)

Interior noise levels within new residential units are required to be maintained at or below 45 dBA Ldn. The proposed lots adjacent to Central Parkway would be set back approximately 65 feet from the centerline of the roadway. The exterior-facing rooms along the eastern facades as well as the northern facades of and southern facades, would have direct line-of-sight to the roadway without any shielding from adjacent buildings. At the 65-foot setback, the rooms facing the eastern building facades would be exposed to future exterior noise levels ranging from 69 to 70 dBA La. Therefore, the first row of residences adjacent to Central Parkway would require sound-rated construction materials with the inclusion of adequate forced-air mechanical ventilation to achieve the 45 dBA Ldn. Attaining the necessary noise reduction from exterior to interior spaces is readily achievable with proper wall construction techniques, the selections of proper windows and doors, and the incorporation of forced-air mechanical ventilation systems. The mentioned noise insulation features would adequately reduce interior noise levels in all units to 45 dBA Ldn or less, satisfying the interior noise thresholds of 45 dBA for San Joaquin County. recommendations will be incorporated into the final design of the proposed residences. Therefore, any exposure to noise sources or excessive noise levels will be reduced to less than significant with the above conditions for a noise wall and incorporation of sound rated construction materials.

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XII	I. POPULATION AND HOUSING					
	ould the project: Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by propose new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?	or				
b)	Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?		-			
c)	Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?	ent				

Impact Discussion:

a) 171 residential units are anticipated as part of the project development and will serve letters have been provided to the Community Development Department to serve the 171 residential units. Mountain House was planned with a mix of residential, commercial, and industrial development land uses and to be a "self-contained community, thus to minimize growth-inducing impacts. Because the capacity of the onsite water and wastewater plants would serve no more than the projected onsite population as specified in the existing community approvals this would eliminate this potential growth-inducing impact.

ISSUES:	Potentially Significant Impact	Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
XIV. PUBLIC SERVICES				
a) Would the project result in substantial adve physical impacts associated with the provis 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 seratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:	ion al rvice			
Fire protection? Police protection? Schools? Parks? Other public facilities?				

Impact Discussion:

a) The proposed project is for a 171-family residential project and this is substantially the same residential development potential assumed under the existing approved Specific Plan II document. Therefore, the project would result in a less than significant impact on public services and no additional mitigation measures are necessary.

	ISSUES:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
XV	. RECREATION				
a)	Would the project increase the use of existineighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would or be accelerated?	<u> </u>			
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) There is an existing neighborhood park located northwest of the proposed residential project site. No significant impacts on existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational parks or other recreational facilities, either at the Mountain House Community or off-site, is expected such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur as result of the residential development project.

	ISSUES:	Potentially Significant Impact	Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
ΧV	I. TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC				
Wo a)	conflict with an applicable plan, ordinance or policy establishing measures of effectiveness the performance of the circulation system, takinto account all modes of transportation included mass transit and non-motorized travel and relevant components of the circulation system including but not limited to intersections, street highways and freeways, pedestrian and bicyclopaths, and mass transit?	for king ding n, ets,			
b)	Conflict with an applicable congestion management program, including, but not limit to level of service standards and travel dema measures, or other standards established by county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways?	nd			
c)	Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks?				<u> </u>
d)	Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?				
e)	Result in inadequate emergency access?			\boxtimes	
f)	Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs regarding public transit, bicycle, or pedestrian facilities, or otherwise decrease the performance or safety of such facilities?	пе			

Impact Discussion:

a-f) Master Plan Chapter Nine, Transportation and Circulation addresses the expected traffic volumes and anticipates the need for and timing of circulation improvements required to serve the community and project area through buildout. The proposed project is within the scope of the existing Transportation Demand Management approval for the Mountain House Community; and the conditions of approval will include all applicable mitigation measures and policies of the Master Plan and Specific Plan II documents. As such, through the collection of local and regional traffic impact fees, the project would generate funds to be collected by the County Transportation Impact Mitigation Fee (TIMF) and MHTIF to pay for future roadway and transportation program responsibilities of the project. Therefore, the proposed residential project is not in conflict with any adopted polices or plans and will have a less than significant impact on existing traffic and roadway levels of service.

	ISSUES:	Potentially Significant Impact	Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
XV	II. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS				
	ould the project:	. —		K	
a)	Exceed wastewater treatment requirements the applicable Regional Water Quality Cont Board?				
b)	Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environment effects?	etion			
c)	Require or result in the construction of new construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, t construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?	he			
d)	Have sufficient water supplies available to- serve the project from existing entitlements resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed?	and			
e)	Result in a determination by the wastewate treatment provider which serves or may ser the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?				
f)	Be served by a landfill with sufficient permit capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs?				
g)	Comply with federal, state, and local statute and regulations related to solid waste?	es 🗌			

Impact Discussion:

a-g) The project site will be served by the Mountain House Community Services District for sewer, water and terminal storm drainage. The utility infrastructure consisting, of a water distribution system, a sanitary sewer drain system, have been constructed for the development of Neighborhood D. The utilities would be extended to the proposed project site. Therefore, the project would not result in significant impacts on utilities and service systems and no additional mitigation measures are necessary.

ISSUES:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	
XVIII. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFIC	CANCE				
a) Does the project have the potential to degree the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife specicause a fish or wildlife population to drop be self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate plant or animal community, reduce the numor-restrict the range of a rare or endangere or animal or eliminate important examples major periods of California history or prehis	y es, elow a nber d plant of the				
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)?					
 Does the project have environmental effect which will cause substantial adverse effect on human beings, either directly or indirect 	s				
Impact Discussion:					
a-c) The proposed project will have no impa Resources, Geology and Soils, Mineral				lture <u>,</u> Cultural	

ATTACHED TENTATIVE MAP

