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: North Star Engineering Group, Inc.

Project Title/File Number(s): PA-2000152 (ZR)

Project Description: A Zone Reclassification application to change the zoning of two parcels totaling 25.92 acres from AU-20 (Agriculture-Urban Reserve, 20 acre minimum) to R-L (Low Density Residential) and one parcel totaling 2.0-acres from AU-20 (Agriculture-Urban Reserve, 20 acre minimum) to C-G (General Commercial) for subsequent commercial and residential development and use. The General Plan designation for the 25.92 acres is R/L (Residential Low Density) and C/G (General Commercial) for the 2.0-acre parcel. The parcels receive water from the California Water Service. The applicant has submitted a will serve letter from the City of Stockton for sewer service. Public storm drainage will be required. Both parcels are accessed off of Main Street.

The project is located on the southwest corner of E. Main Street and Walker Lane, Stockton.

Assessor's Parcel No(s).: 173-280-03, -24, & -25

Acres: 27.92

General Plan: R/L (Low Density Residential), C/G (General Commercial)

Zoning: AU-20 Agriculture Urban Reserve

Potential Population, Number of Dwelling Units, or Square Footage of Use(s):

155 dwelling units

Surrounding Land Uses:

North: Low Density Residential

South: Mormon Slough, Agriculture with scattered residences

East: Agricultural with scattered residences **West:** Low Density Residential. City of Stockton

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 (5/7/21); 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? PA-2000152 (ZR) – Initial Study

	Yes X No
	Nature of concern(s):
2.	Will the project require approval or permits by agencies other than the County?
	X Yes No
	Agency name(s): 2. Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo)
3.	Is the project within the Sphere of Influence, or within two miles, of any city?
	X Yes No
	City: Stockton

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:

	The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project, involving at least one impact that is a "Potentially Significant Impact" as indicated by the checklist on the following pages.					
	Aesthetics		Agriculture and Forestry Resources	6	Air Quality	
	Biological Resources		Cultural Resources		Energy	
	Geology / Soils		Greenhouse Gas Emissions		Hazards & Hazardous Materials	
	Hydrology / Water Quality		Land Use / Planning		Mineral Resources	
	Noise		Population / Housing		Public Services	
	Recreation		Transportation		Tribal Cultural Resources	
	Utilities / Service Systems		Wildfire		Mandatory Findings of Significance	
Dete	mination: (To be completed	by the	e Lead Agency) On the basis of this	initial	evaluation:	
	I find that the proposed pr <u>DECLARATION</u> will be pre			ffect	on the environment, and a <u>NEGATIVE</u>	
X	significant effect in this case	se be		e bee	on the environment, there will not be a n made by or agreed to by the project	
	I find that the proposed pr IMPACT REPORT is requir		MAY have a significant effect on t	he er	nvironment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL	
	mitigated" impact on the educument pursuant to appl	nviro icable ribed	onment, but at least one effect 1) le legal standards, and 2) has been on attached sheets. An ENVIRONN	nas b addre	npact" or "potentially significant unless been adequately analyzed in an earlier essed by mitigation measures based on AL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it	
	I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier <u>EIR</u> or <u>NEGATIVE DECLARATION</u> pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier <u>EIR</u> or <u>NEGATIVE DECLARATION</u> , including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.					
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EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

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

ISSUES:

I. A	Nesthetics.	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact		Analyzed In The Prior EIR
Exc	cept as provided in Public Resources Code Section 099, would the project:					
a)	Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?				X	
b)	Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?				×	
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?				X	

Impact Discussion:

a-d) This project is a Zone Reclassification application to change the zoning of 2 parcels totaling 25.92 acres from AU-20 (Agriculture-Urban Reserve, 20 acre minimum) to R-L (Low Density Residential) and 1 parcel totaling 2.0-acres from AU-20 (Agriculture-Urban Reserve, 20 acre minimum) to C-G (General Commercial). The project site is not located along a scenic vista route, and the surrounding area is a mixture of agricultural and residential uses. The proposed Zone Reclassification will have no impact on aesthetics. There is no development proposed with this application. However, all subsequent development will be pursuant to Development Title Section 9-1025.6, the illumination level of any outdoor lighting, with the exception of public street lighting, is to be at a level that does not cause glare above 1.0 footcandles on an adjacent lot or street. These provisions will ensure that impacts from lighting will be less than significant.

l. /	Agriculture and Forestry Resources.	•	·		•	
are Site Ca use det nc effe oy nc che car	determining whether impacts to agricultural resources a significant environmental effects, lead agencies may be to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and the Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the differnia Dept. of Conservation as an optional model to be in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. In the termining whether impacts to forest resources, luding timberland, are significant environmental ects, lead agencies may refer to information compiled the California Department of Forestry and Fire expection regarding the state's inventory of forest land, luding the Forest and Range Assessment Project and a Forest Legacy Assessment project; and forest rebon measurement methodology provided in Forest procols adopted by the California Air Resources and Would the project:					
а)	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?		×			
0)	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?			X		
e)	Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?		×			

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The project site area is identified as P (Prime Farmland) and S (Farmland of Statewide Importance). This project proposes to change the permitted use from an agricultural to a nonagricultural use, therefore agricultural mitigation will

be required. Pursuant to Development Title Section 9-1080.3(c), agricultural mitigation shall be satisfied by granting a farmland conservation easement or other farmland conservation mechanism set forth in San Joaquin County Development Title Section 9-1080.3(d) to or for the benefit of a Qualifying Entity. The number of acres of agricultural mitigation land shall be at least equal to the number of acres that will be changed to a nonagricultural use (1:1 ratio). A referral has been sent to the San Joaquin Farm Bureau for review.

		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
III.	Air Quality.	-	•			
the cor	nere available, the significance criteria established by applicable air quality management or air pollution applicable air quality management or air pollution applicable to the following derminations. Would the project:					
a)	Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?			×		
b)	Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard?			×		
c)	Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?			×		
d)	Result in substantial emissions (such as those leading to odors) adversely affecting a substantial number of people?			×		

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

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- b-c) The subject property has no riparian habitat or wetlands located within its boundaries, therefore the proposed project, a Zone Reclassification, nor any subsequent development on the property, will have an impact on riparian habitat or wetlands.
- d-f) This application, a Zone Reclassification, is not expected to have any impact on resident or migratory species or conflict with preservation or conservation policies, but subsequent development will be subject to the SJMSCP in order to reduce impacts to biological resources to a less than significant level.

V. Cultural Resources.	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact		Analyzed In The Prior EIR
Would the project:					
a)Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource pursuant to§ 15064.5?				×	
b)Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to § 15064.5?				×	
c)Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of dedicated cemeteries?				×	

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

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. These standards are updated periodically by the California Energy Commission. The code includes energy conservation standards applicable to most buildings throughout California. These requirements will be applicable to any subsequent development to ensure that any impacts to the environment due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy will be reduced to less than significant and help to prevent any conflict with state or local plans for energy efficiency and renewable energy.

			Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
		ology And Soils.					
Wo	uld t	the project:					
a)	adv	ectly or indirectly cause potential substantial verse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or ath 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?			X		
	iii)	Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?			×		
	iv)	Landslides?			X		
b)		sult in substantial soil erosion or the loss of soil?			×		
c)	or to proper the prope	located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, that would become unstable as a result of the ject, and potentially result in on- or off-site dslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction collapse?			×		
d)		located on expansive soil and create direct or irect risks to life or property?			×		
e)	use dis _l	ve soils incapable of adequately supporting the e of septic tanks or alternative waste water posal systems where sewers are not available for disposal of waste water?			X		
f)	pal	ectly or indirectly destroy a unique eontological resource or site or unique geologic ture?			×		

- a-b) The project will have no impact on seismic-related ground issues because the project is a Zone Reclassification. No development is currently proposed with these applications. Any subsequent development of the project site 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. The applicant provided a Will-Serve letter dated 3/12/2020 from the City of Stockton to serve the project site with public sewer service.
- c-d) The proposed project, a Zone Reclassification, does not propose any development within the scope of the application, therefore will not affect geology and soils. Any subsequent development of the project site will be required to submit

a soils report for grading and foundations and all recommendations from a soils report must be incorporated into the construction plans.

- e) The proposed project, a Zone Reclassification, does not propose any development within the scope of the application. Any subsequent development on the site will be served by the City of Stockton public sewer system and will not require an onsite septic tank or alternative wastewater disposal system for the disposal of wastewater.
- f) According to the County's General Plan EIR (County of San Joaquin 2014), several paleontological specimens have been discovered in the County. The vast majority of paleontological specimens from San Joaquin County have been found in rock formations in the foothills of the Diablo Mountain Range. However, remains of extinct animals such as mammoth could be found virtually anywhere in the County, especially along watercourses such as the San Joaquin River and its tributaries. The proposed project consists of a Zone Reclassification which is expected to result in subsequent residential development. The Project site is located approximately 0.75 miles east of the City of Stockton and 3.75 miles south of the Calaveras River, and is not located within the proximity of these fossil-bearing features. Given the project's distance from any known fossil-bearing features, impacts from subsequent residential development associated with paleontological resources would be less than significant.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
VIII. Greenhouse Gas Emissions.				
Would the project:				
a) Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or ndirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?			×	
c) Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?			×	

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

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

It should be noted that neither the SJVAPCD nor the County provide project-level thresholds for construction-related GHG emissions. Construction GHG emissions are a one-time release and are, therefore, not typically expected to generate a significant contribution to global climate change.

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

<u>IX.</u>	Hazards and Hazardous Materials.	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
Wc	ould the project:					
a)	Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?			×		
b)	Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?			X		
c)	Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?			X		
d)	Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?			×		
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?	11.5		×		

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- d) The project site is not included on the California Department of Toxic Substances Control EnviroStor database map, compiled pursuant to Government Code 65962.5.
- e) The project site is located 1.9 miles from Stockton Metropolitan Airport area of influence, approximately 3.75 miles to the south of the airport's main runway.
- f) The proposed project, a Zone Reclassification, does not propose any development in the scope of the application. Adequate access can be provided for subsequent development via south Walker Lane to provide for safe evacuation

and adequate access for emergency equipment.

g) The project location is in the urban, unincorporated 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, or on any subsequent development at the project site, are expected to be less than significant.

<u>X. l</u>	Hydi	rology and Water Quality.	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
Wc	uld 1	the project:					
a)	disc	late any water quality standards or waste charge requirements or otherwise substantially grade surface or ground water quality?			×		
b)	inte	ostantially decrease groundwater supplies or erfere substantially with groundwater recharge the that the project may impede sustainable undwater management of the basin?			X		
c)	the the	ostantially alter the existing drainage pattern of site or area, including through the alteration of course of a stream or river or through the dition of impervious surfaces, in a manner which uld:			×		
	i)	result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off- site;			×		
	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?			X		
d)		flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zones, risk ease of pollutants due to project inundation?			×		
e)	qua	nflict with or obstruct implementation of a water ality control plan or sustainable groundwater nagement plan?			×		

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 - c) This project is a Zone Reclassification application to change the zoning of 2 parcels totaling 25.92 acres from AU-20 (Agriculture-Urban Reserve, 20 acre minimum) to R-L (Low Density Residential) and 1 parcel totaling 2.0-acres from AU-20 (Agriculture-Urban Reserve, 20 acre minimum) to C-G (General Commercial) does not propose any development within the scope of the application. For any subsequent development of the project site, any necessary drainage improvements will be required as conditions of the construction and grading will be performed under permit from the Building Department.

d-e)	According to the FEMA Flood Risk Map, the Project site is located within Zone X (500), which is defined by the
	Federal Emergency Management Agency as located outside of the 500-year flood plains. Therefore, no impacts
	associated with flooding, tsunamis, or seiches would occur. The project, a Zone Reclassification, if approved, will
	not result in an increase to surface, channel or stream volumes, or alterations to drainage patterns or streams, nor
	will it result in any erosion of or sedimentation to a channel, river or body of water. If approved, any subsequent
	development will have to comply with Development Title Section 9-1605 regarding flood hazards.

VI	Lond House of Blooming	Potentially Significant Impact	Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
<u>XI.</u>	Land Use and Planning.					
Wc	ould the project:					
a)	Physically divide an established community?				X	
b)	Cause a significant environmental impact due to a conflict with any land use plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?		8.4	×		

- a) The proposed project is a Zone Reclassification that proposes reclassifying agricultural parcels to residential and commercial parcels. The project site is located at the unincorporated urban community of Stockton City Fringe area. The proposed zone reclassification will allow subsequent development of residential and commercial use types that will be consistent with the 2035 General Plan. No component of any permitted future development will result in a physically divided established community. The proposed project will not be a conflict with any existing or planned uses or set a significant land use precedent. The proposed project is not in conflict with any Master Plans, Specific Plans, or Special Purpose Plans, or any other applicable plan adopted by the County
- b) This project is a Zone Reclassification that proposes reclassifying agricultural parcels to residential and commercial parcels. The project site, which is currently developed with a single family residence with accessory structures on the 2.0-acre parcel, is located in unincorporated Urban Community of Stockton and City Fringe Area and is adjacent to future residential development projects.

The current zoning for the project site is AU-20 (Agriculture, Urban Reserve) which allows for agricultural uses. The proposed Zone reclassification will change the allowed use to a non-agricultural use; Therefore agricultural mitigation will be required. Pursuant to Development Title Section 9-1080.3(c), agricultural mitigation shall be satisfied by granting a farmland conservation easement or other farmland conservation mechanism set forth in San Joaquin County Development Title Section 9-1080.3(d) to or for the benefit of a Qualifying Entity. The number of acres of agricultural mitigation land shall be at least equal to the number of acres that will be changed to a nonagricultural use (1:1 ratio).

In order for the Zone Reclassification to be approved, the proposed changes must be shown to be consistent with the General Plan and the Development Title. Pursuant to the 2035 General Plan, the proposed Low-Density Residential (R-L) and C-G classifications generally applies to residential neighborhoods and commercial areas located in Urban Communities and City Fringe Areas (General Plan, 3.1 Community Development Element, pg. 3.1-30 & 40). The project parcel is located within the unincorporated urban community of Stockton and City Fringe area and is adjacent to future residential development projects.

In order to approve tentative maps and zone reclassifications, the General Plan requires that minimum standards be met for water, wastewater, and stormwater drainage system improvements (pgs. 3.2-37, 39, 41). The applicant has submitted will serve letters for water, sewer, and stormwater from California Water Service, Inc., the City of Stockton, and San Joaquin County Public Works, respectively, stating that they have capacities to accept the applicant's subsequent development and can issue a "Will Serve Permit" upon submittal of construction design plans. Therefore, the standards for services can be met.

The proposed changes must also be shown to be consistent with the Development Title. The Development Title, in Section 9-812.4, states that prior to approving an application for a Zone Reclassification, the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors shall determine that the proposed zone is consistent with the General Plan, any applicable Master Plans, and any applicable Specific Plan, and that the proposed zone district is reasonable and beneficial at the time. The proposed applications are consistent with the General Plan and Development Title because the proposed Low Density Residential (R-L) and General Commercial (C-G) zones are an implementing zone of the Low Density Residential (R/L) and General Plan land use designations and will be consistent with the General Plan.

Finally, the proposed applications are reasonable and beneficial at this time because public water, sewer, and storm drain services are available at the site. Public services are a requirement for the Zone Reclassification applications. Additionally, approving the zone reclassification will likely result in development of a commercial project which is consistent with the proposed Low Density Residential (R-L) and General Commercial (C-G) zones and with the surrounding residential and commercial uses.

Therefore, the proposed applications are consistent with the General Plan and Development Title and no land use plan, policy, or regulation need be adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect which could, in turn, cause a significant environmental impact.

XII	. Mineral Resources.	Potentially Significant Impact	Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
<u>/(II</u>	Timmoral Resources.					
Wo	ould the project:					
a)	Result in the loss of availability of a known_mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?				X	
b)	Result in the loss of availability of a locally- important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?				X	

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

		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
XIII	. Noise.				
Wo	uld the project result in:				
a)	Generation of a substantial temporary or permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the vicinity of the project in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?			X	
b)	Generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?			×	
c)	For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip or an airport land use plan, or where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?			×	

a-c) This project is a Zone Reclassification application to change the zoning of 2 parcels totaling 25.92 acres from AU-20 (Agriculture-Urban Reserve, 20 acre minimum) to R-L (Low Density Residential) and 1 parcel totaling 2.0-acres from AU-20 (Agriculture-Urban Reserve, 20 acre minimum) to C-G (General Commercial). Subsequent development projects may have equipment utilized in the grading of the site that will temporarily increase the area's ambient noise levels. 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 will be reduced to less than significant with this added condition.

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

a-b) The proposed project is a Zone Reclassification and will not result in displacement of the population and affect the amount of proposed or existing housing in the vicinity. The project site contains a single-family residence on the 2.0-acre parcel, and no impacts to population and housing are anticipated if this application is approved.

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XV. Public Services.

a) Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:

Fire protection?		×	
Police protection?		×	
Schools?		×	
Parks?		×	
Other public facilities?		×	

Impact Discussion:

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

a-b) The project consists of a Zone Reclassification. The proposed applications do not involve development therefore; the project will have no impact on recreation services.

		Significant Impact	Mitigation Incorporated	Significant	In The Prior EIR
XV	II. Transportation.	•			
Wc	ould the project:				
a)	Conflict with a program plan, ordinance, or policy addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadways, bicycle, and pedestrian facilities?			X	
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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Impact Discussion:

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<u>xv</u>	III. T	ribal Cultural Resources.	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
a)	cha res 210 land the or	ould the project cause a substantial adverse ange in the significance of a tribal cultural ource, defined in Public Resources Code section 074 as either a site, feature, place, cultural dscape that is geographically defined in terms of size and scope of the landscape, sacred place, object with cultural value to a California Native perican tribe, and that is:				
	i)	Listed or eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources, or in a local register of historical resources as defined in Public Resources Code section 5020.1(k), or			X	
	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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VIX	(Helliting and Country	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
	K. Utilities and Service Systems.					
VVC	ould the project:					
a)	Require or result in the relocation or construction of new or expanded water, wastewater treatment, or storm water drainage, electric power, natural gas, or telecommunications facilities, the construction or relocation of which could cause significant environmental effects?			×		
b)	Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project and reasonably foreseeable future development during normal, dry and multiple dry years?			X		
c)	Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?			×		
d)	Generate solid waste in excess of State or local standards, or in excess of the capacity of local infrastructure, or otherwise impair the attainment of solid waste reduction goals?				×	
e)	Comply with federal, state, and local management and reduction statutes and regulations related to solid waste?				×	

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 - d) The proposed project is a Zone Reclassification. As proposed, the project is not anticipated to generate solid waste in excess of State and local standards

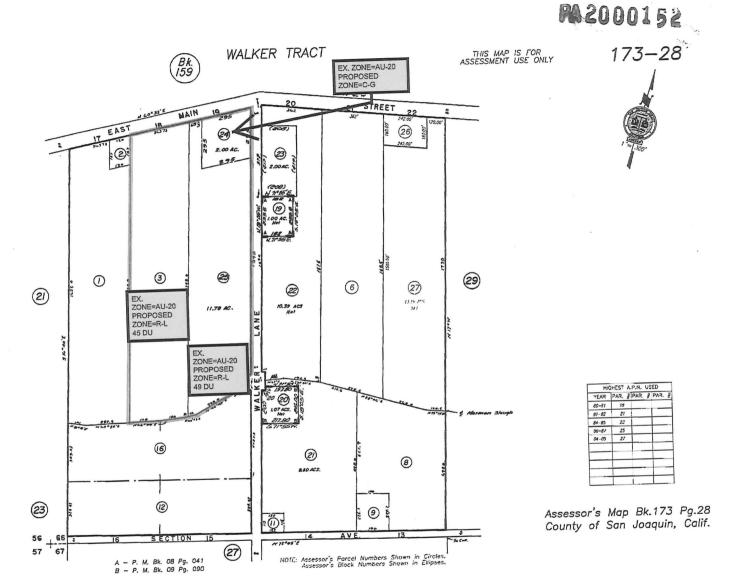
<u> </u>	. Wildfire.	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
cla	ocated in or near state responsibility areas or lands ssified as very high fire hazard severity zones, would project:					
a)	Substantially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

a-d) The project location is not located within a Fire Hazard Severity Zone or a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone according to the Local Responsibility and State Responsibility Area maps by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE 2020). Therefore, the impact of wildfires on the project is expected to be less than significant.

XXI. Mandatory Findings of Significance.	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
a) Does the project have the potential to substantially degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, substantially reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?			X		
b) Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)?			×		
c) Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?			×		

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

Note: Authority cited: Sections 21083, 21083.05, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 65088.4, Gov. Code; Sections 21080, 21083.05, 21095, Pub. Resources Code; Eureka Citizens for Responsible Govt. v. City of Eureka (2007) 147 Cal.App.4th 357; Protect the Historic Amador Waterways v. Amador Water Agency (2004) 116 Cal.App.4th at 1109; San Franciscans Upholding the Downtown Plan v. City and County of San Francisco (2002) 102 Cal.App.4th 656.



Impact	Mitigation Measure/Condition	Type of Review		Agency for Monitoring and Reporting Compliance	Action Indicating Compliance or Review	Verification of Compliance or Annual Review of Condition		
		Monitoring	Reporting			Ву	Date	Remarks
II. Agricultural and Forestry Resouces	Agricultural Mitigation	Х		The Community Development	Recorded instrument or documentation evidencing mitigation			