# MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

# PROJECT TITLE:

Pleasants Valley Riding Arena Application No. U-05-026 Amendment 1

# PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION:

The project is located at 7680 Pleasants Valley Road, approximately 5 miles northwest of the City of Vacaville. Currently, the Pleasants Valley Riding Arena and Horse Boarding facility operates 61 horse stalls for boarding. Equestrian lessons/classes are provided Monday – Sunday between 9 am – 9 pm. The applicant is proposing to expand the operation to allow:

- Horse shows, one Saturday per week between January May and September-October, for a total of 32 shows maximum per calendar year. Approximately 100 150 persons including family, boarders and employees, are anticipated during the event, which would operate 8 am thru 10 pm. The horse shows provide opportunities for Masters and Amateur class riders to take place in the existing arena. Certain horseshow participants may stay in their trailers through the weekend.
- Covered riding corral (Building K), approximately 120 ft x 100 ft, and 9 outdoor stalls for horses. The horseshow events would not take place in this building. During show events, Building K would house boarded horses relocated from the stalls nearby the arena (Building A).
- 1 800 square foot manufactured home as employee living quarters (Building E)
- Several equipment storage buildings (Building, L, M and N)

# FINDINGS:

The Solano County Department of Resource Management has evaluated the Initial Study which was prepared in regard to the project. The County found no potentially significant adverse environmental impacts likely to occur. The County determined that the project qualifies for a Mitigated Negative Declaration. The Initial Study of Environmental Impact, including the project description, findings and disposition, are attached.

# MITIGATION MEASURES INCORPORATED INTO PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Mitigation measure Bio - 1 (Avoidance of avian nests and protected avian species):

Prior to any ground disturbance, issuance of grading or building permit, the project proponent shall comply with the following mitigation measure:

- A. If construction activities are scheduled to occur during the breeding season (February 1- August 31), a qualified wildlife biologist shall conduct pre-construction surveys of all potential suitable nesting habitat within 0.25 miles of the active construction area. The qualified wildlife biologist shall determine the timing of the preconstruction surveys based upon the time of year and habitats that are present. The qualified wildlife biologist shall conduct surveys no more than 15 days prior to construction and submit the surveys to the Department of Resource Management.
- B. If active nests are found, maintain a no disturbance buffer zone around the active nests during the breeding season or until it is determined that the young have fledged. The no disturbance buffer zone from active Swainson Hawk nest(s) or any protected avian specie shall be 0.5 miles or as may otherwise be determined by the Planning Services Division, Department of Resource Management, in consultation with a qualified biologist, United Sates Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) as appropriate.

# PREPARATION:

This Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared by the Solano County Department of Resource Management. Copies may be obtained at the address listed below or at <a href="https://www.solanocounty.com">www.solanocounty.com</a> under Departments, Resource Management, Documents, Departmental Reports.

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# Pleasants Valley Riding Arena (PVRA) Use Permit Application No. U-05-26 Amendment No.1 Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration



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#### **CHAPTER 1 - PART II OF INITIAL STUDY OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS**

#### 1.1 INTRODUCTION

The following analysis is provided by the Solano County Department of Resource Management as a review of and supplement to the applicant's completed "Part I of Initial Study". These two documents, Part I and II, comprise the Initial Study prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Section 15063.

Project Title:	Pleasants Valley Riding Arena, Horse Boarding and Lessons
Application Number:	Use Permit U-05-26 Amendment No.1
Project Location:	7680 Pleasants Valley Road, Vacaville, CA
Assessor Parcel No.(s):	0102-030-170, 230 and 220
Project Sponsor's Name	Joetta and Edward Griffin

#### **General Information**

This mitigated negative declaration (MND) has been prepared by the County of Solano, as lead agency, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Pub. Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.), to analyze and disclose the environmental effects associated with project. This document discusses the proposed project, the environmental setting for the proposed project, and the potential for impacts on the environment from the proposed project and any measures incorporated which will minimize, avoid and/or provide mitigation measures for the impacts of the proposed project on the environment.

Please review this Initial Study. You may request additional copies of this document from the Solano County Department of Resource Management Planning Services Division at 675 Texas Street, Fairfield, CA, 94533. Additionally, the document is available on www.solanocounty.com under Departments, Resource Management, Documents, Environmental Impact Reports and Negative Declaration.
We welcome your comments. If you have any comments regarding the proposed project, please send your written comments to this Department by the deadline listed below.
Submit comments via postal mail to:
Department of Resource Management Planning Services Division Attn: Nedzlene Ferrario 675 Texas Street Fairfield, CA 94533
Submit comments via fax to: (707) 784-4805
Submit comments via email to: nnferrario@solanocounty.com

☐ Submit comments by the deadline: November 1, 2021

# ☐ Next Steps

After comments are received from the public and any reviewing agencies, the Department may recommend that the environmental review is adequate and that a Mitigated Negative Declaration be adopted or that the environmental review is not adequate and that further environmental review is required.

# 1.2 ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

On the	e basis of this Initial Study the Solano County Department of Resource Management finds:
	The proposed project could not have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
	That although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because the project proponent has agreed to revise the project to avoid any significant effect. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
	The proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) is required.
	The proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, but at least one effect has been (1) adequately analyzed in a previous document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and (2) addressed by mitigation measures based on the previous analysis as described in the attached initial study. An EIR is required that analyzes only the effects that were not adequately addressed in a previous document.
	That although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, no further environmental analysis is required because all potentially significant effects have been (1) adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (2) avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are included in the project, and further analysis is not required.

Date

Nedzlene Ferrario, Senior Planner County of Solano

Department of Resource Management

Date:

Joetta Griffin

Project Proponent

#### 1.3 ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

The subject site is located at 7680 Pleasants Valley Road, approximately 5 miles northwest of the City of Vacaville. The topography is rolling hills and the 67.64-acre site is developed with a 56 x 250 square foot, metal barn used as a riding arena, bathroom facilities, several horse barns / storage buildings, gravel roads and various parking areas. Ingress and egress via a single driveway is off of Pleasants Valley Road. An onsite well provides the water supply and wastewater is treated by an on-site septic system.





Pleasants Valley Road borders the western boundary of the property. Pleasants Creek flows parallel to Pleasants Valley Road for approximately half of the western property boundary, eventually draining into a culvert under the roadway. A stock pond is located the confluence of Pleasants Creek and a minor tributary near the central portion of the property. Rural residential ranches and range land surround the property.

#### Background:

November 18, 2010, the Planning Commission granted a use permit for 81 horse stalls, horse breeding, riding lessons, horse day camp and agricultural educational classes for Pleasants Valley Riding Arena (PVRA) and determined that the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (ISMND) prepared was adequate and complete. The ISMND identified mitigation measures relative to Valley Longhorn Elderberry Beetle and seasonal wetlands. The proponent has complied with such mitigation measures.

#### 1.4 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

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#### Access/Circulation

Ingress and egress to the site will be provided via the existing driveway off Pleasants Valley Road.

#### **Parking**

Gravel parking spaces are provided as follows:

Total	50
Accessible spaces	3
Trailer parking	18
Standard vehicles parking (9 ft x 20 ft)	29

#### Domestic Water Supply

The project will utilize the on-site well for domestic water supply.

#### Wastewater

Wastewater will be treated by the on-site septic system. According to the Environmental Health Division, there is adequate capacity for the on-septic system for the projected horseshow participants. The applicant proposes to provide chemical toilets during the events for added convenience.

#### 1.5 ADDITIONAL DATA

NRCS Soil Classification:	Altamont clay 9%-30% slopes (Class IV), Brentwood clay foam 0-2% percent slopes (Class III), Dibble-Los Osos loams, 30% -50% slopes (Class IV), Dibble-Los Osos clay loams 9%-30% percent slopes (Class IV), San Ysidro sand loam 2%-5% slopes (Class IV).
Agricultural Preserve Status/Contract No.:	N/A
Non-renewal Filed (date):	N/A
Airport Land Use Referral Area:	N/A
Alquist Priolo Special Study Zone:	N/A
Primary or Secondary Management Area of the Suisun Marsh:	N/A
Primary or Secondary Zone identified in the Delta Protection Act of 1992:	N/A
Other:	N/A

# **Surrounding General Plan, Zoning and Land Uses**

	General Plan	Zoning	Land Use
Property	Agriculture	A-20	Horse boarding & training facility
North	Agriculture	A-20	Agriculture
South	Agriculture	A-20	Agriculture
East	Agriculture	A-20	Agriculture
West	Agriculture	A-20	Agriculture

#### 1.6 LAND USE CONSISTENCY ANALYSIS

# 1.6.1 General Plan

The General Plan has designated this area for agricultural and rural purposes, and impacts associated with normal agricultural uses and typical agricultural compatible uses such as horse facilities and agricultural education are to be expected and anticipated in the County General Plan.

# **1.6.2 Zoning**

The property is zoned Exclusive-Agriculture 20 acre minimum and the proposed uses are conditionally permitted subject to Planning Commission approval.

# 1.7 RESPONSIBLE, TRUSTEE, & AGENCIES THAT MAY HAVE JURISDICTION

California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Cal Fire, Vacaville Fire Protection District

#### **CHAPTER 2 - ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST**

This chapter discusses the potential for adverse impacts on the environment. Where the potential for adverse impacts exists, the report discusses the affected environment, the level of potential impact on the affected environment and methods to avoid, minimize or mitigate for potential impacts to the affected environment.

# Findings of SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Based on the Initial Study, Part I as well as additional application materials reviewed by the Department of Resource Management, the project does not have the potential for significant impacts to any environmental resources.

# Findings of LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT WITH MITIGATION MEASURES

Based on the Initial Study, Part I as well as the review of the proposed project by the Department of Resource Management, the project does not require mitigation measures to reduce potential impacts to less than significant levels.

☐ Biological Resources

# Findings of LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Based on the Initial Study, Part I as well as the review of the proposed project by the Department of Resource Management, the following environmental resources were considered and the potential for impact is considered to be less than significant. A detailed discussion of the potential adverse effects on environmental resources is addressed in the applicable Section.

Aesthetics	Greenhouse Gas Emissions
Air Quality	Noise
Geology and Soils	Transportation and Traffic
Energy	Hydrology & Water Quality
Wildfire	Hazards and Hazardous Materials
Public Services	Mandatory Findings of Significance

#### **Findings of NO IMPACT**

Based on the Initial Study, Part I as well as the review of the proposed project by the Department of Resource Management, the following environmental resources were considered but no potential for adverse impacts to these resources were identified. A discussion of the no impact finding on environmental resources is provided in the applicable Section:

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Agricultural & Forestry Resources

Mineral Resources

Agricultural & Forestry Resources	Mineral Resources
Cultural Resources	Population and Housing
Land Use and Planning	Recreation
	Tribal Cultural Resources

<b>2.1</b> Wou	AESTHETICS  Ild the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a.	Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?				
b.	Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?				
C.	In nonurbanized areas, substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings? 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 that would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?				

The property is located on Pleasants Valley Road, a County designated scenic corridor according to the General Plan. The property is developed with a 375 x 150 metal barn painted blue, horse stall buildings and office buildings situated 700 feet from the road. The project consists of several new structures, such as employee quarters, storage buildings, new covered riding corral (120 x 100 feet) and outdoor pens for 9 horses approximately 60 feet from the front property line. The new corral and outdoor pen will be visible along Pleasants Valley Road; however, the remaining new buildings will be setback more than 200 feet from the front property line and not highly visible from Pleasants Valley Road. Exterior lighting is proposed adjacent to the new corral.

- 2.1. a, b, c: The property is located on Pleasants Valley Road, a County designated scenic corridor pursuant to the Solano County General Plan. The proposed structures will have an agricultural look to them, and setback 60 feet or more from Pleasants Valley Road. The project will not substantially degrade the visual character or quality of its surroundings and is not located within a State Scenic Highway. There is expected to be **less than significant** impact to scenic vistas.
- 2.1 d The project proposes additional exterior lighting which could cause unwanted glare during the nighttime. To minimize unwanted glare impacts, exterior lighting to be shielded and oriented away from the residences and public street consistent with County Zoning Code and will result in **less than significant impacts.**

# 2.2 AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY

Wo	uld the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
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 agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?				
C.	Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use?				
d.	Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?				

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# **Environmental Setting**

As referenced on the 2018 California Department of Conservation Important Farmland map, the property is classified as Grazing Land. The property was under Williamson Act contract no. 19; however, the applicant filed a Notice of Non-Renewal on August 10, 2009; as of December 23, 2018, the property is no longer under contract.

# **Impacts Discussion**

2.2 a, b, c: The property is no longer under contract and will not conflict with the Williamson Act guidelines. Horse boarding and shows are conditional uses in the Agricultural Zoning District. The project will not result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use. **No impacts are anticipated.** 

<b>2.3</b> Wot	AIR QUALITY  uld the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
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 other emissions (such as those leading to odors) adversely affecting a substantial number of people?			•	

# **Environmental Setting**

The project is located within the Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District (YSAQMD) which is comprised of northeastern portion of Solano and Yolo County. Projects in this district are subject to the Yolo - Solano AQMD rules and regulations in effect at the time of construction.

- 2.3a-c: The project has the potential to generate emissions during both construction activities and vehicular traffic during horseshow events. However, the construction of the proposed buildings does not have the potential to violate ambient air quality standards and the additional vehicular traffic is minimal (Refer to Traffic Section); therefore, impacts to air quality are considered to be **less than significant**.
- 2.3d: Horse manure may create objectionable odors. The project proponent maintains an Odor Management Plan enforced by the Environmental Health Division. Compliance will **result in less than significant impacts.**

#### 2.4 BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES Less Than Potentially Significant Less Than No Significant With Significant **Impact Impact** Mitigation **Impact** Would the project: Incorporated 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 Wildlife 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 Wildlife or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service? Have a substantial adverse effect on federally C. 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? Interfere substantially with the movement of d. 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? Conflict with any local policies or ordinances e. protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance? f. Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Conservation Plan, Habitat Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?

The 2010 ISMND identified the potential for the Elderberry shrub on the property and required a mitigation measure which required mapping of the shrub locations by a professional biologist and restricted construction within 100 feet of the shrub. The location of the shrub is important as it provides habitat for the Valley Longhorn Elderberry Beetle, a Federally Endangered Species. Four (4) shrubs were identified on the southern portion of the site and mapped by Area West Environmental in 2014. The proposed project is not located within 700 feet of the Elderberry Shrubs.

#### **Impacts Discussion**

2.4a: The California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDB) indicates that there is potential for nesting raptors or other protected migratory birds in the area. Large trees on the property and nearby are suitable for nesting sites Construction activities could cause disturbance to protected birds and the following mitigation is recommended to minimize impacts to a **less than significant level**. The measure applies to the subdivider and any individual lot owner seeking construction permits:

# Mitigation measure Bio - 1 (Avoidance of avian nests and protected avian species):

Prior to any ground disturbance, issuance of grading or building permit, the project proponent shall comply with the following mitigation measure:

- A. If construction activities are scheduled to occur during the breeding season (February 1- August 31), a qualified wildlife biologist shall conduct pre-construction surveys of all potential suitable nesting habitat within 0.25 miles of the active construction area. The qualified wildlife biologist shall determine the timing of the preconstruction surveys based upon the time of year and habitats that are present. The qualified wildlife biologist shall conduct surveys no more than 15 days prior to construction and submit the surveys to the Department of Resource Management.
- B. If active nests are found, maintain a no disturbance buffer zone around the active nests during the breeding season or until it is determined that the young have fledged. The no disturbance buffer zone from active Swainson Hawk nest(s) or any protected avian specie shall be 0.5 miles or as may otherwise be determined by the Planning Services Division, Department of Resource Management, in consultation with a qualified biologist, United Sates Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) as appropriate.

# Swainson Hawk foraging habitat:

The grasslands on the subject property are highly disturbed by extensive horse grazing and provide low quality for foraging habitat. Due to the limited value of the disturbed grasslands on the property, the impact of potential loss of foraging habitat is low and less than significant. Swainson's Hawk prefer foraging ground composed of grasslands, irrigated pastures, hay and wheat crops.

- 2.4 b: No aquatic or riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community is impacted by the proposed expansion. **No Impact.**
- 2.4 c: There are no federally impacted wetlands located on the proposed site for the expansion. **No Impact.**
- 2.4 d: The project will not interfere with 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. **No impact**

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- 2.4 e: The project does not propose removal of any trees. The project would not conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance, or conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan. These types of ordinances have not been adopted within this region of the County. **No Impact.**
- 2.4 f: See discussion under 2.4 (e) above. No Impact.

<b>2.5</b> Wou	CULTURAL RESOURCES  Id the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a.	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an historical resource as defined in CEQA Guidelines §15064.5?				
b.	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15064.5?				
C.	Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of dedicated cemeteries?				

The 2010 Initial Study indicated that Northwest Information Center (NWIC) at Sonoma State University determined that no previous cultural resource studies have been performed and that the site has a low possibility of containing unrecorded archaeological site(s). Further study for cultural resources was not recommended by the Sonoma State NWIC. However, if cultural or human remains are encountered during construction, the applicant will be required to stop all work and contact a qualified archaeologist and the Department of Resource Management to determine the proper course of action.

- 2.5 a: The project will not cause substantial adverse change to historical resources. **No impacts are anticipated.**
- 2.5b: NWIC has indicated there is low probability of unrecorded archeological site. **No impacts are anticipated.**

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-	d the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a.	Result in potentially significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources, during project construction or operation?			•	
b.	Conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency?				

# **Environmental setting & Impacts Discussion**

2.6a: The project will not result in potentially significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources, during project construction or operation. **Less than significant impacts are anticipated.** 

2.6b: The project does not conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency. Less than significant impacts are anticipated.

#### 2.7 GEOLOGY AND SOILS Less Than Potentially Significant Less Than No Significant With Significant Impact **Impact** Mitigation Impact Would the project: Incorporated indirectly a. cause potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury or death involving: i) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map, issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? ii) Strong seismic ground shaking? iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction? iv) Landslides? Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss b. of topsoil? Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is C. unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction, or collapse? d. Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial direct or indirect risks to life or property? Have soils incapable of adequately e. supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of wastewater? f. Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?

The property is not located within an Alquist-Priolo Fault Zone. However, according to the Public Health and Safety Chapter, the property is identified within high liquefaction potential; slope hazards of 15% or higher; least or marginally susceptible area for landslides, and high shrink swell potential.

- 2.7a(i)-(iv): The site is not located within an Alquist-Priolo Fault Zone; however, the subject site is located within an area of High Liquefaction Potential and in an area of Marginally Susceptible to Landslide. The project will require a geotechnical report prepared by a licensed professional prior to issuance of building permits. Compliance with Building Code requirements will minimize impacts to less than significant Impact.
- 2.7b: Much of the area proposed for construction is located within areas already disturbed or grazed. Compliance with Solano County Code Chapter 31 Grading and Erosion Control would minimize impacts to less than significant.
- 2.7c: The project will be designed in conformance with the county's current building code, which will require a Geotechnical Report prepared by a licensed professional prior to issuance of building permits. Compliance with Building Code requirements will minimize impacts to **less than significant.**
- 2.7d: The building(s) will be designed in conformance with the County's current building code, which will require a soils and geologic report and foundation and structural engineering designed to prevent any impacts from on or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, differential settlement, liquefaction or collapse. **Less than significant impacts are anticipated.**
- 2.7e: According to the Environmental Health Division, the existing septic system is designed in conformance with the county's current on-site sanitation requirements and determined that the soils are capable of supporting the existing system. **Less than significant impacts are anticipated.**
- 2.7f: No unique paleontological resource or unique geologic feature have been identified on-site. **No Impact.**

	GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS  Id the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a.	Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?				
b.	Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?			•	

# **Impacts discussion**

2.8a: The project is expected to generate less than 110 ADT (Refer to Traffic Discussion) and would not have a significant impact on greenhouse gas emissions (GhG). Less than significant impacts are anticipated.

2.8b: As proposed, the project should not conflict with any goals or policies of the Solano County General Plan, which are intended to reduce or indirectly reduce GhG emissions. Nor would the project conflict with the County's recently adopted Climate Action Plan (June 2011). Less than significant impacts are anticipated.

<b>2.9</b> Wou	HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a.	Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?				•
b.	Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?				
C.	Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?				•
d.	Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?				
e.	For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard 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 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?				

- 2.9a: The project would not transport, use, or dispose of hazardous materials. No Impact.
- 2.9b: See discussion under (a.) above. No Impact.
- 2.9c: The project is not located within one-quarter mile of a school. No Impact.
- 2.9d: The project is not located on a hazardous materials site as defined in Government Code Section 65962.5. **No Impact.**
- 2.9e: As identified on Figure 2A if the Travis Air Force Base Land Use Compatibility Plan, the project is located outside of the area of influence and not within two miles of a public airport. The project is consistent with the Land Use compatibility Plan for Travis Air force Base. **No Impact.**
- 2.9f: The project will not affect any adopted emergency response plans. No Impact.
- 2.9g: The property is located within the Cal Fire State Responsibility Area (SRA). Refer to Wildfire Section. Less than significant impacts are anticipated.

#### 2.10 **HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY** Less Than Significant Potentially Less Than No Significant With Significant Impact Impact Mitigation Impact Would the project: Incorporated Violate any water quality standards or waste a. discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade surface or ground water quality? b. Substantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that the project may impede sustainable aroundwater management of the basin? C. Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or through the addition of impervious surfaces, in a manner which would: i) Result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or 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? d. In flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zones, risk release of pollutants due to project inundation? e. Conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan?

The project would utilize the existing on-site septic system to handle wastewater discharge which is designed to accommodate up to 150 persons per day, according to the Environmental Health Services Division. The applicant proposes to use chemical toilets during the horseshow events for added convenience.

The proposed activities are not anticipated to exceed 25 people per day for 60 or more days in a calendar year; therefore, the project does not require a small public water system. Per the Health and Safety Chapter of the Solano County General Plan, the proposed project is not located within an area subject to inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow.

- 2.10a: The project will not violate waste discharge or water quality standards. The existing on-site septic system is permitted by the Environmental Health Division and subject to inspections to ensure compliance with waste discharge or water quality standards. **Less than significant impacts are anticipated.**
- 2.10b: The project will be served by on-site well for domestic drinking water and will not require a substantial increase in groundwater utilization. Less than significant impacts are anticipated.
- 2.10c (i-iv): The project does not alter any creeks, streams or rivers. Compliance with Solano County Code, Chapter 31, Grading, Drainage and Erosion Control ensure **less than significant impacts.**
- 2.10d: The project is not located in a flood zone, or in an area which would experience any inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow. **No Impact.**
- 2.10e: The project does not conflict or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or groundwater sustainability plan. Less than significant impacts are anticipated.

2.11	LAND USE AND PLANNING	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
Would the project:		impaot	Incorporated	impaot	
a.	Physically divide an established community?				
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?				

The subject site is located in a community predominantly consisting of large-scale ranches and designated Agriculture by the Solano County General Plan and within the Exclusive Agricultural 20-acre zoning district (A-20).

- 2.11a: The project is contained within the ownership of the proponent and will not divide an established community. **No Impact.**
- 2.11b: The project does not conflict with land use policy or plan. No impact

<b>2.12</b> Wou	MINERIAL RESOURCES	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a.	Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?				
b.	Result in the loss of availability of a locally important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?				

As indicated on the Mineral Resources map, Figure RS-4 of the Solano County General Plan, there are no active mines or mineral resource zones within the vicinity of the project site.

- 2.12a: No known mineral resources exist at the site. **No Impact.**
- 2.12b: Reference (a) above. No Impact.

	NOISE  Id the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a.	Generation of a substantial temporary or permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the vicinity of the project in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?			•	
b.	Generation of excessive ground borne vibration or ground borne noise levels?				
C.	For a project located 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?				

# **Environmental Setting & impact discussion**

The applicant proposes to use a public address system (PA system) during the shows (9 am – 10 pm) in the existing arena. Horseshow events are not proposed in the new riding corral, and PA systems are not assumed at this location.

The arena is covered and open on three sides and located about 700 feet from the front of the property, situated on the hillside. Sensitive receptors such as residences are located beyond 1000 feet of the existing arena. The closest residence, located across Pleasants Valley Road approximately 1200 feet from the existing arena, is occupied by the project proponent. However, the arena is located in a valley and use of the PA system have the potential to echo within the valley.

2.13a: The use of public address systems (PA system) during the horseshow events has the potential to cause unwanted sound and echo into the surroundings given that the property is located in a valley. Noise levels generated would be limited to play by play and cheering during the event and could vary depending upon the excitement of the participants. Table HS-3 of the Health and Safety Chapter indicates that acceptable day time noise levels for riding stables/outdoor events to be more than 75 dBA during the daytime. However, outdoor noise levels that exceed 60 dBA are generally considered inappropriate in residential areas, particularly during the hours between 7 pm - 10 pm which is considered to be for relaxation and sleeping time. Nevertheless, given the proximity of residential dwellings and that the horse show events do not occur on a daily or weekly basis, noise impacts associated with the horseshow events are **less than significant**.

2.13b: The project would not cause excessive ground borne vibration or noise levels. **No impact** 

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2.13c: The project is located within the area of influence of the Travis Air Force Base Land Use Compatibility Plan (LUCP) and as referenced on Figure 2B of the LUCP, the subject site located outside any of the identified noise contours. The project is not located within the vicinity of a private airstrip. **No Impact.** 

	POPULATION AND HOUSING  d the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a.	Induce substantial unplanned population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?				•
b.	Displace substantial numbers of existing people or housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				

The project does not propose additional housing or population.

- 2.14a: The project does not substantially induce population growth or construct infrastructure that could induce population growth. **No Impact.**
- 2.14b: The project does not involve the displacement of homes or people or necessitate construction of more housing elsewhere. **No Impact.**

	d the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a.	Result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, the 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?				

# **Environmental Setting & Impacts Discussion**

2.15a: The subject site is currently served by the Vacaville Fire Protection District, and Solano County Sheriff's Department for the unincorporated County. No schools or parks will be affected. The project will utilize the existing on-site domestic water well and septic system to serve the project with no impacts to municipal sanitation services. Chemical toilets are proposed for waste disposal. **Less than significant impacts are anticipated.** 

<b>2.16</b> Would	RECREATION  d the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
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?				•
b.	Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities that might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?				•

# **Environmental Setting & Impacts Discussion**

- 2.16a: The project does not require additional public park facilities or impact public facilities. **No impact**
- 2.16b: The project does not involve or affect recreational facilities or resources. No Impact.

<b>2.17</b> Would	TRANSPORTATION  d the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a.	Conflict with a program, plan, ordinance or policy addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadway, bicycle, and pedestrian facilities?				
b.	Conflict or be inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.3, subdivision (b) "vehicle miles traveled"?			•	
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?				

# **Impacts Discussion**

2.17a: The project is located in a rural area and does not conflict with any adopted plan However, parking during an event may cause a nuisance.

The project anticipates an average of 100 people per event and 150 people at maximum on-site during a horse show event. Based upon County public assembly parking standards of 1 space for 4 persons, 38 spaces will be required for the maximum of 150 people. The following is a breakdown of parking spaces provided:

Total	50
Accessible spaces	3
Trailer parking	18
Standard vehicles parking (9 ft x 20 ft)	29

A total of 50 parking spaces are proposed, 12 more than required; therefore, more than adequate parking spaces are provided and there is ample room on the property for overflow parking if necessary. **Less than significant impacts are anticipated.** 

According to Public Works, the existing driveway does not meet commercial driveway requirements and would require widening. Compliance with the County encroachment requirements would minimize impacts to **less than significant.** 

The property is located in a rural area and there no adopted plans related to transit, bicycle or pedestrian facilities. Less than significant impacts are anticipated.

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2.17b: In December 2018, the California Office of Planning and Research (OPR) issued a Technical Advisory on Evaluating Transportation Impact in CEQA. The advisory document outlines screening thresholds for land use projects to identify when a project can be expected to cause a less-than-significant impact, particularly with regard to vehicle miles traveled (VMTs). The OPR advisory identifies Small Projects as those which generate or attract fewer than 110 trips per day, which generally may be assumed to cause a less than significant impact.

According to Phillipi Engineering, the project's peak hour 11 am -12 noon is during registration and sign ups, would generate 40-70 vehicles exiting and entering the property on average during a single event, which is approximately 1 vehicle every 51 seconds which is insignificant. Refer to the attached letter.

Additionally, the project will generate less than 110 ADT. Less than significant impacts are anticipated.

- 2.17c: The proposed facility does not include any features which create dangerous conditions. **No Impact.**
- 2.17d: The project will not result in inadequate emergency access. **No Impact.**

#### 2.18 TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES Less Than Potentially Significant Less Than No Significant With Significant Impact Impact **Impact** Mitigation Would the project: Incorporated Would the project cause a substantial adverse a. change in the significance of a tribal resource, defined in Public Resources Code section 21074 as either a site, feature, place, cultural landscape that is geographically defined in terms of size and scope of the landscape, sacred place, or object with cultural value to a California Native American 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 П defined in Public Resources Code section 5020.1(k), or ii) A resource determined by the lead agency, discretion and supported by its 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 Resources Code section 5024.1, the lead agency shall consider the significance of the resource to a California Native American tribe.

#### **Environmental Setting**

On May 7, 2021, the County reached out to several Native American Tribes as recommended by the Native American Heritage Commission. None of the Tribes requested consultation.

#### **Impacts Discussion**

2.18a (i) (ii): No tribal or historical resources have been identified on the subject site. No Impact.

<b>2.19</b> Would	UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS  d the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a.	Require or result in the construction of new or expanded water, wastewater treatment, or storm water drainage, electric power, natural gas, or telecommunications facilities, the construction or relocation of which could cause significant environmental effects?			•	
b.	Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project and reasonably foreseeable future development during normal, dry, and multiple dry years?			•	
C.	Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider, which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?			•	
d.	Generate solid waste in excess of state or local standards, or in excess of the capacity of local infrastructure, or otherwise impair the attainment of solid waste reduction goals?			•	
e.	Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?				

#### **Impacts Discussion**

- 2.19a: The project will not require additional utility facilities. Less than significant impact
- 2.19b: The project will utilize an onsite domestic water well and the existing private septic system. Environmental Health Division has determined that there is adequate capacity. **Less than significant impact**
- 2.19c: Reference (a) above. Less than significant impacts.
- 2.19d: Solano County is served by two landfills which maintain more than a fifteen-year capacity for the county's solid waste disposal needs. There is adequate capacity to receive waste generated on-site. **Less than significant impacts.**
- 2.19e: The project will comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste. **Less than significant impacts.**

	WILDFIRE d the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a.	Substantially impair an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?				
b.	Due to slope, prevailing winds, and other factors, exacerbate wildfire risks, and thereby expose project occupants to pollutant concentrations from a wildfire or the uncontrolled spread of a wildfire?				
C.	Require the installation or maintenance of associated infrastructure (such as roads, fuel breaks, emergency water sources, power lines, or other utilities) that may exacerbate fire risk or that may result in temporary or ongoing impacts to the environment?				
d.	Expose people or structures to significant risks, including downslope or downstream flooding or landslides, as a result of runoff, post-fire slope instability, or drainage changes?			•	

#### **Environmental Setting**

The property is located within the State Responsibility Area (SRA) of moderate risk, designated by Cal Fire and within the Vacaville Fire Protection Service District. The proposed project has the potential to expose project occupants to wildfire risks. There is a 75,000-gallon water tank on-site approved by the Fire Protection District for fire suppression. Development within the SRA area is subject to Fire Safe Regulations which require structures to be setback more than 30 feet from the property lines or center of the road, maintain 100-foot defensible space around the building unless located less than 100 feet. The defensible space is a firebreak made by removing and clearing away brush, flammable vegetation or combustible growth to reduce the risk of exposure and maintained by the property owner. Prior to issuance of building permits, the structures will be evaluated for compliance with Fire Safe Building code requirements such as fire sprinklers and fire-resistant building materials. Compliance with Fire Safe Regulations and Vacaville Fire Protection District will minimize impacts to less than significant.

#### **Impacts Discussion**

- 2.20a: There are no identified adopted emergency response plans applicable to the project. **No Impact.**
- 2.20b: Compliance with Fire Safe Regulations would minimize impacts to a less than significant.

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2.20c: Reference (b) above. Less than significant impacts.

2.20d: Reference (b) above. Less than significant impacts.

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

#### **Impacts Discussion**

2.21a-c: No environmental impacts attributable to this proposal have been identified that would have the potential to 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, reduce the number or restrict the range of an endangered, rare or threatened species, eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory, have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable, or cause substantial adverse effects on human beings. Compliance with recommended mitigation measures will reduce impacts to less than significant.

#### **CHAPTER 3 – AGENCY COORDINATION AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

#### 3.1 Consultation and Coordination with Public Agencies

The Initial Study is being circulated for public comment and referred to the State Clearinghouse for coordinated review by state agencies. (See Section 5.0 Distribution List)

#### 3.2 Public Participation Methods

The Initial Study is also available at the Solano County Department of Resource Management and online at the Department's Planning Services Division website at:

http://www.solanocounty.com/depts/rm/documents/eir/default.asp

Interested parties may contact the planner assigned to this project at the contact points provided below:

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#### 3.3 List of Preparers

#### **Solano County Department of Resource Management**

This Initial Study was prepared by the Solano County Department of Resource Management.

#### 3.4 Distribution List

#### **State Agencies**

Cal Fire

CA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife

#### **Local Agencies**

Vacaville Fire Protection District

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#### **APPENDICES**

- A Use Permit Application No. U-05-26 Amendment No. 1
- **B** Site Plan
- C Phillipi Engineering Letter



## **DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**PLANNING SERVICES APPLICATION FORM

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Application Type: New	Extension (maps)	Minor Revision	☐ Map Modif	cation
Administrative Permit (AD) Architectural Review (AR) General Plan Amendment (G) Major Subdivision (S) Marsh Development Permit (MD) Minor Subdivision (MS)	Minor Use Perm Mobilehome Sto Mutual Agreeme Performance Sto Policy Plan Over Rezone (Z)	orage Permit (MH) ent (MA) andards (PS)	Sign Permit Use Permit Variance (V Waiver (WA	(U) )
Application No: U-05-26 Amen		E USE ONLY PC BOS Date Filed	: 10/27/1	7 Plnr: N
Project Name: PVRA F	leasants Vall	ey Riding Ar	ena	
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Assessor's Parcel Number (s):	3		Size (sq. ft/ac	
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Contact Name: Joeta Grif	Go Phone 707	) 451-3898 Email: X	oetaa acn	incret
Mailing Address: PO Box 5021		city: VACAUIL		A zip: 95696
Architect/Engineer/Land Surveyor Comp	any Name: N/A			
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Project Narrative	
Describe the type of development, proposed uses/business, phase and intent or purpose of your proposal clearly. Attach additional with the second sec	sheets as necessary.
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General Plan, Zoning and Utilities:	
General Plan, Zoning or Williamson Act Contract information in www.solanocounty.com. Click on the "Interactive Map" icon, the "Interactive Map	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Current General Plan Designation:	Current Zoning:
Proposed General Plan Designation:	Proposed Zoning:
Current Water Provider: Private Well	Current Sewage Disposal: Same
Proposed Water Provider: DAMA	Proposed Sowage Disposal: SAM 2

3	Williamson Act Contract
	A. Is any portion of the property under Williamson Act Contract?
	If yes, Contract Noplease provide a copy.
	If yes, has a Notice of Non-Renewal been filed?
	If yes, please provide a copy. According to assessors office 12/23/18
	B. Are there any agricultural conservation, open space or similar easements affecting the use of the project site? (such easements do not include Williamson Act contracts)
	Yes No if yes, please list and provide a copy.
4	Additional Background Information
	A. Does the proposal propose the demolition or alteration of any existing structures on the subject site?
	Yes No If yes, please describe in the project narrative.
	B. List any permits that are required from Solano County and/or other local, state, federal agencies (i.e. building permit, Department of Fish and Game permits, etc.)
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	C. List any known previously approved projects located on the property (i.e. Use Permit, Parcel Maps, etc). Identify the project name, type of project and date of approval.
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	D. List any known professionally prepared reports for the project (i.e. biological survey, traffic study, geologic, hazardous materials, etc.)
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	E. Does the project involve Housing and Urban Development (HUD) federal funding? Yes No
	If yes, indicate the type of funding (i.e. CDBG grant, HOME, Investment Partnership Program, etc), funding amount, whether awarded or application pending and fiscal year of award or application request.

Н.	Is this part of a larger project? If yes, please explain.
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5	Existing Conditions
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Α.	Project site:
	60 Acre
В.	Surrounding properties: Yural residential/agricultural
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C.	Existing user of land: Horse Boarding Cacility
D.	Describe number and type of existing structures:
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	Industrial 3800C H - BARN
	Other
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F.	Describe existing vegetation on site, including number and type of existing trees.
	This request does not affect any vegotation or trees
F.	If in agricultural use, describe type of use or crop (cattle, sheep, hay, vegetables, fruit, etc).
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G.	Slope of property:       Flat or sloping       (0 - 6% slope)       acres         Rolling       (7 - 15% slope)       acres         Hilly       (16 - 24% slope)       acres         Steep       (> 24% slope)       acres
Н.	Describe existing drainage conditions on site. Indicate direction of surface flows, adjacent parcels affected.  Plasants Valley Rd.
1.	Describe land uses on adjacent parcels (specify types of crops if agricultural).
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	East Pasture West Pastire
J.	Distance to nearest residence(s) or other adjacent use(s): 2000 + (ft)mi)
к.	Describe and indicate location of any power lines, water mains, pipelines or other transmission lines which are located on or adjacent to the property.    The property   T
L.	Describe number and location of natural creeks or water courses through or adjacent to the property. Specify names (if any). Indicate whether ephemeral (brief flows following rains), intermittent (seasonal flows during wet season), or perennial (year-round flows).  PVR
M	Describe number and location of man-made drainage channels through or adjacent to the property Specify
141.	names, if any. drawage to PVR - Not affected by this request
N.	Identify and describe any on-site or adjacent marshes, wetlands, vernal pools, wet meadows, riparian (i.e. dependant on water bodies) vegetation, etc.:
	Not affected by this reques
0.	Are there any unique, sensitive, rare, threatened, or endangered animals, plants, or habitats on the project site or located in close proximity which may be affected by the project?
	YesNo Don't Know If yes, please list:
Р.	Describe existing vehicle access(s) to property: 32' entrance w/ 48' setback to gate
	Drive way  1000' of Continually diviveway

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ų.	access, utility, and other public or private easements (see deed or recent preliminary title report).
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<b>R.</b>	List and describe any freestanding and attached signage on the property. Describe the dimensions, area and height. Include the location on the site plan.  A signs a Entrance Ax3 each
6	Proposed Changes to the Site
A.	Topography and grading (attach copy of grading plan showing existing and proposed topography and drainage patterns.)  i. Percent of site previously graded:%.
	ii. Project area (area to be graded or otherwise disturbed):sq. ft./acres.
	iii. Estimate amount of soil to be moved (cut and/or fill):
	Less than 50 cubic yds <sup>3</sup> More than 50 cubic yds <sup>3</sup> More than 1000 cubic yds <sup>3</sup>
	iv. Estimate amount of soil to be:
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В.	Number, size and type of trees, and type and quantity of vegetation to be removed. ( size of trees = diameter at 4ft. above grade)
C.	Number, type and use of existing structures to be removed, and removal schedule:
*	More
D.	Describe proposed fencing and/or visual screening (landscaping):
E.	Proposed access to project site (road name, driveway location, etc.):
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F.	Proposed source and method of water supply:
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G.	Proposed method of sewage disposal (specify agency if public sewer):
	private septic

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5.	Proposed construction schedule:  Deliver construction schedule:  Deliver construction schedule:  Deliver construction schedule:  Deliver construction schedule:
	Daily construction schedule: froma.m./p.m. toa.m./p.m.
	Days of construction:
6.	Will this project be constructed in phases? Describe:
7.	Maximum number of people using facilities:
	At any one time:
8.	Total number of employees:
	Expected maximum number of employees on site: 10 at time of Swarm
	During a shift:During day:
9.	Number of parking spaces proposed:
10.	Maximum number of vehicles expected to arrive at site:
	At any one time:day:
11.	Radius of service area:
12.	Type of loading/unloading facilities:
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13	Type of exterior lighting proposed:
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11	Describe all anticipated noise-generating operations, vehicles or equipment on-site.
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15	Describe all proposed uses which may emit odors detectable on or off-site.
	Manure 15 removed Weekly
16	Describe all proposed freestanding and wall signage. Include the dimensions, area and height.
	MAMS 3X4

Indicate the following items applicable to the project or its effects. Discuss in Section 9 all items checked "Yes" or "Maybe". *Attach additional sheets as necessary.* 

		YES	MAYBE	NO
A.	Change in existing natural features including any bays, tidelands, lakes, streams, beaches, natural landforms or vegetation.			X
В.	Change in scenic views or vistas from existing residential areas, public lands or roads.			X
C.	Change in scale, pattern or character of general area of project.			X
D.	Increased amounts of solid waste or litter.			Ď,
Ε.	Dust, ash, smoke, fumes or odors on site or in vicinity.			
F.	Change in ground water quality or quantity.			X
G.	Alteration of existing drainage patterns, or change in surface water quantity or quality.			
Н.	Change in existing noise or vibration levels.			an annual annual annual annual annual an annual
1.	Construction on filled land or construction or grading on slopes of 25% or more.			X
J.	Storage, use or disposal of materials potentially hazardous to man or wildlife, including gasoline and diesel fuel. (See Environmental Health Division for assistance or information).			
К.	Increase in demand for public services (police, fire, water, sewer, etc.)			×
L.	Increase in fossil fuel consumption (electricity, natural gas, oil, etc.).			X
M.	Change in use of or access to an existing recreational area or navigable stream.			X
N.	Change in traffic or vehicular noise on road system in immediate vicinity.			X
0.	Increased hazards for vehicles, bicycles or pedestrians.			X
Р.	Removal of agricultural or grazing lands from production.			X.
Q.	Relocation of people.			X

#### 9 Additional Information by Applicant

Owner signature:

In order to make this application COMPLETE, please submit any additional data, information or special study reports that may be necessary to determine whether the project may have significant effect on the environment or to evaluate any adverse impacts, and to determine how they may be mitigated. Add additional pages as necessary.

#### 10 Information Verification - Signed by Owner and Applicant

Owner and Applicant must sign below certifying that all information is to the best of his/her knowledge true and correct.

If the applicant is not the owner of record of all property included in this application, the signature given below is certification that the owners of record have knowledge of and consent to the filing of this application and supporting information. Additionally, the undersigned does hereby authorize representatives of the County to enter upon the above mentioned property for inspection purposes. This certification acknowledges that if the project exceeds double that of the application fee, applicants are subject to the hourly billing rate of staff time. You will be notified if the project is approaching this threshold.

I hereby certify that the statements furnished above and in the attached exhibits present the data and information required for this initial evaluation to the best of my ability, and that the facts, statements, and information presented are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Applicant signature:	Date: 10/25/
PRINTED NAME:	For Office Use Only
Planning Permit Fee(s)	Environmental Review Fees
U.05.26 \$ 2348	Initial Study \$
America 15	Archaeological Study (Sonoma State NWIC) \$  Negative Declaration \$
\$	CA Fish and Games (ND or EIR) \$ Initiate EIR \$
Total \$ 2348 - 10	Mitigation Monitoring Plan \$ Total \$
Total Fees Paid (P+E) \$ 23 48 - 00	Receipt No.: # 1049974DATE: 10/27/17
Staff verify: Zoning: GP Land	Use & Consistency:
Comments:	Staff/Date:

Follow Up to meeting in September: Here are answers to the questions raised at our meeting. Please let me know if there is any unanswered concerns I may have missed. If there are no additional concerns at this time – I will submit plans and the fee for the initial study.

Horse Shows/Events are weekly during the months of September – May. No shows in June, July and August.

PVRA – membership, no tickets – SEE ATTACHED – SAMPLE SHOW SCHEDULE – with schedule of the day activities

Total attendees – maximum 150 (this includes family, boarders, employees) – no more than 100 in the arena building – average 50

Participants ride together a lot. There may be 30 trailers avg. at a show

Boarder participation – I believe that some of our boarders will participate in the shows. However, I am not able to provide an estimate. Boarders will not be able to use the arena when a show is taking place and is the reason for the potential future addition of the covered arena (building k).

Schedule of other days of the week - SEE ATTACHED - SAMPLE WEEKLY SCHEDULE - SEPTEMBER - MAY

Currently have 3 portables (one of which is handicap accessible) and 2 flushing toilets. We do not believe we will need more portables to support the shows. However, if we do, we will address this subject with Environmental Management.

The DBA for the PA System will be below 60 at the property line.

Food Service - Either we will purchase and permit our own catering truck or we will have an outside vendor with a licensed catering truck support the show.

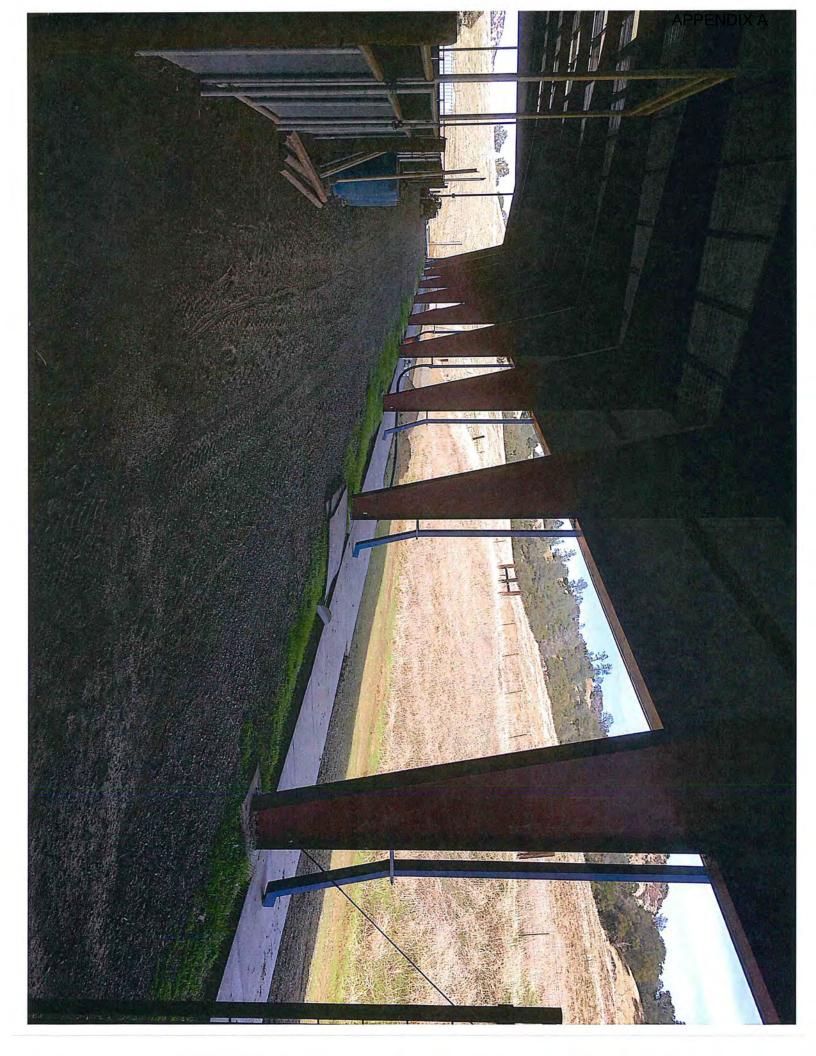
There is an increase of 10 horses to the use permit. See plans for location of the horses.

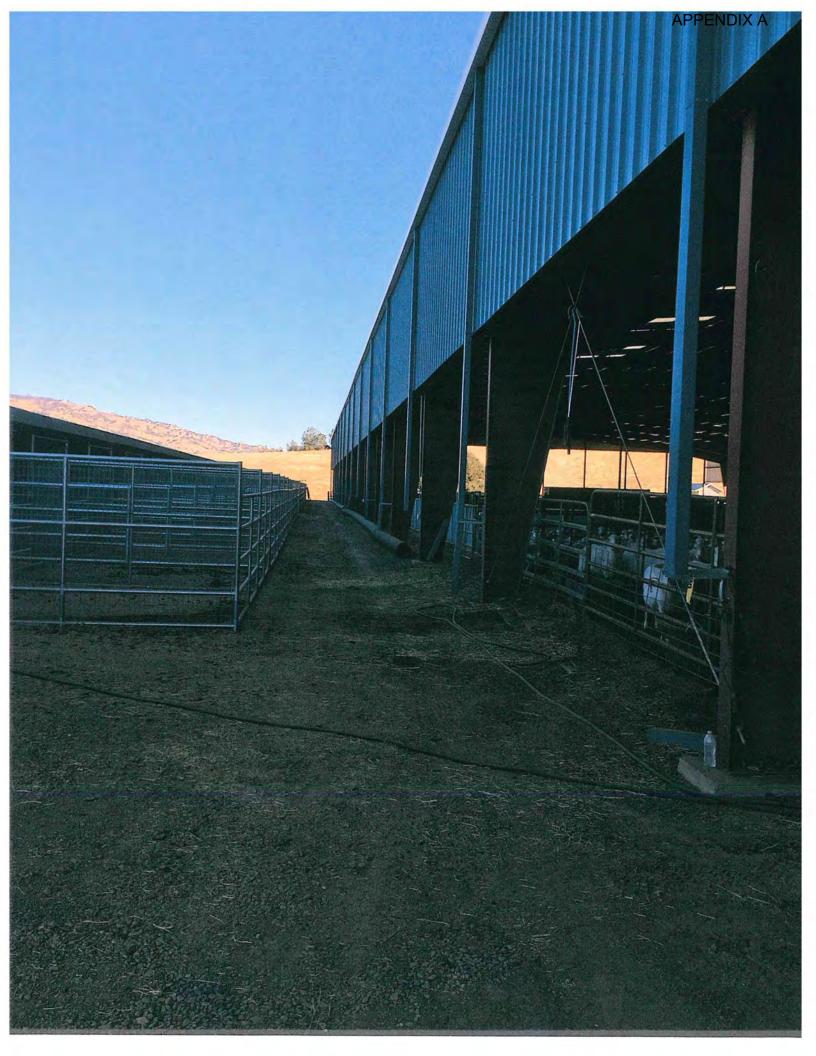
FUTURE Buildings D & F have been moved out of the area of concern – bldg. permits will be applied for prior to construction of any future buildings.

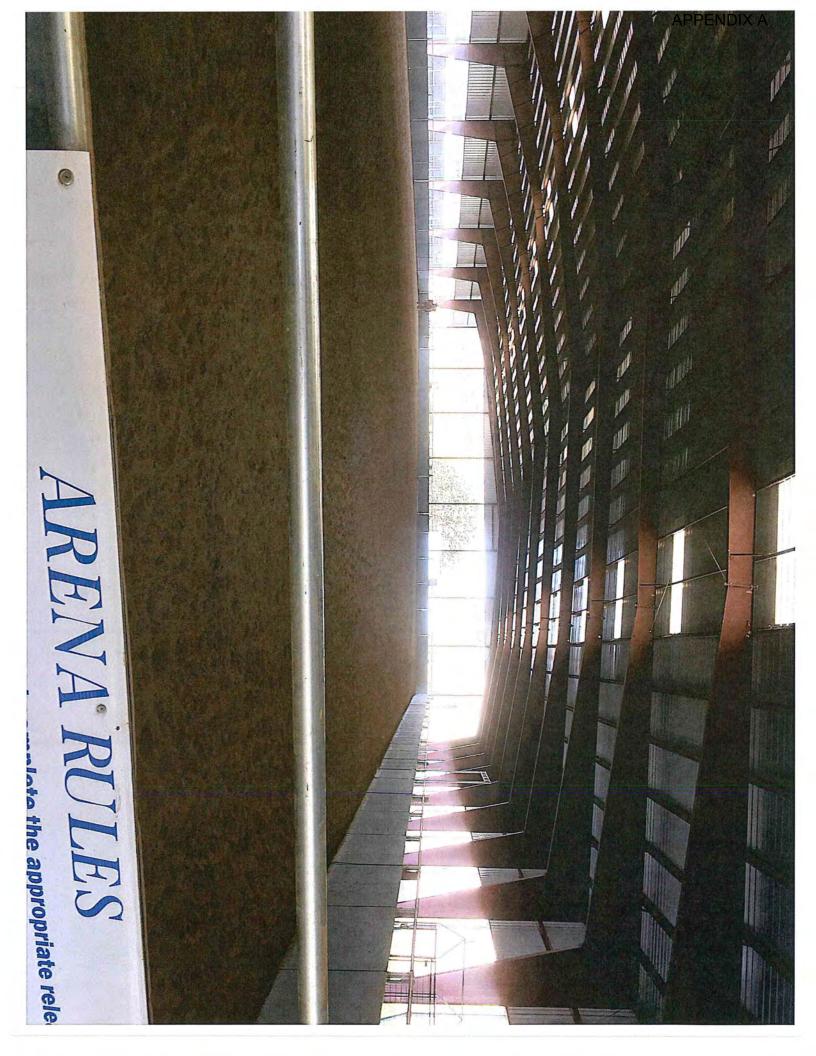
FUTURE Building K will be 60 feet off the property line and will be noted on plans – bldg. permits will be applied for prior to construction of any future buildings.

### REVISED SAMPLE WEEKLY SCHEDULE/JANUARY-DECEMBER

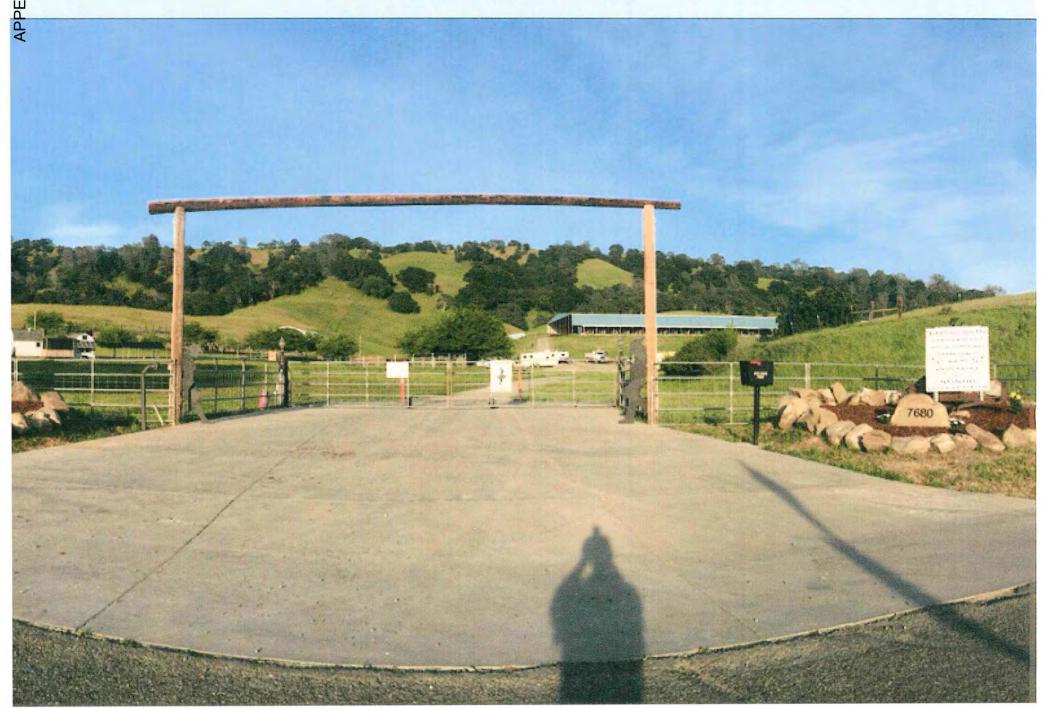
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boarders	boarders	boarders	boarders	boarders	show	boarders
&	&	&	&	&	january -may/sept-	&
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					9a-9p	
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		people in the barn at		people in the barn at	&	
		one time <b>(max 28</b>		one time <b>(max 28</b>	lessons	
		classes/year)		classes/year)	there are an average of 5-	
		mid-jan-may; sept-mid		mid-jan-may; sept-mid	10 people in the barn at	
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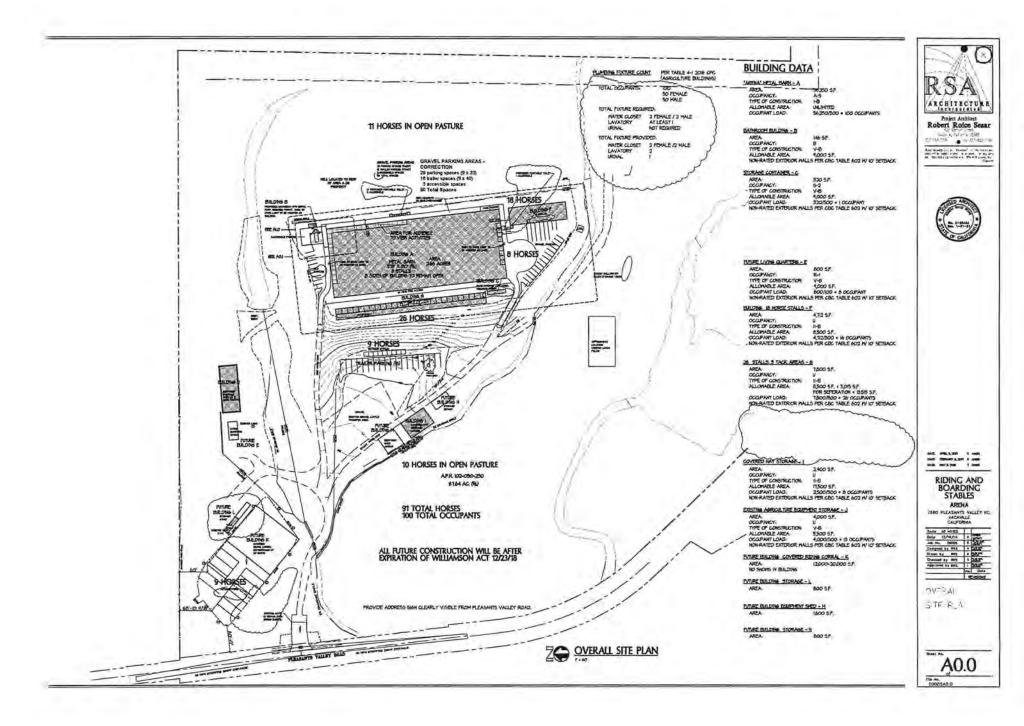




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February 7, 2019 290600

Stuart Hagerman County Surveyor Department of Resource Management County of Solano 675 Texas Street, Suite 5500 Fairfield, CA 94533

SUBJECT: Traffic Analysis - Griffin Property, PVRA Ranch, Vacaville, CA

Dear Stuart,

This letter is sent regarding application U-05-26. Specifically, this letter is sent to address concerns related to traffic for the project. These concerns are Pleasants Valley Road site distance, and movement in and at of the facility at times of peak demand during "show days".

Show days involve two different groups of participants throughout the day. The professionals will participate in the morning and the amateurs will participate in the afternoon. Each group will involve approximately 100 people (participants and their guests). The pros arrive from 8 to 9 in the morning and consist of typically 30-50 vehicles (for those 100 participants). The amateurs begin arriving at approximately 11 AM with signups and registration occurring until noon. During this time approximately 30-50 vehicles will be arriving. The pros will be leaving the property between 10AM and 2PM. The amateurs would begin leaving at 2PM and continue their exodus until 5PM.

Based on the anticipated show schedules outlined above the maximum peak hour would likely be 11AM to noon where 40-70 vehicles could be entering and leaving the property. With respect this traffic impact on Pleasants Valley Road, it is expected that total number of trips entering and egressing the property would average 1 vehicle every 51 seconds which is insignificant and no improvements to Pleasants Valley Road are warranted.

Regarding safety, the "Stopping Site Distance", as shown on the attached site plan, is adequate. There is well over 360 feet of clear line of site in any direction to and from the entrance to the property.

Thomas A. Phillippi, RCE 32067 425 Merchant Street Suite 200 Vacaville, CA 95688 Phone (707) 451-6556 Fax (707) 451-6555 With low peak hour traffic volumes and adequate site distance, we believe the proposed use is compatible with traffic on Pleasants Valley Road and will present no significant impacts. If you have any comments or questions regarding this, please let us know.

Very Truly Yours

Phillippi Engineering Inc.

Thomas A. Phillippi, President R.C.E. #32067, Expires 12-31-20

Cc Ed and Joetta Griffin