INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED 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: Chandler/Wong Engineers, Inc.

PROJECT TITLE/FILE NUMBER(S): PA-2100284 (GP) PA-2100285 (ZR)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: General Plan Map Amendment and Zone Reclassification application to change the General Plan designation of two parcels totaling 10.69-acres from R/L (Low Density Residential) to R/R (Rural Residential) and to change the zoning designation from R-L (Low Density Residential) to R-R (Rural Residential).

The underlying project is a Minor Subdivision application to create 4 Rural Residential parcels of 2 acres or greater in size. This parcel is not under a Williamson Act Contract.

The project site is located on the south side of North Towers Place, east of North Cherryland Avenue, east of Stockton.

ASSESSOR PARCEL NO.: 087-090-48 & 087-090-64

ACRES: 10.69-acres

GENERAL PLAN: R/R (Rural Residential)

ZONING: R-R (Rural Residential)

POTENTIAL POPULATION, NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS, OR SQUARE FOOTAGE OF USE(S): Four Rural Residential parcels with a primary and Accessory Dwelling Unit on each parcel.

SURROUNDING LAND USES:

NORTH: Residential

SOUTH: Agricultural with scattered residences
EAST: Agricultural with scattered residences

WEST: Residential

REFERENCES AND SOURCES FOR DETERMINING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

Original source materials and maps on file in the Community Development Department including: all County and City general plans and community plans; assessor parcel books; various local and FEMA flood zone maps; service district maps; maps of geologic instability; maps and reports on endangered species such as the Natural Diversity Data Base; noise contour maps; specific roadway plans; maps and/or records of archeological/historic resources; soil reports and maps; etc.

Many of these original source materials have been collected from other public agencies or from previously prepared EIR's and other technical studies. Additional standard sources which should be specifically cited below include on-site visits by staff (note 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.	Yes No
	Nature of concern(s): Enter concern(s).
2.	Will the project require approval or permits by agencies other than the County? ☐ Yes ☐ No
	Agency name(s): Enter agency name(s).
3.	Is the project within the Sphere of Influence, or within two miles, of any city? \boxtimes Yes \square No
	City: Stockton

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:

The environmental factors checked be a "Potentially Significant Impact" as inc		d by this project, involving at least one impact that is ollowing pages.
Aesthetics	☐ Agriculture and Forestry	Resources Air Quality
Biological Resources	Cultural Resources	☐ Energy
Geology / Soils	Greenhouse Gas Emiss	ions Hazards & Hazardous Materials
Hydrology / Water Quality	☐ Land Use / Planning	☐ Mineral Resources
Noise	Population / Housing	☐ Public Services
Recreation	☐ Transportation	Tribal Cultural Resources
Utilities / Service Systems	Wildfire	☐ Mandatory Findings of Significance
DETERMINATION: (To be completed	by the Lead Agency) On the bas	sis of this initial evaluation:
I find that the proposed project DECLARATION will be prepared.	COULD NOT have a signific	ant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE
	ions in the project have been	fect on the environment, there will not be a significant made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A
I find that the proposed project MAREPORT is required.	AY have a significant effect on th	ne environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
impact on the environment, but at applicable legal standards, and 2	least one effect 1) has been ade 2) has been addressed by mit	It impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" equately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to gation measures based on the earlier analysis as PORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects
significant effects (a) have been applicable standards, and (b)	analyzed adequately in an ear have been avoided or mitiga	t effect on the environment, because all potentially lier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to ted pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE e imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further
Giuseppe Sanfilippo Associate Planner	<u> </u>	10-4-2022 Date

EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

- 1) A brief explanation is required for all answers except "No Impact" answers that are adequately supported by the information sources a lead agency cites in the parentheses following each question. A "No Impact" answer is adequately supported if the referenced information sources show that the impact simply does not apply to projects like the one involved (e.g., the project falls outside a fault rupture zone). A "No Impact" answer should be explained where it is based on project-specific factors as well as general standards (e.g., the project will not expose sensitive receptors to pollutants, based on a project-specific screening analysis).
- 2) All answers must take account of the whole action involved, including off-site as well as on-site, cumulative as well as project-level, indirect as well as direct, and construction as well as operational impacts.
- 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.

Iss	ues:					
		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No	Analyzed In The t Prior EIF
<u>I.</u> A	ESTHETICS.	paret	moorporatou		mpao	
	cept as provided in Public Resources Code Section 21099,					
	uld the project:					
a)	Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?				\times	
b)	Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not					
,	limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings				∇	
	within a state scenic highway?	ш				
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?				\boxtimes	
d)	Create a new source of substantial light or glare which					

would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?

a-d) This project is General Plan Map Amendment and Zone Reclassification application to change the General Plan designation of two parcels totaling 10.69-acres from R/L (Low Density Residential) to R/R (Rural Residential) and to change the zoning designation from R-L (Low Density Residential) to R-R (Rural Residential). 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 General Plan Map Amendment and Zone Reclassification will have no impact on aesthetics.

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		Potentially Significant Impact	Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	In The Prior EIR
In a sig the Ass Co imping imping info and lan the add	determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are nificant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to a California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site sessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Dept. of inservation as an optional model to use in assessing pacts on agriculture and farmland. In determining whether exacts to forest resources, including timberland, are inficant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to be protection regarding the state's inventory of forest d, including the Forest and Range Assessment Project and a Forest Legacy Assessment project; and forest carbon assurement methodology provided in Forest Protocols opted by the California Air Resources Board Would the object:	impaot			mpace	THE LINE
	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?			\boxtimes		
b)	Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?					
c)	Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code section 51104(g))?				\boxtimes	
d)	Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?				\boxtimes	
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?			\boxtimes		

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Impact Discussion:

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Wh ap _l dis	AIR QUALITY. here available, the significance criteria established by the olicable air quality management or air pollution control trict may be relied upon to make the following terminations. Would the project:					
a)	Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?			\boxtimes		
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?			\boxtimes		
c)	Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?			\boxtimes		
d)	Result in substantial emissions (such as those leading to odors) adversely affecting a substantial number of people?			\boxtimes		

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	BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES:		•			
Wo 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?			\boxtimes		
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?			\boxtimes		
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?			\boxtimes		
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?			\boxtimes		
e)	Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?			\boxtimes		
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?			\boxtimes		

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<u>V.</u> (CULTURAL RESOURCES.		100000000000000000000000000000000000000			
	ould 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?				\boxtimes	
c)	Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of dedicated cemeteries?				\boxtimes	

a–c) This project General Plan Map Amendment and Zone Reclassification application to change the General Plan designation of two parcels totaling 10.69-acres from R/L (Low Density Residential) to R/R (Rural Residential) and to change the zoning designation from R-L (Low Density Residential) to R-R (Rural Residential). No impact on cultural resources is anticipated. Should human remains be discovered during any ground disturbing activities, all work shall stop immediately in the vicinity (e.g. 100 feet) of the finds until they can be verified. The County coroner shall be immediately contacted in accordance with Health and Safety Code section 7050.5(b). Protocol and requirements outlined in Health and Safety Code sections 7050.5(b) and 7050.5(c) as well as Public Resources Code section 5097.98 shall be followed.

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VI. I	ENERGY.	Technology and many post offer	Part Control	The state of the s	200 000	
Wo	uld the project:					
,	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?					
,	Conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency?			\boxtimes		

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 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.

. 711	05	OLOGY AND SOILS	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
		OLOGY AND SOILS. the project:					
a)	Dire	ectly or indirectly cause potential substantial adverse ects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:			\boxtimes		
	i)	Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.			\boxtimes		
	ii)	Strong seismic ground shaking?			\boxtimes		
	iii)	Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?			\boxtimes		
	iv)	Landslides?			\boxtimes		
b)	Re	sult in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?			\boxtimes		
C)	wo	located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that uld become unstable as a result of the project, and rentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral reading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?			\boxtimes		
d)		located on expansive soil and create direct or indirect as to life or property?			\boxtimes		
e)	sep wh	ve soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of otic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems ere sewers are not available for the disposal of waste ter?					
f)		ectly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological cource or site or unique geologic feature?				\boxtimes	

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VIII. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS. Would the project:					
a) Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?			\boxtimes		
b) Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?			\boxtimes		

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

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.

¹ San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District. Guidance for Valley Land-use Agencies in Addressing GHG Emission Impacts for New Projects under CEQA. December 17, 2009. San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District. District Policy Addressing GHG Emission Impacts for Stationary Source Projects Under CEQA When Serving as the Lead Agency. December 17, 2009.

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IX.	HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.	пправе	moorporated	mpaot	тпраос	THOI LIT
	ould the project: Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?			\boxtimes		
b)	Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?			\boxtimes		7
c)	Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?			\boxtimes		
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?			\boxtimes		
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?			\boxtimes		
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?			\boxtimes		

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		ROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY. the project:					
a)	Vio req	late any water quality standards or waste discharge uirements or otherwise substantially degrade surface or und water quality?				\boxtimes	
b)	sub pro	ostantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere ostantially with groundwater recharge such that the ject may impede sustainable groundwater nagement of the basin?				\boxtimes	
c)	or a	ostantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site area, including through the alteration of the course of a eam or river or through the addition of impervious faces, in a manner which would:				\boxtimes	
	i)	result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site;				\boxtimes	
	ii)	substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding onor off-site;				\boxtimes	
	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				\boxtimes	
	iv)	impede or redirect flood flows?				\boxtimes	
d)		flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zones, risk release of lutants due to project inundation?			\boxtimes		
e)		nflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality ntrol plan or sustainable groundwater management n?			\boxtimes		

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The project area is located approximately 0.87 miles south of the Calaveras River, and 1.22 miles north of the Stockton Diverting Canal. The proposed project will not violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade surface or ground water quality, conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan.

Would the project: 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?	XI.	LAND USE AND PLANNING.	Potentially Significant Impact	Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
b) Cause a significant environmental impact due to a conflict with any land use plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the	Wc	ould the project:					
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	b)	with any land use plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the		\boxtimes			

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XII.	MINERAL RESOURCES.		To see on the second	·	•	
Wo	uld 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?			\boxtimes		
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?			\boxtimes		

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. Although the project site is in an area designated MRZ-1, there is currently no mining activity in the area. The surrounding area is developed with agricultural, residential, and industrial 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

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	l. NOISE. ould the project result in:					
a)					\boxtimes	
b)	Generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?				\boxtimes	
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?				\boxtimes	

a-c) This project General Plan Map Amendment and Zone Reclassification application to change the General Plan designation of two parcels totaling 10.69-acres from R/L (Low Density Residential) to R/R (Rural Residential) and to change the zoning designation from R-L (Low Density Residential) to R-R (Rural Residential). At the time of development, future projects may have equipment utilized in the grading of the site that will temporarily increase the area's ambient noise levels. Underlying projects when approved will be required to comply with Development Title Section 9-1025.9 (c) (3) which states that: Noise sources associated with construction are exempt from the provisions of the Noise Ordinance provided such activities do not take place before 6:00 a.m. or after 9:00 p.m. on any day. As such, noise generation from will be reduced to less than significant with this added condition.

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ΧIV	/. POPULATION AND HOUSING.					
Wo	ould the project:					
a)	Induce substantial unplanned population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?				\boxtimes	
b)	Displace substantial numbers of existing people or housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				\boxtimes	

a-b) The proposed project is a General Plan Map Amendment and 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 is currently vacant, 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:			\boxtimes		
Fire protection?			\boxtimes		
Police protection?			\boxtimes		
Schools?			\boxtimes		
Parks?			\boxtimes		
Other public facilities?			\boxtimes		

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XVI. RECREATION. 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?				\boxtimes	
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?				\boxtimes	

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	II. TRANSPORTATION.					
	ould the project:					
a)	Conflict with a program plan, ordinance, or policy addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadways, bicycle, and pedestrian facilities?			\boxtimes		
b)	Would the project conflict or be inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines section 15064.3, subdivision (b)?			\boxtimes		
c)	Substantially increase hazards due to a geometric design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?			\boxtimes		
d)	Result in inadequate emergency access?			\boxtimes		

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The project is not expected to conflict with any program plans, ordinances, or policies addressing the vehicle circulation system. Any subsequent Subdivision would be required to meet any applicable County and California Fire Code access As a result, proposed project will have adequate emergency access.

V	Wo the Pub feat defi sac	RIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES. uld the project cause a substantial adverse change in significance of a tribal cultural resource, defined in blic Resources Code section 21074 as either a site, ture, place, cultural landscape that is geographically ned in terms of the size and scope of the landscape, red place, or object with cultural value to a California ive American tribe, and that is:	Potentially Significant Impact	Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
	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					
	ii)	A resource determined by the lead agency, in its discretion and supported by substantial evidence, to be significant pursuant to criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code Section 5024.1. In applying the criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resource Code Section 5024.1, the lead agency shall consider the significance of the resource to a California Native American tribe.					

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Impact Discussion:

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If any suspected Tribal Cultural Resources (TCR) are discovered during ground disturbing construction activities, all work shall cease within 100 feet of the find. A Tribal Representative from culturally affiliated tribes shall be immediately notified and shall determine if the find is a TCR pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21074. The Tribal Representative will make recommendations regarding the treatment of the discovery. Preservation in place is the preferred alternative under CEQA and UAIC protocols, and every effort must be made to preserve the resources in place, including through project redesign. Work at the discovery location cannot resume until all necessary investigation and evaluation of the discovery under the requirements of CEQA, including AB 52, has been satisfied. The contractor shall implement any measures deemed by the lead agency to be necessary and feasible to preserve in place, avoid, or minimize impacts to the resource, including but not limited to, facilitating the appropriate tribal treatment of the find, as necessary. This has been incorporated into the project's Conditions of Approval.

Additionally, should human remains be discovered during any ground disturbing activities, all work shall stop immediately in the vicinity (e.g., 100 feet) of the finds until they can be verified. The County coroner shall be immediately contacted in accordance with Health and Safety Code section 7050.5(b). Protocol and requirements outlined in Health and Safety Code sections 7050.5(b) and 7050.5(c) as well as Public Resources Code section 5097.98 shall be followed.

As a result of the Condition and existing Health and Safety Code regulations, any impact to tribal cultural resources is anticipated to be less than significant.

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	K. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS.	1000001				
vvo a)	ould the project: Require or result in the relocation or construction of new					
u)	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?			\boxtimes		
b)	Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project and reasonably foreseeable future development during normal, dry and multiple dry years?			\boxtimes		
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?			\boxtimes		
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?				\boxtimes	
e)	Comply with federal, state, and local management and reduction statutes and regulations related to solid waste?					

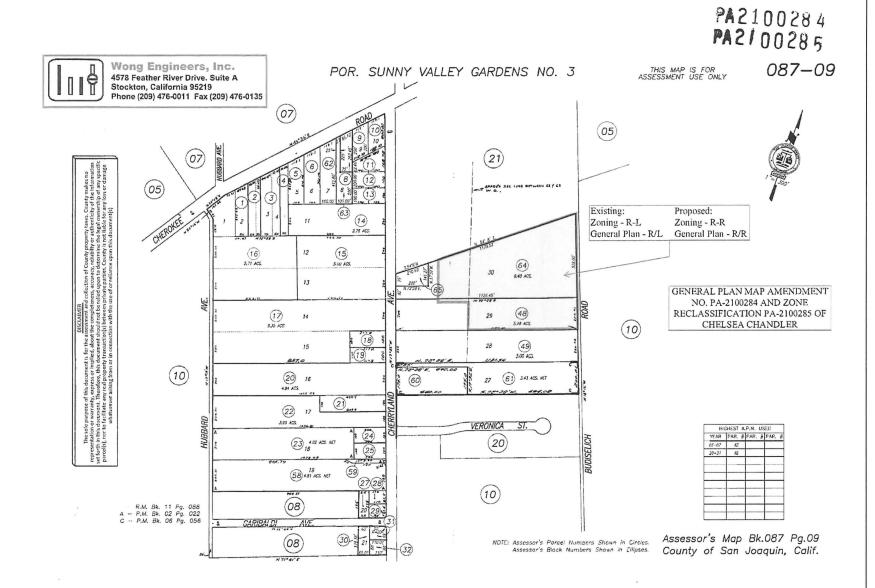
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If I	. WILDFIRE. ocated in or near state responsibility areas or lands ssified as very high fire hazard severity zones, would the ject:		,	,	,	
	Substantially impair an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?				\boxtimes	
b)	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?				\boxtimes	
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?				\boxtimes	

a-d) This project is a General Plan Map Amendment and Zone Reclassification application to change the General Plan designation of two parcels totaling 10.69-acres from R/L (Low Density Residential) to R/R (Rural Residential) and to change the zoning designation from R-L (Low Density Residential) to R-R (Rural Residential). Pursuant to the San Joaquin Fire Severity Zone map, the project site is located in local responsibility fire zone designation. The project utilizes proposed roadway access in conformance with San Joaquin County and fire road standards. Therefore, the proposed project will have a less that significant impact wildfire hazards.

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XXI. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE a) Does the project have the potential to substantially degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, substantially reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?				\boxtimes	
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)?				\boxtimes	
c) Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?				\boxtimes	

a-c) The proposed application does not have the potential to degrade the environment or eliminate a plant or animal community. The project would not result in significant cumulative impacts or cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly.



ATTACHMENT: (MAP[S] OR PROJECT SITE PLAN[S])

