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Project Title: Groveland Community Resilience Center Project

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Project Location: Groveland (unincorporated community) *City* Tuolumne *County*

Project Decription (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The project site consists of two undeveloped parcels located west of the intersection of Ferretti Road and Pine Mountain Drive. The proposed resilience center would consist of one multi-use building of up to 12,000 square feet (sq. ft.), associated outdoor multi-functional space (e.g., covered picnic space, staging area), and approximately 200 parking spaces. The total area to be paved would be approximately 65,000 sq. ft. The building would include a lobby area, office space, a large gathering room (i.e., up to 200-person capacity), one or two classroom spaces, a commercial kitchen, and restrooms. The center would be designed to function during non-emergency and emergency times. During typical non-emergency operation, the center would be used by various community groups, non-profit organizations, governmental entities, and the public. Typical uses would include temporary events such as meetings, parties/fundraisers, training, banquet/receptions, and limited governmental services and non-profit activities such as computer stations and informational kiosks (e.g., public voting, job search assistance). During times of emergencies, the center would function as a shelter, providing sleep space and food for residents, first responders, gathering space for emergency responders to conduct briefings, public use of computers for communication purposes, staging areas for animal evaluations, and function as a cooling/heating center to the public during extreme weather days throughout the year. Non-emergency use of the center would vary throughout the year with smaller uses and functions occurring on weekdays (between 20 and 40 people per day) and larger events anticipated to occur on the weekends (between 40 and 200 people per day).

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

See attached summary or impacts and mitigation measures.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

The public expressed a desire for energy-efficient building design and raised concern related to increased traffic.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

State Water Resources Control Board,
California Water Resources Control Board, and
California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Summary of Impacts and Mitigation Measures for the Groveland Community Resilience Center Project IS/MND

Section 2.4: Biological Resources.

Question IV-a. The project would result in potentially significant impacts to special-status species. Mitigation Measures 2.4-1, 2.4-2, and 2.4-3 requires preconstruction surveys to identify present western pond turtles, bat roosts, or active nests. The mitigation measures require that any identified western pond turtles or bats be avoided or removed from active construction areas. In addition, disturbance buffers would be established for any active bat roost or nesting birds to prevent disturbance during construction activities. Implementation of these mitigation measures would reduce the potential to disturb existing western pond turtles, bats, and nesting birds and these impacts would be reduced to a less-than-significant level.

Question IV-b. The project could result in potentially significant impacts to riparian habitat. Mitigation Measure 2.4-4 would ensure that the riparian habitat would not be disturbed. With implementation of this mitigation measure, impacts to riparian habitat would be reduced to a less-than-significant level.

Section 2.5: Cultural Resources.

Questions V-a and b. The project could result in impacts to previously unknown archaeological resources. Mitigation Measure 2.5-1 would minimize the potential of the project to result in adverse changes to historical or archaeological resources by requiring cessation of work and implementation of proper data recovery and/or preservation procedures upon discovery of previously unknown resources. The impact would be reduced to less than significant.

Question V-c. The project could result in impacts to unknown human remains. Mitigation Measure 2.5-2 would ensure that proper procedures would be followed in the event of the discovery of previously unknown human remains. The impact would be reduced to a less-than-significant level.

Section 2.10: Hydrology and Water Quality.

Question X-c(ii) and c(iii). The project could result in potentially significant impacts related to increases in the rate of stormwater runoff that could cause on or off-site flooding. Mitigation Measures 2.10-1 and 2.10-2 would ensure that water runoff systems are incorporated into the project design and that water runoff would be adequately collected onsite such that the potential for any on- or off-site flooding impacts would be reduced. With incorporation of these measures, the project would have a less-than-significant impact related to on- or off-site flooding from surface runoff.

Section 2.21 : Mandatory Findings of Significance

Question XXI-a. As discussed in Section 2.5 "Biological Resources," the project could result in potential impacts to special-status species and riparian habitat. Mitigation has been included that requires preconstruction surveys to identify the presence of these species, avoid or remove them from the construction area (if they are present), and establish disturbance buffers to ensure they are not disturbed during construction. Mitigation has also been included to ensure the project does not affect riparian habitat.

As discussed in Section 2.5, "Cultural Resources," although the potential for discovery of buried archaeological materials within the project site is considered to be low, it is possible that previously unknown historical or archaeological resources could be discovered during grading and excavation work associated with project construction. Mitigation has been included that would ensure that the project would not result in adverse changes to historical or archaeological resources by requiring cessation of work and implementation of proper data recovery and/or preservation procedures upon discovery of previously unknown resources. For the reasons above, this would be a less-than-significant impact with mitigation incorporated.