

# Community Development Department

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#### MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

TO:



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FROM:

San Joaquin County

Community Development Department

1810 East Hazelton Avenue Stockton, California 95205

County Clerk, County of San Joaquin

PROJECT TITLE: Site Approval No. PA-1900117 (SA)

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The project site is on the southwest corner of South Austin Road and West Ripon Road, west of Ripon, San Joaquin County. (APN/Address: 257-240-35/24061 South Austin Road, Ripon) (Supervisorial District: 5)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: A Site Approval application to establish agricultural truck parking as an accessory use pursuant to Development Title Section 9-605.6(f) in two (2) phases over five (5) years on an 8.61-acre parcel. Phase 1, with building permits to be issued within 18 months, includes the establishment of truck parking for a maximum of two (2) truck and four (4) trailers. Phase 2, with building permits to be issued within five (5) years, includes the construction of a 2,400 square foot accessory structure for maintenance and repair of the permitted trucks and trailers. The property is accessed from South Austin Road and utilizes an onsite well, septic system, and storm drainage. This property is not under a Williamson Act contract.

The Property is zoned AG-40 (General Agriculture, 40-acre minimum) and the General Plan designation is A/G (General Agriculture).

PROPONENT: Singh Bikramjeet/Luis Corona

This is a Notice of Intent to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for this project as described. San Joaquin County has determined that through the Initial Study that contains proposed mitigation measures all potentially significant effects on the environment can be reduced to a less than significant level. The Negative Declaration and Initial Study can be viewed on the Community Development Department website at www.sigov.org/commdev under Active Planning Applications.

Date: August 28, 2019

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#### **INITIAL STUDY/NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

[Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080(c) and California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Sections 15070-15071]

LEAD AGENCY: San Joaquin County Community Development Department

PROJECT APPLICANT: Singh/Corona

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The project site is located on the southwest corner of South Austin Road and West Ripon Road, Ripon

ASSESSOR PARCEL NO.: 257-240-35

ACRES: 8.61-acres

**GENERAL PLAN: A/G** 

**ZONING: AG-40** 

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

Existing Residence with an Agricultural Truck Parking operation for a maximum of two (2) trucks, four (4) trailers, and a 2,400 square foot accessory structure for the maintenance and repair of the permitted trucks and trailers.

#### **SURROUNDING LAND USES:**

NORTH: Agricultural with scattered residences

SOUTH: Agricultural with scattered residences/Stanislaus River

EAST: Agricultural with scattered residences
WEST: Agricultural with scattered residences

#### 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.?

## **GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

1.	Does it appear that any environmental feature of the project will generate significant public concern or controversy?  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: Manteca, Ripon

## ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:

			uld be potentially affected by this pr by the checklist on the following pa		, involving at least one impact that is	
	Aesthetics		Agriculture and Forestry Resources	s	Air Quality	
	Biological Resources		Cultural Resources		Energy	
	Geology / Soils		Greenhouse Gas Emissions		Hazards & Hazardous Materials	
	Hydrology / Water Quality		Land Use / Planning		Mineral Resources	
	Noise		Population / Housing		Public Services	
	Recreation		Transportation		Tribal Cultural Resources	
	Utilities / Service Systems		Wildfire		Mandatory Findings of Significance	
DETE	ERMINATION: (To be completed by	the	Lead Agency) On the basis of this ir	nitial	evaluation:	
	find that the proposed project C ECLARATION will be prepared.	OUL	D NOT have a significant effect	on tl	ne environment, and a NEGATIVE	
е		ns in	the project have been made by o		onment, there will not be a significant reed to by the project proponent. A	
	find that the proposed project MAY EPORT is required.	have	e a significant effect on the environn	nent,	and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT	
ir a d	npact on the environment, but at leapplicable legal standards, and 2)	ast oi has	ne effect 1) has been adequately an been addressed by mitigation me	alyze asure	tentially significant unless mitigated" ed in an earlier document pursuant to es based on the earlier analysis as d, but it must analyze only the effects	
s a D	I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.					
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#### **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		Analyzed In The t Prior EIR
	ESTHETICS.		moorporates.			
	cept as provided in Public Resources Code Section 21099,					
	uld the project: Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?				$\boxtimes$	
b)	Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?				$\boxtimes$	
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) The project is a Site Approval application to establish agricultural truck parking as an accessory use in two (2) phases over five (5) years on an 8.61-acre parcel. The project includes parking for a maximum of two (2) trucks and four (4) trailers, and the construction of a 2,400 square foot accessory building for the maintenance and repair of the permitted trucks and trailers. The proposed facility consists of similar development as neighboring parcels. The project site is not located along a designated scenic route pursuant to 2035 General Plan Figure 12-2, and the surrounding area is a mixture of agricultural and residential uses. As a result, the proposed project is not anticipated to have an impact on aesthetics.

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		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
In esign sign and the median control of the control	AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY RESOURCES.  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 import to compile the state of the protection regarding the state inventory of forest d, including the Forest and Range Assessment Project and a Forest Legacy Assessment project; and forest carbon resurement methodology provided in Forest Protocols opted by the California Air Resources Board Would the offect:					
	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?			$\boxtimes$		
၁)	Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?			$\boxtimes$		
c)	Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code section 51104(g))?			$\boxtimes$		
d)	Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?			$\boxtimes$		
∋)	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?			$\boxtimes$		

a-e) The project is a Site Approval application to establish agricultural truck parking as an accessory use in two (2) phases over five (5) years on an 8.61-acre parcel. The project includes parking for a maximum of two (2) trucks and four (4) trailers and the construction of a 2,400 square foot accessory building for the maintenance and repair of the permitted trucks and trailers. Agricultural truck parking is a permitted accessory use in the AG-40 (General Agriculture, 40-acre minimum) zone with an approved Site approval application.

The proposed project site is not under Williamson Act contract. The parcel is designated as Prime Farmland, however the proposed project will not convert Prime Farmland to a non-agricultural use, and does not propose to remove any land from agricultural production. The project will not affect any agricultural uses, nor will it affect existing Williamson Act contracts. Therefore, the proposed application will have a less than significant impact on agriculture and forestry resources.

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Wh app 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?			$\boxtimes$		

d) The project is a Site Approval application to establish agricultural truck parking as an accessory use in two (2) phases over five (5) years on an 8.61-acre parcel. The project includes parking for a maximum of two (2) trucks and four (4) trailers and the construction of a 2,400 square foot accessory building for the maintenance and repair of the permitted trucks and trailers. The San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD) has been established by the State in an effort to control and minimize air pollution. At the time of future development, the applicant will be required to meet the requirements for emissions and dust control as established by SJVAPCD. As a result, any impacts to air quality will be reduced to less-than-significant.

The project proposes to have access driveways surfaced in asphalt concrete, and the truck parking and trailer storage areas surfaced with aggregate base. The project is expected to generate fourteen (14) vehicle trips per day. Pursuant to Development Title Section 9-1015(e)(2)(a), alternative surfacing materials may be used in combination with an asphalt concrete or Portland cement concrete driveway for agricultural truck parking. As a result of the proposed surfacing, dust generated by the movement of trucks on to and off of the property is expected to be less than significant.

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	BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES:	· I		The state of		
	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?				$\boxtimes$	

a) The Natural Diversity Database list the Swainson's hawk (Buteo Swainsoni), California tiger salamander (Ambystoma californiense), moestan blister beetle (Lytta moesta), Great Valley Oak Riparian Forest, riparian brush rabbit (Sylvilagus bachmani riparius), riparian woodrat (Neotoma fuscipes riparia), valley elderberry longhorn beetle (Desmocerus californicus dimorphus), and the Delta button-celery (Eryngium racemosum) as rare, endangered, or threatened species as potentially occurring in or near the site. The applicant has confirmed participation San Joaquin County Multi-Species Habitat Conservation and Open Space Plan (SJMSCP), which will address any potential impacts to rare, endangered or threatened species, or habitat located on or near the site. Pursuant to the Final EIR/EIS for the San Joaquin County Multi-Species Habitat Conservation and Open Space Plan (SJMSCP), dated November 15, 2000, and certified by the San Joaquin Council of Governments on December 7, 2000, implementation of the SJMSCP is expected to reduce impacts to biological resources resulting from the proposed project to a less than significant level.

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V.	CULTURAL RESOURCES.	,		1		
	ould the project:					
a)	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource pursuant to \$15064.5?			$\boxtimes$		
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) The project is a Site Approval application to establish agricultural truck parking as an accessory use in two (2) phases over five (5) years on an 8.61-acre parcel. The projects includes parking for a maximum of two (2) trucks and four (4) trailers and the construction of a 2,400 square foot accessory building for the maintenance and repair of the permitted trucks and trailers. The proposed project entails a limited scope for ground disturbance and construction. In the event human remains are encountered during any portion of the project, California state law requires that there shall be no further excavation or disturbance of the site or any nearby area reasonably suspected to overlie adjacent remains until the coroner of the county has determined manner and cause of death, and the recommendations concerning the treatment and disposition of the human remains have been made to the person responsible for the excavation (California Health and Safety Code - Section 7050.5). At the time development, if Human burials are found to be of Native American origin, the developer shall follow the procedures pursuant to Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Article 5, Section 15064.5(e) of the California State Code of Regulations.

		Potentially Significant Impact	Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impac	Analyzed In The t Prior EIR
VI.	ENERGY.	,	•	•	•	
	ould the project:					
a)	Result in a potentially significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy, or wasteful use of energy resources, during project construction or operation?			$\boxtimes$		
b)	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 the proposed project ensuring that any impact to the environment due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy will be less than significant and preventing any conflict with state or local plans for energy efficiency and renewable energy.

	-		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
		OLOGY AND SOILS. the project:					
	Dir	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 pot	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 tic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems ere sewers are not available for the disposal of waste ter?			$\boxtimes$		
f)		ectly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological ource or site or unique geologic feature?				$\boxtimes$	

(a-f) The Soil Survey of San Joaquin County classifies the soil on the parcel as *Veritas fine sandy loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes* 

*Veritas fine sandy loam's* permeability is moderately rapid and water capacity is moderate. This unit is suited to irrigated row, orchard, vineyard, and field crops. *Veritas fine sandy loam* has a storie index rating of 57 and a land capability of IIs irrigated and IVs nonirrigated.

The project is a Site Approval application to establish agricultural truck parking in two (2) phases over five (5) years on an 8.61-acre parcel, including parking for a maximum of two (2) trucks and four (4) trailers and the construction of a 2,400 square foot accessory building for the maintenance and repair of the permitted trucks and trailers. A referral was sent to the San Joaquin Farm Bureau on June 28, 2019 for review, and a response was received on July 24, 2019 expressing support for the agricultural truck parking application.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
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?			$\boxtimes$		
o) Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?			$\boxtimes$		

a-b) Emissions of GHGs contributing to global climate change are attributable in large part to human activities associated with the industrial/manufacturing, utility, transportation, residential, and agricultural sectors. Therefore, the cumulative global emissions of GHGs contributing to global climate change can be attributed to every nation, region, and city, and virtually every individual on earth. An individual project's GHG emissions are at a micro-scale level relative to global emissions and effects to global climate change; however, an individual project could result in a cumulatively considerable incremental contribution to a significant cumulative macro-scale impact. As such, impacts related to emissions of GHG are inherently considered cumulative impacts.

Implementation of the underlying project would cumulatively contribute to increases of GHG emissions. 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  $(MTCO_2e/yr)$ .

As noted previously, the underlying project will be subject to the rules and regulations of the SJVAPCD. 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. 11 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 energyefficient 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.

<sup>11</sup> 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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	HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.					
a)	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?			$\boxtimes$		
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?			$\boxtimes$		
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?			$\boxtimes$		

a-g) The project is a Site Approval application to establish agricultural truck parking as an accessory use in two (2) phases over five (5) years on an 8.61-acre parcel. The project includes parking for a maximum of two (2) trucks and four (4) trailers and the construction of a 2,400 square foot accessory building for the maintenance and repair of the permitted trucks and trailers.

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

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	HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY.	·		·		
a)	ould the project: Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade surface o ground water quality?				$\boxtimes$	
b)	Substantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that the project may impede sustainable groundwater management of the basin?	е			$\boxtimes$	
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:	a			$\boxtimes$	
	i) result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site;				$\boxtimes$	
	<ul> <li>substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on or off-site;</li> </ul>				$\boxtimes$	
	iii) create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwate drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff; or	r			$\boxtimes$	
	iv) impede or redirect flood flows?				$\boxtimes$	
d)	In flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zones, risk release o pollutants due to project inundation?	f 🔲		$\boxtimes$		
e)	Conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan?			$\boxtimes$		

d,e) The project site is located in the Flood Zone X flood designations. A referral was sent to the Department of Public Works Flood Control Division for comments. In addition, the project site may contain potential wetlands. A referral was sent to the Army Corps of Engineers for review on June 28, 2019, and no response has been received.

		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
<u>XI.</u>	LAND USE AND PLANNING.					
Wo	ould the project:					
a)	Physically divide an established community?				$\boxtimes$	
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?			$\boxtimes$		

b) The project is a Site Approval application to establish agricultural truck parking as an accessory use in two (2) phases over five (5) years on an 8.61-acre parcel. The project includes parking for a maximum of two (2) trucks and four (4) trailers and the construction of a 2,400 square foot accessory building for the maintenance and repair of the permitted trucks and trailers. The project is not a growth-inducing action nor is it in conflict with any existing or planned uses. The Agricultural Truck Parking use type is a conditionally permitted in the AG-40 (General Agriculture, 40-Acre minimum) zone as an accessory use subject to an approved Site Approval application.

The proposed project will not be a conflict with any existing or planned uses or set a significant land use precedent. The proposed project is not in conflict with any Master Plans, Specific Plans, or Special Purpose Plans, or any other applicable plan adopted by the County.

		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
XII	<u>. MINERAL RESOURCES.</u>					
Wo	ould the project:					
	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. The proposed project is not in a designated MRZ zone. Therefore, the proposed project applications will have less than a significant impact on the availability of mineral resources or mineral resource recovery sites within San Joaquin County.

		Potentially Significant Impact	Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
	I. 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) The project is a Site Approval application to establish agricultural truck parking as an accessory use in two (2) phases over five (5) years on an 8.61-acre parcel. The scope of the project is limited, and includes parking for a maximum of two (2) trucks and four (4) trailers and the construction of a 2,400 square foot accessory building for the maintenance and repair of the permitted trucks and trailers. The nearest single family residence is located approximately 510 feet south of the project site. Development Title Section 9-1025.9 lists the Residential use type as a noise sensitive land use. Development Title Section Table 9-1025.9 Part II states that the maximum sound level for stationary noise sources during the daytime is 70 dB and 65dB for nighttime. This applies to outdoor activity areas of the receiving use, or applies at the lot line if no activity area is known. The proposed project would be subject to these Development Title standards. Therefore, noise impacts from the proposed project are expected to be less than significant.

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<u>XI\</u>	/. POPULATION AND HOUSING.			•	•	
Wc	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 project is a Site Approval application to establish agricultural truck parking as an accessory use in two (2) phases over five (5) years. The Agricultural Truck Parking use type is permitted only as an accessory use to an existing residence. The proposed project will not result in displacement of the population and affect the amount of proposed or existing housing in the vicinity. Therefore, the project's impact on population and housing will be less than significant.

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a) V impa alter alter caus acce	PUBLIC SERVICES.  Vould the project result in substantial adverse physical acts associated with the provision of new or physically ed governmental facilities, need for new or physically ed governmental facilities, the construction of which could be significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain eptable service ratios, response times or other performance octives for any of the public services:			$\boxtimes$		
F	Fire protection?			$\boxtimes$		
F	Police protection?			$\boxtimes$		
5	Schools?			$\boxtimes$		
F	Parks?			$\boxtimes$		
(	Other public facilities?			$\boxtimes$	П	

a) The project is a Site Approval application to establish agricultural truck parking as an accessory use in two (2) phases over five (5) years on an 8.61-acre parcel. The project includes parking for a maximum of two (2) trucks and four (4) trailers and the construction of a 2,400 square foot accessory building for the maintenance and repair of the permitted trucks and trailers. The existing fire protection is provided by the Ripon Consolidated Fire District, existing law enforcement protection is provided by the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Department, and the existing school services are provided by the Ripon Unified School District with the nearest school located approximately 0.12 miles north of the project site. There are no parks in the vicinity, and none are required to be provided. Due to the limited scope, impacts to public services are anticipated to be less than significant.

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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?				$\boxtimes$	

a-b) The project is a Site Approval application to establish agricultural truck parking as an accessory use in two (2) phases over five (5) years on an 8.61-acre parcel. The project includes parking for a maximum of two (2) trucks and four (4) trailers and the construction of a 2,400 square foot accessory building for the maintenance and repair of the permitted trucks and trailers. The proposed project will not substantially increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks. Additionally, the project does not include recreation facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities, which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment. Due to the limited scope of the proposed project, impacts to recreation opportunities are anticipated to be less than significant.

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_	<u>II. TRANSPORTATION.</u> ould the project:  Conflict with a program plan, ordinance, or policy	·		•	·	
a)	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?			$\boxtimes$		

a,c) The project is a Site Approval application to establish agricultural truck parking as an accessory use in two (2) phases over five (5) years on an 8.61-acre parcel. The project includes parking for a maximum of two (2) trucks and four (4) trailers and the construction of a 2,400 square foot accessory building for the maintenance and repair of the permitted trucks and trailers. Operations are planned for eight (8) hours a day, five (5) days a week, and are expected to generate fourteen (14) vehicle trips per day. The Department of Public Works has reviewed the proposal and has determined the project is not expected to exceed 50 vehicles during any hour. Projects that have a traffic volume that is less than 50 trips per hour have a less than significant impact on traffic.

<u>v</u> )	Wo the Puk fear def	TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES. Sould the project cause a substantial adverse change in significance of a tribal cultural resource, defined in colic Resources Code section 21074 as either a site, ture, place, cultural landscape that is geographically ined in terms of the size and scope of the landscape, cred place, or object with cultural value to a California tive American tribe, and that is:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than 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				$\boxtimes$	
	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.				$\boxtimes$	

a) The project is a Site Approval application to establish agricultural truck parking as an accessory use in two (2) phases over five (5) years on an 8.61-acre parcel. Phase One will consist of grading only, and Phase Two will consist of limited scale construction.

At the time development, if Human burials are found to be of Native American origin, the developer shall follow the procedures pursuant to Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Article 5, Section 15064.5(e) of the California State Code of Regulations. A referral was sent to Katherine Perez of the North Valley Yokuts Tribe for review. If human remains are encountered, all work shall halt in the vicinity and the County Coroner shall be notified immediately. At the same time, a qualified archaeologist shall be contacted to evaluate the finds. If Human burials are found to be of Native American origin, steps shall be taken pursuant to Section 15064.5(e) of Guidelines for California Environmental Quality Act.

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the Control	(. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS.					
a)	Require or result in the relocation or construction of new or expanded water, wastewater treatment, or storm water drainage, electric power, natural gas, or telecommunications facilities, the construction or relocation of which could cause significant environmental effects?			$\boxtimes$		
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?				$\boxtimes$	

a-c) The project is a Site Approval application to establish agricultural truck parking as an accessory use in two (2) phases over five (5) years on an 8.61-acre parcel. The project includes parking for a maximum of two (2) trucks and four (4) trailers and the construction of a 2,400 square foot accessory building for the maintenance and repair of the permitted trucks and trailers. The Agricultural Truck Parking use type may be conditionally permitted in the AG-40 (General Agriculture, 40-acre minimum) zone as an accessory use to an existing single family residence. Development Title Section 9-605.6(f)(4) specifies no employees other than the owner operator's immediate family members are permitted. This project will not be required to be served by public services. Water will be provided by an on-site well. Sewer services will be through a septic system. Storm water drainage will have to be retained onsite. The Environmental Health Department and the Department of Public Works will determine the feasibility of these systems.

		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
If cla	WILDFIRE.  located in or near state responsibility areas or lands ssified as very high fire hazard severity zones, would the bject:					
a)	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?				$\boxtimes$	
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) The project is a Site Approval application to establish agricultural truck parking as an accessory use in two (2) phases over five (5) years on an 8.61-acre parcel. The project includes parking for a maximum of two (2) trucks and four (4) trailers and the construction of a 2,400 square foot accessory building for the maintenance and repair of the permitted trucks and trailers. Pursuant to the San Joaquin Fire Severity Zone map, the project site is not located in or near a moderate, high, or very high fire zone designation. Therefore, the proposed project will have no impact on wildfire hazards.

VVI. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANOS	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Analyzed In The Prior EIR
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?				$\boxtimes$	
Impact Discussion:					

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.

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