Lead Agency: San Joaquin County Community Development Department

Project Applicant: North Star Engineering Group, Inc.

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

Project Description:
A Zone Reclassification application to change the zoning of three parcels for subsequent commercial and residential development and use.

- APN: 173-280-24: One parcel totaling 2.0-acres to be rezoned from AU-20 (Agriculture-Urban Reserve, 20 acre minimum) to C-G (General Commercial). The General Plan designation will remain C/G (General Commercial). The specific underlying commercial development project has not yet been determined, but the most intensive potential use would likely be a 52,272 square foot Retail Sales and Service - General use type.
- APN's: 173-280-03, -25: Two parcels totaling 25.92 acres to be rezoned from AU-20 (Agriculture-Urban Reserve, 20 acre minimum) to R-L (Low Density Residential). The General Plan designation will remain R/L (Residential Low Density). The underlying residential development project for a 154-unit subdivision will include an additional 11.66-acre portion of a parcel (APN: 173-280-01) that already contains a General Plan designation of R/L and zoning of R-L, for a total of 37.58 acres.

Water service will be provided by California Water Service, sewer service will be provided by the City of Stockton, and storm drainage service will be provided by San Joaquin County Department of Public Works. All parcels are currently accessed off Main Street. The underlying subdivision project will also include future internal streets for access to individual residential lots.

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

Assessor's Parcel No(s).: 173-280-01 (portion), -03, -24, & -25

Acres: 39.58

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

Zoning: AU-20 (Agriculture Urban Reserve)

Potential Population, Number of Dwelling Units, or Square Footage of Use(s):
Residential Subdivision - 154 dwelling units; Commercial Development – 52,272 square feet of retail space

Surrounding Land Uses:
North: Low Density Residential
South: Mormon Slough, Agriculture with scattered residences
East: Agriculture with scattered residences
West: Low Density Residential, Henry Elementary School, Commercial, City of Stockton

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

Many of these original source materials have been collected from other public agencies or from previously prepared EIR's and other technical studies. Additional standard sources which should be specifically cited below include on-site visits by staff (5/7/21); staff knowledge or experience; and independent environmental studies submitted to the County as part of the project application. Copies of these reports can be found by contacting the Community Development Department.
Tribal Cultural Resources:

Have California Native American tribes traditionally and culturally affiliated with the project area requested consultation pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.3.1? If so, is there a plan for consultation that includes, for example, the determination of significance of impacts to tribal cultural resources, procedures regarding confidentiality, etc.?

No

General Considerations:

1. Does it appear that any environmental feature of the project will generate significant public concern or controversy?
   - Yes  ☒  No

   Nature of concern(s):

2. Will the project require approval or permits by agencies other than the County?
   - ☒ Yes  ☐ No

   Agency name(s): 2. Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo)

3. Is the project within the Sphere of Influence, or within two miles, of any city?
   - ☒ Yes  ☐ No

   City: Stockton
ENVIROMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:

The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project, involving at least one impact that is a "Potentially Significant Impact" as indicated by the checklist on the following pages.

☐ Aesthetics  ☐ Agriculture and Forestry Resources  ☐ 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

Determination: (To be completed by the Lead Agency) On the basis of this initial evaluation:

☐ I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.

☒ I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.

☐ I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.

☐ I find that the proposed project MAY have a "potentially significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact on the environment, but at least one effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.

☐ 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.

Signature: ___________________________  Date: 10/29/22
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.

3) 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.

4) "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 cross-referenced).

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.
I. Aesthetics

Except as provided in Public Resources Code Section 21099, would the project:

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<td>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?</td>
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**II. Agriculture and Forestry Resources.**

In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Dept. of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. In determining whether impacts to forest resources, including timberland, are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to information compiled by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection regarding the state's inventory of forest land, including the Forest and Range Assessment Project and the Forest Legacy Assessment project; and forest carbon measurement methodology provided in Forest Protocols adopted by the California Air Resources Board. -- Would the project:

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<td>a) Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to nonagricultural use?</td>
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<td>b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?</td>
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<td>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))?</td>
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<td>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?</td>
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Additionally, the site is not located within a forest land or timberland area.

Pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program, the project parcels are identified as P (Prime Farmland), S (Farmland of Statewide Importance), and L (Farmland of Local Importance). Since this project proposes to change the zoning from an agricultural to a nonagricultural use, agricultural mitigation will be required. Pursuant to Development Title Section 9-1080.3(c), agricultural mitigation shall be satisfied by granting a farmland conservation easement or other farmland conservation mechanism set forth in San Joaquin County Development Title Section 9-1080.3(d) to or for the benefit of a Qualifying Entity. The number of acres of agricultural mitigation land shall be at least equal to the number of acres that will be changed to a nonagricultural use (1:1 ratio).

A referral has been sent to the Department of Conservation and the San Joaquin Farm Bureau for review.
### III. Air Quality

Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management or air pollution control district may be relied upon to make the following determinations. Would the project:

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<td>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?</td>
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<td>d) Result in substantial emissions (such as those leading to odors) adversely affecting a substantial number of people?</td>
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## IV. Biological Resources.

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The California Department of Fish and Wildlife Natural Diversity Database lists buteo swainsoni (Swanson's Hawk) and Aster lentus (Suisun Marsh aster) as rare, endangered, or threatened species or habitat located near the project area. A referral was sent to the San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG), the agency responsible for verifying the correct implementation of the San Joaquin Multi-Species Habitat Conservation and Open Space Plan (SJMSCP), which provides compensation for the conversion of Open Space to non-Open Space uses which affect the plant, fish, and wildlife species covered by the Plan. Pursuant to the Final EIR/EIS for the SJMSCP dated November 15, 2000, and certified by SJCOG on December 7, 2000, implementation of the SJMSCP is expected to reduce impacts to biological resources resulting from the underlying project to a less-than-significant level.
b-c) The subject property has no riparian habitat or wetlands located within its boundaries, therefore the proposed Zone Reclassification and underlying development projects will have a less-than-significant impact on riparian habitat or wetlands.

d-f) The proposed Zone Reclassification is not expected to have any impact on resident or migratory species or conflict with preservation or conservation policies, but the subsequent residential and commercial development will be subject to the SJMSCP in order to reduce impacts to biological resources to a less than significant level.
V. Cultural Resources.

Would the project:

a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource pursuant to §15064.5? ☒ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to §15064.5? ☒ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

c) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of dedicated cemeteries? ☒ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

Impact Discussion:

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VI. Energy.

Would 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?

b) Conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency?

Impact Discussion:

a-b) The California Energy Code (also titled The Energy Efficiency Standards for Residential and Non-residential Buildings) was created by the California Building Standards Commission in response to a legislative mandate to reduce California's energy consumption. The code's purpose is to advance the state's energy policy, develop renewable energy sources and prepare for energy emergencies. These standards are updated periodically by the California Energy Commission. The code includes energy conservation standards applicable to most buildings throughout California. These requirements will be applicable to any subsequent residential and commercial development to ensure that any impacts to the environment due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy will be reduced to less-than-significant and help to prevent any conflict with state or local plans for energy efficiency and renewable energy.
VII. Geology And Soils.

Would the project:

a) Directly or indirectly cause potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:

   i) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.
   
   ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?
   
   iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?
   
   iv) Landslides?
   
   b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?
   
   c) Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?
   
   d) Be located on expansive soil and create direct or indirect risks to life or property?
   
   e) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water?
   
   f) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?

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<td>a-b) The project will have no impact on seismic-related ground issues because the project is a Zone Reclassification and any subsequent residential and commercial development of the project site will have to comply with the California Building Code (CBC), which includes provisions for soils reports for grading and foundations as well as design criteria for seismic loading and other geologic hazards based on fault and seismic hazard mapping. All recommendations from a soils report must be incorporated into the construction plans. Therefore, impacts to seismic-related (or other) landslide hazards will be less-than-significant. The applicant provided a Will-Serve letter dated 3/12/2020 from the City of Stockton to serve the project site with public sewer service.</td>
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<td>c-d) The project site contains expansive soil, and the proposed project is a Zone Reclassification with underlying subsequent residential and commercial development. The underlying development will be required to submit a soils report.</td>
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report for grading and foundations. All recommendations from a soils report must be incorporated into the construction plans. Therefore, impacts related to soil stability and expansive soils will be less-than-significant.

e) The applicant provided a will-serve letter dated March 12, 2020, from the City of Stockton to serve the project site with public sewer service for the subsequent residential and commercial development of the site. Therefore, there will be no impact related to soils and septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems.

f) According to the County’s General Plan EIR (County of San Joaquin 2014), several paleontological specimens have been discovered in the County. The vast majority of paleontological specimens from San Joaquin County have been found in rock formations in the foothills of the Diablo Mountain Range. However, remains of extinct animals such as mammoth could be found virtually anywhere in the County, especially along watercourses such as the San Joaquin River and its tributaries. The proposed project consists of a Zone Reclassification which is expected to result in subsequent residential and commercial development. The Project site is located approximately 0.75 miles east of the City of Stockton and 3.75 miles south of the Calaveras River, and is not located within close proximity to these known fossil-bearing features. Given the project’s distance from any known fossil-bearing features, impacts from subsequent residential development associated with paleontological resources is anticipated to be less-than-significant.
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?

b) Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?

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Estimated GHG emissions attributable to subsequent development would be primarily associated with increases of carbon dioxide (CO₂) and, to a lesser extent, other GHG pollutants, such as methane (CH₄) and nitrous oxide (N₂O) 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 CO₂ equivalents (MTCO₂e/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. 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.
IX. Hazards and Hazardous Materials.

Would the project:

a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials? [ ] [ ] [x] [ ] [ ]

b) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment? [ ] [ ] [x] [ ] [ ]

c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school? [ ] [ ] [x] [ ] [ ]

d) Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment? [ ] [ ] [ ] [x] [ ]

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? [ ] [ ] [ ] [x] [ ]

f) Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan? [ ] [ ] [x] [ ] [ ]

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? [ ] [ ] [x] [ ] [ ]

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d) The project site is not included on the California Department of Toxic Substances Control EnviroStor database map, compiled pursuant to Government Code 65962.5. Therefore, the project would have no impact as a result.
e) The project site is located 1.9 miles from Stockton Metropolitan Airport area of influence, approximately 3.75 miles to the south of the airport's main runway. Therefore, the project would have no impact as a result.

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g) The project location is in the unincorporated Urban Community of Stockton, which is not identified as a Community at Risk from Wildfire by Cal Fire’s "Fire Risk Assessment Program". Communities at Risk from Wildfire are those places within 1.5 miles of areas of High or Very High wildfire threat as determined from CDF-FRAP fuels and hazard data. Therefore, the impact of wildfires on the project, or on any subsequent development at the project site, are expected to be less than significant.
### X. Hydrology and Water Quality.

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d-e) The project site is not located within a tsunami or seiche zone. According to the FEMA Flood Risk Map, the project site is located within Zone X (Levee), which is defined by the Federal Emergency Management Agency as located outside of the 500-year flood plains. If approved, any subsequent residential or commercial development will have to comply with Development Title Section 9-1605 regarding flood hazards. Therefore, no impacts associated with flooding, tsunamis, or seiches would occur. The project also will not result in a risk of release of pollutants due to project inundation or conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan. Referrals have been sent to the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Central California Water Quality Control Board for review.
XI. Land Use and Planning.

Would the project:

a) Physically divide an established community? □ □ □ X □

b) Cause a significant environmental impact due to a conflict with any land use plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect? □ □ X □ □

Impact Discussion:

a) The proposed project is a Zone Reclassification that proposes reclassifying agricultural parcels to residential and commercial parcels for subsequent development uses that will be consistent with the 2035 General Plan. The project site is located within the unincorporated Urban Community of Stockton and Stockton City Fringe area. There is existing residential development to the north, and residential and commercial to the west. No component of any permitted future development will result in a physically divided established community. The proposed project will not be in conflict with any existing or planned uses or set a significant land use precedent. The proposed project is also not in conflict with any Master Plans, Specific Plans, or Special Purpose Plans, or any other applicable plan adopted by the County.

b) The proposed project is a Zone Reclassification that proposes reclassifying agricultural parcels to residential and commercial parcels for subsequent development uses that will be consistent with the 2035 General Plan. The project site is located within the unincorporated Urban Community of Stockton and Stockton City Fringe area. There is existing residential development to the north, and residential and commercial to the west. The current zoning for the project site is AU-20 (Agriculture, Urban Reserve) which allows for agricultural uses. The proposed Zone reclassification will change the allowed use to a non-agricultural use; Therefore agricultural mitigation will be required. Pursuant to Development Title Section 9-1080.3(c), agricultural mitigation shall be satisfied by granting a farmland conservation easement or other farmland conservation mechanism set forth in San Joaquin County Development Title Section 9-1080.3(d) to or for the benefit of a Qualifying Entity. The number of acres of agricultural mitigation land shall be at least equal to the number of acres that will be changed to a non-agricultural use (1:1 ratio).

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

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

The proposed changes must also be shown to be consistent with the Development Title. Pursuant to Development Title Section 9-812.4, prior to approving an application for a Zone Reclassification, the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors shall determine that the proposed zone is consistent with the General Plan, any applicable Master Plans, and any applicable Specific Plan, and that the proposed zone district is reasonable and beneficial at the time. The proposed Zone Reclassification and underlying subsequent residential and commercial development are consistent with the General Plan and Development Title because the proposed Low Density Residential (R-L) and General Commercial (C-G) zones are an implementing zones for the existing Low Density Residential (R/L) and General Commercial (C/G) General Plan land use designations. Therefore, the project is consistent with the General Plan.
Finally, the proposed applications are reasonable and beneficial at this time because public water, sewer, and storm drain services are available at the site. Public services are a requirement for the Zone Reclassification applications. Additionally, approving the Zone Reclassification will permit applications for development of residential and commercial projects, which are consistent with the proposed Low Density Residential (R-L) and General Commercial (C-G) zones and with the surrounding residential and commercial uses. No land use plan, policy, or regulation needs to be adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect which could, in turn, cause a significant environmental impact. Therefore, the proposed applications are consistent with the General Plan and Development Title and are anticipated to have a less-than-significant impact on land use and planning.
**XII. Mineral Resources.**

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

Would the project result in:

a) Generation of a substantial temporary or permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the vicinity of the project in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies? □ □ □ X □ □

b) Generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels? □ □ □ X □ □

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? □ □ □ X □ □

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The subsequent development projects may have equipment utilized in the grading of the site that will temporarily increase the area's ambient noise levels, and will be required to comply with the County's Noise Ordinance, including 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. Therefore, noise generation from the underlying development is anticipated to be less-than-significant.
XIV. Population and Housing.

Would 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)?

b) Displace substantial numbers of existing people or housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?

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b) The project site contains a single family residence on the 2.0-acre parcel proposed for commercial development and a single family residence on the 13.21-acre residentially zoned property that is part of the underlying residential subdivision. The site is also located directly east of an existing residential development within the Urban Community of Stockton whose use will not be impacted by the proposed project. Therefore, the Zone Reclassification and underlying commercial and residential development will not result in displacement of a substantial number of existing people or housing and will have a less-than-significant impact.
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:

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The Stockton Fire Department provides the existing fire protection service, and will review the underlying residential and commercial development for fire access, water supply (fire hydrants), and fire protection systems. Additionally, law enforcement protection will continue to be provided by the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Department, and school services will continue to be provided by the Stockton Unified School District. Referrals were sent to each service provider for review. There are no parks in the vicinity, and impacts to public services are expected to be less-than-significant, if this application is approved.
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?

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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?

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b) No recreational facilities are currently proposed with the underlying development. Therefore, the project is anticipated to have no impact related to the construction or expansion of recreational facilities with an adverse physical effect on the environment.
XVII. Transportation.

Would the project:

a) Conflict with a program plan, ordinance, or policy addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadways, bicycle, and pedestrian facilities? □ □ X □ □ □

b) Would the project conflict or be inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines section 15064.3, subdivision (b)? □ □ X □ □ □

c) Substantially increase hazards due to a geometric design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)? □ □ X □ □ □

d) Result in inadequate emergency access? □ □ X □ □ □

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d) The Stockton Fire Department provides the existing fire protection service, and will review the underlying residential and commercial development for fire access. As a result, the project is anticipated to have adequate emergency access and create a less-than-significant impact.
XVIII. Tribal Cultural Resources.

a) Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource, defined in Public Resources Code section 21074 as either a site, feature, place, cultural landscape that is geographically defined in terms of the size and scope of the landscape, sacred place, or object with cultural value to a California Native American tribe, and that is:

i) Listed or eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources, or in a local register of historical resources as 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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Referrals were sent to several local tribes for review. At the time of development for subsequent projects, 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, and the builder 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. As a result, the impact to tribal cultural resources is anticipated to be less-than-significant.
XIX. Utilities and Service Systems.

Would the project:

a) Require or result in the relocation or construction of new or expanded water, wastewater treatment, or storm water drainage, electric power, natural gas, or telecommunications facilities, the construction or relocation of which could cause significant environmental effects?

b) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project and reasonably foreseeable future development during normal, dry and multiple dry years?

c) Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project’s projected demand in addition to the provider’s existing commitments?

d) Generate solid waste in excess of State or local standards, or in excess of the capacity of local infrastructure, or otherwise impair the attainment of solid waste reduction goals?

e) Comply with federal, state, and local management and reduction statutes and regulations related to solid waste?

Impact Discussion:

This project is a Zone Reclassification application to change the zoning of a 2.00-acre parcel from AU-20 (Agriculture-Urban Reserve, 20-acre minimum) to C-G (General Commercial) for subsequent commercial development and 2 parcels totaling 25.92-acres from AU-20 to R-L (Low Density Residential) for subsequent residential development. The underlying residential development also includes a 13.21-acre parcel that is already zoned Low Density Residential. The Zone Reclassification application is proposed to align the parcel with the current underlying General Plan designation of R/L (Low Density Residential) and C/G (General Commercial).

Based on the General Plan public facilities and services requirements, each lot would be required to be a minimum of 5,000 net square feet, and the applicant is proposing to create a maximum of 154 lots. The applicant has submitted will serve letters from California Water Service, Inc. for water, the City of Stockton for sewer, and San Joaquin County Public Works Department for storm drainage. Each agency has stated that they have capacity to serve the applicant’s subsequent residential and commercial development. Therefore, the standards for services are expected to be met and the project is anticipated to have a less-than-significant impact on utilities and service systems.

d) The underlying project is not anticipated to generate solid waste in excess of State and local standards, and will be required to comply with federal, state, and local management and reduction statutes and regulations related to solid waste. Therefore, the project will has a less-than-significant impact.
XX. Wildfire.

If located in or near state responsibility areas or lands classified as very high fire hazard severity zones, would the project:

a) Substantially impair an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?

b) Due to slope, prevailing winds, and other factors, exacerbate wildfire risks, and thereby expose project occupants to pollutant concentrations from a wildfire or the uncontrolled spread of a wildfire?

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?

Impact Discussion:

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

a) Does the project have the potential to substantially degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, substantially reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?

b) Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)?

c) Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?

Impact Discussion:

a-c) This project is a Zone Reclassification application to change the zoning of a 2.00-acre parcel from AU-20 (Agriculture-Urban Reserve, 20-acre minimum) to C-G (General Commercial) for subsequent commercial development and 2 parcels totaling 25.92-acres from AU-20 to R-L (Low Density Residential) for subsequent residential development. The underlying residential development also includes a 13.21-acre parcel that is already zoned Low Density Residential. The Zone Reclassification application is proposed to align the parcel with the current underlying General Plan designation of R/L (Low Density Residential) and C/G (General Commercial).

Review of this project has not indicated any features which might significantly impact the environmental quality of the site and/or surrounding area, nor have cumulatively considerable impacts been identified. The project also is not anticipated to have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly, since mitigation measures have been identified in areas where a potentially significant impact has been identified and these measures will reduce these impacts to a less-than-significant level.