# CITY OF JACKSON

MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
Sunview Rezone & General Plan Amendment
Argonaut Drive
APN 044-090-038

This Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared for a proposed Rezone and General Plan Amendment for Mr. Duane Venhuizen located on Argonaut Drive (APN 044-090-038). This Mitigated Negative Declaration provides a description of the potential adverse impacts resulting from the proposed project and provides the reasons why those impacts will have no significant impact on the environment. When a Mitigated Negative Declaration is issued, it indicates that no substantial changes to the physical environment will result from the proposed project when mitigation is applied.

Pursuant to provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act, the City of Jackson has determined that the above-referenced project will not have a significant adverse effect upon the environment and, therefore, does not require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report.

Documentation supporting this finding is included in the attached Initial Study.

# CITY OF JACKSON INITIAL STUDY OF ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15063 (Initial Study), this Initial Study has been prepared for the proposed General Plan Amendment and Rezone of currently vacant property located on Argonaut Drive (APN 044-090-038). Application has been submitted by Mr. Duane Venhuizen.

<u>LEAD AGENCY</u>: City of Jackson

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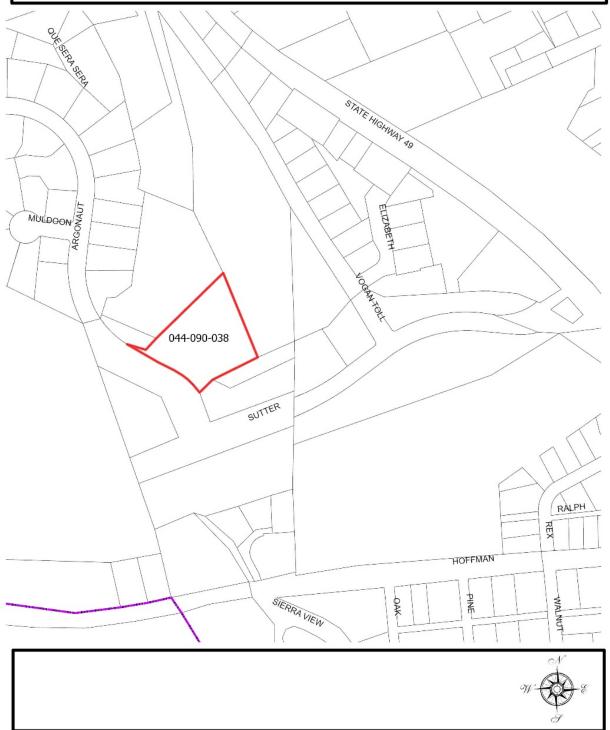
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Sun View property is located near the intersection of Sutter Street and Argonaut Drive in the City of Jackson. The approximately 61,000 square foot property is currently vacant and is zoned and general plan designated Residential Medium Density. The applicant, Mr. Duane Venhuizen, is requesting a rezone and General Plan Amendment to Residential High Density to accommodate more dense development. The Residential High Density zone and General Plan Designation allows for one dwelling unit per 2,000 square feet. Maximum number of residential units on this site (not accounting for setbacks and other development standards) is 30 units.

<u>EXISTING SETTING</u>: The Sunview property is located off on Argonaut Drive east of the newly retrofitted Eastwood Dam at the terminus of Sutter Street. Surrounding properties zoned and General Plan designated Limited Commercial to the east, High Density Residential to the south and Professional Office to the north and west. Surrounding land uses are predominately vacant with a single family residential subdivision to the north.

California Native American Tribes traditionally and culturally affiliated with the project are were notified of the proposed project pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.3.

# **VICINITY MAP**





#### **ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:** Aesthetics Agriculture and Forestry Air Quality Resources **Biological Resources** Cultural Resources Energy Hazards & Geology/Soils Greenhouse Gas |X|Emissions Hazardous Materials Hydrology/Water Land Use/Planning Mineral Resources Quality Noise Population/Housing **Public Services** Recreation Transportation Tribal Cultural Resources Utilities/Service **Mandatory Findings** Wildfire of Significance Systems On the basis of this initial evaluation: DETERMINATION: 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 X 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, 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.

#### **EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS:**

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
I. AESTHETICS Except as provided in Public Resources Code Section 21099, would the project:				
a) 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 publicly accessible vantage point). If the project is in an urbanized area, would the project conflict with applicable zoning and other regulations governing scenic quality?				
d) Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?			$\boxtimes$	
Background:				
The Project occurs in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada, outside of the City of Jackson 2008 General Plan Land & Additionally, the project is not located on a highway or redesignation as a scenic highway.	Jse Eleme	nt Visual Co	orridor Over	lay.
In 2011 The City of Jackson adopted Architectural Regularchitectural heritage. The Architectural Regulation provide.				
Discussion of Impacts:				
a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vis	sta?			

b) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?

The project site is not located in a scenic vista or within a state scenic highway. No Impact.

The project site is not located within a state scenic highway and there are no historic buildings on the site. There do not appear to be any rock outcroppings on the site however there are

some trees. Future development will have to conform to the City's Landscape Standards Ordinance which prohibits removal of any trees greater than 8 inches diameter at breast height (DBH) and replace at 3 to 1 for trees over 16 inches DBH. Implementation of this ordinance will protect the aesthetic quality of the site. Less than significant impact.

c) Conflict with applicable zoning and other regulations governing scenic quality?

Any project resulting from rezoning or amending the General Plan Designation of the property will require review in accordance with the City of Jackson Architectural Regulations. Implementation of the design standards set forth in the Regulations will ensure that any redevelopment of the site will be consistent with the surrounding scenic quality. Less than significant impact.

d) Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?

Improvements resulting from the proposed rezone and GPA will require lighting, however the City's Development Code, Article III, Chapter 17.43 – Lighting Regulations has regulations in place which, when implemented, will minimize any impact associated with the new light sources. Less than significant impact.

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II. AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY RESOURCES— agricultural resources are significant environmental effects. California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assess California Dept. of Conservation as an optional model to agriculture and farmland. In determining whether impact timberland, are significant environmental effects, lead a compiled by the California Department of Forestry and inventory of forest land, including the Forest and Range Legacy Assessment project; and forest carbon measure Protocols adopted by the California Air Resources Boar	ects, lead a ment Mod o use in as ts to fores gencies m Fire Protect Assessm ement met	agencies ma el (1997) pr ssessing imp t resources, ay refer to i ction regard ent Project chodology pr	ay refer to the pared by to casts on including information ing the state and the Follonian ing the Fol	ne the e's rest
a) Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?				
b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?				$\boxtimes$
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?				$\boxtimes$
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?				$\boxtimes$
Discussion of Impacts:				

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The proposed project site is located in an urbanized area. No Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland or Farmland of Statewide importance occur in the project area. The project area is not located in an area of forest land, timberland, or timberland zoned Timberland Production. No impact.

Potentially With Less Than Significant Significant Mitigation No Impact Incorporated Impact **Impact** III. AIR QUALITY -- Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management district or air pollution control district may be relied upon to make the following determinations. Would the project: a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the |X|applicable air quality plan? b) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase |X|of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard? c) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial |X|pollutant concentrations? d) Result in other emissions (such as those leading to odors) adversely affecting a substantial number of people?

Less Than Significant

#### Background:

The project site is located within the Mountain Counties Air Basin and is under the jurisdiction of the Amador Air District. The Amador Air District has established rules and regulations which are designed to limit emissions generated by various activities and which identify specific pollution reduction measures that are to be implemented in association with various activities. Specifically, the Air District has promulgated Rule 218 for control of fugitive dust emissions during a variety of activities including construction. The rule defines fugitive dust as follows: "Fugitive dust for the purposes of this rule is also defined as the particulate matter entrained into the air which is caused from man-made and natural activities which is emitted into the air without first passing through a stack or duct designed to control flow, including, but not limited to, emissions caused by movement of soil, vehicles, equipment, and windblown dust." The intent of the rule is to control dust by water application, pavement, vegetation, etc. so that no visible dust is created. Violation of the rule could result in issuance of a notice of violation and assessment of penalties.

#### Discussion of Impacts:

a) Would the project conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?

Amador County has not formally adopted an air quality management plan. While it is typical for the local air district to develop regional thresholds of significance for projects, in terms of criteria air pollutants the Amador Air District has not formally adopted recommended thresholds of significance for the evaluation of proposed projects that are subject to CEQA review. The Air District relies on its adopted rules and regulations to guide the analysis of air quality impacts

associated with criteria pollutants that could be generated during construction and operation of any project resulting from the proposed rezone or GPA. <u>No impact.</u>

b) Would the project 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?

Earthmoving activities that have the potential to generate air pollutants will occur for a short period only during construction resulting from the rezone and GPA. No significant long-term emissions of air pollutants are anticipated from post-construction activities; therefore, the project's emissions potential is not considered to be cumulatively considerable. <u>Less than significant impact.</u>

c) Would the project expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?

Amador Air District Rule 218 for control of fugitive dust emissions will be applied to those portions of the Site that will be disturbed by grading and construction equipment. Areas scheduled for disturbance will be thoroughly wetted in advance of ground disturbing activities, and during grading and construction additional water will be applied to control dust. Implementation of Amador Air District Rule 218 during construction will effectively reduce or eliminate the exposure of sensitive receptors to significant pollutant concentrations. Less than significant impact.

d) Would the project create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?

Neither the state nor federal governments have adopted rules or regulations for the control of odor sources. The Amador Air District (AAD) does not have an individual rule or regulation that specifically addresses odors; however, odors would be applicable to AAD Rule 205, Nuisance. Any actions related to odors would be based on citizen complaints to local governments and to the Amador Air District. The AAD has not identified recommended significance thresholds for the evaluation of odor impacts associated with proposed projects that are subject to CEQA.

Odor complaints, if any, associated with will be addressed on a case-by-case basis in accordance with AAD Rule 205 and local ordinances. Less than significant impact.

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IV. BIOLOGICAL Would the project:				
a) Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?				
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?				
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?				
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?				
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?			$\boxtimes$	

The CDFW's California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDB) was queried for the Jackson Quad to determine the potential occurrence of special-status species in the site's vicinity. One Federally listed threatened species was identified - Valley Elderberry Longhorn Beetle (Desmocerus californicus dimoprphus). No special-status plant species were identified in Jackson Quad. Two animal Species of Special Concern were identified – Tricolored Blackbird (Agelaius tricolor) and Western Pond Turtle (Emys marmorata).

The site has no wetland areas or elderberry bushes. The site does support a small area of mature oak woodland. Regardless of the relative habitat quality of oak woodlands on the site, all trees over 8 inches diameter at breast height (DBH) are protected by the City of Jackson Development Code, Article III, Chapter 17.40 Landscape Standards. This ordinance requires Planning Commission approval for removal of any tree over 8 inches DBH and replacement at a three to one ratio for removal of trees over 16 inches DBH. Oak trees are to be replaced with oaks. Less than significant impact.

The City of Jackson does not have an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan. <u>No</u> impact.

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V. CULTURAL RESOURCES Would 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 formal cemeteries?				$\boxtimes$

#### Discussion of Impacts:

There are no known historical, archaeological or paleontological resources on the site. Additionally the site has no known human remains. To ensure, however, that there are no project impacts on any cultural resources it is recommended that the applicant have a designated member of their tribe monitor the grading activities. No impact.

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VI. ENERGY Would the project:				
a) Result in potentially significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources, during project construction or operation?				
b) Conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency?			$\boxtimes$	

Temporary increases in energy use (i.e. fuel) would be required during any future construction activities. Project energy use would primarily consist of energy consumption for space heating and cooling, use of appliances and transportation energy use associated with increases in vehicle trips to and from the site. All building energy needs would be met by electricity supplied by Pacific Gas and Electric. Project construction would be temporary and minor in terms of energy use. Compliance with CCR Title 24 Energy Efficiency Standards would result in an energy-efficient building. For these reasons the project's energy impacts are considered less than significant.

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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?				$\boxtimes$
iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?				$\boxtimes$
iv) Landslides?				$\boxtimes$
b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?			$\boxtimes$	
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, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial direct or indirect risks to life or property?				$\boxtimes$
e) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of wastewater?				$\boxtimes$

a) Would the project expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving: rupture of a known earthquake fault,

strong seismic ground shaking, seismic-related ground failure including liquefaction, or landslides?

The project site is located in a seismically inactive area, therefore the potential for risk associated with earthquakes, ground shaking or seismic-related failure is minimal. No impact.

b) Would the project result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?

Potential future construction on the site may result in soil erosion however the placement and maintenance of Best Management Practices (BMPs) will ensure erosion and sedimentation are reduced or eliminated. Less than significant impact.

c) Would the project 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?

The project site is not in an area of instability nor do future improvements have the potential to cause the instability or failure of existing soils. No impact.

d) Would the project be located on expansive soil?

The project area is located on soils of the Auburn soil series and is not considered to be an expansive soil by the California Building Code. <u>No impact</u>.

e) Would the project have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of wastewater?

The site will utilize the City's wastewater collection and treatment system. No impact.

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

a) Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?

Future construction on the project will be required to comply with applicable Amador Air District rules and best management practices. Traffic generated by the project is anticipated to be minimal. Less than significant impact.

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

The City of Jackson does not have regulations regarding the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. No impact.

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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?			$\boxtimes$	
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?				
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?				
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?				$\boxtimes$

a) Would the project create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?

The project will not significantly increase the potential for transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials. <u>Less than significant.</u>

b) Would the project 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?

The project does not significantly increase the risk of accident or upset conditions resulting in the release of hazardous materials into the environment. Less than significant.

c) Would the project emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?

The proposed High Density Residential Zoning and General Plan Designation does not provide for uses that would allow for production or the movement of hazardous materials to or from the site. No impact.

d) Is the project 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?

In March 2020 a Site Assessment Report was prepared by Advanced Geo (see Appendix A) which concluded that there are areas of the site with elevated Total Threshold Limit Concentration (TTLC) for arsenic. Smaller areas of the site have elevated TTLC mercury and lead concentrations. To address the potential impacts associated elevated TTLC for arsenic, mercury and lead the following mitigation is required:

Mitigation Measure 9.1: Prior to issuance of a grading or building permit the developer shall submit a report prepared by a qualified professional having experience with historic mine waste materials which details each of the following: chemical mine waste hazards, their location and character; a workplan for remediation of identified hazards, if any, and a schedule for implementation of required remedial actions, if any. Following implementation of remedial actions, provide a remedial action completion report which documents remedial actions implemented and noting any deviations from the remedial action workplan. The remedial action completion report shall contain certification by a qualified professional that remedial action measures were implemented in accordance with the remedial action workplan and that in his or her professional opinion the area subject to remediation has been stabilized in accordance with the best practices of the industry in a manner consistent with its intended future use(s). This mitigation shall be implemented with oversight by either the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and/or the California Department of Toxic Substances Control, with written concurrence following remedial actions, if any, that no further action is necessary.

e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?

According to the Airport Land Use Plan for Westover Field, Adopted October 1987 and amended July 1990, the project site is outside all Airport Safety Areas. No Impact.

f) Would the project impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?

Future construction on the project site may result in temporarily rerouting vehicular traffic or decreasing the number of travel lanes during construction. This work would require an encroachment permit with traffic management requirements to address emergency access. Less than significant impact.

g) Would the project expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?

The site is in an urbanized area with no interface with wildlands. No impact.

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X. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY Would the project:				
a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade surface or 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?				$\boxtimes$
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;				
(i) result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off- site;			$\boxtimes$	
(ii) substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site;			$\boxtimes$	
(iii) create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff; or				
(iv) impede or redirect flood flows?			$\boxtimes$	
d) In flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zones, risk release of pollutants due to project inundation?				$\boxtimes$
e) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan?				$\boxtimes$

a) Would the project violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?

Grading plans for future improvements will be professionally prepared and will include erosion and sediment control best management practices (BMPs) in accordance with City of Jackson codes and standards and as approved by the City Engineer. In addition, construction, ground disturbing and other covered activities will be regulated by the State's General Permit for Storm

Water Discharge Associated with Construction and Land Disturbance Activities (the Construction General Permit). Compliance with the Construction General Permit must be maintained throughout project construction and evidence of compliance will be required by the City. Erosion and sediment control BMPs will include permanent post-construction BMPs designed to minimize or eliminate post-construction impacts to storm water runoff quality. Less than significant impact.

b) Would the project substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level?

Groundwater is not the source of water served to the site so there will be no depletion of groundwater supplies. <u>No impact.</u>

c) Would the project 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; result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site; substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site; create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff; or impede or redirect flood flows?

Future construction on the project site will require professionally prepared grading and drainage plans which are reviewed and approved by the City engineer. Drainage plans will be required to demonstrate that project-related drainage improvements will ensure that post-project runoff quantities will not exceed pre-project quantities. By doing so, substantial erosion, siltation or flooding on- or off-site will not occur. Less than significant impact.

d) In flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zones, risk release of pollutants due to project inundation?

The project site is depicted on FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) no 06005C0557F. No project activities are proposed in the portion of the site designated as being subject to the 1% annual chance flood. No impact.

e) Would the project conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan?

There are no applicable water quality control plans or sustainable groundwater management plans affecting the site. No impact.

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XI. LAND USE AND PLANNING - Would 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?				$\boxtimes$
Discussion of Impacts:				
The surrounding properties in the vicinity of the project of General Plan designated Limited Commercial, High Der All of these designations expressly allow for high density surrounding properties are vacant and the nearest uses Rezoning and re-designating the properties to the same not divided and there are no conflicts with adjacent uses	nsity Resid residentia are predo zoning en	ential and Pa al uses. Mo minately res sures that th	rofessional st of the idential.	
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XII. MINERAL RESOURCES – Would the project:				
a) Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?				$\boxtimes$
b) Result in the loss of availability of a locally- important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?				$\boxtimes$
Discussion of Impacts:				
The project does not propose to remove from the site or addition, extraction of mineral resources may still occur interference from or to the proposed activities or improve	beneath th	e project sit		ces. In

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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 excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?				
b) Generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?				$\boxtimes$
c) For a project located within the vicinity of a private airstrip or an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project to excessive noise levels?				$\boxtimes$

Less Than

#### Discussion of Impacts:

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

In accordance with the City's noise ordinance, all future site work will be completed between the hours of 7:00 am and 9:00 pm on any day except Sunday, and between 9:00 am and 6:00 pm on Sunday. Construction activities during future site development have the potential to generate short-term increases in noise, however based upon historic experience with construction-related traffic and noise, the City does not anticipate objectionable levels to be associated with this project. Post-construction noise will be associated with commercial use of the site. Compliance with the City's Noise Ordinance will minimize the significance of noise impacts. Less than significant.

b) Would the project result in exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?

Neither future construction nor post-construction activities will include activities likely to produce significant or excessive groundborne vibration or noise (e.g. blasting, impact pile driving, etc.) that would produce excessive ground-borne vibration at excessive levels. Conventional construction and event activities will not produce excessive groundborne vibration or noise. No impact.

c) For a project located within the vicinity of a private airstrip or an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project to excessive noise levels?

According to the Airport Land Use Plan for Westover Field, Adopted October 1987 and amended July 1990, noise contours associated with airport operations are oriented northeasterly and parallel with the runway. The 60db noise contour associated with airport operations is modeled to lie several miles south west of the project site, so airport noise levels at the project site will be significantly lower, and perhaps not detectable above ambient particularly during on-site activities. No Impact.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
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?				$\boxtimes$

Discussion of Impacts:

The location, distribution, density or growth rate of the population and housing will not be substaintially affected or altered by the proposed project activities. <u>No impact.</u>

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#### XV. PUBLIC SERVICES

a) Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:

Fire protection?		$\boxtimes$	
Police protection?		$\boxtimes$	
Schools?		$\boxtimes$	
Parks?		$\boxtimes$	
Other public facilities?			$\boxtimes$

Discussion of Impacts:

Because of the small size of the development and proximity to services, impacts to fire and police protections services are not expected to be significant. <u>Less than significant impact</u>.

The proposed project will generate an insignificant use of schools or parks. <u>Less than signficant impact.</u>

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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?				
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?				$\boxtimes$
Discussion of Impacts:				
The proposed project will increase the use of existing no significantly enough to require new park facilities. <u>Less</u>				ut not
	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
XVII. TRANSPORTATION Would the project:				
a) Conflict with a program plan, ordinance or policy addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadway, bicycle and pedestrian facilities?				$\boxtimes$
b) Conflict or be inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.3(b)?			$\boxtimes$	
c) Substantially increase hazards due to a geometric design feature (e.g. sharp cures or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g. farm equipment)?				
d) Result in inadequate emergency access?  Discussion of Impacts:				$\boxtimes$
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The project is consistent with adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation. This includes the Amador County Regional Transportation Plan and the Amador County Transportation Commission Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. No impact.

b) Would the project conflict or be inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.3(b)?

In the absence of models to estimate the vehicle miles traveled for the proposed project CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.3(b)3 allows for a jurisdiction to analyze a project's vehicle miles traveled qualitatively. This analysis evaluates factors such as the availability of transit and proximity to other destinations. The proposed project's proximity (approximately .3 miles) to an established Amador Transit stop (at the County Library) and the close proximity to the neighboring commercial and residential developments reduces the anticipated vehicle miles attributed to this project to a level of insignificance. Less than significant impact.

c) Would the project substantially increase hazards due to a geometric design feature (e.g. sharp cures or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g. fam equipment)?

There are no dangerous intersections or geometric design features in the vicinity of the project site. Ingress/egress to the site will designed to City Standards which will ensure adequate safety measures. <u>Less than significant impact</u>.

d) Would the project result in inadequate emergency access?

The existing roads in the vicinity of the project site can accommodate emergency vehicles. <u>No</u> impact.

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XVIII. TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOUCES Would the project:				
a) 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				$\boxtimes$
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.				

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### Discussion of Impacts:

The site is currently vacant and has been disturbed by the development of Argonaut Drive and previous residential uses of the site. A project description was circulated to interested Tribes. No comments regarding the proposed project were submitted. No impact.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
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?			$\boxtimes$	
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?				$\boxtimes$
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) Would the project 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?

The proposed project would utilize the City's existing water and wastewater services which both have capacity to accommodate commercial use of the site. Implementation of the project will require professionally prepared grading and drainage plans which are reviewed and approved by the City engineer. Drainage plans will be required to demonstrate that project-related drainage improvements will ensure that post-project runoff quantities will not exceed pre-project quantities. Storm drainage improvements may include culverts, detention basins, grass-lined swales, or any number of other peak-reducing measures to control runoff quantities. Such facilities will be constructed on-site, in non-biologically sensitive areas, and will be designed by

professional engineers in consultation with the project biologist to ensure significant environmental effect will not occur as a result of construction. Less than significant impact.

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

The proposed project will be served by the City's water system. This system relies on water purchased from the Amador Water Agency (AWA). The AWA has indicated that treatment and storage capacity is severely limited. To ensure capacity the AWA will require the developer to obtain a "Wholesale Water Will Serve Commitment" prior to service. With implementation of Mitigation Measure 19.1 the impact is less than significant. Less than significant impact with mitigation.

Mitigation Measure 19.1: The developer shall obtain a "Wholesale Water Will Serve Commitment" from the Amador Water Agency prior to service.

c) Would the project 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?

The proposed project will be served by the City's wastewater system which has capacity for the proposed commercial use. <u>No impact.</u>

d) Would the project 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?

Solid waste collection service is provided to the City by ACES, a contract hauler who delivers collected waste to local transfer stations. Waste from transfer stations is segregated and non-recyclable refuse is disposed at Keifer Landfill in Sacramento County. The hauler reports that waste generated by the project will be minimal and that collection and disposal capacity exists to serve the project. No impact.

e) Would the project comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?

Solid waste will be collected and handled by ACES. ACES operates under contract to the City as a contract hauler. By contract, ACES must demonstrate that its operations are in continuous compliance with federal, state and local statutes and regulations. In addition, ACES's operations are routinely audited by a third-party service specializing in solid waste operations and its operations are routinely found to be compliant. No impact.

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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?				$\boxtimes$
b) Due to slope, prevailing winds, and other factors, exacerbate wildfire risks, and thereby expose project occupants to pollutant concentrations from a wildfire or the uncontrolled spread of a wildfire?				$\boxtimes$
c) Require the installation or maintenance of associated infrastructure (such as roads, fuel breaks, emergency water sources, power lines or other utilities) that may exacerbate fire risk or that may result in temporary or ongoing impacts to the environment)?				
d) Expose people or structures to significant risks, including downslope or downstream flooding or landslides, as a result of runoff, post-fire slope instability or drainage changes?□				$\boxtimes$

The proposed project is not located in a state responsibility area or classified as very high severity zone. <u>No impact</u>.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
XVII. 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?			$\boxtimes$	

Less Than

Approval of the Rezone and General Plan Amendment request will not by itself have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory. Approval of the Rezone and General Plan Amendment will not by itself have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulative considerable as all cumulative environmental impacts that could result from implementation of the 2008 Land Use Element have been addressed in the EIR. The General Plan Amendment proposal does not increase the residential growth potential of Jackson. Approval of the General Plan Amendment request will not require mitigation to minimize impacts.