



County of Fresno

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING
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EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

APPLICANT: SAC Wireless

APPLICATION NOS.: Initial Study No. 8198 and Unclassified Conditional Use
Permit Application No. 3736

DESCRIPTION: Allow a wireless telecommunications facility on a 1.91-acre parcel in the AL-20 (Limited Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) Zone District.

LOCATION: The project site is located directly east of the intersection of S. Fowler Avenue and E. Erin Avenue and is adjacent to the City of Fresno (APN: 316-160-41S) (1038 S. Fowler Avenue) (Sup Dist. 4).

I. AESTHETICS

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

- A. Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista; or
- B. Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project proposes to construct an 80-foot telecommunications tower and associated equipment on a residential parcel located on the urban boundaries of the City of Fresno. There were no identified scenic resources of scenic vistas observed on or from the project site. Figure OS-2 of the Fresno County General Plan indicates that there are no scenic roadways fronting the project site. The telecommunications tower is proposed to be constructed in a monopine style tower that would be more aesthetically appealing.

- 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?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The project is allowed under the Fresno County Zoning Ordinance, subject to an Unclassified Conditional Use Permit and subject to the Fresno County Wireless Communication Guidelines.

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

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The only lighting for the project is a service light on a three-hour timer. This light is intended to provide light to technicians should a night visit for repair be required.

II. AGRICULTURAL 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 in Forest Protocols adopted by the California Air Resources Board. Would the project:

- A. Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance, as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use; or
- B. Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act Contract?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

Per the 2016 Fresno County Important Farmlands Map, the project site is located on land designated for Rural Residential. Therefore, the project would not convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance. The proposed wireless telecommunications facility is an allowed use in the AL-20 (Limited Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) Zone District subject to an Unclassified Conditional Use Permit. The subject parcel is not under Williamson Act Contract.

- C. Conflict with existing zoning for forest land, timberland or timberland zoned Timberland Production; or
- D. Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The subject parcel is not zoned for forest land, timberland or timberland zoned Timberland Production and would not result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use.

- 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?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project site intends to further develop a site utilized for residential purposes with a wireless telecommunications facility. The project is not expected to result in the conversion of Farmland to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use.

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 applicable Air Quality Plan; or
- 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; or
- C. Would the project result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under a Federal or State ambient air quality standard; or
- D. Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations; or
- E. Result in other emissions (such as those leading to odors) adversely affecting a substantial number of people?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

Given its limited scope, this proposed project is not expected to conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable Air Quality Plan or violate any air quality standard or result in a cumulatively considerable net increase in any criteria pollutant for which the project region is designated a non-attainment area, under ambient air-quality standard. The proposal will be subject to General Plan Policy OS-G.14, which requires that all access roads, driveways, and parking areas serving new commercial and industrial development to be constructed with materials that minimize particulate emissions and are appropriate to the scale and intensity of the use.

IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

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 Wildlife or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

Per the California Natural Diversity Database, the project site is not located within a reported occurrence area of a listed special-status species. The subject parcel is currently developed with a residence and is located in a growing residential area along the urban boundaries of the City of Fresno. With the project sites proximity to the urban boundaries of the City of Fresno and its current built state, that project is not expected to be occupied by a special-status species and would not have an adverse impact on special-status species.

- 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 Wildlife or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; or
- 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?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

According to the National Wetlands Inventory, the project site does not contain a wetland. There were no riparian habitats or other sensitive natural community identified on the project site.

- 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?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project proposes to further development a residential parcel with a wireless telecommunications facility. The project is not expected to interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or wildlife species. There were no wildlife corridors of nursery sites identified on the project site.

- E. Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance; or

- 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?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

Reviewing agencies and departments did not identify any local policies or ordinances for the protection of biological resources, and no adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan was identified as being in conflict with the project.

V. CULTURAL RESOURCES

Would the project:

- A. Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource pursuant to Section 15064.5; or
- B. Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to Section 15064.5; or
- C. Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT WITH MITIGATION INCORPORATED:

The project will result in further development of a residentially developed parcel. Cultural resources are not expected to be impacted by the project. Agency and department review and past development of the site did not identify cultural resources on the subject parcel. However, to ensure that cultural resources are not impacted, a mitigation measure shall be implemented to establish proper procedure should a cultural resource be found during ground-disturbing activities related to the project.

* **Mitigation Measure(s)**

1. *In the event that cultural resources are unearthed during ground-disturbing activities, all work shall be halted in the area of the find. An Archeologist shall be called to evaluate the findings and make any necessary mitigation recommendations. If human remains are unearthed during ground-disturbing activities, no further disturbance is to occur until the Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner has made the necessary findings as to origin and disposition. All normal evidence procedures should be followed by photos, reports, video, etc. If such remains are determined to be Native American, the Sheriff-Coroner must notify the Native American Commission within 24 hours*

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; or
- B. Conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

Reviewing agencies and departments did not express concern to indicate that the project would result in wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources. No state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency was identified as being in conflict with the project.

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:
 - 1. 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?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

Per Figure 9-2 of the Fresno County General Plan Background Report (FCGPBR), the project site is not located on any known fault zone.

- 2. Strong seismic ground shaking?
- 3. Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

Per Figure 9-5 of the Fresno County General Plan Background Report (FCGPBR), the project is located in an area identified as having a 0-20% peak horizontal ground acceleration assuming a 10% probability of a seismic hazard in 50 years. The project will comply with all applicable building code standards and regulation. In considering the low probability of the subject site being susceptible to a seismic hazard and compliance with building standards, the project would not result in substantial adverse effects due to strong seismic ground shaking. As the subject site is not likely to be subject to strong seismic ground-shaking, seismic-related ground failure is also not likely to occur and adversely affect the project.

- 4. Landslides?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

According to Figure 9-6 of the FCGPBR, the project site is not located in an area identified as being susceptible to moderate or high landslide hazard.

- B. Result in substantial soil erosion or loss of topsoil; or
- 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?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project will result in the development of the site where impervious surfaces would be added. The subject site is located in an area which is predominantly flat with no changes in elevation where soil erosion hazards would be prevalent.

There were no geologic unit or unstable soil identified on the project site.

- 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?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

Per Figure 7-1 of the FCGPBR, the project site is not located on land identified with having soils exhibiting moderately high to high expansion potential.

- 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; or
- F. Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project proposes to develop an unmanned wireless telecommunications facility. The project would not result in or require the development of a septic system or connection to a sewer system. There were no unique paleontological resource or unique geologic feature identified on the project site.

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; or

- B. Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The project is expected to result in minor increases to greenhouse gas emissions during the construction of the project, however once construction is complete, pre-project conditions would return. Reviewing Agencies and Departments did not identify any conflicts with the project and an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing emissions of greenhouse gases. Operation of the facility is not anticipated to result in continuous greenhouse gas emissions where an impact could occur.

VIII. 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; or
- 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?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The Department of Public Health, Environmental Health Division has reviewed and provided comments regarding regulatory requirements the project will need to meet should they utilize hazardous materials or waste. Regulatory requirements would include the submittal of a Hazardous Materials Business Plan and compliance with State and Local reporting and handling practices. As these are mandatory regulatory requirements, these are not included as mitigation or a condition of approval. With the projects compliance with State and Local regulatory requirements, the project would not result in a significant hazard to the public or 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?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

Review of available records indicate that the project site would be located approximately .75 miles (3/4 of a mile) north of the Sanger High School – West Campus and Sequoia Elementary School. The proposed wireless telecommunications facility anticipates use of a backup generator in the event that its main source of power is interrupted however, this type of event is not likely to occur. The backup generator would not result in a substantial amount of hazardous emissions and would not negatively impact the identified school sites.

- 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?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

Per the NEPAAssist database, there are no listed hazardous material/waste sites located on the project site or in vicinity of the project site.

- 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?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project site is not located within an airport land use plan, nor is it located within two miles of a public airport or public use airport.

- F. Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan; or
- G. Expose people or structures, either directly or indirectly, to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

Reviewing Agencies and Departments did not express concern with the project site to indicate an impairment of an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan exists as a result of the project and did not comment that the project would expose people or structures to risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires.

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; or
- B. Substantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that the project may impede sustainable groundwater management of the basin?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project intends to construct an unmanned wireless telecommunications facility. The operation of the facility will not result in the use of water resources or the discharge of

wastewater. Therefore, the project is not expected to violate water quality or waste discharge requirements, or substantially decrease groundwater supplies.

- 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 result in substantial erosion or siltation on or off site?
1. Result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site;
 2. Substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or offsite?
 3. 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
 4. Impede or redirect flood flows?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project is not located near a stream or river where an alteration of their drainage pattern or water course would be impacted. Project development is not expected to result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site. The project does not increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a matter where flooding on- or offsite would occur or exceed stormwater drainage systems. Per FEMA FIRM Panel C2135H, the project site is located on Zone X, Area of Minimal Flood Hazard and therefore would not be affect existing flood flows. Reviewing Agencies and Departments did not express concern with the project to indicate that the project would result in any significant impact on drainage patterns or water courses.

- D. In flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zones, risk release of pollutants due to project inundation?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

Per FEMA FIRM Panel C2135H, the project site is not located in a flood hazard zone. Per Figure 9-8 of the Fresno County General Plan Background Report (FCGPBR), the project site is located in a flood inundation zone due to a dam failure. However, the project is not expected to utilize hazardous materials where a substantial risk of pollutants due to project inundation would result in a significant impact. The project site is not located near a body of water where a tsunami or seiche risk would be prevalent.

- E. Conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

Reviewing Agencies and Departments did not express concern with the project proposal to indicate that a conflict with or obstruction of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan would occur as a result of the project.

XI. LAND USE AND PLANNING

Would the project:

A. Physically divide an established community?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project proposes to construct a wireless telecommunications facility on a residentially developed parcel. The proposed facility will be located towards the rear of the property and would not physically divide an established community.

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

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

There were no land use plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect identified as being in conflict with the project proposal.

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; or

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?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

Per Figure 7-7 and 7-8 of the Fresno County General Plan Background Report (FCGPBR), the project site is not located on or near an identified mineral resource location or principal mineral producing location.

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; or
- B. Generation of excessive ground-borne vibration or ground-borne noise levels?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

Review of the project by the Department of Public Health, Environmental Health Division determined that construction and use/maintenance of the proposed generation could result in short-term localized noise impacts. The project will be subject to the Fresno County Noise Ordinance and consideration should be given to the City of Fresno municipal code. Project construction is expected to increase noise levels for the surrounding area but would return to pre-project conditions once construction activities are complete. The backup generator is anticipated to only be used in the event that the main power supply is interrupted. In considering the minimal anticipated use of the backup generator, the project is expected to result in less than significant levels of noise generation.

- 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 area to excessive noise levels; or

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project site is not located within two miles of a public airport or public use airport and would not expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels.

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)?; or
- B. Displace substantial numbers of existing people or housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project intends to further develop a residential parcel with a wireless telecommunications facility. The project would not induce unplanned population growth in the area and would not displace substantial numbers of people or housing.

XV. PUBLIC SERVICES

Would the project:

- A. Result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically-altered governmental facilities, or the 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?

1. Fire protection;
2. Police protection;
3. Schools;
4. Parks; or
5. Other public facilities?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project will not result in the need for additional public services. The site will not be occupied excepting a few times each month for maintenance. Further, with the addition of broadband and high-speed internet, residents will have better internet access at home and this project may reduce use of internet-capable computers at local libraries. There are no schools or parks in the vicinity of the project site.

XVI. RECREATION

Would the project:

- A. 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; or
- B. Include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities, which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

No impacts on the use of existing parks or recreational resources were identified in the project analysis. This project proposes an unmanned telecommunications facility.

XVI. TRANSPORTATION

Would the project:

- A. Conflict with a program, plan, ordinance or policy addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadway, bicycle and pedestrian facilities; or

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project will not conflict with programs or plans addressing transit facilities.

- B. Would the project conflict or be inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines section 15064.3, subdivision (b)?; or

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

Once constructed, the operation of the project will require approximately one service trip every 90 days, which will not result in a significant impact to vehicle miles traveled.

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

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project will not change the existing road geometry.

- D. Result in inadequate emergency access?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project will not affect existing roadways, therefore emergency access will not be affected.

XVIII. TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES

Would the project:

- 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:
 1. 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
 2. 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?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT WITH MITIGATION INCORPORATED:

In the occurrence that cultural or tribal resources are found during the construction phase of the project the follow mitigation measures will be implemented.

* **Mitigation Measure(s)**

1. *In the event that cultural resources are unearthed during ground-disturbing activities, all work shall be halted in the area of the find. An Archeologist shall be called to evaluate the findings and make any necessary mitigation recommendations. If human remains are unearthed during ground disturbing activities, no further disturbance is to occur until the Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner has made the necessary findings as to origin and disposition. All normal evidence procedures shall be followed by photos, reports, video, and etc. If such remains are determined to be Native American, the Sheriff-Coroner must notify the Native American Commission within 24 hours.*

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; or
- B. Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project and reasonably foreseeable future development during normal, dry and multiple dry years; or
- 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; or
- 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; or
- E. Comply with federal, state, and local management and reduction statutes and regulations related to solid waste?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project will not require wastewater treatment, utilize any local water source, generate any solid waste, except that which would be incidental to construction, and would be required to be removed and disposed of at any appropriate landfill, or other

facility authorized to handle such construction waste. Additionally, the project will be required to comply with all applicable regulations pertaining to the reduction of solid waste.

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, or telecommunications facilities, the construction or relocation of which could cause significant environmental effects; or
- 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; or
- 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; or
- 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?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

Project Developments will be subject to the requirements of the current Fire Code and Building Code when a building permit or certificate of occupancy is sought.

XXI. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

Would the project:

- A. 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; or

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

Cumulative impacts identified in the analysis were related to Cultural Resources and Tribal Cultural Resources. These impacts are seen as being reduced to less than significant impact with incorporated Mitigation Measures discussed in sections V.V and XXI. B and C.

- B. 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); or
- C. Have environmental effects, which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

No substantial impacts on human beings, either directly or indirectly, were identified in the project analysis.

CONCLUSION/SUMMARY

Based upon the Initial Study prepared for Unclassified Conditional Use Permit Application No. 3736, staff has concluded that the project will not/will have a significant effect on the environment. It has been determined that there would be no impacts to Biological Resources, Energy, Geology and Soils, Hydrology, Land Use Planning, Mineral Resources, Population and Housing, Public Services, Recreation, Transportation, and Utilities and Service Systems.

Potential impacts related to Potential impacts related to Aesthetics, Agricultural and Forestry, Green House Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Noise, Wildfire, and Mandatory Findings of Significance have been determined to be less than significant.

A Mitigated Negative Declaration is recommended and is subject to approval by the decision-making body. The Initial Study is available for review at 2220 Tulare Street, Suite A, street level, located on the southwest corner of Tulare and "M" Street, Fresno, California.

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