### City of Parlier

## Fig Tree Park

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### **SECTION 1 – Project Description**

### Section 1.1 – Project Title

City of Parlier Fig Tree Park

### Section 1.2 - Lead Agency Name and Address

City of Parlier 1100 E Parlier Ave Parlier, CA 93648

#### Section 1.3 - Contact Person and Phone Number

Sonia Hall, City Manager (559) 646-3545

### Section 1.4 – Project Location

The Project is in the City of Parlier, on the northeast corner of Avila Street & Tulare Street. The coordinates of the proposed project are: 36°36'39.5"N 119°32'02.6"W

See Figure 1.1.

### Section 1.5 – Project Sponsor's Name and Address

City of Parlier 1100 E Parlier Ave Parlier, CA 93648

#### Section 1.6 – General Plan Designation

The City of Parlier General Plan Land Use Map designates the proposed Project site as Medium Density Residential. See Figure 1.2.

### Section 1.7 – Zoning:

The City of Parlier Zoning Map designates the Project site as zoned for R-2 Low Density / Multiple Family Residential. See Figure 1.3.

#### Section 1.8 – Description of Project

The proposed Project would construct a new community park on a portion of the undeveloped area of Fresno County Assessor Parcel Number 355-041-24T in central Parlier. The Project would plant new trees, create a natural bioswale to capture stormwater, and construct a jogging and walking pathway around the perimeter of the park. The Project proposes to install solar light fixtures to provide lighting along the walkway during the evenings once the Project has been completed. The City of Parlier's official park hours are from 7AM to 10PM. The Project would include ADA on-site parking. The Project includes restrooms with low-flow toilets and would be designed with environmental sustainability features (i.e. recycled materials, solar lights, environmentally friendly hardscape, etc.) The proposed Project would cover approximately 1.76 acres of land. In 2017, the Housing Authority of Fresno County demolished an existing 50-unit affordable housing community built in 1964 that occupied approximately 7.59 acres of land within the same parcel. The Housing Authority constructed a new 56-unit affordable housing apartment complex, occupying only approximately 4.82 acres

of land in the same parcel. The remaining approximately 2.77 acres of parcel remains undeveloped, except for the Boys and Girls Club building located on the southeast corner of E Parlier Ave and Avila Street. This building was not affected by the demolition of the previous housing community or the construction of the new affordable housing project. Similarly, this building would not be affected by the Project.

In order for the Project to comply with the City of Parlier's General Plan, an amendment to the General Plan Land Use designation is necessary. The Land Use designation for the portion of land that is to be developed by this Project would need to be changed from Medium Density Residential to Park. After the Land Use designation amendment has been approved, the portion of land will be rezoned from R-2 (Low Density / Multiple Family Residential) to O (Open Space).

### Section 1.9 - Surrounding Land Uses and Setting

The proposed Project would be located within the undeveloped portion of Fresno County Assessor Parcel Number 355-041-24T in central Parlier on the northeast corner of Avila Street and Tulare Street. Adjacent to the east of the proposed Project location, there is an affordable housing project operated by the Housing Authority of Fresno County. To the east across Bigger Street, there is a commercial development. To the north across Parlier Ave, there is an open space area. To the west across Avila Street, there is City Hall and Community Center. To the south across Tulare Street, there are single-family residences. The proposed Project would be surrounded by developed areas.

### Section 1.10 - Other Public Agencies Whose Approval is Required

- 1. City of Parlier
- 2. California Natural Resources Agency
- 3. Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
- 4. San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District

#### Section 1.11 - Consultation with California Native American Tribes

Government Codes Section 65352.3 and Section 65352.4 require local governments to consult with California Native American tribes identified by the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) for the purpose of avoiding, protecting, and/or mitigating impacts to cultural places when creating or amending General Plans, Specific Plans and Community Plans

Public Resources Codes Section 21080.3.1 and Section 21080.3.2 requires public agencies to consult with California Native American tribes identified by the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) for the purpose of avoiding, protecting, and/or mitigating impacts to tribal cultural resources as defined, for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) projects

On February 16, 2021, the City of Parlier contacted the NAHC to request the most up to date CEQA Tribal Consultation List per Public Resources Code Section 21080.3.1 and Section 21080.3.2; as well as per Government Code Section 65352.3 and 65352.4.

The NAHC responded on March 10, 2021 and provided the contact information

for 14 Native American Tribes who have been traditionally and culturally affiliated with the project area:

- Big Sandy Rancheria of Western Mono Indians
- Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians
- Cold Springs Rancheria
- Dumna Wo-Wah Tribal Government
- Dunlap Band of Mono Indians
- Kings River Choinumni Farm Tribe
- Nashville Enterprise Miwok-Maidu-Nishinam Tribe
- North Fork Mono Tribe
- Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians
- Santa Rosa Rancheria Tachi Yokut Tribe
- Table Mountain Rancheria
- Traditional Choinumni Tribe
- Tule River Indian Tribe
- Wuksache Indian Tribe/Eshom Valley Band

On April 1, 2021 each of the Native American tribes were mailed a letter informing each designated contact person from each Native American tribe about the City's proposed Project and the opportunity to provide feedback and determine if formal consultation would be necessary. Each Native American tribe was afforded the 30- and 90-day period to provide feedback, as required by AB 52 and SB 18, respectively.

On May 3, 2021, the City received an email correspondence from Elizabeth D. Hutchins-Kipp, the Tribal Chairperson of the Big Sandy Rancheria of Western Mono Indians, indicating that they had no comment on the Project; but would like to be notified should anything of cultural significance were discovered during construction.

On May 24, 2021, the City received an email correspondence from Shana Powers, the Cultural Director of the Santa Rosa Rancheria Tachi Yokut Tribe, indicating that they had no comment on the project due to proximity; instead, she deferred to Table Mountain Rancheria. As of the time of preparation of this document, the City has not received any further communications from any of the Native American Tribes indicating interest or any concerns about the proposed project. The representatives from Big Sandy Rancheria of Western Mono Indians and Santa Rosa Rancheria Tachi Yokut Tribe were the only individuals who replied within the 30- and 90-day deadlines established under AB 52 and SB 18, respectively; and neither indicated an interest to initiate additional formal consultation. Therefore, the City has satisfied the intent of both regulations ensuring California Native American tribes had sufficient time to provide comments on the proposed Project.

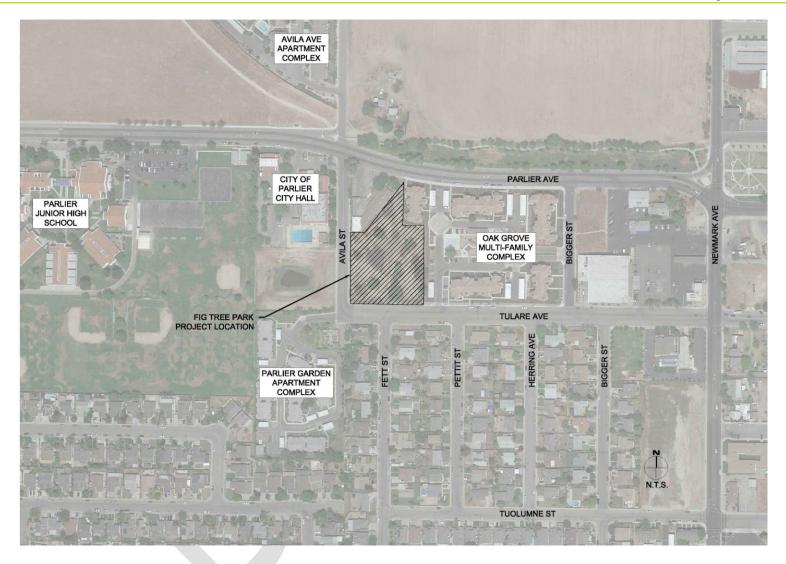


Figure 1.1 – Project Location Map

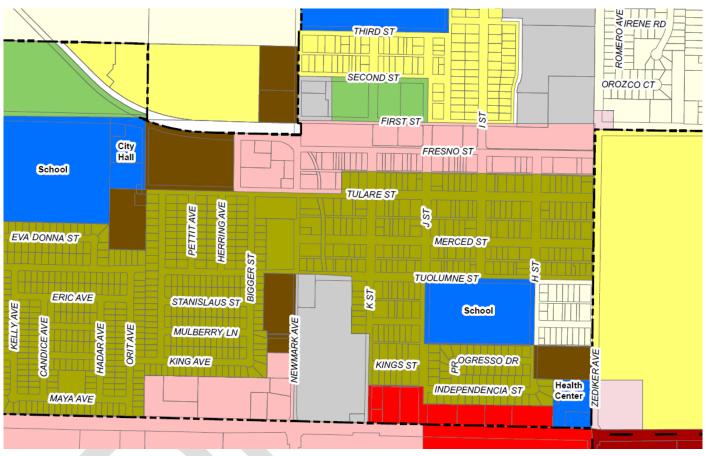
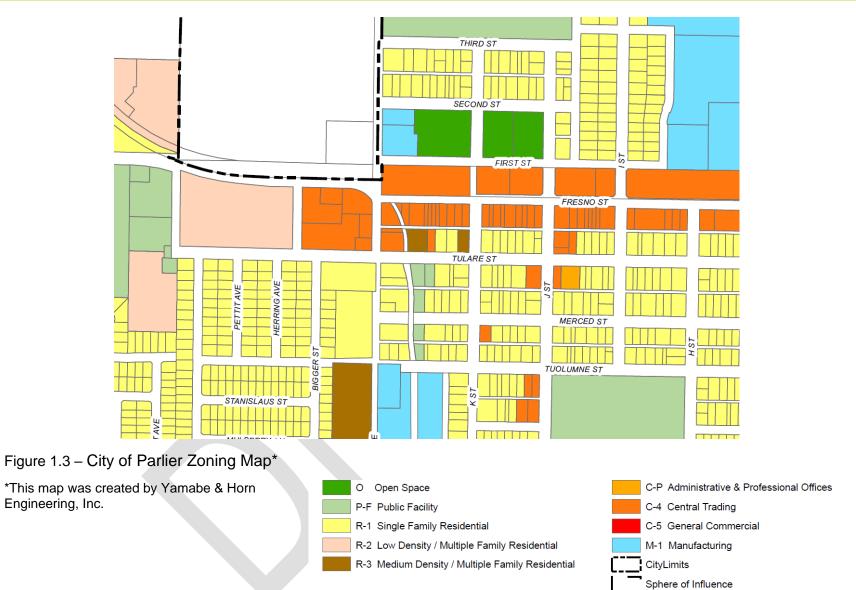


Figure 1.2 - City of Parlier General Plan Land Use Plan\*





### SECTION 2 – Environmental Factors Potentially Affected

Any environmental factor checked in the table below would be potentially affected by this Project, involving at least one impact that is a "Potentially Significant Impact" as indicated by the checklist in 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

### **SECTION 3 – Determination**

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

$\boxtimes$	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.
	AICP City Planner, June 15, 2022
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### **SECTION 4 – 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).
- All answers must take account of the whole action involved, including off-site as well as onsite, 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 crossreferenced).
- 5) Earlier analyses may be used where, pursuant to the tiering, program EIR, or other CEQA process, an effect has been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or negative declaration. Section 15063(c)(3)(D). In this case, a brief discussion should identify the following:
  - a) Earlier Analysis Used. Identify and state where they are available for review.
  - b) Impacts Adequately Addressed. Identify which effects from the above checklist were within the scope of and adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and state whether such effects were addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis.
  - c) Mitigation Measures. For effects that are "Less than Significant with Mitigation Measures Incorporated," describe the mitigation measures which were incorporated or refined from the earlier document and the extent to which they address site-specific conditions for the project.
- 6) Lead agencies are encouraged to incorporate into the checklist references to information sources for potential impacts (e.g., general plans, zoning ordinances). Reference to a previously prepared or outside document should, where appropriate, include a reference to the page or pages where the statement is substantiated.

- 7) Supporting Information Sources: A source list should be attached, and other sources used or individuals contacted should be cited in the discussion.
- 8) This is only a suggested form, and lead agencies are free to use different formats; however, lead agencies should normally address the questions from this checklist that are relevant to a project's environmental effects in whatever format is selected.
- 9) The explanation of each issue should identify:
  - a) the significance criteria or threshold, if any, used to evaluate each question; and
  - b) the mitigation measure identified, if any, to reduce the impact to less than significance.



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### Section 4.1 - Aesthetics

	as provided in Public Resources Code Section would the Project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) H	Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?				$\boxtimes$
b	Substantially damage scenic resources, including, out not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?				$\boxtimes$
é th th p p	n 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 egulations governing scenic quality?				$\boxtimes$
w	Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?			$\boxtimes$	

### **Impact Evaluation**

#### 4.1-a) - Would the project have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?

**No Impact.** There are no officially designated scenic vistas or scenic highways within the vicinity of the proposed Project. The California State Scenic Highway System Map<sup>1</sup> shows that the nearest scenic highway to the Project is State Route 180, approximately nine miles northeast of the Project. The National Wild and Scenic River System<sup>2</sup> shows that the nearest scenic river to the Project site would be the Kings Wild and Scenic River, more than 40 miles northeast of the Project site. Neither of these officially designated scenic resources are visible from the Project site. Therefore, it is not anticipated that the Project would have adverse effects on a scenic vista.

# 4.1-b) - Would the project substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?

**No Impact.** As evidenced by the California State Scenic Highway System Map, the nearest scenic highway to the proposed Project is State Route 180 at approximately nine miles northeast of the Project. The proposed Project is surrounded by local streets that are not designated as scenic highways; therefore, it is not anticipated for scenic resources within a State scenic highway would be negatively impacted by the Project.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Caltrans, California State Scenic Highways – https://dot.ca.gov/programs/design/lap-landscape-architecture-and-community-livability/lap-liv-i-scenic-highways

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Wild and Scenic Rivers System – https://www.rivers.gov/california.php

4.1-c) – In non-urbanized areas, would the project substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of public views of the site and its surroundings? If the Project is in an urbanized area, would the project conflict with applicable zoning and other regulations governing scenic quality?

**No Impact.** The proposed Project consists of the construction of a new community park. This would develop a currently vacant piece of land with little to no groundcover and a few existing trees. Upon the completion of this Project, the visual character of the surrounding area would complete the overall aesthetic quality of the adjacent Oak Grove Apartments affordable housing project. Therefore, no adverse impact is anticipated. The Project would plant new trees, create a natural bioswale to capture stormwater, and construct a jogging and walking pathway around the perimeter of the park.

4.1-d) – Would the project create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?

Less than Significant Impact. During the construction of the Project, all work would be performed during daylight hours, typically between 7AM and 5PM. Excessive light or glare generated by trucks delivering construction materials and other construction equipment onsite would be temporary and would be stationary for short periods of time. The Project proposes to install solar light fixtures to provide lighting along the walkway during the evenings once the Project has been completed. These light fixtures would be required to have a cover around the luminaire to direct the light downward to only illuminate the proposed walkway, which will minimize light glare and spillage onto adjacent properties. All solar light fixtures would be programmable to turn on only after sunset, thus eliminating the potential for adverse daytime view effects once the Project is complete. Therefore, the impacts caused by light or glare that might affect day or nighttime views in the area would be less than significant.

### Section 4.2 - Agriculture and Forestry Resources

	ot as provided in Public Resources Code Section 9, would the Project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
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 or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?				$\boxtimes$

#### Impact Evaluation

4.2-a) – Would the project 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?

**No Impact.** The Project would be located within the limits of the City of Parlier, a small community in Fresno County, CA. The most recent available Important Farmland Map from the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program shows the Project would be located in an area mapped as Urban and Built-Up Land. The area was previously used as an affordable housing community and was demolished and remains undeveloped. The Project would result in the development of a park on the vacant, previously developed area. There is no farmland associated with the Project. Therefore, there is no potential for the conversion of Prime, Unique, or Important farmland.

### 4.2-b) – Would the project conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?

**No Impact.** The Project is currently zoned as R-2 (Low Density Residential / Multiple Family Residential). The Project requires an amendment to the General Plan Land Use designation to change the existing zoning from R-2 to O (Open Space). According to the Fresno County Williamson Act Parcels Map³, the parcel for the Project is not under a Williamson Act contract. Therefore, the Project would not conflict with any zoning for agricultural use or Williamson Act contract.

4.2-c) – Would the project 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))?

**No Impact.** The Project parcel is currently zoned for Residential Use. There is no forest land within the City of Parlier city limits. Therefore, there would not be any conflict with zoning for forest land.

4.2-d) – Would the project result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?

No Impact. See discussion 4.2-c).

4.2-e) – Would the project 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?

No Impact. See discussions 4.2-a) through 4.2-c).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Fresno County Williamson Act Parcels, California, 2015 https://databasin.org/datasets/6871c77c876d421b985b1b70ee1640f5/

### Section 4.3 – Air Quality

Woul	d the Project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a)	Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?			$\boxtimes$	
b)	Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard?			$\boxtimes$	
c)	Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?			$\boxtimes$	
d)	Result in other emissions (such as those leading to odors) adversely affecting a substantial number of people?			$\boxtimes$	

### **Impact Evaluation**

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

Less than Significant Impact. The City of Parlier is within the jurisdiction of the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (District), which monitors air quality within the eight-county San Joaquin Valley Air Basin (SJVAB). The SJVAB has been designated as nonattainment for multiple state and federal health-based air quality standards. The Air Pollution Control District has published several Air Quality Attainment Plan documents to help the SJVAB comply with Federal and State Clean Air Act requirements. These include:

- 1. 2016 Ozone Plan
- 2. 2016 PM<sub>2.5</sub> Plan
- 3. 2007 PM<sub>10</sub> Maintenance Plan and Request for Redesignation

In accordance with the District's Guidance for Assessing and Mitigating Air Quality Impacts (GAMAQI), revised in 2015, the established thresholds of significance for criteria pollutant emissions during construction are the following (page 65&80 of the GAMAQI document):

Criteria Pollutant	Threshold (Tons Per Year)
Carbon Monoxide (CO)	100
Nitrogen Oxide (NOx)	10
Reactive Organic Gases (ROG)	10
Sulfur Oxide (SOx)	27
Particulate Matter (PM <sub>10</sub> )	15
Particulate Matter (PM <sub>2.5</sub> )	15

To streamline the process of assessing significance of criteria pollutant emissions from commonly

encountered projects, the District developed the Small Project Analysis Level (SPAL) <sup>4</sup> screening tool. Using project type and size, the District has pre-quantified emissions and determined a size below which it is reasonable to conclude that a project would not exceed applicable thresholds of significance for criteria pollutants. The SPAL screening tool uses the project type, size, and number of vehicle trips. The District has pre-quantified emissions and determined values below what is reasonable to conclude that a project would not exceed applicable thresholds of significance for criteria pollutants. This Project does not exceed the parameters of any of the types of projects for which the District has pre-quantified emissions because this Project is limited to the construction of a community park and does not include the construction of a facility that would generate HHDT (Heavy-Heavy Duty Trucks) or non-HHDT trips. The screening tool establishes that a project found to be less than the pre-quantified parameters has no possibility of exceeding criteria pollutant emissions thresholds. Therefore, it is reasonable to conclude that this project would not conflict with or obstruct implementation of the District's Air Quality Attainment Plan by way of exceeding the criteria pollutant thresholds of significance.

During construction, the Project would be subject the District's Regulation VIII and Rule 9510 to reduce fugitive dust and construction exhaust emissions. This requires that dust emission controls be implemented at the construction site, which may include the regular application of water over exposed areas, dust suppressants, and reducing vehicle speeds on unpaved and exposed areas within the construction site.

# 4.3-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?

Less than Significant Impact. The criteria pollutants for which the SJVAB is under nonattainment are ozone, PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub>. The applicable thresholds of significance for these pollutants are listed in discussion 4.3-a). This Project is expected to contribute to the nonattainment status of these pollutants during the construction phase. Emissions generated would be temporary and be generated for approximately 6 months. The activities with potential to generate emissions may include, but are not limited to, excavation, vehicle exhausts from construction machinery and employee vehicle trips, and the movement of construction equipment over unpaved surfaces. By utilizing the District's SPAL screening tool, it is evident that the Project has no possibility that it would exceed criteria pollutant emission thresholds. Nevertheless, necessary fugitive dust control measures will be implemented in accordance with the District's Regulation III to mitigate how much emissions are generated during construction.

Since the Project would result in the construction of an approximately two-acre community park that would include walking and biking paths to encourage alternative modes of transportation and reduce the amount of vehicle trips and an addition of trees, it would not result in significant emissions of criteria pollutants; thus, would not contribute to a long-term cumulative increase in criteria pollutants. Impacts would be less than significant.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, Small Project Analysis Level (SPAL) http://www.valleyair.org/transportation/CEQA%20Rules/GAMAQI-SPAL.PDF

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

**Less than Significant Impact.** Sensitive receptors are defined by the District as facilities that house or attract children, the elderly, people with illnesses or others who are sensitive to the effects of air pollutants. These facilities may include hospitals, schools, convalescent facilities, parks, and residential areas. The Boys and Girls club is located adjacent to the property.

The District's GAMAQI guidelines classifies projects that have the potential to cause long-term public health risk impact into two types:

Type A Projects: projects that will place new toxic sources in the vicinity of existing receptors

Type B Projects: projects that will place new receptors in the vicinity of existing toxic sources

The Project is neither a Type A nor a Type B project as defined by the District. There would not be any new facilities constructed that would result in a new permanent toxic source within the vicinity of existing sensitive receptors. Similarly, the Project would not construct a sensitive receptor within the vicinity of an existing toxic source. The Project would replace the stormwater pipes and increase capacity of the stormwater basins to prevent future flooding of the residential areas during heavy storm events. As previously stated in discussions 4.3-a) and 4.3-b), the sources of emissions and pollutants that are reasonably expected to be generated by the Project include excavation, vehicle exhausts from construction machinery and employee vehicle trips, and the movement of construction equipment over unpaved surfaces. The emissions and the impacts of these emissions would be localized and temporary; therefore, the impacts are considered less than significant.

# 4.3-d) – Would the project result in other emissions (such as those leading to odors) adversely affecting a substantial number of people?

**Less than Significant Impact.** The Project site location has residential housing to the east and south; however, while construction-related emissions are expected to occur, the effects would be less than significant because the emissions would be localized and temporary and limited to dust from site excavation and construction vehicle emissions.

### Section 4.4 – Biological Resources

Woul	d the Project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
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?			$\boxtimes$	
b)	Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or US Fish and Wildlife Service?			$\boxtimes$	
c)	Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?	0			$\boxtimes$
d)	Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?				$\boxtimes$
e)	Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?				$\boxtimes$
f)	Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?				$\boxtimes$

#### **Impact Evaluation**

4.4-a) – Would the project 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?

Less than Significant Impact. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Environmental Conservation Online System (ECOS)<sup>5</sup> does not show that any critical habitat exists within the project site. ECOS contains data for active proposed and final critical habitat for U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Joint Fish and Wildlife Service/National Marine Fisheries Service (FWS/NMFS) threatened and endangered species. ECOS is a FWS-sponsored platform for FWS data. The ECOS critical

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Environmental Conservation Online System – <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/report/critical-habitat">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/report/critical-habitat</a>)

habitat online mapper includes proposed and final critical habitat for species listed as Threatened and Endangered by the FWS, or that are jointly managed by FWS/NMFS. The proposed Project does not contain habitat or sensitive natural communities which require protection. The entirety of the Project would occur within the City of Parlier where the surrounding area is built-up with residences and commercial facilities, precluding the establishment of habitat attractive to special-status species. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant.

4.4-b) – Would the project 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?

Less than Significant Impact. See discussion 4.4-a).

4.4-c) – Would the project have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?

**No Impact.** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's National Wetlands Inventory<sup>6</sup> does not show that there are any wetlands within the Project site. This project development does not contain any other habitat or sensitive natural communities which require protection. There are no rivers or lakes, precluding impacts to fish species. The wetlands mapper is intended to provide information on the status, extent, characteristics and functions of wetlands, riparian, and deep-water habitats. Therefore, there would be no impact.

4.4-d) – Would the project 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?

**No Impact.** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's National Wetlands Inventory does not show any wetlands within the project site. The Project's development does not contain any other habitat or sensitive natural communities which require protection. There are no rivers or lakes, precluding impacts to fish species. The Project site is not subject to a Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state Habitat Conservation Plan. The entirety of the Project would occur within the City of Parlier, where parcels are developed, precluding the establishment of habitat attractive to special-status species. Therefore, there would be no impact.

4.4-e) - Would the project conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?

**No Impact.** The proposed Project is within a built-up part of the City of Parlier, and the City of Parlier does not have a local policy or ordinance protecting biological resources located within the Project site. The proposed community park is not anticipated to conflict with any local policies or ordinances. Therefore, there would be no impact.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Wetlands Inventory - https://www.fws.gov/wetlands/data/Mapper.html

4.4-f) – Would the project conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?

**No Impact.** The proposed Project is not located in an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan; thus, no impact is anticipated to occur.



#### Section 4.5 - Cultural Resources

Woul	d the Project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a)	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in § 15064.5?				$\boxtimes$
b)	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to § 15064.5?			$\boxtimes$	
c)	Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of dedicated cemeteries?			$\boxtimes$	

#### **Impact Evaluation**

### 4.5-a) – Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in § 15064.5?

**No Impact.** After conducting a search on the California Department of Parks and Recreation's Office of Historic Preservation's Built Environment Resource Directory<sup>7</sup> it was found that the parcel for the proposed Project was listed for cultural resources that have been evaluated for eligibility to the National Register of Historic Places and the California Register of Historical Resources. The evaluation was determined ineligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The Project location was also not listed as an Office of Historic Preservation's California Registered Historical Resource<sup>8</sup> Landmark. Therefore, there would be no impact.

# 4.5-b) – Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to § 15064.5?

Less than Significant Impact. The Office of Historic Preservation's California Historical Landmarks revealed that the Project did not include any registered landmarks in the City of Parlier. Previous Historic Property Surveys conducted for the Project site included historical era buildings; however, they were not eligible for listing as mentioned above. The Project site was previously part of an affordable housing complex, built over 60 years ago, which has been demolished and remains vacant. Since the Project site has been previously disturbed, it is highly unlikely for this Project to have a negative effect on an archeological resource. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> California Department of Parks and Recreation, Office of Historic Preservation, Built Environment Resource Directory (BERD) – <a href="https://ohp.parks.ca.gov/?page\_id=30338">https://ohp.parks.ca.gov/?page\_id=30338</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> California Department of Parks and Recreation, Office of Historic Preservation, California Historical Resources – <a href="https://ohp.parks.ca.gov/listedresources">https://ohp.parks.ca.gov/listedresources</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> California Department of Parks and Recreation, Office of Historic Preservation, California Historical Landmarks by County https://ohp.parks.ca.gov/?page\_id=21387

### 4.5-c) – Would the project disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of dedicated cemeteries?

Less than Significant Impact. Given that the Project site has been previously developed for over 60 years, there is little to no possibility that this project would potentially disturb any human remains anywhere along the Project's limits. However, in the unlikely event that human remains are discovered within the limits of the Project, the contractor will be obligated to stop all work and request that the county coroner investigate the circumstances of any death and make a recommendation for how to treat and dispose the human remains. Pursuant to California Health and Safety Code 7050.5, if the Fresno County coroner determines that the remains are not subject to his or her authority and if the coroner recognizes the human remains to be those of a Native American or has reason to believe that they are those of a Native American, he or she shall contact, by telephone within 24 hours, the NAHC. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant.



### Section 4.6 – Energy

Would	d the Project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a)	Result in potentially significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources, during project construction or operation?			$\boxtimes$	
b)	Conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency?			$\boxtimes$	

#### **Impact Evaluation**

4.6-a) – Would the project result in potentially significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources, during project construction or operation?

Less than Significant Impact. Energy consumption during the construction phase would be in the form of fuel usage for the operation of the construction machinery and equipment, transportation of materials, and worker vehicle trips. The fuel utilized by the trucks transporting the construction materials and equipment to the job site, as well as the fuel consumed by worker vehicle trips, are essential in order to carry out the Project. Thus, the fuel consumed by those two categories of vehicles would not be wasteful or unnecessary. The proposed Project would comply with the SJVAPCD air quality regulations regarding the limitation of vehicle and equipment idling during construction to the extent feasible. By adhering to the standard regulations and guidelines of the SJVAPCD, the Project would minimize fuel consumption to the extent feasible during construction. Therefore, construction-related fuel consumption at the Project site would not result in inefficient, wasteful, nor unnecessary energy use.

After completion of the construction activities, the energy consumption by the Project would be limited to lighting, restroom use and vehicle trips. Some of the lighting for this Project would be solar powered to help reduce additional electricity usage and reduce the impact to the City of Parlier Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) energy grid. The Park lights would only operate during dark hours. The restrooms will require energy only when in use during park hours and would include energy efficient lighting and low-flow toilets. The Project would result in an increase of vehicle trips. However, the Project would be a community park located within residential areas that are within walking and bicycling distance. The Project would also implement walking and bicycle paths to encourage walking and bicycle trips and reduce vehicle trips. Therefore, the Project would not have a significant impact on wasteful, inefficient, and unnecessary energy consumption. Impacts would be less than significant.

# 4.6-b) - Would the project conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency?

Less than Significant Impact. By complying with the SJVAPCD air quality regulations regarding the limitation of vehicle and equipment idling during construction, minimizing unnecessary vehicle trips, and utilizing electric equipment for construction where feasible, the Project would not conflict with or obstruct any State or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency. Because the Project would comply with the California Green Building Standards Code for energy efficient and water consumption standards, the Project would not significantly interfere with any existing or future energy efficiency state or local plan. Impacts would be less than significant.



### Section 4.7 – Geology and Soils

Woul	d the	Project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a)	adv	ose people or structures to potential substantial erse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or th 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.				$\boxtimes$
	ii)	Strong seismic ground shaking?			$\boxtimes$	
	iii)	Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?			$\boxtimes$	
	iv)	Landslides?				$\boxtimes$
b)	Res	ult in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?			$\boxtimes$	
c)	or t Proj land	ocated on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, hat would become unstable as a result of the ect, and potentially result in on- or off-site dslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction ollapse?				$\boxtimes$
d)	1-B	ocated on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18- of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating stantial risks to life or property?				$\boxtimes$
e)	use syst	e soils incapable of adequately supporting the of septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal tems where sewers are not available for the posal of wastewater?				$\boxtimes$
f)		ectly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological ource or site or unique geologic feature?			$\boxtimes$	

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### **Impact Evaluation**

4.7-a(i) – 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, 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?

**No Impact.** The Project would not be located within a delineated Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zone as evidenced by the Seismic Hazard Zones and Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zones map<sup>10</sup> maintained by the California Geological Survey. The nearest fault to the Project site is the Nunez Fault near Coalinga, CA, which is approximately 60 miles southwest of the City of Parlier. Therefore, there would be no possibility that the Project would expose people or structures to a substantial adverse effect due to a rupture of a known earthquake fault within or near the Project site. Therefore, there would be no impact.

4.7-a(ii) – Would the project expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving strong seismic ground shaking?

Less than Significant Impact. See discussion 4.7-a(i). Although the Project does not have a known active fault passing through or near the site, the City of Parlier is located within a seismically active region. Ground shaking can occur due to the fault zones further away from the City. The largest and closest major fault is the San Andreas Fault Zone, located approximately 70 miles southwest of the Project site. Due to the Project site's distance from the San Andreas Fault Zone, ground shaking that may be experienced at the site would not be any greater than what is expected for the surrounding area. Further, the Project does not propose to construct permanent habitable structures that could expose people to substantial adverse effects due to strong seismic ground shaking. The Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zone map shows that the nearest major liquefaction and ground shaking zone is approximately 60 miles southwest of the Project Site. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant.

4.7-a(iii) – Would the project expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?

Less than Significant Impact. See discussions 4.7-a(i) and 4.7-a(ii).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> California Department of Conservation, California Geological Survey Information Warehouse, Regulatory Maps and Reports <a href="https://maps.conservation.ca.gov/cgs/EQZApp/app/">https://maps.conservation.ca.gov/cgs/EQZApp/app/</a>

## 4.7-a(iv) – Would the project expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving landslides?

**No Impact.** See discussions 4.7-a(i) through 4.7-a(iii) above. The proposed Project would be located in a region that is flat without any significant slopes. Thus, there is no likelihood that the Project would expose people to substantial adverse effects due to landslides. Therefore, there would be no impact.

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

Less than Significant Impact. Soil erosion could occur during the construction phase of the Project. To minimize the potential for soil erosion, the contractor would be required to comply with the General Construction Permit, Order No. 2012-0006-DWQ<sup>11</sup>, issued by the State Water Resources Control Board. Compliance with this order is done through the development and implementation of a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP), which would estimate sediment risk from construction activities, and outline Best Management Practices (BMPs) that would be implemented to minimize pollution of stormwater due to construction activities. Through the implementation of a SWPPP and use of the BMPs, impacts would be less than significant.

4.7-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?

No Impact. See discussion 4.7-d).

4.7-d) – Would the project be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property?

**No Impact.** The Project site would not be within an area known to contain expansive soils. Additionally, the general area of the Project site and surrounding lands are flat and do not have any significant slopes that could pose a threat to life or property within the Project site or its surrounding areas. The potential for liquefaction, slope instability, landslides or debris flows due to expansive soils in the area is not significant and no impact is expected to occur.

4.7-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?

**No Impact.** This Project would not include the installation of a septic tank, nor would it involve any type of wastewater disposal directly into the soil; therefore, no impact would occur. The Project's restrooms would be connected to existing City infrastructure.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> California State Water Resources Control Board, Construction Stormwater General Permits – <a href="https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\_issues/programs/stormwater/constpermits.html">https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\_issues/programs/stormwater/constpermits.html</a>

# 4.7-f) – Would the project directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?

Less than Significant Impact. The Project site has been previously disturbed which included a community housing complex for over 60 years that was recently demolished and remains vacant. Therefore, it is highly unlikely that this Project would result in a negative impact or destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature. The surrounding area of the project contains land developed with sidewalks, housing, and commercial establishments. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant.



#### Section 4.8 - Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Woul	d the Project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
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 emissions of greenhouse gases?			$\boxtimes$	

### **Impact Evaluation**

4.8-a) – Would the project generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?

Less than Significant Impact. AB 32, the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, was the primary state law aimed at reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. AB 32 gave the California Air Resources Board the authority to monitor and regulate sources of GHG emissions to reduce statewide GHG emissions to 1990 levels by 2020. Greenhouse gases include carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, hydrofluorocarbons, perfluorocarbons, and sulfur hexafluoride. Thereafter, SB 32 was signed in 2016 and expanded on AB32 goals by requiring a reduction in GHG emissions to 40% below the 1990 levels by 2030. During the construction phase of this Project, it is expected that GHG emissions would occur; however, construction activities are expected to last for approximately 6 months. Once construction is completed, the Project would generate GHG emissions through electricity use and vehicle trips. The Project would include the use of solar powered lights to reduce the impact to the City's PG&E energy grid. The Project would include walking and biking paths to encourage the reduction of vehicle trips and increase alternative modes of transportation. As previously discussed in Factor 3 (Air Quality) and Factor 6 (Energy), the Project would adhere to the SJVAPCD regulations and guidelines to minimize idling of construction vehicles and equipment. Additionally, as mentioned in discussion 4.3-a) of Factor 3 (Air Quality), by utilizing the SJVAPCD's Small Project Analysis Level (SPAL) process, it was established that projects found to be less than the pre-quantified parameters have no possibility of exceeding criteria pollutant emissions thresholds. This Project does not exceed the parameters of any of the types of projects for which the District has pre-quantified emissions; therefore, it can be concluded that this project would not have a significant impact on the environment because of GHG emissions generated by this project, either directly or indirectly. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant.

## 4.8-b) – Would the project generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?

Less than Significant Impact. In August 2008 the SJVAPCD's Governing Board adopted the Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP)<sup>12</sup>. The Plan outlines recommended measures and guidance for the reduction of GHG emissions associated with development projects. The guidance relies on the use of performance-based standards, also known as Best Performance Standards (BPS), to assess significance of project specific greenhouse gas emissions on global climate change. Projects implementing BPS would be determined to have a less than cumulatively significant impact. Otherwise, demonstration of a 29% reduction in GHG emissions, from Business-as-Usual (BAU), is required to determine that a project would have a less than cumulatively significant impact. BAU is defined by the District as the total baseline emissions for all emissions sources within the development type, projected for the year 2020, assuming no change in GHG emissions per unit of activity as established for the baseline period, 2002-2004.

The AB 32 Scoping Plan established a Cap-and-Trade program, which established a cap for each compliance period of the program, and emission reductions would increase as the cap declines over time. The Cap-and-Trade program includes up to 85% of the State's emission sources (electricity, transportation fuels, natural gas, and industrial sectors). Cap-and-Trade programs are market-driven and do not specify how emission reductions will be achieved; however, emission reductions are achieved at the facility level using the most cost-effective methods available. The Scoping Plan was released on October 15, 2008 and approved at a California Air Resources Board's (ARB) Board hearing on December 12, 2008. A key aspect of ARB's approach is that it recognized that different GHG thresholds of significance may apply to projects in different sectors because some sectors contribute more than others and there are different levels of emissions reductions expected from different sectors to meet the State's climate objectives. Consistent with ARB's Scoping Plan, the District established significance thresholds for Stationary Sources and Residential and Commercial Developments. A threshold of significance is an identifiable quantitative, qualitative or performance level of a particular environmental effect. Compliance with a significance threshold would normally result in a determination that project would not have a significant environmental impact.

Additionally, projects achieving performance-based standards that have been demonstrated to be "Best Performance Standards" (BPS) would be considered to have a less than cumulative significant impact on global climate change. Further, projects complying with an approved GHG emission reduction plan or GHG mitigation program, which avoids or substantially reduces GHG emissions within the geographic area in which the project is located would be determined to have a less than significant individual and cumulative impact for GHG emissions. Projects complying with an approved GHG emission reduction plan or GHG mitigation program would not be required to implement BPS. For development projects, BPS includes project design elements, land use decisions, and technologies that reduce GHG emissions. Due to the variety of development project types, it is difficult for the District to establish a single set of standards that would be applicable to all project types. Instead, the District established a list of GHG emission reductions measures with pre-quantified GHG emission reduction effectiveness. Projects implementing BPS and reducing GHG emissions by 29% through any combination of GHG emission reduction measures, would be considered to have a less than significant individual and cumulative impact on global climate change.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP) - https://www.valleyair.org/Programs/CCAP/CCAP\_idx.htm

However, this Project does not intend to construct a residential, commercial, or industrial facility that could be classified as a stationary source of GHG emissions. The scope of the Project is limited to the construction of a community park and is not anticipated to generate a significant amount of GHG emissions upon complete, as discussed in impact a) above. This Project is not one where the emission reduction measures recommended in the District's CCAP can be implemented. The expected GHG emissions expected to be generated by this Project would be during the construction phase caused by on- and off-road vehicles and electricity use and vehicle trips post constructions. The use of vehicles and electricity generated falls under the emissions sources that participates in the State's Cap-and-Trade program in compliance complies with ARB's regulation. The District's Climate Action Plan recognizes that the Cap-and-Trade program is a state-wide plan for reducing and mitigating GHG emissions for various targeted sectors. In June 2014, the District issued 2025 Annual Progress Report (APR-2025)<sup>13</sup> which established that GHG emissions from the combustion of any fuel produced, imported and/or delivered in California are mitigated under the Cap-and-Trade program. Therefore, GHG emissions caused by this Project are anticipated to have a less than significant impact.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, CEQA Determinations of Significance for Project Subject to ARB's GHG Capand-Trade Program - <a href="https://www.valleyair.org/policies\_per/Policies/APR-2025.pdf">https://www.valleyair.org/policies\_per/Policies/APR-2025.pdf</a>

### **Section 4.9 – Hazards and Hazardous Materials**

Woul	d the Project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
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?			$\boxtimes$	
c)	Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?			$\boxtimes$	
d)	Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?				$\boxtimes$
e)	For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard 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 to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?				$\boxtimes$

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### **Impact Evaluation**

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

Less than Significant Impact. According to the Department of Toxic Substances Control's data management system EnviroStor<sup>14</sup>, the Project site is not located on the list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5. The Project would result in the construction of a community park and would not include the transportation, use, or disposal of hazardous materials once completed. During the construction phase of the Project, the operation of on- and off-road vehicles and equipment is expected to generate exhaust emissions. However, as stated in discussion 4.3-a) of Factor 3 (Air Quality) and in discussion 4.8-b) of Factor 8 (Greenhouse Gas Emissions), these types of emissions have been determined to have a less than significant impact. Therefore, Impacts would be less than significant.

4.9-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?

Less than Significant Impact. See discussion 4.9-a).

4.9-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?

Less than Significant Impact. The Project site is located approximately 0.25 miles from Parlier Junior High School. However, as mentioned in discussion 4.9-a), the Project will have a less than significant emission of hazardous material to the public or environment. Hazardous materials may be emitting temporarily during the construction phase of the Project. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant impact.

4.9-d) – Would the project 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?

No Impact. See discussion 4.9-a).

4.9-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?

**No Impact.** The City of Parlier does not have an airport and the General Plan does not include an airport land use plan. The closest airport to the Project site is the Reedley Municipal Airport, located approximately six miles northeast. Therefore, there would be no impact.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Department of Toxic Substances Control, EnviroStor – https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/map/?myaddress=parlier%2C+ca

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

Less than Significant Impact. The Project would not impair nor physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or evacuation plan because the City of Parlier does not have an adopted emergency response or evacuation plan. The Fresno County Office of Emergency Services has an adopted plan titled Fresno County Hazard Mitigation Plan. <sup>15</sup> However, the City of Parlier is not a participating jurisdiction to the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Notwithstanding this fact, prior to commencement of construction activities, the City of Parlier requires all general contractors to submit a Traffic Control Plan demonstrating how traffic will be managed to ensure through access or a detour route. This Traffic Control Plan is required to be shared with the City's emergency response agencies (police, fire, medical, etc.) to ensure emergency response service agencies operating in the City for review of Project activities. Additionally, the roadways where the improvements would occur are wide enough to accommodate the construction activities as well as through traffic. Therefore, impacts are anticipated to be less than significant.

4.9-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?

**No Impact.** The Project site is located in an urban area with Public Facilities to the west, medium density and high-density residential development to the south, a community housing complex to the east, and mostly open space to the north. There are no wildland areas within the city limits. According to the California Office of the State Fire Marshal's Fire Hazard Severity Zones Map<sup>16</sup>, there are no high fire hazard zones near the City of Parlier. Therefore, the Project would not expose people to any significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires and there would be no impact.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Fresno County Office of Emergency Services, Fresno County Hazard Mitigation Plan – <a href="https://www.co.fresno.ca.us/departments/public-health/office-of-emergency-services-oes">https://www.co.fresno.ca.us/departments/public-health/office-of-emergency-services-oes</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> California Office of the State Fire Marshal, Fire Hazard Severity Zones Map - https://egis.fire.ca.gov/FHSZ/

## Section 4.10 - Hydrology and Water Quality

Would	d the	Project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a)	disc	ate any water quality standards or waste harge requirements or otherwise substantially rade surface or ground water quality?			$\boxtimes$	
b)	inter such	stantially decrease groundwater supplies or refere substantially with groundwater recharge in that the project may impede sustainable undwater management of the basin?			$\boxtimes$	
c)	site cou	stantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the or area, including through the alteration of the rse of a stream or river or through the addition of ervious 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?				$\boxtimes$
	iv)	Impede or redirect flood flows?			$\boxtimes$	
d)		ood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zones, risk release ollutants due to project inundation?			$\boxtimes$	
e)	qua	flict with or obstruct implementation of a water lity control plan or sustainable groundwater nagement plan?			$\boxtimes$	

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4.10-a) – Would the project violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade surface or ground water quality?

Less than Significant Impact. The California State Water Board, along with the nine Regional Water Quality Control Boards, (Water Boards) are tasked with protecting and enhancing the quality of California's water resources by implementing the federal Clean Water Act (CWA) (33 U.S.C. § 1251 et seq.; CWA, § 101 et seq.) and the State's Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (Wat. Code, § 13000 et seq.). The Water Board submits biennial reports to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that includes the CWA section 303(d) list of impaired waters and the condition of its surface water quality as required by section 305(b) of the CWA. The 2018 California Integrated Report (Clean Water Act Section 303(d) list and 305(b) Report)

can be found on the Water Board's Water Quality Assessment website<sup>17</sup>. Additionally, the Water Board maintains an interactive Geographic Information System map<sup>18</sup>, which correlates to the 2018 California Integrated Report's 303(d) list, where the public can see all the impacted water bodies in the state.

The nearest water body listed on the 303(d) list is the Kings River, located approximately four miles east of the Project site. However, the proposed Project is not connected to this impaired stream. Under the existing physical conditions, the stormwater runoff from the Project site would flow into the street where it would be conveyed into the existing drainage inlet located on the west corner of Tulare Street and would be conveyed into the basin located across the street. Upon completion of the Project, existing drainage patters would remain unaltered. Future stormwater runoff that enters the City's stormwater infrastructure will ultimately reach retention stormwater basins where stormwater would then percolate into the ground and recharge the water table. Stormwater runoff in the City of Parlier does not reach any surface water body.

Prior to commencement of construction activities, the general contractor would be required to prepare and submit to the City of Parlier a SWPPP that has been approved by the Water Board and implement the plan while the Project is in construction. BMPs recommended in the SWPPP would be implemented during construction activities to minimize, or prevent altogether, potential impacts caused by potential erosion from the construction site. Common BMPs for this area include sediment controls, such as silt fencing or temporary fiber rolls to contain exposed soils, and drainage inlet protection.

It is not anticipated that, as result of the construction of this Project, any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements would be violated or exceeded, nor would the Project otherwise substantially degrade surface or ground water quality. Therefore, impacts will be less than significant.

# 4.10-b) – Would the project substantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that the project may impede sustainable groundwater management of the basin?

Less than Significant Impact. The Project site's land use is currently designated as high density residential and previously included a developed affordable housing complex that has been demolished. The Project would result in a community park with drought-tolerating land scaping and drip irrigation as well as a public restroom. The typical water demand for parks is approximately half of the typical water demand for multi-family residential areas<sup>19</sup>. The City of Parlier water system distribution is adequate for supplying water to the community even previously when the project site was developed. The Project, when completed, would require a lower demand for water than the site previously required with the fully developed housing complex. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> California State Water Resources Control Board, Water Quality Assessment, 2018 Integrated Report - <a href="https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\_issues/programs/water\_quality\_assessment/2018\_integrated\_report.html">https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\_issues/programs/water\_quality\_assessment/2018\_integrated\_report.html</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> California State Water Resources Control Board, 2018 Integrated Report Map https://gispublic.waterboards.ca.gov/portal/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=e2def63ccef54eedbee4ad726ab1552c

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Water and Wastewater Engineering, Water Supply and Wastewater Removal, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition

4.10-c(i) – 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?

Less than Significant Impact. As previously stated, BMPs recommended in the SWPPP would be implemented during construction activities to minimize, or prevent altogether, the impacts caused by potential erosion from the construction site. Common BMPs for this area include sediment controls, such as silt fencing or temporary fiber rolls to contain exposed soils, and drainage inlet protection. The stormwater runoff from construction of the Project would flow into the street where it is then conveyed into the existing drainage inlet located on the west corner of Tulare Street and would be conveyed into the basin located across the street. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant.

4.10-c(ii) – 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 substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site?

**No Impact.** The proposed Project would consist of drought-tolerating land scaping and materials. The stormwater runoff would flow into the street where it would be conveyed into the existing drainage inlet located on the west corner of Tulare Street and would be conveyed into the basin located across the street. Because the City's storm water system was adequate when the Project site was previously developed with a multi-family housing complex, the Project should not have a significant impact on the existing storm water system. Therefore, the Project should not significantly impact the possibility of a flood on or off site.

4.10-c(iii) – 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 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?

No Impact. See discussions 4.10-c(i) and 4.10-c(ii).

4.10-c(iv) – 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 impede or redirect flood flows?

**Less than Significant Impact.** See discussions 4.10-c(i) and 4.10-c(ii).

# 4.10-d) – Would the project located in a flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zone, risk release of pollutants due to project inundation?

Less than Significant Impact. According to the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services' My Hazards<sup>20</sup> map, the Project site is not located in any tsunami, seiche zone, or FEMA 100-Year Floodplain; however, it is located near an area with a low hazard of flooding. In these areas, it is recommended that any wells be protected from potential contamination in the unlikely event of a flood. There are no wells included as a part of the Project. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant.

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

Less than Significant Impact. The City of Parlier is member agency to the South Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency, the agency responsible for the implementation of the South Kings Groundwater Sustainability Plan.<sup>21</sup> The construction of the Project would incorporate BMPs recommended in the SWPPP to minimize potential contamination of stormwater runoff, which would prevent degradation of groundwater quality. As stated in discussions 4.10-a) and 4.10-b), the Project would have a less than significant impact on ground water quality and groundwater supplies. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> South Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency, Groundwater Sustainability Plan - <a href="http://www.southkingsgsa.org/">http://www.southkingsgsa.org/</a>

## Section 4.11 - Land Use and Planning

Woul	d the Project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
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?			$\boxtimes$	

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#### 4.11-a) - Would the project physically divide an established community?

**No Impact.** The Project would not physically divide an established community. Access to the adjacent housing developments would not be affected by construction activities related to the proposed Project. A temporary construction entrance/exit would be established for the construction workers to utilize, avoiding complete closure of the access surrounding housing. No impact is anticipated.

4.11-b) – Would the project 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?

Less than Significant Impact. The existing land use, where the proposed Project would be located, is currently designated for Medium Density Residential. The Project would amend the existing land use designation from Medium Density Residential to Park. The Project would not conflict with any applicable local or regional land use plans. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant.

#### Section 4.12 - Mineral Resources

Woul	ld the Project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
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?				$\boxtimes$

#### **Impact Evaluation**

# 4.12-a) – Would the project result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?

**No Impact.** In reviewing the County of Fresno General Plan's Open Space and Conservation Element, as well as the City of Parlier's General Plan, the Project would not be located in an area of locally important mineral resource recovery. A search of the California Department of Conservation's Geologic Energy Management Division's<sup>22</sup> online mapping application "Well Finder" shows there are no active, inactive, or capped oil wells located within the Project site. Therefore, the proposed Project would not result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region or the State. No impact is anticipated.

# 4.12-b) – Would the project 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?

**No Impact.** As mentioned in discussion 4.12-a), the Project would occur within a developed area of the City of Parlier. There are no known locally important mineral resource recovery sites within the limits of the City. The Project would be constructed in area that has been previously disturbed and is an area that is not listed in the City's General Plan or any other land use plan as having a locally important mineral resource. Therefore, no impact is anticipated.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> California Department of Conservation, Geologic Energy Management Division Well Finder Mapping Application – https://maps.conservation.ca.gov/dogqr/wellfinder/#openModal/-119.58615/36.44587/10

#### Section 4.13 - Noise

Woul	d the Project result in:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
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?			$\boxtimes$	
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 area to excessive noise levels?				$\boxtimes$

#### **Impact Evaluation**

4.13-a) – Would the project result in 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?

Less than Significant Impact. The City of Parlier does not have any adopted noise level standards. However, Ordinance 6.13.030(D)<sup>23</sup> provides an exception to noise generated by construction equipment of work performed on days other than Sundays between the hours of 7AM and 8PM. The Project is expected to result in construction activities within the days and hours permitted by the exception in the City's ordinance. The Project does not contain any components that, after construction is completed, would result in permanent increases in ambient noise levels in the vicinity of the Project. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant.

# 4.13-b) – Would the project result in generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?

Less than Significant Impact. It is reasonable to expect groundborne vibrations and noises from the off-road equipment that would be operated in the construction area; however, these vibrations and noises would be temporary and localized. The scope of the proposed Project would require the use of excavators, loaders, and dump-trucks. The Project would not involve any pile driving operations, blasting, or large compacting operations that would generate significant groundborne vibrations or groundborne noise levels.

Groundborne vibrations can be differentiated into two categories, continuous or transient. Continuous vibrations would encompass most of the off-road construction equipment utilized

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> City of Parlier, Code of Ordinances, Title 6 – Health and Safety, Chapter 6.13 – https://library.municode.com/ca/parlier/codes/code\_of\_ordinances?nodeld=TIT6HESA\_CH6.13NO\_6.13.030EX

within a construction area because these vibration sources are operated for several hours during working days. Transient sources of vibration generally only create an isolated vibration event in any given area. Vibrations are like noises, in that they involve a source (off-road equipment), a transmission path (the ground), and receiver (people and structures). Similar to noise, vibrations consist of both amplitude and frequency. A person's perception vibrations largely depends on their individual sensitivity to vibrations, as well as the amplitude and frequency of the source generating the vibration. Caltrans published a Vibration Guidance Manual<sup>24</sup> (Manual) which provides some parameters by which impacts from groundborne vibrations and groundborne noise levels can be assessed. Groundborne vibrations are measured in terms of peak particle velocity (PPV) with a unit of inches per second.

Table 4.13.1 below, provides maximum vibration thresholds for structures:

Table 4.13.1 – Vibration Criteria for Structural Damage

Maximum Vibration Level (in/s			
Structure and Condition	Transient Sources	Continuous/Frequent Intermittent Sources	
Extremely fragile historic buildings, ruins, ancient monuments	0.12	0.08	
Fragile buildings	0.2	0.1	
Historic and some old buildings	0.5	0.25	
Older residential structures	0.5	0.3	
New residential structures	1.0	0.5	
Modern industrial/commercial buildings	2.0	0.5	

Source: Caltrans – Transportation and Construction Vibration Guidance Manual (2020)

Table 4.13.2 below provides baseline thresholds of human perception of vibration levels:

Table 4.13.2 – Vibration Criteria for Human Annovance

	Maximum Vibration Level (in/sec PP\		
Human Response	Transient Sources	Continuous/Frequent Intermittent Sources	
Barely perceptible	0.04	0.01	
Distinctly perceptible	0.25	0.04	
Strongly perceptible	0.9	0.1	
Severe	2.0	0.4	

Source: Caltrans - Transportation and Construction Vibration Guidance Manual (2020)

Table 4.13.3 below provides representative vibration amplitudes of typical construction equipment:

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> Caltrans, Vibration Guidance Manual (2020) - <a href="https://dot.ca.gov/programs/environmental-analysis/noise-vibration/guidance-manuals">https://dot.ca.gov/programs/environmental-analysis/noise-vibration/guidance-manuals</a>

Table 4.13.3 – Representative Source Levels for Construction Equipment

Equipment	Peak Particle Velocity (in/sec) at 25 Feet
Vibratory Roller	0.210
Large Bulldozer	0.089
Caisson Drilling	0.089
Loaded Trucks	0.076
Jackhammer	0.035
Small Bulldozers	0.003
Crack-and-seat equipment	2.4

Source: Caltrans – Transportation and Construction Vibration Guidance Manual (2020)

As previously mentioned, the equipment that is expected to be utilized to complete the proposed Project includes excavators, loaders, trucks, and jumping jack compactors. The expected highest vibration level from the equipment expected to be utilized in this project is 0.089 in/sec ppv measured at 25 feet away from the source. Table 4.13.1 shows that the threshold at which there is risk to normal structures from continuous events is 0.3 in/sec ppy for older residential structures and 0.5 in/sec ppv for newer residential structures and modern industrial/commercial buildings. Table 4.13.2 shows that vibration sources become strongly perceptible for individuals at 0.1 in/sec ppv, when measured at 25 feet away from the source. The residential and commercial structures located closest to the where proposed Project activities would occur are more than 25 feet away. When individuals need to utilize the sidewalks while construction activities are ongoing, the time necessary for an individual to walk or ride past the source of groundborne vibrations can be reasonably expected to last just a few minutes. Although those individuals could potentially walk within a 25-foot distance from the vibration source, the anticipated highest vibration amplitude from the equipment expected to be on site is less than the threshold at which vibrations would be strongly perceived by an individual. In summary, the Project is not anticipated to exceed the vibration thresholds that could cause significant harm to structures or individuals. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant.

4.13-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?

**No Impact.** The City of Parlier does not have an airport and the General Plan does not include an airport land use plan. The closest airport to the Project site is the Reedley Municipal Airport located approximately six miles northeast. Therefore, the Project would not expose people in the area to excessive noise levels generated from an airport or private airstrip.

### Section 4.14 – Population and Housing

Wou	ld the Project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a)	Induce substantial unplanned population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?			$\boxtimes$	
b)	Displace substantial numbers of people or housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				$\boxtimes$

### **Impact Evaluation**

# 4.14-a) – Would the project induce substantial unplanned population growth in an area, either directly or indirectly?

Less than Significant Impact. The proposed Project would not induce substantial unplanned population growth. There would be no component of the Project that includes the expansion of roads or public utility infrastructure and there would be no additional housing or commercial developments constructed as part of the Project. The proposed Project would result in a new community park in a previously developed land that is substantially surrounded by urban uses. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant.

# 4.14-b) – Would the project displace substantial numbers of people or housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?

**No Impact.** The Project site is currently a vacant parcel; thus, no existing housing would be destroyed, no people would be displaced, and the construction of replacement housing would not be required. Therefore, there would be no impact.

#### Section 4.15 - Public Services

Woul	d the	Project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a)	asso alter phys cons envi	ult in substantial adverse physical impacts ociated with the provision of new or physically red governmental facilities, need for new or sically altered governmental facilities, the struction of which could cause significant ironmental impacts, in order to maintain eptable service ratios, response times or other ormance objectives for any of the public services:				
	i)	Fire protection?			$\boxtimes$	
	ii)	Police protection?			$\boxtimes$	
	iii)	Schools?				$\boxtimes$
	iv)	Parks?			$\boxtimes$	
	v)	Other public facilities?				$\boxtimes$

### **Impact Evaluation**

4.15-a(i) – 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?

Less than Significant Impact. The nearest fire station to the Project site is located approximately 0.3 miles west. Fire services in the City of Parlier are provided by the Fresno County Fire Protection District. The Project site is located within the existing service area of the Fresno County fire station nearby. As a result, an expansion of facilities and/or staff would not be necessary as a result of the Project. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant.

4.15-a(ii) – 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 – police protection?

**Less than Significant Impact**. The nearest police station to the Project site is located approximately 0.75 miles west. Police services are provided by the City of Parlier Police Department. The Project site is located within the existing service area of the City of Parlier Police Department station nearby. As a result, an expansion of facilities and/or staff would not be necessary as a result of the Project. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant.

4.15-a(iii) – 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 – schools?

**No Impact**. There is one school, Parlier Junior High School, located approximately 0.2 miles west of the Project site. The Project would not result in a substantial increase in the population for the area, which would have an impact on schools in the area. As a result, no expansion of school facilities or staff is needed. Therefore, there would be no impact.

4.15-a(iv) – 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 – parks?

Less than Significant Impact. There are two existing parks located approximately 0.5 miles away from the Project site, City Heritage Park and Earl Ruth Park. The Project would result in the construction of a new community park and would not include the construction of any new housing. The Project itself would be an expansion of park facilities within the City. The creation of a new park would require a potential increase in staff to maintain the new park facilities. The introduction of a new community park and the potential hiring of staff to maintain it would not result in any significant environmental impacts. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant.

4.15-a(v) – 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 – other public facilities?

No Impact. No other public facilities are required to be built or altered to serve this Project.

#### Section 4.16 - Recreation

Woul	d the Project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
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?				$\boxtimes$
b)	Include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?			$\boxtimes$	

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4.16-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?

**No Impact.** The City of Parlier's General Plan establishes the standard to provide two acres/1,000 residents for neighborhood parks and one acre/1000 residents for community parks. (City of Parlier, 2010) By utilizing the California Department of Parks and Recreation's Community FactFinder<sup>25</sup> tool, it is evident that the area surrounding the project site currently offers a ratio of 2.5 acres/1000 residents. As previously stated in Public Services, the Project does not include the construction of any new dwelling units. The Project would result in the construction of a new community park that would add a new recreational facility for the residents of Parlier. A new community park would decrease use and stress put on other recreational facilities already existing in the area. Therefore, there would be no impact.

4.16-b) – Would the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?

**Less than Significant Impact.** See discussion 4.15-a(iv) of Factor 15 (Public Services). The proposed Project would construct a new recreational facility, which would be designed with environmental sustainability features (i.e. recycled materials, solar lights, environmentally friendly hardscape, etc.) and which would reduce the likelihood of the Project having a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> California Department of Parks and Recreation, Community FactFinder - <a href="https://www.parksforcalifornia.org/communities/?address=parlier%2C%20ca&lat=36.61087725&lng=-119.53397512&overlays=parks">https://www.parksforcalifornia.org/communities/?address=parlier%2C%20ca&lat=36.61087725&lng=-119.53397512&overlays=parks</a>

### Section 4.17 – Transportation / Traffic

Woul	d the Project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
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, subdivision (b)?			$\boxtimes$	
c)	Substantially increase hazards due to a geometric design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?			$\boxtimes$	
d)	Result in inadequate emergency access?			$\boxtimes$	

#### **Impact Evaluation**

4.17-a) – Would the project conflict with a program, plan, ordinance or policy addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadway, bicycle and pedestrian facilities?

Less than Significant Impact. The City of Parlier General Plan includes a Circulation Element which establishes objectives, policies, and standards for the purpose of establishing a transportation network which allows for the efficient and safe movement of people, goods, and vehicles. (City of Parlier, 2010) The objectives outlined in the Circulation Element are meant to guide future development as the City grows to ensure the transportation network performs efficiently. The City of Parlier does not, at the time of this document's preparation, have an adopted Transit Master Plan or Bicycle and Trails Master Plan. The Project would result in the construction of a community park that would leverage the existing pedestrian and bicycle facilities to encourage walking and bicycling to reduce the amount of automobile trips generated by the Project. The Project would not conflict with any program, plan, ordinance, or policy addressing the circulation system. Upon completion of the Project, the affected portions of the City's transportation system would be restored to pre-project conditions. The proposed Project would result in an increased load onto the City's roads and pedestrian facilities however impacts would not be significant.

During construction, there could be instances where the flow of vehicles and pedestrians would be temporarily impacted resulting in a decreased performance of the City's transportation system. Before commencing any construction activities, the general contractor will be required to submit to the City a Traffic Control Plan to demonstrate how vehicle and pedestrian traffic would be allowed to travel through the construction area or how traffic would be rerouted around the construction work. The Traffic Control Plan would be shared with the City's emergency service providers as well. For these reasons, it is anticipated that the Project would result in a less than significant impact on the City's circulation system.

# 4.17-b) - Would the project conflict or be inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines section 15064.3, subdivision (b)?

Less than Significant Impact. The proposed Project would result in the construction of a new community park, which would attract residents who live within the vicinity of the Project site. The new community park would follow the City of Parlier's official park hours, which are from 7AM to 10PM. On-site parking would be limited to ADA-parking stalls only. On-street parking would be available to residents utilizing the park. The construction and operation of a City park would not result in a substantial generation of vehicle miles traveled for the Project site. The Project would not be in conflict with or be inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines section 15064.3 (b). Therefore, impacts would be less than significant.

# 4.17-c) – Would the project substantially increase hazards due to a geometric design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?

Less than Significant Impact. The Project would not increase hazards due to a design feature because there would not be any modification to the existing roadway geometry. Upon installation of the underground improvements, the roadway surfaces would be restored to the pre-Project conditions. Roadways would remain open for traffic during the construction phase, and any open trenches would be covered at the end of each workday to ensure full access to residents and emergency vehicles during nonworking hours. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant.

### 4.17-d) - Would the project result in inadequate emergency access?

**Less than Significant Impact.** The Project would not significantly impede access for emergency vehicles to the surrounding residential and commercial areas. The Traffic Control Plan mentioned in impact 4.17-a) would be shared with emergency service providers, and they would have the opportunity to provide comments to ensure that emergency access needs are satisfied during construction., Therefore, impacts would be less than significant.

#### Section 4.18 - Tribal Cultural Resources

the si Public featu define sacre	d the Project Cause a substantial adverse change in agnificance of a tribal cultural resource, defined in a Resources Code section 21074 as either a site, re, place, cultural landscape that is geographically ed in terms of the size and scope of the landscape, and place, or object with cultural value to a California e American tribe, and that is:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a)	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			$\boxtimes$	
b)	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 Resources Code Section 5024.1, the lead agency shall consider the significance of the resource to a California Native American tribe.			$\boxtimes$	

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4.18-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 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)?

Less than Significant Impact. Please see the discussions of Cultural Resources. The Project site was previously developed approximately 60 years ago and was recently demolished. It is unlikely that tribal cultural resources would be found within the Project site because the area has been previously disturbed with the construction of a multi-family housing complex. A Local Government Tribal Consultation List Request was submitted to the NAHC. The request included a request to perform a Sacred Lands File Search. The Native American tribes listed in the response letter from the NAHC were contacted about the proposed Project and were provided with a 30- and 90-day notice to provide comments or request to enter into formal consultation. pursuant to AB 52 and SB 18, respectively. As of the time of preparation of this document, only two of Native American tribes have responded to the notices mailed to all the tribe representatives. (See Appendix A) The representatives from Big Sandy Rancheria of Western Mono Indians and Santa Rosa Rancheria Tachi Yokut Tribe were the only individuals who replied to the City's notice, indicating they had no comments or concerns pertaining to the proposed Project. Nevertheless, during the construction phase of the Project, if any cultural resources are discovered, all Project operations will come to a halt and the appropriate Native American tribes would be contacted. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant.

4.18-b) – 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 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 Resources Code Section 5024.1, the lead agency shall consider the significance of the resource to a California Native American tribe.?

Less than Significant Impact. See discussion 4.18-a).



## Section 4.19 - Utilities and Service Systems

Woul	d the Project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a)	Require or result in the relocation or construction of new or expanded water, wastewater treatment or storm water drainage, electric power, natural gas, or telecommunications facilities, the construction or relocation of which could cause significant environmental effects?				$\boxtimes$
b)	Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project and reasonably foreseeable future development during normal, dry and multiple dry years?			$\boxtimes$	
c)	Result in a determination by the waste water 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?			$\boxtimes$	

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4.19-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?

**No Impact.** The Project site is a vacant parcel that was previously developed as a multi-family housing complex which has since been demolished. The Project would use the existing utility facilities; thus not requiring the construction or relocation of new water, wastewater, storm water, electrical, natural gas, or telecommunication facilities. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant.

### 4.19-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?

Less than Significant Impact. Parlier's domestic water comes entirely from groundwater produced by seven production wells,26 which produced a combined annual average of 690,400,000 gallons between 2010 and 2017,27 or just under 1.9 million gallons per day.28 The present water distribution system is adequate for supplying water to the existing community at sufficient fire flows. The Project would rely on the City as its water provider and would utilize water conservation landscaping. The Project would not use an amount of water that would have a substantial impact on the City's existing water supply. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant.

4.19-c) – Would the project result in a determination by the waste water 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?

Less than Significant Impact. The Project site is served by the Parlier Wastewater Treatment Plant located in southwest Parlier. According to the California Regional Water Quality Control Board Central Valley Region the Parlier Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) has a permitted capacity of 2.0 mgd (million gallons per day). From 2010-2017, the average daily inflow at the WWTP was approximately 1.06 mgd.<sup>29</sup> The Project would not result in a substantial amount of new wastewater being produced to put significant stress on the City's WWTP. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant.

4.19-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?

Less than Significant Impact. The City of Parlier is served by the Mid Valley Disposal solid waste collection system. The proposed Project would result in the construction of a community park and would not result in an increase of the City's population. The Project would not result in a substantial increase in the City's population; however, the Project would generate solid waste during the construction phase. While solid waste collected within Fresno County is taken to the American Ave Landfill, solid waste generated during the construction phase of this project cannot be disposed of at any county landfill<sup>30</sup>. The County has a list of Disposal Sites for construction and demolition debris. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Four wells are currently active. A fifth is used as a standby well. A sixth, which suffers from water quality issues, can be used on a short-term, emergency basis. The seventh well is inactive, but is being rehabilitated for use as a standby well.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> Background information for development of the South Kings Groundwater Sustainability Plan. Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group, 2020.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> In 2014 and 2015, water conservation policies were put in place; thus, usage starting in 2014 is considerably lower than previous years.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> Background information for development of the South Kings Groundwater Sustainability Plan. Provost & Pritchard Consulting

<sup>30</sup> County of Fresno, Public Works and Planning, Resources and Parks Division, Recycling and Solid Waste Disposal https://www.co.fresno.ca.us/departments/public-works-planning/divisions-of-public-works-and-planning/resources-and-parksdivision/recycling-and-solid-waste-disposal/construction-

# 4.19-e) - Would the project comply with federal, state, and local management and reduction statutes and regulations related to solid waste?

Less than Significant Impact. In accordance with California's Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (AB 939), the Local Government Construction and Demolition Guide of 2002 (SB 1374), and Fresno County Ordinance Code 8.25, the County has established the goal to divert a minimum of 65% of all waste generated from a permitted project must be repurposed or recycled. The County of Fresno has implemented recycling and waste diversion programs to help reach the 65% reduction goal. The City of Parlier's City Ordinance 6.20.060<sup>31</sup> also requires covered construction projects to divert construction and demolition debris. The City Ordinance requires applicants for a covered project to submit a waste management plan form to the City Planning Department prior to beginning any construction, demolition, or renovation activities that generate solid waste. Therefore, by adhering to the established procedures and requirements listed herein, the Project would have a less than significant impact.



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<sup>31</sup> City of Parlier, Code of Ordinances, Title 6 – Health and Safety – Chapter 6.20 – <a href="https://library.municode.com/ca/parlier/codes/code">https://library.municode.com/ca/parlier/codes/code</a> of ordinances?nodeId=TIT6HESA CH6.20GARUCOWAREDI 6.20.060CODEC O

#### Section 4.20 - Wildfire

	ated in or near state responsibility areas or lands ified as very high fire hazard severity zones, would the ct:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a)	Substantially impair an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?				$\boxtimes$
b)	Due to slope, prevailing winds, and other factors, exacerbate wildfire risks, and thereby expose project occupants to pollutant concentrations from a wildfire or the uncontrolled spread of a wildfire?				$\boxtimes$
c)	Require the installation or maintenance of associated infrastructure (such as roads, fuel breaks, emergency water sources, power lines or other utilities) that may exacerbate fire risk or that may result in temporary or ongoing impacts to the environment?				$\boxtimes$
d)	Expose people or structures to significant risks, including downslope or downstream flooding or landslides, as a result of runoff, post-fire slope instability, or drainage changes?				$\boxtimes$

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4.20-a) – Would the project substantially impair an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?

4.20-b) – Would the project, 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?

4.20-c) – Would the project 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?

4.20-d) – Would the project 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?

**No Impact.** The Project site is not located in an area that is designated as being in a very high hazard severity zone as shown by the California Fire Hazard Severity Zone Viewer.<sup>32</sup> The Project site is also not located in an area designated as being a State Responsibility Area.<sup>33</sup> The Project area is served by local firefighters from the Fresno County Fire Protection District Parlier Station 71, located approximately 0.3 miles northwest of the Project site. The Project site is relatively flat and located in an urbanized setting. Therefore, there would be no impact.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> Is your home in a fire hazard severity zone? Website: <u>Is Your Home in a Fire Hazard Severity Zone? (arcgis.com)</u>. Accessed 3/29/21.

<sup>33</sup> California State Responsibility Areas. Website: ArcGIS - California State Responsibility Areas. Accessed 3/29/21.

#### Section 4.21 – Mandatory Findings of Significance

		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	
a)	Does the project 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?			$\boxtimes$		
b)	Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are significant 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 that would cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?			$\boxtimes$		

#### **Impact Evaluation**

4.21-a) – Does the project 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?

Less than Significant Impact. The Project site is within the City limits of City of Parlier where there are no known endangered or threatened species and where the possibility of uncovering tribal and/or cultural artifacts is low, the scope of this Project would involve land disturbance of areas which have been previously disturbed during the construction of the existing roadways and the former multi-family housing development. As has been evaluated and discussed throughout this IS/ND document, the proposed Project would not, in a significant manner, 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. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant.

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

Less than Significant Impact. As demonstrated and discussed in Section 1 through 20 of this IS/ND, the Project would have no impact or less than significant impacts with respect to all the environmental factors considered in this document. The Project does not present a cumulatively considerable impact because it is not being built as part of a larger future development. While the City of Parlier continues to undergo public facility improvements (ex. roads, sanitary sewer, water system, etc.) during the time that this Project is expected to be under construction and after construction has been completed, each project will be required to evaluate its individual environmental impacts and mitigate any potentially significant effects. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant.

# 4.21-c) – Does the project have environmental effects that would cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?

Less than Significant Impact. Impacts to human beings, either directly or indirectly, from the environmental factors discussed and evaluated as part of this IS/ND document are generally associated with air quality, hazards and hazardous materials, and noise impacts. However, all environmental factors have been evaluated, and, based on the scope of the Project, none of the environmental factors are reasonably expected to result in a significant impact to the environment or to human beings, either directly or indirectly, that necessitate the implementation of mitigative measures. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant.

# Appendix A





#### NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION

March 10, 2021

Javier Andrade

City of Parlier

Via Email to: javier@am-engr.com

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NAHC HEADQUARTERS 1550 Harbor Boulevard Suite 100 West Sacramento, California 95691 (916) 373-3710 nahc@nahc.ca.gov NAHC.ca.gov Re: Native American Consultation, Pursuant to Senate Bill 18 (SB18), Government Codes §65352.3 and §65352.4, as well as Assembly Bill 52 (AB52), Public Resources Codes §21080.1, §21080.3.1 and §21080.3.2, Fig Tree Park, Fresno County

Dear Mr. Andrade:

Attached is a consultation list of tribes with traditional lands or cultural places located within the boundaries of the above referenced counties or projects.

Government Codes §65352.3 and §65352.4 require local governments to consult with California Native American tribes identified by the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) for the purpose of avoiding, protecting, and/or mitigating impacts to cultural places when creating or amending General Plans, Specific Plans and Community Plans.

Public Resources Codes §21080.3.1 and §21080.3.2 requires public agencies to consult with California Native American tribes identified by the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) for the purpose of avoiding, protecting, and/or mitigating impacts to tribal cultural resources as defined, for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) projects.

The law does not preclude local governments and agencies from initiating consultation with the tribes that are culturally and traditionally affiliated within your jurisdiction. The NAHC believes that this is the best practice to ensure that tribes are consulted commensurate with the intent of the law.

Best practice for the AB52 process and in accordance with Public Resources Code §21080.3.1(d), is to do the following:

Within 14 days of determining that an application for a project is complete or a decision by a public agency to undertake a project, the lead agency shall provide formal notification to the designated contact of, or a tribal representative of, traditionally and culturally affiliated California Native American tribes that have requested notice, which shall be accomplished by means of at least one written notification that includes a brief description of the proposed project and its location, the lead agency contact information, and a notification that the California Native American tribe has 30 days to request consultation pursuant to this section.

The NAHC also recommends, but does not require that lead agencies include in their notification letters, information regarding any cultural resources assessment that has been completed on the area of potential affect (APE), such as:

- 1. The results of any record search that may have been conducted at an Information Center of the California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS), including, but not limited to:
  - A listing of any and all known cultural resources have already been recorded on or adjacent to the APE, such as known archaeological sites;
  - Copies of any and all cultural resource records and study reports that may have been provided by the Information Center as part of the records search response;
  - Whether the records search indicates a low, moderate or high probability that unrecorded cultural resources are located in the APE; and
  - If a survey is recommended by the Information Center to determine whether previously unrecorded cultural resources are present.
- 2. The results of any archaeological inventory survey that was conducted, including:
  - Any report that may contain site forms, site significance, and suggested mitigation measures.

All information regarding site locations, Native American human remains, and associated funerary objects should be in a separate confidential addendum, and not be made available for public disclosure in accordance with Government Code Section 6254.10.

- 3. The result of the Sacred Lands File (SFL) check conducted through the Native American Heritage Commission. The request form can be found at <a href="http://nahc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/Local-Government-Tribal-Consultation-List-Request-Form-Update.pdf">http://nahc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/Local-Government-Tribal-Consultation-List-Request-Form-Update.pdf</a>.
- 4. Any ethnographic studies conducted for any area including all or part of the potential APE; and
- 5. Any geotechnical reports regarding all or part of the potential APE.

Lead agencies should be aware that records maintained by the NAHC and CHRIS is not exhaustive, and a negative response to these searches does not preclude the existence of a tribal cultural resource. A tribe may be the only source of information regarding the existence of a tribal cultural resource.

This information will aid tribes in determining whether to request formal consultation. In the event, that they do, having the information beforehand well help to facilitate the consultation process.

If you receive notification of change of addresses and phone numbers from tribes, please notify the NAHC. With your assistance we can assure that our consultation list remains current.

If you have any questions, please contact me at my email address: Nancy.Gonzalez-Lopez@nahc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Nančy Gonzalez-Lopez

Cultural Resources Analyst

Attachment

## **Native American Heritage Commission Tribal Consultation List** 3/10/2021

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Fig Tree Park, Fresno County.

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#### Fig Tree Park Project- Parlier

From: Liz Kipp <LKipp@bsrnation.com> Date: Mon, May 3, 2021 at 1:11 PM Subject: Fig Tree Park Project- Parlier To: javier@am-engr.com <javier@am-engr.com>

Good Afternoon, on behalf of Big Sandy Rancheria, we have no comments or concerns with the Fig Tree Project in the City of Parlier. If at any time, anything of cultural significance is discovered, please contact us. Thank you and have a great rest of your day.

Respectfully,

Elizabeth D. Hutchins-Kipp

Tribal Chairperson

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From: Shana Powers <SPowers@tachi-yokut-nsn.gov>
Date: Mon, May 24, 2021 at 10:35 AM
Subject: Fig Tree Park in the City of Parlier
To: javier@am-engr.com <javier@am-engr.com>
Cc: Samanha McCarty <SMcCarty@tachi-yokut-nsn.gov>, Maria Gonzales <mgonzales@tachi-yokut-nsn.gov>, Robert Pennell@tmr.org>, Kim Taylor

<ktaylor@tmr.org>

Dear Javier,

Thank you for contacting Santa Rosa Rancheria about the proposed project. Due to proximity, we will be deferring to Table Mountain Rancheria. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Shana Powers

**Cultural Director** 

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