

# YOLO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

### INITIAL STUDY / NEGATIVE DECLARATION ZONE FILE # 2022-0066

**SNYDER TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP** 

**MARCH 2023** 

## **Environmental Checklist Initial Study/Negative Declaration**

1. **Project Title:** Zone File #2022-0066 (Snyder Tentative Parcel Map)

#### 2. Lead Agency Name and Address:

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#### 3. Contact Person, Phone Number, E-Mail:

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**4. Project Location:** The project site is located on agriculturally zoned land approximately 0.75 miles east of the City of Davis, north of Interstate 80 (I-80), at the intersection of County Road 105 and County Road 30 (APN: 033-650-005). See Figure 1 (Vicinity Map).

#### 5. Project Sponsor's Name and Address:

Christopher W. Lerch Laugenour and Meikle 608 Court Street Woodland, CA 95695

#### 6. Land Owner's Name and Address:

Gerald P. Snyder 1987 Trust, dated September 17, 1987 911 E. 3025 North Street North Ogden, UT 84414

7. **General Plan Designation(s)**: Agriculture (AG)

8. Zoning: Agricultural Intensive (A-N) zone

**9. Description of the Project:** See attached "Project Description" on the following pages.

#### 10. Surrounding Land Uses and Setting:

Relation to Project	Land Use	Zoning	General Plan Designation
Project Site	Agriculture (alfalfa, row crops), homesite, and outbuildings	Agricultural Intensive (A-N) zone	Agriculture (AG)
North	Agriculture (orchards, row crops)	A-N zone	AG
South	Agriculture (row crops)	A-N zone	AG
East	Agriculture (row crops)	A-N zone	AG
West	Agriculture (row crops) and rural residences	A-N zone	AG

**11. Other public agencies whose approval is required:** Yolo County Public Works Division; Yolo County Planning Commission; City of Davis (reviewed under Pass-Through Agreement)

**Other Project Assumptions:** The Initial Study assumes compliance with all applicable State, Federal, and local codes and regulations including, but not limited to, County of Yolo Improvement Standards, the California Building Code, the State Health and Safety Code, and the State Public Resources Code. The project is reviewed and analyzed under the County's Subdivision Ordinance.

#### **Project Description**

The project is a request for a tentative parcel map to create two parcels from one 316-acre parcel in the unincorporated area of Yolo County. Parcel 1 and Parcel 2 will consist of approximately 158 acres each. The project site is located 0.75 miles east of the City of Davis, within the City's Pass-Through Agreement Planning boundary, north of Interstate 80 (I-80), at the intersection of County Road 105 and County Road 30 (APN: 033-650-005). The property is zoned Agricultural Intensive (A-N) and is designated as Agriculture in the 2030 Countywide General Plan. The two westernmost fields are farmed in alfalfa, whereas the two eastern fields are farmed in seasonal row crops, due to differing soil characteristics. The property is under a single Williamson Act contract (No. 72-094) that will not be affected by the proposed tentative parcel map or acceptance of a parcel map by the Board of Supervisors.

The project would allow the current property owner (Gerald P. Snyder 1987 Trust, dated September 17, 1987) to create two lots to address differing farming interests among the beneficiaries of the Gerald P. Snyder 1987 Trust (dated September 17, 1987) and keep the parcels in productive agriculture. No development, including additional residences, is proposed at this time. The property is currently farmed in alfalfa and seasonal row crops and will continue to be irrigated via surface and well water supplies. The existing dwelling unit will be located at the northwest corner of proposed Parcel 1, along with an existing barn and other amenities. Parcel 2 is currently undeveloped and contains an existing pond located at the southeast corner. Throughout the project site, there are several Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) pipeline easements, a PG&E pole line easement, gas markers, and various dirt access roads. The existing easements will not be affected by the project.

The property is located in Flood Zone A, a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), as determined by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Any future development of the newly created parcels within the floodplain would require adherence to FEMA and local regulations for flood protection, i.e., any future residences would have to be elevated at least one foot above the base flood elevation (BFE). Future development of the project site will be required to meet the development standards set forth in Article 3 and Article 4 of Title 8, Chapter 2 of the Yolo County Zoning Code. All proposed uses must be found to be consistent with the provisions of the Yolo County Williamson Act Guidelines and State law.

Figure 1
Vicinity Map

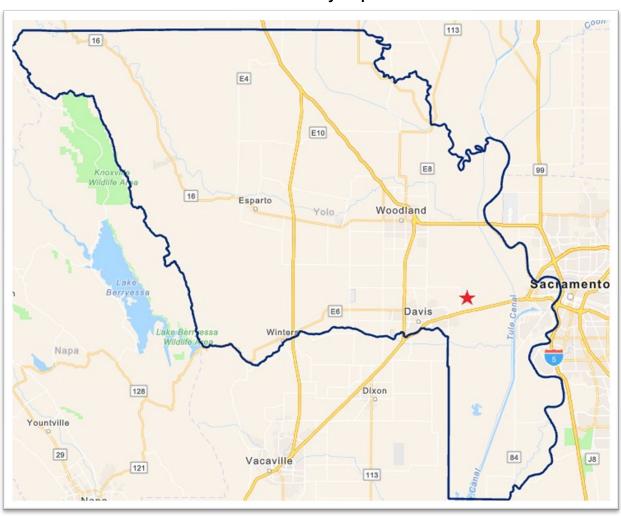


Figure 2. Project Assessor's Parcels

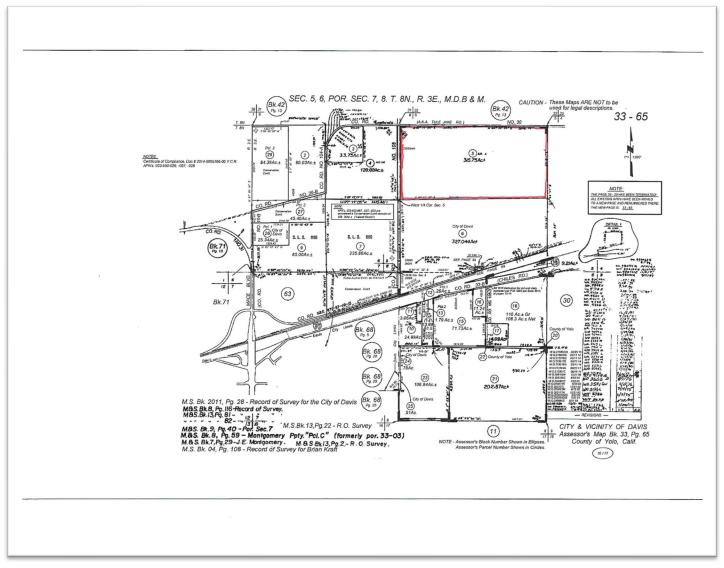




Figure 3. Existing Project Site Aerial



Figure 4. Proposed Project Site (parcel split) Aerial

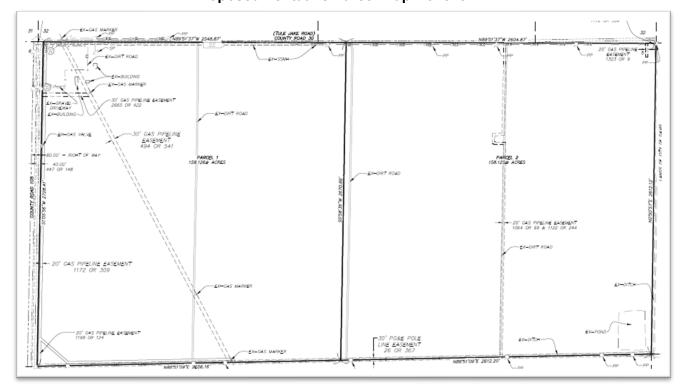


Figure 5
Proposed Tentative Parcel Map No. 5234

### **Environmental Factors Potentially Affected**

The proposed Project could potentially affect the environmental factor(s) checked below. The following pages present a more detailed checklist and discussion of each environmental factor.

	Aesthetics		Agriculture and Forestry Resources		Air Quality	
	Biological Resources		Cultural Resources		Energy	
	Geology/Soils		Greenhouse Gas Emissions		Hazards and Hazardous Materials	
	Hydrology/Water Quality		Land Use /Planning		Mineral Resources	
	Noise		Population /Housing		Public Services	
	Recreation		Transportation		Tribal Cultural Resources	
	Utilities/Service Systems		Wildfire		Mandatory Findings of Significance	
			Determination			
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to be addressed.  I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, be 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, no further environmental documentation is required.						
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Pla	anner's Signature		Date	P	lanner's Printed name	

#### **Purpose of this Initial Study**

This Initial Study has been prepared consistent with CEQA Guideline Section 15063, to determine if the project as described herein may have a significant effect upon the environment.

#### **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 would not expose sensitive receptors to pollutants, based on a project specific screening analysis).
- 2. All answers must take account of the whole action involved, including off-site as well as 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.
- 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 Analyses 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

1.	AESTHETICS.	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
	pt as provided in Public Resources Code Section 21099, d the project:				
a.	Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?				$\boxtimes$
b.	Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings along a scenic highway?				
C.	In non-urbanized areas, substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of public views of the site and its surroundings? (Public views are those that are experienced from publicly accessible vantage point. If the project is in an urbanized area, would the project conflict with applicable zoning and other regulations governing scenic quality?				
d.	Create a new source of substantial light or glare that would adversely affect daytime or nighttime views in the area?				$\boxtimes$

- a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?;
- b) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings along a scenic highway?; and
- c) In non-urbanized areas, substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of public views of the site and its surroundings?

**No Impact.** For purposes of determining significance under CEQA, a "scenic vista" is defined as a viewpoint that provides expansive views of a highly valued landscape for the benefit of the general public. There are no officially designated scenic vistas near the project area, and the project would not substantially degrade the existing visual character of the surrounding vicinity, which includes expansive views of flat agricultural lands with varying seasonal row crops and permanent crops. The project proposes no additional development, including residences.

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

**No Impact.** Although no development is proposed as part of the project, future construction of homes or agricultural buildings could produce additional sources of light to the surrounding agricultural area. However, any future development of the parcels will require a lighting plan before building permits are issued. Any new lighting would be required to be low-intensity and shielded and/or directed away from adjacent properties, public right-of-way, and the night sky. The project will not create a new source of light that would adversely affect views in the area.

2.	AGRICULTURE AND FOREST RESOURCES.	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Dept. of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. In determining whether impacts to forest resources, including timberland, are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to information compiled by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection regarding the state's inventory of forest land, including the Forest and Range Assessment Project and the Forest Legacy Assessment Project; and forest carbon measurement methodology provided in Forest Protocols adopted by the California Air Resources Board. Would the proposed project:					
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 conflict with a Williamson Act contract?				
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))?				
d.	Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?				
е.	Involve other changes in the existing environment that, 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?				

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?

**No Impact.** Soils composition of the project site are identified as Capy silty clay, Marvin silty clay loam, and Sacramento clay (drained). These soils are identified by the US Department of Agricultural Natural Resources Conservation Service Web Soil Survey and are designated as a mixture of "Prime Farmland," and "Farmland of Local Importance" on maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program (FMMP) of the California Department of Conservation. The project does not propose any development and will not convert any of the listed soils above to a non-agricultural use.

b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use or conflict with a Williamson Act contract?

**No Impact.** The proposed project is located within the Agricultural Intensive (A-N) zone and is enrolled in the Williamson Act. The proposed project will not affect the status of the existing contract. The proposed project is a tentative parcel map (TPM), which requires a discretionary review for consistency with the Yolo County 2030 General Plan and Zoning Code. Policies in the General Plan prohibit the division of agricultural land for nonagricultural-related purposes or uses. The project proposes to create two approximately 158-acre parcels from one approximately 316-acre parcel to accommodate differing farming interests; each newly created parcel will be large enough to sustain viable agricultural operations and are expected to remain in agricultural production. No development is proposed as part of the project, and the two parcels will comply with minimum parcel size requirements in the Yolo County Zoning Ordinance, which require at least 80 acres of irrigated and cultivated lands for the creation of new agriculturally-zoned (A-N) parcels.

- c) Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code section 12220(g)) or timberland (as defined in Public Resources Code section 4526) or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code Section 51104(g))?; and
- d) Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?

**No Impact.** The project site is not zoned for forest land or timberland, nor does it contain forest land or timberland. Therefore, the proposed tentative parcel map would not conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, or result in the loss or conversion of forest or timberland.

e) Involve other changes in the existing environment that, 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.** The proposed project would not convert farmland to a non-agricultural use and the project site does not contain forest land. No development is proposed as part of the project. Therefore, the project would result in no impact.

3.	Air Quality.	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management district or air pollution control district may be relied upon to make the following determinations. Would the project:					
a.	Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?				
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?				
C.	Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?				
d.	Result in other emissions (such as those leading to odors) adversely affecting a substantial number of people?				

The tentative parcel map would not contribute to air quality impacts; no additional development or change in existing uses is expected to occur with the approval of a parcel map to create two approximately 158-acre parcels from one approximately 316-acre parcel to address differing farming interests among the beneficiaries of the Gerald P. Snyder Trust.

#### Thresholds of Significance:

The project site is within the Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District (YSAQMD), and the Sacramento Valley Air Basin regulates air quality conditions within Yolo County. Yolo County is classified as a non-attainment area for several air pollutants, including ozone (O<sub>3</sub>) and particulate matter 10 microns or less in diameter (PM<sub>10</sub>) for both federal and state standards, the partial non-attainment of the federal particulate matter 2.5 (PM<sub>2.5</sub>), and is classified as a moderate maintenance area for carbon monoxide (CO) by the state.

Development projects are most likely to violate an air quality plan or standard, or contribute substantially to an existing or project air quality violation, through generation of vehicle trips.

For the evaluation of project-related air quality impacts, the YSAQMD recommends the use of the following thresholds of significance:

• Long-term Emissions of Criteria Air Pollutants (ROG, NOx, and PM<sub>10</sub>)—The criteria air pollutants of primary concern include ozone-precursor pollutants (ROG and NOx) and PM<sub>10</sub>. Significance thresholds have been developed for project-generated emissions of reactive organic gases (ROG), nitrogen oxides (NOx), and particulate matter of 10 microns or less (PM<sub>10</sub>). Because PM<sub>2.5</sub> is a subset of PM<sub>10</sub>, a separate significance threshold has not been established for PM<sub>2.5</sub>. Operational impacts associated with the proposed project would be considered significant if project-generated emissions would exceed YSAQMD-recommended significance thresholds, as identified below:

Table AQ-1 YSAQMD-Recommended Quantitative Thresholds of Significance for Criteria Air Pollutants					
Pollutant	Threshold				
Reactive Organic Gases (ROG)	10 tons/year (approx. 55 lbs/day)				
Oxides of Nitrogen (NOx)	10 tons/year (approx. 55 lbs/day)				
Particulate Matter (PM <sub>10</sub> )	80 lbs/day				
Carbon Monoxide (CO)	Violation of State ambient air quality standard				

Source: Handbook for Assessing and Mitigating Air Quality impacts (YSAQMD, 2007)

- Emissions of Criteria Air Pollutants (ROG, NO<sub>X</sub>, and PM<sub>10</sub>)—Construction impacts associated with the proposed project would be considered significant if project-generated emissions would exceed YSAQMD-recommended significance thresholds, as identified in Table AQ-1, and recommended control measures are not incorporated.
- Conflict with or Obstruct Implementation of Applicable Air Quality Plan— Projects resulting in the development of a new land use or a change in planned land use designation may result in a significant increase in vehicle miles traveled (VMT). Substantial increases in VMT, as well as, the installation of new area sources of emissions, may result in significant increases of criteria air pollutants that may conflict with the emissions inventories contained in regional air quality control plans. For this reason and given the region's non-attainment status for ozone and PM10, project-generated emissions of ozone precursor pollutants (i.e., ROG and NO<sub>x</sub>) or PM10 that would exceed the YSAQMD's recommended project-level significance thresholds, would also be considered to potentially conflict with or obstruct implementation of regional air quality attainment plans.
- <u>Local Mobile-Source CO Concentrations</u>—Local mobile source impacts associated with the proposed project would be considered significant if the project contributes to CO concentrations at receptor locations in excess of the CAAQS (i.e., 9.0 ppm for 8 hours or 20 ppm for 1 hour).
- <u>Toxic Air Contaminants</u>. Exposure to toxic air contaminants (TAC) would be considered significant if the probability of contracting cancer for the Maximally Exposed Individual (i.e., maximum individual risk) would exceed 10 in 1 million or would result in a Hazard Index greater than 1.
- Odors. Odor impacts associated with the proposed project would be considered significant if the project has the potential to frequently expose members of the public to objectionable odors.

#### a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?

**No Impact.** The tentative parcel map would not substantially conflict with or obstruct implementation of the Yolo Solano Air Quality Management District Air Quality Attainment Plan (1992), the Sacramento Area Regional Ozone Attainment Plan (1994), or the goals and objectives of the Yolo County 2030 Countywide General Plan.

The Yolo-Solano Region is a non-attainment area for state particulate matter (PM<sub>10</sub>) and ozone standards, the federal ozone standard, and the partial non-attainment of the federal particulate matter 2.5 (PM<sub>2.5</sub>). Approval of a parcel map to accommodate differing farming interests would not conflict or obstruct any applicable air quality plan.

## 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?

**No Impact**. Development projects are considered cumulatively significant by the YSAQMD if: (1) the project requires a change in the existing land use designation (i.e., general plan amendment, rezone); and (2) projected emissions (ROG, NOx, or PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub>) of the project are greater than the emissions anticipated for the site if developed under the existing land use designation. The project is a tentative parcel map, which could result in the future development of additional agricultural operations and/or new home sites. The air pollutants generated by any future construction would be primarily dust and particulate matter during construction. Dust generated by construction activity would be required to be controlled through effective management practices, such as water spraying, and would therefore be a less than significant impact.

Any future construction will be reviewed by the Yolo County Department of Community Services to ensure compatibility with air quality standards. Any additional agricultural operations and/or the creation of new home sites would not exceed thresholds as indicated in the 2007 YSAQMD Guidelines, and there are no sensitive receptors in the vicinity of the project site, although there are a few nearby rural homesites. The property is generally surrounded by agricultural lands, north of Interstate 80 (I-80), east of the City of Davis, and south of the Yolo County Landfill and the Davis Wastewater Treatment plant. The creation of two parcels from one approximately 316-acre parcel and the possibility of new home sites and additional agricultural operations would not contribute to air quality impacts.

#### c) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?

**No Impact.** See discussion in (b) above. The project site is in an agricultural area north of I-80, east of the City of Davis, and south of the Yolo County Landfill and the Davis Wastewater Treatment plant, with no sensitive receptors nearby. ("Sensitive receptors" refer to those segments of the population most susceptible to poor air quality, i.e., children, elderly, and the sick, and to certain at-risk sensitive land uses such as schools, hospitals, parks, or residential communities.) The closest rural residences are located approximately half a mile west of the project site on APN: 033-650-003 (Gill Family Trust). The project proposes no development, including construction activities.

### d) Result in other emissions (such as those leading to odors) adversely affecting a substantial number of people?

**No Impact.** No development is proposed as part of the tentative parcel map and the project would not generate any new odors. Therefore, the project will result in no impact.

4.	BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES.	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
Would	the project:				
a.	Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?				
b.	Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?				
C.	Have a substantial adverse effect on state or federally protected wetlands (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?				
d.	Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?				
e.	Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?				
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?				

- a) Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?
- b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?

Less Than Significant Impact. The tentative parcel map would not affect any special status species, riparian habitat, or sensitive natural community because no development is proposed in conjunction with the project. The parcels will remain in productive agriculture use. The project site is relatively flat farmland with a home site located at the northwest corner of APN: 033-650-005, as well as various amenities. Lands surrounding the 316-acre project site primarily consist of agricultural uses, such as seasonal row crops and permanent crops (orchards). The Willow Slough Bypass extends north/northeast of the project site. The potential exists, however, for the disturbance of raptor and/or Swainson's hawk foraging habitat if a future 2.5-acre homesite is established on the newly created parcel (Parcel 2), which is currently undeveloped. The project's conditions of approval will require payment of land cover fees established by the Yolo Habitat Conservancy if a new 2.5-acre homesite is developed

on Parcel 2 as a result of approval of the tentative parcel map and acceptance of a 'final' parcel map (payment of applicable land cover fees are due prior to issuance of building permit(s) for new residence(s)). Parcel 1 is currently developed with a homesite at the northwest corner of the parcel and is not subject to the Yolo Habitat Conservancy requirements.

c) Have a substantial adverse effect on state or federally protected wetlands (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?

**No Impact.** The project is located within proximity to Willow Slough Bypass but will not affect any wetlands, as indicated by the Wetlands Mapper provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. A wetlands delineation has not been prepared for the project.

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?

**No Impact.** The project will not interfere with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species, or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites.

- e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?
- 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?

**No Impact.** The proposed project would not conflict with any other local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance, as no development is proposed. Nor would the project conflict with the provisions of the adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan (HCP/NCCP), or other approved local, regional or state habitat conservation plan. Any potential future development resulting from the tentative parcel map would be required to comply with the provisions of the HCP/NCCP.

5.	Cultural Resources.	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
Would	the project:				
a.	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in Section 15064.5?				
b.	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to Section 15064.5?				
C.	Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?				

- a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in Section 15064.5?
- b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to Section 15064.5? and
- c) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?

Less than Significant Impact. According to a California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS) record search letter dated October 13, 2022 (NWIC File #: 22-0537), the project site has no record of previous cultural resource studies but noted that the site has the possibility of containing unrecorded archaeological sites and recommended contacting the local Native American tribe(s) regarding traditional, cultural, and religious heritage values. An invitation for tribal consultation was distributed to the local tribes, and a virtual consultation meeting was held on January 18, 2023, with cultural resources staff from Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation (hereinafter "Tribe"). The Tribe was not aware of any known cultural resources near the project site and indicated that cultural monitors were not needed but recommended cultural sensitivity training for any pre-project personnel. The Tribe expressed an interest in receiving updates regarding the project and encourages the property owners to coordinate with the Tribe should the parcel map result in any future trenching and excavation activities. The proposed project does not include land disturbance activities or propose development as part of the tentative parcel map that would cause any substantial adverse changes to the significance of any historical or archaeological resources. Standard conditions will be applied to the project to ensure that if new information or cultural items are found during land disturbance activities the Tribe's Cultural Resources Department is notified.

Additionally, no human remains are known or predicted to exist in the project area. However, the potential exists during any future construction to uncover previously unidentified resources. Section 7050.5 of the California Health and Safety Code states that when human remains are discovered, no further site disturbance shall occur until the County coroner has determined that the remains are not subject to the provisions of Section 27491 of the Government Code or any other related provisions of law concerning investigation of the circumstances, manner and cause of any death, and the recommendation concerning the treatment and disposition of the human remains have been made to the person responsible for the excavation, in the manner provided in Section 5097.98 of the Public Resources Code. If the coroner determines that the remains are not subject to his or her authority and the remains are recognized to be those of a Native American, the coroner shall contact the Native American Heritage Commission within 24 hours.

6.	ENERGY.	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
Woul	d the proposed project:				
a.	Result in potentially significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources, during project construction or operation?				
b.	Conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency?				

- a) Result in potentially significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources, during project construction or operation?
- b) Conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency?

**No Impact.** The project does not propose any development that would result in wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources, nor will it conflict with or obstruct state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency.

7.	GEOLOGY AND SOILS.	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
Would	the project:				
a.	Directly or indirectly cause potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:				
	<ol> <li>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.)</li> </ol>				
	ii. Strong seismic ground shaking?				
	iii. Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?				
	iv. Landslides?				
b.	Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?				$\boxtimes$
C.	Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable or that would become unstable as a result of the project and potentially result in an on-site or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction, or collapse?				
d.	Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property?				
e.	Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems in areas where sewers are not available for the disposal of wastewater?				
f.	Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?				

- a) Directly or indirectly cause potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:
  - i) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? (Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.)

**No Impact.** The project is not located within an Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Special Study Zone. No landforms are known to be on the project site that would indicate the presence of active faults. Although several earthquake fault zones are present within the County, none are present within proximity of the project site. Surface ground rupture along faults is generally limited to a linear zone a few yards wide. Because the project site is not located within an Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Special Study Zone, and no development is proposed, ground rupture that would expose people or structures at the site to substantial adverse effects is unlikely to result in any significant impacts. Any future development that may occur as a result of the parcel map will be

required to comply with all applicable Uniform Building Code and County Improvement Standards and Specifications requirements in order to obtain permit approval from the Yolo County Department of Community Services.

#### ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?

**No Impact.** Ground shaking occurs as a result of energy released during faulting, which could potentially result in the damage or collapse of buildings and other structures, depending on the magnitude of the earthquake, the location of the epicenter, and the character and duration of the ground motion. Because known active seismic sources are located fairly distant from the project site and no development is proposed, strong seismic ground shaking would not be anticipated and is unlikely to result in any impact.

#### iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?

**No Impact.** Soil liquefaction occurs when ground shaking from an earthquake causes a sediment layer saturated with groundwater to lose strength and take on the characteristics of a fluid. Factors determining the liquefaction potential are the level and duration of seismic ground motions, the type and consistency of soils, and the depth to groundwater. Liquefaction poses a hazard to engineered structures, as the loss of soil strength can result in bearing capacity insufficient to support foundation loads.

The potential for seismic ground shaking on the site is low, and there is a low potential for seismic-related ground failure at the site. Any future structures may be required to provide a geotechnical report for the building foundation to obtain a building permit from the Yolo County Department of Community Services.

#### iv) Landslides?

**No Impact.** A landslide involves the downslope transport of soil, rock, and sometimes vegetative material *en masse*, primarily under the influence of gravity. Landslides occur when shear stress (primarily weight) exceeds shear strength of the soil/rock. The shear strength of the soil/rock may be reduced during high rainfall periods when materials become saturated. Landslides also may be induced by ground shaking from earthquakes.

The project site is flat and has a low landslide susceptibility due to the slope class and material strength. Mass movements are unlikely to occur at the site, particularly large landslides with enough force and material to expose people or structures on the project site to potentially substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death.

#### b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?

**No Impact.** The land surface at the project site is relatively flat and no development is proposed. The project is located in an area with little potential for erosion; substantial soil erosion or loss of topsoil is unlikely to occur as the project proposes no change to existing uses. The proposed tentative parcel map would not be expected to result in any new impacts related to erosion. Any future construction, as a result of an approved parcel map, would be required to comply with all applicable Uniform Building Code requirements.

- c) Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction, or collapse?
- d) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994, as updated), creating substantial risks to life or property?

Less than Significant Impact. The project is not located in an area of unstable geologic materials, and the project is not expected to significantly affect the stability of the underlying materials, which could potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction, or collapse. The project area consists of soils rated as 'moderate' expansiveness. The project proposes no new development, including residences, and would not subject people to landslides or liquefaction or other cyclic strength degradation during a seismic event. Any future construction, as a result of an approved parcel map, would be required to comply with all applicable Uniform Building Code requirements.

e) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water?

**No Impact.** The dwelling unit located within the project site is served by a septic system. The tentative parcel map, which will create two parcels consisting of approximately 158 acres each, proposes no development, residential or otherwise. Any new septic system to accommodate future uses must meet the requirements and be approved by the Yolo County Environmental Health Division.

f) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?

**No Impact.** The project does not propose any ground disturbing activities or development that would directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature.

8.	GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS.	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
Woul	d the project:				
a.	Generate greenhouse gas emissions either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment.				
b.	Conflict with any applicable plan, policy or regulation of an agency adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases.				

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING**

#### Introduction

Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions would not be generated as part of the proposed tentative parcel map. Although no development is proposed as part of this application, the proposed parcel map would allow for the potential addition of single-family homes (one primary and one ancillary dwelling for the newly created parcels) in the Agricultural Intensive (A-N) zone.

The issue of combating climate change and reducing greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) has been the subject of state legislation (Assembly Bill 32, Senate Bills 375, 32, and 100 and Executive Orders S-3-05, B-30-15, and B-55-18). Yolo County has adopted General Plan policies and a Climate Action Plan (CAP) which identifies strategies to reduce GHG emissions and combat climate change. To demonstrate project-level compliance with CEQA relevant to GHG emissions and climate change impacts, applications for discretionary projects must demonstrate consistency with the General Plan and CAP. The adopted 2030 Yolo Countywide General Plan contains the following relevant policies and actions:

**Policy CO-8.2**: Use the development review process to achieve measurable reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.

**Action CO-A117**: Pursuant to the adopted Climate Action Plan (CAP), the County shall take all feasible measures to reduce its total carbon dioxide equivalent (CO2e) emissions within the unincorporated area (excluding those of other jurisdictions, e.g., UC-Davis, Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation, DQ University, school districts, special districts, reclamation districts, etc.), from 648,252 metric tons (MT) of CO2e in 2008 to 613,651 MT of CO2e by 2020. In addition, the County shall strive to further reduce total CO2e emissions within the unincorporated area to 447,965 MT by 2030. These reductions shall be achieved through the measures and actions provided for in the adopted CAP, including those measures that address the need to adapt to climate change. (Implements **Policy CO-8.1**)

**Action CO-A118**: Pursuant to and based on the CAP, the following thresholds shall be used for determining the significance of GHG emissions and climate change impacts associated with future projects:

- 1) Impacts associated with GHG emissions from projects that are consistent with the General Plan and otherwise exempt from CEQA are determined to be less than significant and further CEQA analysis for this area of impact is not required.
- 2) Impacts associated with GHG emissions from projects that are consistent with the General Plan, fall within the assumptions of the General Plan EIR, consistent with the CAP, and not exempt from CEQA are determined to be less than significant or mitigated to a less than significant level, and further CEQA analysis for this area of impact is generally not required.

To be determined consistent with the CAP, a project must demonstrate that it is included in the growth projections upon which the CAP modeling is based, and that it incorporates applicable strategies and measures from the CAP as binding and enforceable components of the project.

- 3) Impacts associated with GHG emissions from projects that are not consistent with the General Plan, do not fall within the assumptions of the General Plan EIR, and/or are not consistent with the CAP, and are subject to CEQA review are rebuttably presumed to be significant and further CEQA analysis is required. The applicant must demonstrate to the County's satisfaction how the project will achieve its fair share of the established targets including:
  - Use of alternative design components and/or operational protocols to achieve the required GHG reductions; and
  - Use of real, additional, permanent, verifiable and enforceable offsets to achieve required GHG reductions. To the greatest feasible extent, offsets shall be: locally based, project relevant, and consistent with other long term goals of the County.

The project must also be able to demonstrate that it would not substantially interfere with implementation of CAP strategies, measures, or actions. (Implements **Policy CO-8.5**)

#### DISCUSSION

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

**Less than Significant Impact.** No development is proposed as part of the tentative parcel map. The proposed parcel map would allow for the potential addition of single-family homes (one primary and one ancillary dwelling for the newly created parcels) under the current zoning. However, the potential for homesite development is not proposed at this time. As proposed, the project would not generate greenhouse gas emissions that will have a significant impact on the environment.

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

**No Impact.** The proposed tentative parcel map would not conflict with any applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted to reduce GHG emissions, including the numerous policies of the adopted 2030 Yolo Countywide General Plan and Climate Action Plan.

9.	HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
Would	the project:				
a.	Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?				
b.	Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?				
C.	Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?				
d.	Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code § 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?				
e.	For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard or excessive noise for people residing or working in the project area?				
f.	Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?				
g.	Expose people or structures, either directly or indirectly, to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires?				

- a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?; and
- b) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and/or accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?

**No Impact.** The tentative parcel map will not create a significant hazard to the public or environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials, or through reasonably foreseeable upset and/or accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment.

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

**No Impact.** The project site is not located within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school, and will not emit hazardous materials. No development is proposed.

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

**No Impact.** The project is not located on a site that has been included on a list of hazardous materials sites. No development is proposed.

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

**No Impact.** The project site is not located within the vicinity of a public airport. There would be no safety hazard related to public or private airports that would endanger people residing or working in the project area.

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

No Impact. The location of the tentative parcel map would not affect any emergency response plan.

g) Expose people or structures, either directly or indirectly, to a significant risk of loss, injury, or death involving wildland fires?

**No Impact.** The project site is not located in a designated Fire Hazard Severity Zone and, therefore, would not be at significant risk from wildland fires.

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10.	HYDROLOGY	AND WATER QUALITY.	Potentially Significant Impact	Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
Would	the project:					
a.	requiremen	water quality standards or waste discharge ts or otherwise substantially degrade ground water quality?				
b.	Substantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that the project may impede sustainable groundwater management of the basin?					
C.	site or area course of a	ly alter the existing drainage pattern of the , including through the alteration of the stream or river or through the addition of surfaces, in a manner which would:				
	i.	Result in substantial erosion of siltation on- or off-site;				
	ii.	Substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or offsite;				
	iii.	Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed other capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff; or				
	iv.	Impede or redirect flood flows?				
d.		zard, tsunami, or seiche zones, risk release s due to project inundation?				
e.	Conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan?					

a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade surface or ground water quality?

**No Impact.** The tentative parcel map does not propose any new development that would discharge any pollutants into the water system, nor result in any violations of existing requirements. No water quality standards or waste discharge requirements will be violated.

b) 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 proposed project is a request for a tentative parcel map that would allow the property owner of approximately 316-acres to create two parcels consisting of approximately 158 acres each, to accommodate differing farming interests among the beneficiaries of the Gerald P. Snyder 1987 Trust. No additional agricultural or irrigation wells are proposed, and the water usage would remain the same. Although no new development is proposed as part of the application, the proposed parcel map would allow for the potential addition of single-family homes (one primary and one ancillary dwelling) for the newly created parcels in the Agricultural Intensive (A-N) zone. Any new future well systems would have to be reviewed by and adhere to the requirements imposed by the Yolo County

Environmental Health Division. The project will not affect any nearby or onsite wells and would not deplete groundwater supplies or otherwise interfere with groundwater recharge.

- c) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river or through the addition of impervious surfaces, in a manner which would:
  - i) Result in substantial erosion of siltation on- or offsite;
  - ii) Substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or offsite;
  - iii) Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed other capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff; or
  - iv) Impede or redirect flood flows?

**No Impact.** The project is a tentative parcel map create two parcels from approximately 316 acres to accommodate differing farming interests and to keep the parcels in productive agricultural use. Although no new development is proposed as part of the application, the proposed parcel map would allow for the potential addition of single-family homes (one primary and one ancillary dwelling) for the newly created parcels in the Agricultural Intensive (A-N) zone. Any future improvements would have to be reviewed by and adhere to the requirements imposed by the Yolo County Department of Community Services. The project would not alter drainage patterns or change absorption rates, or the rate and amount of surface runoff. No additional impacts to water quality are anticipated. Any future development proposal would be required to address erosion, drainage and runoff impacts.

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

**No Impact.** The project area is south/southwest of the Willow Slough Bypass, and approximately 1.25 miles northwest of the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has designated the parcel as Flood Zone A. There is no development proposed as part of the application and any future development would be required to comply with the County's Flood Protection Ordinance and the Uniform Building Code, as well as FEMA regulations related to construction activities within the flood zone. Therefore, the risk of release of pollutants due to project inundation would result in no impact.

e) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan?

**No Impact.** The proposed tentative parcel map does not propose any development that would obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan.

11.	LAND USE AND PLANNING.	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
Would	the project:				
a.	Physically divide an established community?				$\boxtimes$
b.	Cause a significant environmental impact due to a conflict with any land use plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?				

#### a) Physically divide an established community?

**No Impact.** The proposed project is located in the unincorporated area of Yolo County, approximately 0.75 miles east of the City of Davis, and is surrounded by other agricultural uses. The project would not divide an established community.

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

**No Impact.** The proposed project would not conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect. The project site is designated as Agriculture in the Yolo County 2030 Countywide General Plan and is zoned Agricultural Intensive (A-N). Agriculturally zoned parcels may be divided for agricultural purposes provided that the minimum acreages are met, and the proposal is consistent with the Countywide General Plan that seeks to preserve agricultural land by maintaining viable agricultural parcels that are large enough to sustain agricultural activities.

12.	MINERAL RESOURCES.	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
Would	d the project:				
a.	Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?				
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?				

- 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?; and
- 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?

**No Impact.** The project site is in close proximity to the Yolo Bypass where many natural gas fields have been identified within Yolo County. No development is proposed as part of the tentative parcel map that would affect these resources. According to the California Geologic Energy Management Division's (CalGEM) online mapping application, Well Finder, and the Well Statewide Tracking and Reporting System (WellSTAR) database, the gas wells located onsite have been abandoned. Additionally, the project area is not located within any identified area of significant aggregate deposits, as classified by the California Department of Conservation Division of Mines and Geology. Most aggregate resources in Yolo County are located along Cache Creek in the Esparto-Woodland area.

13.	Noise.	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
Would	d the project result in:				
a.	Generation of a substantial temporary or permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the vicinity of the project in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?				
b.	Generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?				
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?				

#### **ENIVIRONMENTAL SETTING**

Yolo County has not adopted a noise ordinance, which sets specific noise levels for different zoning districts or for different land uses in the unincorporated area. Instead, the County relies on that State of California Department of Health Services' recommended Community Noise Exposure standards, which are set forth in the State's General Plan Guidelines (2003). These standards are included in the Yolo County 2030 Countywide General Plan and used to provide guidance for new development projects. The recommended standards provide acceptable ranges of decibel (dB) levels. The noise levels are in the context of Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) measurements, which reflect an averaged noise level over a 24-hour or annual period. The Countywide General Plan identifies up to 70 dB CNEL as an acceptable exterior noise environment for commercial land uses and up to 75 dB CNEL for agricultural land uses.

#### **DISCUSSION**

- 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?;
- b) Generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?; and
- 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 proposed project would not increase the ambient noise levels in the vicinity of the project site or generate excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels. No development is proposed as part of the application and the site is not located within an airport land use plan, nor would the implementation of the proposed project expose individuals to excessive noise levels associated with any nearby airstrip's aircraft operations.

14.	Population And Housing.	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
Woul	d the project:				
a.	Induce substantial unplanned population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?				
b.	Displace substantial numbers of existing people or housing units, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				

- a) Induce substantial unplanned population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?
- b) Displace substantial numbers of existing people or housing units, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?

**No Impact.** The project area currently includes a single-family dwelling on APN: 033-650-005. The application does not include any plans for development, nor will it displace substantial numbers of existing people or housing units. Although up to two homes are currently allowed by-right on the newly created parcels within the Agricultural Intensive (A-N) zone, any future home site development, including ancillary housing units, as a result of the proposed parcel map would not cause a significant increase in population. For reference, the average household size in Yolo County (2016-2020) is 2.82 persons according to statistics from the U.S. Census Bureau.

15.	Public Services.	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
Would	I the project:				
the pr gover signifi accep	t in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with ovision of, or the need for, new or physically altered nmental facilities, the construction of which could cause cant environmental impacts, in order to maintain table service ratios, response times, or other performance ives for any of the following public services:				
a.	Fire protection?				$\boxtimes$
b.	Police protection?				$\boxtimes$
C.	Schools?				$\boxtimes$
d.	Parks?				$\boxtimes$
e.	Other public facilities?				$\boxtimes$

- a) Fire protection?;
- b) Police Protection?;
- c) Schools?;
- d) Parks?; and
- e) Other public facilities?

**No Impact.** The project does not propose any new development, including housing, and thus would not generate any additional demand for fire and police protection, schools, parks, or other public facilities such as libraries, hospitals, satellite County offices, etc. If any future development is proposed, such as agricultural support structures or new residences, prior to issuance of building permits at the project site, all applicable impact fees will be collected.

16.	Recreation.	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
Woul	d the project:				
a.	Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of				$\boxtimes$
b.	the facility would occur or be accelerated?  Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?				$\boxtimes$

- a) 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?; and
- b) Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities that might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?

**No Impact.** The project is a tentative parcel map to create two parcels from approximately 316 acres, consisting of approximately 158 acres each, to keep the parcels in productive agriculture by accommodating differing farming interests among the beneficiaries of the Gerald P. Snyder 1987 Trust. The project would not require the construction of additional recreational facilities nor substantially increase the use of existing recreational facilities.

17.	Transportation/Traffic.	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
Would	d the project:				
a.	Conflict with a program, plan, ordinance or policy addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadway, bicycle and pedestrian facilities?				
b.	Conflict or be inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines section 15064.3, subdivision (b)?				
C.	Substantially increase hazards due to a geometric design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?				
d.	Result in inadequate emergency access?				$\boxtimes$

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING**

The roadway network within unincorporated Yolo County consists primarily of two-lane roads that are designed to serve small farming communities and agricultural uses. Thus, policies in the 2030 Countywide General Plan encourage inter-and intra-regional traffic to use State and federal interstates and highways, since the primary role of county roads is to serve local and agricultural traffic. The project site is located 0.75 miles east of the City of Davis, north of Interstate 80 (I-80), at the intersection of County Road 105 and County Road 30.

CEQA Section 15064.3 contains guidelines directing that transportation impacts of projects are, in general, best measured by evaluating the project's vehicle miles traveled. Methodologies for evaluating such impacts are already in use for most land use projects, as well as many transit and active transportation projects. Methods for evaluating vehicle miles traveled for roadway capacity projects continue to evolve, however, and so these Guidelines recognize a lead agency's discretion to analyze such projects, provided such analysis is consistent with CEQA and applicable planning requirements.

#### **DISCUSSION**

- a) Conflict with a program, plan, ordinance or policy addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadway, bicycle and pedestrian facilities?; and
- b) Conflict or be inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines section 15064.3, subdivision (b)?

**No Impact.** The proposed tentative parcel map would not conflict with a program, plan, ordinance or policy addressing the circulation system, as no new development is proposed as part of the project. Additionally, the proposed project will not conflict or be inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines (Section 15064.3(b) Criteria for Analyzing Transportation Impacts). The property is currently served by County Road 105 to the west and County Road 30 to the north. No change will occur to vehicle miles traveled within the project area attributable to the proposed tentative parcel map.

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

**No Impact.** No changes to the road system are proposed. There will be no increase in hazards due to a design feature or incompatible uses, as the proposed tentative parcel map will not affect the roadways.

d) Result in inadequate emergency access?

No Impact. The project would not result in inadequate emergency access. The site will remain accessible from County Road 105 to the west and County Road 30 to the north. The site does not propose any new development or change in uses.

18.	TRIBAL	CULTURAL RESOURCES	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
Would	d the proje	ect:				
a.	of a tril Code s cultura terms o place,	a substantial adverse change in the significance bal cultural resource, defined in Public Resources section 21074 as either a site, feature, place, I landscape that is geographically defined in of the size and scope of the landscape, sacred or object with cultural value to a California Native can tribe, and that is:				
	i.	Listed or eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources, or in a local register of historical resources as defined in Public Resources Code section 5020.1(k), or				
	ii.	A resource determined by the lead agency, in its discretion and supported by substantial evidence, to be significant pursuant to criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code Section 5024.1. In applying the criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code Section 5024.1, the lead agency shall consider the significance of the resource to a California Native American Tribe.				

- 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)
  - ii) A resource determined by the lead agency, in its discretion and supported by substantial evidence, to be significant pursuant to criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code Section 5024.1. In applying the criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resource Code Section 5024.1, the lead agency shall consider the significance of the resource to a California Native American tribe.

Less than Significant Impact. No development is proposed as part of the tentative parcel map. The project site is within the aboriginal territories of the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation (hereinafter "Tribe"), which has a cultural interest and authority in the project area. An invitation for tribal consultation was distributed to the local tribes, and a virtual consultation meeting was held on January 18, 2023, with cultural resources staff from the Tribe. The Tribe indicated an interest in receiving updates regarding the project and encourages the property owners to coordinate with the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation should the parcel map result in any future trenching and excavation activities. Although the Tribe is not aware of any known tribal cultural resources near the project area, cultural sensitivity training led by the Tribe's Cultural Resources Department is recommended for any pre-project personnel.

The project site has been in, and will remain in, agricultural cultivation. The proposed tentative parcel map will not cause substantial adverse changes to the significance of tribal cultural resources, as the

two newly created parcels will remain under agricultural cultivation. There is no developm with the parcel split, so impacts are considered less than significant.	nent associated

19.	UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS.	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
Would	d the project:				
a.	Require or result in the relocation or construction of new or expanded water, wastewater treatment or storm water drainage, electric power, natural gas, or telecommunications facilities, the construction or relocation of which could cause significant environmental effects?				
b.	Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project and reasonably foreseeable future development during normal, dry and multiple dry years?				
C.	Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider that would serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?				
d.	Generate solid waste in excess of State or local standards, or in excess of the capacity of local infrastructure, or otherwise impair the attainment of solid waste reduction goals?				
e.	Comply with federal, state, and local management and reduction statutes and regulations related to solid waste?				

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

**No Impact.** The project is not served by water, wastewater, or natural gas, and proposes no development. The project site is located approximately one mile south of the City of Davis Wastewater Treatment plant and has not been identified in the City of Davis Municipal Service Review (MSR) and Sphere of Influence (SOI) Initial Study as an area with the potential to connect to such services. The parcels currently have an adequate water supply to continue the existing agricultural practices, as well as an onsite wastewater treatment system servicing the single-family residence located on APN: 033-650-005. An approved parcel map would have the potential to allow for the addition of homes (one primary and one ancillary dwelling) on the newly created parcels, as well as other compatible uses, which could result in future wells and onsite wastewater treatment systems. However, any decrease in groundwater supply or recharge would be less than significant.

New onsite septic and well systems would be required to serve any future residential development at the project site, and would have to be reviewed by and meet all the requirements of the Yolo County Environmental Health Division. Any solid waste resulting from future development as a result of the parcel map will not significantly impact disposal capacity at the County landfill.

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

#### INTRODUCTION

Areas where the state has financial responsibility for wildland fire protection are known as state responsibility areas (SRA). The Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) is responsible for fire prevention and suppression in SRA. Areas where local governments have financial responsibility for wildland fire protection are known as local responsibility areas (LRA).

The project site is not located in an SRA or a very high fire hazard severity zone (VHFHSZ). The closest VHFHSZ is approximately 16± miles southwest of the project site near the City of Winters. The County and municipalities fight a large number of vegetation fires primarily along highways and roadways. Local fire stations are responsible for their districts, and CAL FIRE has equipment and staff available in Yolo County during the fire season.

#### **DISCUSSION**

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

**No Impact.** Yolo County Office of Emergency Services (OES) is the emergency management agency for Yolo County. OES coordinates the County government's response to disaster or other large-scale emergencies. The project site is located 0.75 miles east of the City of Davis. The proposed project would not affect any adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan. The project site is not located in an SRA or a VHFHSZ.

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?

**No Impact.** The project site is located in a non-wildland/non-urban area, which is not considered to be located in an SRA or a VHFHSZ. The proposed site is largely level and irrigated and cultivated in alfalfa

and seasonal row crops. The division of land will not impact or exacerbate wildfire risk as the existing topography and grade, as well as agricultural irrigation, will remain intact.

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?

**No Impact.** The proposed project will not require the installation or construction of any new facilities, as no development is proposed. Therefore, the project will not impact or exacerbate wildfire risks and all parcels will remain committed to agriculture and compatible uses. Additionally, the project site is not located in an SRA or a VHFHSZ.

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?

**No Impact.** The proposed site is relatively flat and is not within close proximity to slopes that could induce landslides or runoff as a result of fires. The division of land would not result in any new risk of runoff, post-fire slope instability, or drainage changes. No development is proposed and would, therefore, result in no impact.

21.	Mandatory Findings Of Significance.	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. b.	Does the project have the potential to substantially degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, substantially reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory? Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in				
C.	connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects.)  Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?				$\boxtimes$

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Less than Significant Impact. Based on the analysis provided in this Initial Study and the project's required conditions of approval, the project would not significantly degrade the quality of the environment. The proposed project is a tentative parcel map to create two parcels from approximately 316-acres to keep the parcels in agricultural production to accommodate differing farming interests among the beneficiaries of the Gerald P. Snyder 1987 Trust. There is no development associated with the project approval. Overall approval of the parcel map will result in no change to the existing use of the land. As discussed in Section 4, Biological Resources, the proposed project could potentially impact raptor foraging habitat for the Swainson's hawk if any future residential development were to occur as a result of an approved parcel map. However, the project's conditions of approval would reduce impacts to biological resources to less than significant levels so that the habitat and/or range of any special status plants or animals are not endangered. No important examples of major periods of California history or prehistory in California were identified. Impacts to biological resources will be less than significant.

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

**No Impact.** Based on the analysis provided in this Initial Study, the project would have no significant cumulative impacts. The creation of two parcels could result in additional residential development. Home

site development on agricultural parcels were anticipated in the 2009 update to the 2030 Countywide General Plan.

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

**No Impact**. Based on the analysis provided in this Initial Study, there would be no impacts to human beings resulting from the proposed project. The project proposes the division of agricultural land to keep the parcels in agricultural production to accommodate differing farming interests among the beneficiaries of the Gerald P. Snyder 1987 Trust. No development is associated with the project. Any future residential development as a result of the project would be required to comply with all FEMA and local regulations for placing permanent structures in a flood plain.

#### **REFERENCES**

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- City of Davis Municipal Service Review (MSR) and Spheres of Influence (SOI) Initial Study: MUNICIPAL SERVICE REVIEW AND SPHERE OF INFLUENCE STUDY (yololafco.org)