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# MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

PROJECT PROPONENT/APPLICANT: | Solano Landing LLC

**APPLICATION NO:** Z-22-04 & U-22-03

**APN:** 0027-200-150

**PROJECT PLANNER:** Eric Wilberg, Senior Planner

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION:

The Solano Landing LLC project consists of Rezoning Petition Z-22-04 to rezone 7.4 acres of the project site from Agriculture Suisun Valley "A-SV-20" to Agricultural Tourist Center "ATC" and Use Permit application U-22-03 to establish and operate a Resort Hotel comprised of a ten-room hotel, 7,462 square foot restaurant, six 1,500 sq. ft. wine tasting rooms, 5,496 sq. ft. market, 3,655 sq. ft. multi-purpose/dining hall, associated parking and infrastructure, and 10.50 acres planted in vineyards located at 2316 Rockville Road, one-quarter mile north of the City of Fairfield within the A-SV-20 and ATC zoning districts; APN 0027-200-150.

## FINDINGS:

The Solano County Department of Resource Management has evaluated the Initial Study which was prepared with regards to the project. The County found no potentially significant adverse environmental impacts likely to occur. The County determined that the project qualifies for a Mitigated Negative Declaration. The Initial Study of Environmental Impact, including the project description, findings and disposition, are attached.

## MITIGATION MEASURES INCORPORATED INTO PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

## **Mitigation Measure AIR-1**

Consistent with the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) Basic Construction Mitigation Measures, the following controls are required to be included as specifications for the proposed project and implemented at the construction site:

- All exposed surfaces (e.g., parking areas, staging areas, soil piles, graded areas, and unpaved access roads) shall be watered two times per day.
- All haul trucks transporting soil, sand, or other loose material off site shall be covered.
- All visible mud or dirt tracked-out onto adjacent public roads shall be removed using wet power vacuum street sweepers at least once per day. The use of dry power sweeping is prohibited.
- All vehicle speeds on unpaved roads shall be limited to 15 miles per hour.
- All roadways, driveways, and sidewalks to be paved shall be completed as soon as possible.
- Building pads shall be laid as soon as possible after grading unless seeding or soil binders are used.
- Idling times shall be minimized either by shutting equipment off when not in use or reducing the
  maximum idling time to 5 minutes (as required by the California Airborne Toxics Control Measure
  Title 13, Section 2485 of California Code of Regulations [CCR]). Clear signage shall be provided for
  construction workers at all access points.

- All construction equipment shall be maintained and properly tuned in accordance with manufacturers' specifications. All equipment shall be checked by a certified mechanic and determined to be running in proper condition prior to operation.
- A publicly visible sign shall be posted with the telephone number and person to contact at Solano County regarding dust complaints. This person shall respond and take corrective action within 48 hours. The BAAQMD's phone number shall also be visible to ensure compliance with applicable regulations.

# Mitigation Measure AIR-2

During construction of the proposed project, the project contractor shall ensure all off-road diesel-powered construction equipment of 50 horsepower or more used for the project construction at a minimum meets the California Air Resources Board Tier 4 emissions standards or equivalent.

# **Mitigation Measure BIO-1**

Worker Environmental Awareness Program (WEAP). During construction of the project, before any work occurs on the project site, including grading, vegetation removal and equipment staging, all construction personnel shall participate in an environmental awareness training regarding special-status species and sensitive habitats present on the Project site. Any additional construction personnel that are employed following the initial start of construction shall receive mandatory training before starting work. As part of the training, an environmental awareness handout shall be provided to all personnel that describes and illustrates sensitive resources (i.e., special-status species and habitat, nesting birds/raptors) to be avoided during proposed Project construction and lists measures to be followed by personal for the protection of biological resources. Such measures shall include, but are not limited to:

- Procedures to follow if a special-status species is found within the work area.
- Checking under equipment and staging areas for wildlife species each morning prior to work.
- Staying within designated work areas and maintaining exclusion/silt fencing.
- · Reduced Project speed limits.
- No pets or firearms on-site.
- Contain trash/food waste and remove daily to avoid encouraging predators onto the Project site.
- Following Project Best Management Practices (BMPs).

## **Mitigation Measure BIO-2**

**Avoid and Minimize Impacts to Rare Plants.** Before the initiation of any vegetation removal or ground-disturbing activities, in areas that provide suitable habitat for special-status plants, the following measures shall be implemented:

- A qualified botanist shall conduct appropriately timed surveys for special-status plant species, in all suitable habitat that would be potentially disturbed by the Project.
- Surveys shall be conducted following CDFW- or other approved protocol.
- If no special-status plants are found during focused surveys, the botanist shall document the findings in a letter to the lead agency, and other appropriate agencies as needed, and no further mitigation will be required
- If special-status plants are found during focused surveys, the following measures shall be implemented:
- Information regarding the special-status plant population shall be reported to the CNDDB.
- If the populations can be avoided during Project implementation, they shall be clearly marked in the field by a qualified botanist and avoided during construction activities. Before ground clearing or ground disturbance, all on-site construction personnel shall be instructed as to the species' presence and the importance of avoiding impacts to this species and its habitat.

• If special-status plant populations cannot be avoided, consultations with CDFW and/or USFWS would be required. If allowed under the appropriate regulations, the plants shall be mapped, photographed, and then transplanted to a suitable location by a qualified botanist. If required by the relevant agency, a plan to compensate for the loss of special-status plant species, detailing appropriate replacement ratios, methods for implementation, success criteria, monitoring and reporting protocols, and contingency measures that would be implemented if the initial mitigation fails; the plan would be developed in consultation with the appropriate agencies prior to the start of local construction activities.

# **Mitigation Measure BIO-3**

**Monarch Butterfly Avoidance.** Preconstruction surveys shall be conducted during the monarch breeding season (March 16 through November 30) to determine if milkweed is present on the site and, if present, is being used for monarch breeding. Surveys shall be conducted by a qualified biologist no more than 14 days prior to ground or vegetation disturbance activities. The biologist shall search for evidence of monarch eggs, caterpillars, chrysalises, and adults. If active monarch breeding is identified, the milkweed stand shall be avoided until the applicant develops and implements a salvage and relocation plan that has been reviewed and approved by the applicable Resource Agencies.

# **Mitigation Measure BIO-4**

**Avoid Project impacts to Western and Crotch's bumble bee.** Surveys should be performed by a qualified biologist familiar with the species behavior and life history to determine the presence/absence of special status bumble bees within 6 weeks prior to vegetation removal and/or grading. Surveys should be conducted during the flying season when the species is most likely to be detected above ground, between March 1 to September 1. Survey results, including negative findings, should be submitted to CDFW prior to implementing Project-related ground-disturbing activities. At minimum, a survey report should provide the following:

- A description and map of the survey area, focusing on areas that could provide suitable habitat for special status bumble bees.
- Field survey conditions that should include name(s) of qualified biologist(s) and brief qualifications; date and time of survey; survey duration; general weather conditions; survey goals, and species searched.
- Map(s) showing the location of nests/colonies.
- A description of physical (e.g., soil, moisture, slope) and biological (e.g., plant composition) conditions where each nest/colony is found. A sufficient description of biological conditions, primarily impacted habitat, should include native plant composition (e.g., density, cover, and abundance) within impacted habitat (e.g., species list separated by vegetation class; density, cover, and abundance of each species).
- If adverse impacts to Crotch's bumble bee cannot be avoided either during Project activities or over the life of the Project, the County should consult with CDFW to determine appropriate avoidance and/or minimization measures for the species.

## **Mitigation Measure BIO-5**

Avoid impacts to tricolored blackbird. If construction activities begin between February 1 and August 31, a preconstruction survey for nesting tricolored blackbirds shall be performed by a qualified biologist to ensure that no individuals of this species are harmed during construction activities. This survey may be conducted concurrently with other bird surveys (e.g., Swainson's hawk, burrowing owl). If an active tricolored blackbird colony is discovered within the project site or within a 100-foot radius, a qualified biologist shall evaluate the potential for construction to disturb nesting activities. CDFW shall be contacted to review the evaluation and determine if the project can proceed without adversely affecting nesting activities. CDFW shall also be consulted to establish protection measures such as buffers. Disturbance of active nests shall be avoided until it is determined by a qualified biologist that nesting is complete and the young have fledged, or that the nest has failed. If work is allowed to proceed, at a minimum, a qualified biologist shall be on-site during the start of construction activities during the nesting season to monitor nesting activity. The monitor shall have the authority to stop work if it is determined the project is adversely affecting nesting activities.

## **Mitigation Measure BIO-6**

**Avoid impacts to burrowing owl**. Preconstruction surveys for western burrowing owl shall be conducted by a qualified biologist in accordance with CDFW's 2012 Staff Report on Burrowing Owl Mitigation and measures outlined in the Solano HCP. If burrowing owls are identified during the preconstruction survey, passive exclusion shall be implemented per CDFW's 2012 Staff Report on Burrowing Owl Mitigation (including avoidance of occupied burrows during the breeding season).

# **Mitigation Measure BIO-7**

**Swainson's Hawk Avoidance.** For any construction activities initiated between March 15 and September 1, surveys for nesting Swainson's hawk shall be conducted within 0.5-mile of areas of disturbance for this species as described in the Recommended Timing and Methodology for Swainson's Hawk Nesting Surveys in the California's Central Valley (Swainson's Hawk Technical Advisory Committee, 2000). The recommended minimum survey protocol is completion of surveys for at least the two survey periods immediately prior to a project's initiation. Survey periods correspond to typical migration, courtship, and nesting behavior and defined as follows:

Survey Period	Survey Dates	Survey Time	Number of Surveys
1	January 1 to March 20	All day	1
2	March 20 to April 5	Sunrise to 1000 or 1600 to sunset	3
3	April 5 to April 20	Sunrise to 1200 or 1630 to sunset	3
4	April 21 to June 10	All day; Monitoring known nests only	Ongoing
5	June 10 to July 30	Sunrise to 1200 or 1630 to sunset	3

If surveys determine that the species is present and nesting within this area, a buffer zone of 0.5-mile shall be established and coordination with CDFW shall be required prior to any work in this buffer zone during the nesting season. Work within 0.5 mile may be permitted with CDFW approval if a qualified biologist monitors the nest when Project disturbance activities occur within 0.5 mile of the nest. If the monitor determines that construction may result in abandonment of the nest, all construction activities within 0.5 mile shall be halted until the nest is abandoned or all young have fledged. The monitor shall continue monitoring the nest until construction within 0.5 mile of the nest is completed, or until all chicks have completely fledged and are no longer dependent on the nest. The monitor shall have the authority to stop work if it is determined the project is adversely affecting nesting activities.

## **Mitigation Measure BIO-8**

**Nesting Birds.** A pre-construction survey by a qualified biologist for nesting birds shall be required if construction activities are scheduled to occur during the breeding season (February 1 to August 31) for raptors and other migratory birds, including special-status bird species. The survey shall be conducted 15 days prior to ground disturbing activities and shall cover a 500-foot radius surrounding the construction zone. If active nests are found, actions typically include, but are not limited to, monitoring by agency-approved biologists, establishment or refinement of species-specific buffers, reduction or elimination of the use of loud equipment, reducing foot traffic and remaining in the vehicles, and the maintenance of visual screens. Migratory birds shall be protected from Project Area staging and operations through the use of a buffer established based on the bird's sensitivity and response to the potential activity. Baseline behavior of the bird should be established to inform the buffer size. The qualified biologist may start with a 100-foot nest buffer or a 250-foot nest buffer for raptors but may adjust the buffer size based on the reaction of the bird to the activity. If there is a potential for nest abandonment due to intrusion into the buffer zone, as established by the qualified biologist, then CDFW and the USFWS shall be consulted. The biologist should have the authority to stop work if it is determined that the project is adversely affecting nesting activities. If a lapse in Project-related work of 15 days or longer occurs, another focused survey,

and if required, consultation with CDFW and the USFWS shall be performed before Project work can resume. Tree removal activities should be conducted outside the nesting bird season (February 1 – August 31).

## **Mitigation Measure BIO-9**

Avoid and Minimize Impacts to Special-Status Bats. Potential bat roost trees shall be identified by a qualified bat biologist during a tree habitat assessment conducted several months prior to tree removal. Any potential bat roost trees in the project site shall be removed only between approximately March 1 and April 15, or when evening temperatures are above 45°F and rainfall less than 0.5 inch in 24 hours occurs, prior to parturition of pups. The next acceptable period is after pups become self-sufficiently volant – September 1 through about October 15, or prior to evening temperatures dropping below 45°F and onset of rainfall greater than 0.5 in in 24 hours. In areas where suitable habitat occurs and there is potential for special-status bat species to be present, specific mitigation measure(s) will be developed in consultation with CDFW.

# **Mitigation Measure BIO-10**

**Roost tree removal**. If non-bat roost trees or other vegetation must be removed outside the dates listed above, a 100 ft buffer around each bat roost tree shall be established to reduce potential of disturbance of non-volant young during maternity season, or torpid bats during winter months. Work activities shall be limited to daylight hours to minimize potential effects to foraging bats. Bat roost trees shall be removed only during seasonal periods of bat activity as described above, and only after:

- Negative results from a night emergence survey conducted no more than 1-2 nights prior to tree removal by a qualified bat biologist, using night vision and/or IR-sensitive camera equipment and bioacoustics recording equipment, or;
- All other vegetation other than potential roost trees within the impact area has been removed at least 4 days prior to removal of the bat roost trees.
- Potential bat roost trees shall be removed using a two-step tree process spanning two consecutive days:
- Day 1. Small branches and small limbs containing no cavity, crevice, or exfoliating bark habitat, as
  determined by a qualified bat biologist, are removed using chainsaws only. Trees containing suitable
  potential habitat shall be trimmed with chainsaws on Day 1 under initial field supervision by a qualified
  bat expert to ensure that the tree cutters fully understand the process and avoid incorrectly cutting
  potential habitat features or trees. After tree cutters have received sufficient instruction, the qualified bat
  expert does not need to remain on the site.
- Day 2. The remainder of the tree is to be removed. The disturbance caused by chainsaw noise and vibration, coupled with the physical alteration of the tree, has the effect of causing colonial bat species to abandon the roost tree after nightly emergence for foraging. Removing the tree, the next day prevents re-habituation and re-occupation of the tree.

# **Mitigation Measure BIO-11**

**Wetland Mitigation.** The proposed project shall be designed to minimize fill of jurisdictional waters. If direct impacts to the ephemeral roadside drainage cannot be avoided, prior to ground disturbance, the project applicant shall obtain a permit from the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB, CWA Section 401 water quality certification). Impacts to waters of the State shall be mitigated by providing compensatory mitigation at a minimum 1:1 ratio in area. A Habitat Mitigation and Monitoring Plan shall be prepared and implemented for the proposed mitigation approach. This plan shall be subject to approval by the RWQCB prior to any disturbance of waters of the State.

# Mitigation Measure BIO-12

**Minimize Impacts to Wildlife Movement.** To minimize the impact of development on wildlife movement, all perimeter fencing shall meet the following standards:

- Fence heights shall be limited to a maximum of 5 feet above ground level (limited height variations based on topographic changes are allowable).
- Welded wire or other mesh fences shall have a minimum 4-inch by 4-inch opening. No-climb horse fencing is prohibited as perimeter fencing.
- Solid perimeter fences are prohibited.
- Wood or metal picket fences shall have a minimum spacing of 4 inches between pickets and shall not have sharp or pointed spikes or decorations along the top.

## **Mitigation Measure BIO-13**

Heritage Tree Mitigation. All native oak trees meeting the heritage definition of the Solano County General Plan shall be protected from damage to the maximum extent possible. This protection measure includes designating no work zones by exclusion fencing along the canopy dripline. If a heritage tree cannot be protected from damage or removal, the loss of each mature tree shall be mitigated by planting 15 saplings at least 3 years old in areas where mature trees will not interfere with ongoing operations of the vineyard, tasting rooms, hotel and associated parking areas. Trees planted within the parking area for shade may count towards the heritage tree mitigation as long as they consist of native oak species. The following guidelines for oak restoration shall be followed:

- Mitigation Planting: To compensate for the loss of mature native oaks, saplings of the same species shall be planted sufficient to replace the tree canopy for each tree removed. Every effort shall be made to incorporate preservation of oak trees as part of the project. Oak saplings shall be sourced from a certified Phytophthora ramorum-free nursery. Saplings must be at least 3 years old and shall be spaced at least 15 feet from each other. Each sapling shall be staked with two wooden stakes and caged to a sufficient height. Saplings shall be planted in moist soil, after the first substantial rain. In the following summer, watering may be necessary to enhance survival.
- **Performance and Success Criteria**: Performance criteria for the revegetation area shall be assessed for at least 3 years following the conclusion of grading activities. The oak planting site(s) shall have at least 65 percent cover by native or naturalized plants (primarily grasses), and no more than 20 percent of the area shall be covered by nonnative weeds. The survival of planted oak saplings shall exceed 65% (i.e., 10 living oak saplings per mature tree removed).
- **Verification:** The Solano County Department of Resource Management shall verify that the impacts to native trees are mitigated consistent with the above requirements, including ongoing monitoring to ensure revegetation success

# **Mitigation Measure CUL-1**

Archaeological Alert Sheet and Crew Training. The project applicant, or designee, shall implement an Archaeological Alert Sheet and Crew Training Program to mitigate the impacts to archaeological resources. The Archaeological Alert Sheet and Crew Training should be prepared and performed prior to any ground- disturbing work at all locations within the project site. This Alert Sheet shall be distributed to all project personnel, including construction – crew and their supervisory personnel, the Project Design Team and the future contractor(s). The Alert Sheet shall contain information regarding potential archaeological resources and the actions to take in the case of inadvertent discovery of cultural resources, including contact protocol and avoidance and minimization measures.

## **Mitigation Measure CUL-2**

**Initial Archaeological Monitoring.** Initial archaeological monitoring shall be completed by a qualified archaeologist meeting the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards for Archaeology. This includes demolition-related excavation such as foundation removal, topsoil removal, mass excavation, utility trenching, and any other observable soil-disturbing impacts. Monitoring may be reduced to "spot checking" at the discretion of the Principal Investigator. Thereafter, mitigation would be limited to accidental discovery

measures as outlined by the Alert Sheet and Training. Archaeological monitoring is not recommended for areas of the project site that lie outside of the farmstead footprint.

# **Mitigation Measure CUL-3**

Archaeological Discovery Protocol. Should an archaeological deposit be encountered during project subsurface construction activities, all ground-disturbing activities within 50 feet shall be redirected and a qualified archaeologist meeting the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards for Archeology contacted to assess the situation, determine if the deposit qualifies as a historical resource, consult with agencies as appropriate, and make recommendations for the treatment of the discovery. If the deposit is found to be significant (i.e., eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources), the project applicant shall be responsible for funding and implementing appropriate mitigation measures. Mitigation measures may include recordation of the archaeological deposit, data recovery and analysis, and public outreach regarding the scientific and cultural importance of the discovery. Upon completion of the selected mitigations, a report documenting methods and findings shall be prepared and submitted to the Counties' Community Development Director for review and approval, and the final report shall be submitted to the Northwest Information Center at Sonoma State University. Significant archaeological materials shall be submitted to an appropriate curation facility and used for public interpretive displays, as appropriate and in coordination with a local Native American tribal representative.

# **Mitigation Measure CUL-4**

**Treatment of Native American Human Remains and Cultural Items.** In the event that Native American human remains are found during development of the proposed project and the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation (Tribe) or a member of the Tribe is determined to be the Most Likely Descendent (MLD), the following provisions shall apply:

- The Medical Examiner shall immediately be notified, ground disturbing activities in that location shall cease and the Tribe shall be allowed, pursuant to California Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 5097.98(a) to (1) inspect the site of the discovery and make determinations as to how the human remains and grave goods should be treated and disposed of with appropriate dignity.
- The Tribe shall complete its inspection and make its MLD recommendation within forty-eight (48) hours of getting access to the site. The Tribe shall have the final determination as to the disposition and treatment of human remains and grave goods. Said determination may include avoidance of the human remains, reburial on-site or reburial on tribal or other lands that will not be disturbed in the future.
- The Tribe may wish to rebury said remains and grave goods or ceremonial and cultural items on or near the site of their discovery, in an area which will not be subject to future disturbances over a prolonged period of time. Reburial of human remains shall be accomplished in compliance with California PRC Sections 5097.98(a) and (b). The term "human remains" encompasses more than human bones because the Tribe's traditions call for the burial of associated cultural items with the deceased (funerary objects), and/or the ceremonial burning of Native American human remains, funerary objects, grave goods, and animals. Ashes, soils, and other remnants of these burning ceremonies, as well as associated funerary objects and unassociated funerary objects buried with or found near the Native American remains are to be treated in the same manner as bones or bone fragments that remain intact.
- Unless otherwise required by law, the site of any reburial of Native American human remains shall not be disclosed and will not be governed by public disclosure requirements of the California Public Records Act (California Government Code Section 6250 et. seq). The Medical Examiner shall withhold public disclosure of information related to such reburial pursuant to the specific exemption set forth in California Government Code Section 6254(r). The Tribe will require that the location for reburial is recorded with the California Historic Resources Inventory System (CHRIS) on a form that is acceptable to the CHRIS center. The Tribe may also suggest that the landowner enter into an agreement regarding the confidentiality of site information that will run with title on the property.
- Treatment of all cultural items, including ceremonial items and archaeological items will reflect the religious beliefs, customs, and practices of the Tribe. All cultural items, including ceremonial items and

archaeological items, which may be found at a Project site should be turned over to the Tribe for appropriate treatment, unless otherwise ordered by a court of agency of competent jurisdiction. The project applicant should waive any and all claims to ownership of Tribal ceremonial and cultural items, including archaeological items, which may be found on a project site in favor of the Tribe. If any intermediary (e.g., an archaeological retained by the project applicant) is necessary, said entity or individual shall not possess those items for longer than is reasonably necessary, as determined solely by the Tribe.

• If additional significant sites or sites not identified as significant in the environmental review process, but later determined to be significant are located within a project impact area, such sites will be subjected to further archaeological and cultural significance evaluation by the project applicant, Solano County and the Tribe to determine if additional mitigation measures are necessary to treat sites in a culturally appropriate manner consistent with CEQA requirements for mitigation of impacts to cultural resources. If there are human remains present that have been identified as Native American, all work will cease for a period of up to 30 days in accordance with Federal Law.

## **Mitigation Measure CUL-5**

**Treatment Protocol for Native American Resources.** The preferred protocol upon the discovery of Native American human remains is to secure the area, cover any exposed human remains or other cultural items and avoid further disturbances in the area. All parties are advised to treat the remains with appropriate dignity, as provided in PRC Section 5097.98. All parties shall treat tribal representatives and the event itself with appropriate respect.

If, after the Yocha Dehe Tribal representative has been granted access to the site and it is determined that avoidance is not feasible, an examination of the human remains will be conducted to confirm they are human and to determine the position, posture, and orientation of the remains. The following procedures shall be followed:

- All excavation in the vicinity of the human remains will be conducted using fine hand tools and fine brushes to sweep loose dirt free from the exposure.
- In order to determine the nature and extent of the grade and its contents, controlled excavation should extend to a full buffer zone around the perimeter of the remains.
- To initiate the exposure, a perimeter balk (especially, a shallow trench) should be excavated, representing a reasonable buffer a minimum of 10 centimeters around the maximum extent of the known skeletal remains, with attention to counterintuitive discoveries or unanticipated finds relating to this or other remains. The dirt from the perimeter balk should be bucketed, distinctly labeled, and screened for cultural materials.
- Excavation should then proceed inward from the walls of the balk as well as downward from the surface
  of the exposure. Loose dirt should be scooped out and brushed off into a dustpan or other collective
  device. Considerable care should be given to ensure that human remains are not further impacted by
  the process of excavation.
- Buckets, collection bags, notes, and tags should be fully labeled per provenience, and a distinction should be made between samples collected from: (1) Perimeter Balk (described above), (2) Exposure (dirt removed in exposing the exterior/burial plan and associations, and (3) Matrix (dirt from the interstices between bones or associations). Thus, each burial may have three bags, "Burial 1 Perimeter Balk," "Burial 1 Exposure Balk," "Burial 1 Matrix."
- The following records should be compiled in the field: (1) a detailed scale drawing of the burial, including the provenience of and full for all human remains, associated artifacts, and the configuration of all associated phenomena such as burial pits, evidence for pre-interment grave pit burning, soil variability, and intrusive disturbance, (2) complete a formal burial record using the consultants proprietary form or other standard form providing information on site #, unit or other proveniences, level depth, depth and location of the burial from a fixed datum, workers, date(s), artifact list, skeletal inventory, and other pertinent observations, (3) crew chief and worker field notes that may supplement

- or supersede information contained in the burial recording form, and (4) photographs, including either standard photography or high-quality (400-500 DPI or 10 MP recommended) digital imaging.
- Photographs and images may be used only for showing location or configuration of questionable formation or for the position of the skeleton. They are not to be duplicated for publication unless a written release is obtained from the Tribe.
- Association between the remains and other cultural materials should be determined in the field in
  consultation with an authorized Tribal representative and may be amended per laboratory findings.
   Records of provenience and sample labels should be adequate to determine association or degree of
  likelihood of association of human remains and other cultural materials.
- For each burial, all Perimeter Balk soil is to be 1/8"-screened. All Exposure soil is to be 1/8"-screened, and a minimum of one 5-gallon bucket of excavated but unscreened Exposure soil is to be collected, placed in a plastic garbage bag in the bucket. All Matrix soil is to be carefully excavated, screened as appropriate, and then collected in plastic bags placed in 5-gallon buckets.
- Human remains are not to be cleaned in the field.
- Prior to any physical action related to human remains, a designated tribal representative will conduct
  prayers and blessings over the remains. The archaeological consultant will be responsible for ensuring
  that individuals and tools involved in the action are available for traditional blessings and prayers, as
  necessary.

No laboratory studies are permitted without consultation with the tribe. Lab methods are determined on a projectspecific basis in consultation with Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation representatives. The following procedures shall be implemented:

- The primary archaeological consultant will be responsible for insuring that all lab procedures follow stipulations made by the Tribe.
- Prior to any laboratory activities related to the remains, a designated tribal representative will conduct
  prayers and blessings over the remains. The archaeological consultant will be responsible for ensuring
  that individuals and tools involved in the action are available for traditional blessings and prayers, as
  necessary.
- To the extent possible, all remains, associations, samples, and original records are to be kept together
  throughout the laboratory process. In particular, Matrix dirt is to be kept in buckets and will accompany
  the remains to the lab. The primary archaeological consultant will be responsible for copying all field
  records and images and ensuring that the original notes and records accompany the remains
  throughout the process.
- Laboratory study should be done making every effort to identify unanticipated finds or materials missed in the field, such as objects encased in dirt or human remains misidentified as faunal remains in the field. In the event of discovery of additional remains, materials, and other associations the tribal representatives are to be contacted immediately.
- No laboratory studies are permitted on human remains and funerary objects. The preferred treatment
  preference for exhumed Native American human remains is reburial in an area not subject to further
  disturbance. Any objects associated with remains will be reinterred with the remains. Laboratory study
  should be done making every effort to identify unanticipated finds or materials missed in the field, such
  as objects encased in dirt or human remains misidentified as faunal remains in the field. In the event of
  discovery of additional remains, materials, and other associations the tribal representatives are to be
  contacted immediately.

Should all, or a sample, of any archaeological materials collected during the data recovery activities – with the exception of Human Remains – need to be curated, an inventory and location information of the curation facility shall be given to tribe for our records.

## **Mitigation Measure NOI-1**

**Construction Vibration Damage.** Due to the close proximity to surrounding structures, the County of Solano (County) Director of Community Development, or designee, shall verify prior to issuance of demolition or grading

permits, that the approved plans require that the construction contractor shall implement the following mitigation measures during project construction activities to ensure that damage does not occur at surrounding structures:

- A 15-foot buffer between existing structures and the Project site area shall be clearly delineated with stakes, fencing or other conspicuous boundary markings, to outline the area in which the use of heavy equipment shall be avoided.
- The use of heavy construction shall be avoided within 15 feet of existing surrounding structures.
- However, if the use of heavy equipment is required within 15 feet of surrounding structures, the following measures should be employed:
- Identify structures that are located within 15 feet (ft) of heavy construction activities and that have the potential to be affected by ground-borne vibration. This task shall be conducted by a qualified structural engineer as approved by the County's Director of Community Development, or designee.
- Develop a vibration monitoring and construction contingency plan for approval by the Director of Community Development, or designee, to identify structures where monitoring would be conducted; set up a vibration monitoring schedule; define structure-specific vibration limits; and address the need to conduct photo, elevation, and crack surveys to document before and after construction conditions. Construction contingencies would be identified for when vibration levels approached the limits.
- At a minimum, monitor vibration during initial demolition activities. Monitoring results may indicate the need for more or less intensive measurements.
- When vibration levels approach limits, suspend construction and implement contingencies as identified in the approved vibration monitoring and construction contingency plan to either lower vibration levels or secure the affected structures.

# **Mitigation Measure TRA-1**

**Measures to Reduce VMT.** The project applicant shall implement the following recommended measures from the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA) *Handbook for Analyzing Greenhouse Gas Emission Reductions, Assessing Climate Vulnerabilities, and Advancing Health and Equity:* 

- T-5 Implement Commute Trip Reduction Program Voluntary. This strategy would implement a
  voluntary Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) program with employers to discourage single-occupancy
  vehicle trips and encourage alternative modes of transportation such as carpooling, taking transit,
  walking and biking.
- T-7 Implement Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) Marketing. This measure would implement a marketing strategy to promote the project site employer's CTR program. Information sharing and marketing promote and educate employees about their travel choices to the employment location beyond driving such as carpooling, taking transit, walking and biking, thereby reducing VMT and GHG emissions.
- T-9 Implement Subsidized or Discounted Transit Program. This measure would provide subsidized or discounted, or free transit passes for employees and/or residents. Reducing the out-of-pocket cost for choosing transit improves the competitiveness of transit against driving, increasing the total number of transit trips and decreasing vehicle trips. This decrease in vehicle trips results in reduced VMT and thus a reduction in GHG emissions. The closest route to the project is the City of Fairfield FAST Route #7 which operates between the Fairfield Transportation Center and the Cordelia Library with a stop at Solano Community College. This stop is less than ½ mile from the project site.
- T-10 Provide End of Trip Facilities. This measure will install and maintain end-of-trip facilities for employee use. End-of-trip facilities include bike parking, bike lockers, showers, and personal lockers. The provision and maintenance of secure bike parking and related facilities encourages commuting by bicycle, thereby reducing VMT and GHG emissions.
- T-14 Provide Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure. Install onsite electric vehicle chargers in an
  amount beyond what is required by the 2019 California Green Building Standards (CALGreen) at
  buildings with designated parking areas (e.g., commercial, educational, retail, multifamily). This will
  enable drivers of Plug-In Hybrid Electric Vehicles (PHEVs) to drive a larger share of miles in electric
  mode (eVMT), as opposed to gasoline-powered mode, thereby displacing GHG emissions from

- gasoline consumption with a lesser amount of indirect emissions from electricity. Most PHEVs owners charge their vehicles at home overnight. When making trips during the day, the vehicle will switch to gasoline mode if/when it reaches its maximum all-electric range.
- T-18 Provide Pedestrian Network Improvement This measure will increase the sidewalk coverage to improve pedestrian access. Providing sidewalks and an enhanced pedestrian network encourages people to walk instead of drive.
- T-22 Implement Pedal Bikeshare Program (Non-Electric and/or Electric) This measure will establish a bikeshare program. Bikeshare programs provide users with on-demand access to bikes for short-term use. This encourages a mode shift from vehicles to bicycles, displacing VMT and thus reducing GHG emissions. This program could be useful for visitors to the site exploring the Solano Wine Region along Suisun Valley Road.
- T-25 Extend Transit Network Coverage or Hours. This measure will expand the local transit network by either adding or modifying existing transit service or extending the operation hours to enhance the service near the project site. Starting services earlier in the morning and/or extending services to latenight hours can accommodate the commuting times of alternative shift workers. This will encourage the use of transit and therefore reduce VMT and associated GHG emissions. This measure could extend Route 7 of the FAST network to the Suisun Valley Road / Rockville Road intersection to further encourage transit ridership.

# PREPARATION:

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