## **COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE**

## **ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FORM: INITIAL STUDY**

Environmental Assessment (CEQ / EA) Number: CEQ #240003

Project Case Type (s) and Number(s): Plot Plan No. 2200047 (PPT220047) and Variance #230002

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**Applicant's Name:** Stephane Wandel on behalf of Thrifty Oil Co.

**Applicant's Address:** 13116 Imperial Highway, Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670

### I. PROJECT INFORMATION

Thrifty Oil Co (Applicant) proposes to construct one 194,479 square foot (SF) concrete tilt-up, non-refrigerated warehouse on an 8.87-acres of vacant land designated as APN 317-260-016 and 317-260-015 on the northeast corner of Water Street and Tobacco Road in the unincorporated Mead Valley area of Riverside County, approximately 7 miles west of the City of Perris (Proposed Project, Figure 1 - Regional Vicinity; Figure 2 - Project Site - Aerial View; Figure 3 - Project Site USGS View). The Proposed Project is designed to house one or more tenant(s), which have not been designated at this time, and will include one 186,479 SF warehouse with 10 bays, one grade level dock, 22 high docks and two, 4,000 SF offices, and related site landscaping, drainage basin, and parking.

The Project also includes dedication of approximately 0.27 acres for public right of way improvements to be built along Water Street and Tobacco Road as a part of the Proposed Project, as well as off-site utility improvements.

The project will also include onsite and offsite infrastructure improvements as required by the County of Riverside.

#### **Concurrent Entitlements:**

The Project requires the following approvals:

- Plot Plan No. 2200047 (PPT220047) to approve 194,479 SF non-refrigerated warehouse with 10 bays, one grade level door and 22 truck docks on 8.78 (net) acres and approximately 0.27 acres for street dedication and drainage improvements.
- Variance application No. PPT220047 to reduce the setback from 50 feet to 41 feet on the northern property boundary where the property north of the Project Site (APN 317-260-17 and owned by Project Applicant) which is zoned R-R-1 and has a land use of Rural Community-Very Low Density Residential.

### **On-Site Improvements**

The project proposes the following on-site improvements:

<u>Site Plan Overview.</u> The Project is to construct one 194,479 SF non-refrigerated warehouse with 10 bays, one grade level door and 22 truck docks on 8.87 (net) acres and approximately 0.27 acres for street dedication and drainage improvements (refer to Off-Site Improvements in this section). The warehouse is designed to house one or more tenant(s), which have not been identified at this time, and includes 8,000 square-feet of offices (Figure 4 - *Site Plan*). The lot coverage would be 47.8 percent

based on the gross lot size where a maximum of 50 percent is allowed, and the floor area ratio (FAR) would be 0.49 based on the gross lot size.

The Project Site abuts APN 317-260-17 on the north which has R-R-1 zoning and APN 317-260-034 on the east, which is zoned M-SC. The Project Applicant owns APN 317-260-17. The Project is designed with a building setback of 42-45 feet on the northern property boundary and an approximate 138 feet on the east, where a minimum of 50 feet is allowed where an industrial property abuts a residential or commercially zoned property. A 6-foot-minimum and approximately 13 foot maximum varying landscape area is planned along the northerly property line and approximately 25 feet is provided along the easterly property line, where a minimum of 20 feet is required unless a tree screen is proposed. Therefore, to be compliant with the design standards for the northern property boundary the Applicant requires a variance. It is not feasible to move the building due to lot size and topography, and it is not financially feasible for the Applicant to reduce the building size while funding the County's master plan of drainage and street improvements being required as part of Project approvals. Further details are provided in Applicant's request for variance application.

The building interior height would be approximately 36-foot minimum clear, with an exterior height not to exceed 47'-6" above finish floor which is consistent with Federal Aviation Administration/March Air Reserve Base limitations and is consistent with the building elevations of the industrial uses within the immediate Project vicinity (Figure 5 - *Building Elevations and Profiles*). The Project was reviewed and approved by the ALUC on January 12, 2023 under File No. ZAP1550MA22. The ALUC Staff Report analyzed Part 77 and stated that due to the project distance being 8,300 feet from the runway an FAA Review would be required for any structures with the top of roof exceeding 1,571 feet AMSL. The Site elevation is approximately 1,464 feet AMSL. With the building being as tall as53.5' tall, the Top of Roof would be 1,517.5 feet AMSL and thus a review of the building by the FAA Obstruction Elevation Service is not required.

The color scheme of the warehouse is a variety of neutral earth tones with accents which are consistent with a color scheme to blend with the surrounding area.

<u>Parking</u>. The site contains a total of 126 auto-parking spaces, which include five spaces that are American with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant stalls. Pursuant to Section 5.106.5.3.1 of the CalGreen Code, a total of 26 electric vehicle (EV) capable spaces will be provided. Of the 26 EV capable spaces, 6 will be auto parking spaces with electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) installed. Of the 6 auto parking spaces with EVSE, one will be designated as standard accessible EVCS and one will be designated as van accessible EVCS. Pursuant to Section 5.106.4.1.2 of the CalGreen Code, 7 long-term bicycle parking spaces will be provided.

Landscaping and Hardscape. Landscaping is designed around the perimeter as well as within various parking areas. The facility will provide approximately 58,128 SF of landscaped area (approximately 15 percent of the net lot area), which exceeds the 15 percent (or 57,979 SF) minimum required by the County (refer to Figure 6 - *Landscaping Plan*). Drought tolerant plants are incorporated into the design. A street tree that will be determined in the construction phase is primarily planned for the Water Street frontage, while chitalpa and Rhus Lancea are planned for the Tobacco Road frontage. Brisbane box trees are planned for the northern property boundary, with Chitalpas and Brisbane box trees being temporarily planted along the slope extending off the property. Drought tolerant ground cover is identified around the building perimeter and along the property boundary perimeter. Best Management Practices (BMPs) are included to reduce imperviousness and incorporate Low Impact Design (LID) Principles into the landscape design.

<u>Site Lighting</u>: Site lighting will be LED lights building-mounted and pole-mounted hooded or shielded per the Airport Land Use Commission requirements that will be pointed downward at the parking lot and/or along the edges of the building (Figure 7 - *Photometric Plan*). Lighting will be retained onsite per County standards.

Stormwater Management: The Project Applicant has prepared a Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP, Appendix H-2) that identifies stormwater management for the building operations/post construction. Overall, the existing drainage patterns were identified, and the design preserves the overall drainage pattern. As part of the Project, the on-site storm drain system will be constructed to collect and convey the storm water runoff in a northeasterly direction to proposed permanent structural best management practices (BMPs) for treatment purpose. The site BMP's will consist of pre-treatment filtering systems prior to stormwater infiltration by underground storm chambers. The site will attenuate the Q-10 yr 24- hr. design storm and the design capture volume will be infiltrated. The chambers are sized to attenuate the developed flows and safely pass the Q-100 design storm at the project site. The stormwater will discharge through four 12-inch diameter storm drainpipes to an overflow "U" shaped concrete channel and weirs to the adjacent County of Riverside easterly parcel. There will also be a 3-foot wide stabilization blanket consisting of grouted rip-rap continuous to the property line discharge via sheet flow. Construction of the Project will also require the contractor to prepare a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) as the site is more than 1 acre.

<u>Utilities and Services</u>: Public water and sewer are provided by Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD), electrical service is available from Southern California Edison (SCE), and natural gas is available from Southern California Gas (SoCal Gas/Sempra Energy). The Applicant has received Will Serve Letters from EMWD and SCE (Appendix K). The Project will not require natural gas service.

### **Off-Site Improvements**

The project proposes the following off-site improvements:

- Installation of approximately 1,250 linear feet of sewer main to connect with the existing main currently located east of the Project Site, at the intersection of Water Street and Harvill Avenue.
   A new 8-inch line will be installed in the Water Street right of way from the existing EMWD sewer manhole located at Harvill Avenue intersection (westerly side of the street).
- The water connections are planned to tie into existing water mains fronting the site in Tobacco Road and Water Street.
- Road improvements are proposed to widen and pave Water Street along the Project frontage, from Tobacco Road to approximately 660 feet easterly of the intersection of Water Street and Tobacco Road. Improvements include paving, installation of curb, gutter and sidewalk (28-foot half street improvements) plus 18-feet width.
- Road improvements are proposed to widen Tobacco Road from the intersection of Water Street approximately 650 linear feet north from the intersection of Tobacco Road and Water Street to Placentia Avenue. Improvements include 32 feet of pavement along the Project frontage with Tobacco Road and 16 feet of one-half street pavement and graded shoulder from the northern property boundary to the intersection of Tobacco Road and Placentia Avenue. In addition, minor curb return and pavement transitions to the existing asphalt pavement will be installed at the intersection of Tobacco Road and Placentia Avenue. An asphalt-concrete berm will be constructed to convey drainage to the Placentia Avenue intersection storm drain system (Lateral H 10.1).
- Construction of 630 feet of 36-inch Master Planned Storm Drain Line H-10 along the project frontage in Water Street from the intersection of Tobacco Road easterly to the tie-in per County of Riverside Storm Drain Improvement plan IP220057. The adjacent developer (BCIF Harvill Business Center LP) per PPT220002 will construct the Master Plan Storm Drain Line H-10, 672 feet of 36-inch reinforced concrete pipe (RCP) in Water Street from the intersection of Harvill Avenue and Water Street to the Project Site's easterly boundary. Thrifty Oil Company, has also

coordinated with BCIF Harvill Business Center LP for construction of the downstream storm drain Line H 10 (approximately 1,337.5 linear feet of 54-inch and 48-inch RCP in Harvill Avenue) from the intersection of Water Street and Harvill Avenue to the intersection of Harvill Avenue and Placentia Avenue per Perris Valley MDP Line H-10 County Flood Control Plans prepared per IP 220057. Therefore, the new storm drain planned from the Property Site boundary to the intersection of Water Street and Harvill Avenue, and from Harvill Avenue to Placentia Avenue, would be constructed by others, however, the Applicant is required to complete those improvements should the other applicant not follow through with construction of the new line. The storm drain alignment is shown on Figure 8 – Off-Site Improvements

- Construction of 1,250 feet of multipurpose trail per modified County of Riverside Standard No 405 (18-feet in width), consisting of 10-feet wide densified granite trail with a split rail equestrian fence separating an 8-feet wide parkway section consisting of 2 feet of landscaping and a 6-feet wide public sidewalk. The multipurpose trail will be constructed within the public right-of-way on the southerly side of Placentia Avenue from the southeasterly intersection of Tobacco Road to the intersection of Harvill Avenue. The trail section is shown on Figure 8 Off-Site Improvements.
- Street lights along the property frontage along Water and Tobacco, to County standards.

#### Construction

Construction is anticipated to occur in one phase, beginning in winter 2024, lasting approximately 12 months. Initial site improvements include grading and underground infrastructure followed by building construction, paving, and landscape activities. The grading quantities are anticipated to balance on site and little to no import or export of fill material is anticipated. Project construction will require the use of heavy equipment such as dozers, scrapers, paving machines, concrete trucks, and water trucks.

Construction activities include the following:

<u>Site grading and underground utility construction</u> – expected to last approximately two months. Site activities include placement of underground water, sewer and other utilities throughout the site to service the building. Typical equipment includes excavators and trenchers.

<u>Building Construction and Architectural Coating</u> – construction of the warehouse (including the office space) is expected to occur over eight to nine months. The construction method is concrete tilt-up – concrete is formed on the ground, lifted into place and braced. Typical equipment includes welders, concrete trucks, and cranes for lifting. Should a crane be utilized, the Project contractor will comply with all local, State, and federal regulations, including but not limited to the FAA Section 77.13 for construction/alteration near airports. The type of equipment will be evaluated and all permits obtained as necessary prior to construction. All portions of the building will be completed including installation of rollup doors and painting, per plans to be permitted by the appropriate regulatory agencies.

<u>Final Site Paving and Landscaping</u> – anticipated to occur over one month. All parking areas will be paved, and landscaping placed per the design. All architectural and parking lot lighting will also be installed.

### **Operations**

As no tenant has been selected at this time, the specific operational scenario for the Project cannot be identified. However, it is anticipated that the Project will be conditioned to operate within the County of Riverside zoning and regulatory guidelines for type of use and hours of operation. The Industrial Park zoning of the site provides for light industrial uses and related activities including manufacturing,

research, warehouse and distribution, assembly of non-hazardous materials and retail related to manufacturing. This zone correlates with the "Light Industrial" General Plan Land Use designation.

In general, the facility is designed to be a non-refrigerated warehouse facility with one grade level doors and 25 truck docks. Security gates are designed at the south entrance from Water Street, and in the drive aisle on the northern side of the building. The gates will be open during the tenant operating hours.

Based on the building size and the County of Riverside General Plan employee generation factor of 1 employee for every 1,030 SF of Light Industrial space layout, the calculation results in an employee total of approximately 188. However, this estimate exceeds the required parking of 125 spaces, as well as employment of similar operations. Employment estimates calculated using the employment density factors identified in the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) *Employment Density Study* (October 2001), which identifies a rate of one employee per 1,195 SF. of building area for industrial warehouse uses result in 163 employees (194,479 SF ÷ 1,195 SF/employee = 163 employees), again exceeding required parking. The estimated number of employees that would be required for the Project has t been estimated for purposes of this analysis at 100 based on actual data from similar facilities operating throughout southern California. This employment projection does not include truck drivers which may be accounted for in other jurisdictions (e.g. place of residence which may not be in the Project's area of Riverside County).

There are 3 vehicular access points into the Project Site; two on Tobacco and one on Water. The main entrance for autos is from the southern driveway along Tobacco Road. The primary truck entrance is located on the south end of the Project Site on Water street, with a secondary truck access on the north side of the building to accommodate overflow passenger cars and trucks as well as emergency vehicles.

Also, 30 trailer parking stalls are provided along the eastern side of the building, inside the truck court.

All driveways are designed to allow for full turns into and out of the Project Site, with all driveways to be a minimum of 250 feet from the nearest intersection.

The site falls within the Mead Valley Area Plan (MVAP), with a land use designation as Business Park. The parcel zoning is I-P Industrial Park (Figure 8 - Project Site Zoning).

Α.	Type of Project:	Site Specific $\boxtimes$ ;	Countywide :;	Community $\square$ ;	Policy .
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### **B.** Total Project Area:

Residential Acres: Units: 0 Projected No. of Residents: Lots: Commercial Acres: Lots: Sq. Ft. of Bldg. Area: Est. No. of Employees: **Sq. Ft. of Bldg. Area**: 194,479 Industrial Acres: 9.14 Lots: 2 Est. No. of Employees: Other: 100 Lots: Sq. Ft. of Bldg. Area: Est. No. of Employees:

**C. Assessor's Parcel No(s)**: 317-260-016 and 317-260-015

**Street References:** Northeast corner of Water Street and Tobacco Road, within the Mead Valley Area Plan (MVAP).

- D. Section, Township & Range Description or reference/attach a Legal Description: Section 13, Township 4 South, Range 4 West, San Bernardino Base and Meridian, California, Steele Peek, USGS Quad.
- E. Brief description of the existing environmental setting of the project site and its surroundings: The Project Site is relatively flat, with elevations that range from approximately

1,567 to 1,532 feet above mean sea level, sloping in a northeasterly gradient. Figure 9 – *Project Site Zoning* identifies the Site and zoning and the surrounding zoning.

**North:** The Project Site abuts vacant property on the north side, zoned R-R-1 (Rural Residential). Placentia Ave lies approximately 650 feet to the north of the Project Site. Residential land uses exist immediately northeast of the Project Site, along Tobacco Road and Placentia Ave. That property is also owned by the Applicant and is intended to be converted to industrial uses.

**South:** Water Street, an approximately 21-foot-wide paved road, lies along the southern Project Site boundary. Water Street is planned to be a 60-foot-wide roadway, and the Project Site is situated outside of its ultimate alignment. Land immediately south of Water Street is zoned Industrial Park and is occupied by truck and trailer parking facility.

**West:** Tobacco Road, an approximately 26-foot-wide paved road, lies along the western Project Site Boundary. Zoning immediately west of Tobacco Road is agriculture (A-1-1) and is vacant, and the western extension of Water Street extends into this area, however, it is closed to the public. A portion of the vacant land is flat and a portion contains a granitic rock ridgeline that trends in a northerly-southerly direction through most of the Mead Valley area. The property is currently being considered for a land use change to Industrial.

**East:** The Project Site abuts vacant property along the east side that is zoned Manufacturing, Service Commercial (M-SC). This parcel is owned by the County of Riverside and the County intends to use this parcel as a transportation operations yard.

### II. APPLICABLE GENERAL PLAN AND ZONING REGULATIONS

### A. General Plan Elements/Policies:

• Land Use: The Project Site is within the Mead Valley Area Plan (MVAP) with a General Plan Foundation Component of Community Development and a Land Use designation of Business Park (BP). The MVAP defines "Business Park" as "employee intensive uses, including research & development, technology centers, corporate offices, "clean" industry and supporting retail uses," and supporting a floor area ratio (FAR) of 0.25 to 0.60. The Proposed Project is consistent with the use of Business Park, and the Project's FAR is 0.497, consistent with the design standards.

<u>Setbacks and Variance</u>: County Code, Title 17, Section 17.96.040 requires a minimum 50 feet setback on any boundary where the industrial property abuts a residential or commercially zoned property. A minimum of 20 feet of the setback must be landscaped unless a tree screen is approved in which case the setback area may be used for automobile parking, driveways or landscaping. Block walls or other fencing may be required. County Code, Title 17, Section 17.196.010 describes that a variance may be granted because of special circumstances applicable to a parcel of property, including size, shape, topography, location or surroundings, the strict application of this title deprives such property of privileges enjoyed by other property in the vicinity that is under the same zoning classification. Variances are limited to modifications of property development standards, such as lot size, lot coverage, yards, and parking and landscape requirements.

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6-10 feet of the northern property setback and 18-25 feet within the eastern setback. Therefore, to be compliant with the design standards for the northern property boundary the Applicant requires a variance. It is not feasible to move the building due to lot size and topography, and it is not financially feasible for the Applicant to reduce the building size in addition to funding all of the County's master plan of drainage improvements being required as part of Project approvals. Further details are provided in Applicant's request for variance application.

- **Circulation:** The site is within the MVAP. Applicable circulation policies contained in the Plan include the following:
  - MVAP 9.1 Design and develop the vehicular roadway system per General Plan Circulation Element Figure 7, Circulation, and in accordance with the Functional Classifications and Standards.
  - MVAP 9.2 Maintain the County's roadway Level of Service standards as described in the Level of Service section of the General Plan Circulation Element.

The Project Site is not located adjacent to a scenic area nor are there General Plan identified scenic resources in the area. Therefore, the circulation policies relative to scenic highways are not applicable as there are no scenic highways in the Project area.

The Project includes street improvements to Tobacco Road and Water Street. Project Site access would be accommodated off of Tobacco Road and Water Street for both passenger cars and trucks. Access to the I-215 Freeway is anticipated to occur via Placentia Avenue to the north of the Project Site directly to the I-215 Freeway. The Proposed Project will be reviewed and approved for conformance with Riverside County Ordinance No. 461, "Road Improved Standards and Specifications" by the Riverside County Transportation Department.

The General Plan Element identifies that Level of Service (LOS) "C" applies to all development proposals within the MVAP. The Proposed Project is anticipated to generate a total of 334 two-way trips per day with 31 AM peak hour trips and 36 PM peak hour trips (in actual vehicles). In comparison, the Proposed Project is anticipated to generate a total of 514 passenger car equivalent (PCE) two-way trips per day with 39 PCE AM peak hour trips and 39 PCE PM peak hour trips. According to the County's traffic study guidelines, the Project generates less than 100 vehicle trips during the peak hours and is exempt from preparing a Traffic Impact Analysis. Therefore, it is assumed that the Project would maintain a LOS C consistent with the General Plan.

 Multipurpose Open Space: The Proposed Project is not located in an Open Space area or adjacent to an Open Space area. No natural open space land is required to be preserved within the boundaries of this Project.

The property is located in the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) Conservation Area and falls within Criteria Cell 2529. A Habitat Evaluation and Acquisition Negotiation Strategy (HANS) evaluation for the Proposed Project was prepared and submitted to Riverside County for review and processing. There is approximately 29.69 acres of native scrub within Criteria Cell 2529 that would meet the goals of conserving between 8.70 (5%) and 24.25 (15%) acres of habitat. These acres lie outside of the Project Site boundaries to the west, and is the portion of the Cell desired for acquisition. The western acreage is also closest to the existing conserved lands. The County will provide conditions of approval reflecting HANS compliance measures.

The Project is consistent with or would otherwise not conflict with MSHCP Section 3.3.13 evaluation, findings and recommendations. No riparian or other sensitive vegetation is located on the site and the Project Site is not a wildlife corridor nor located in a floodway or floodway fringe area. The site also does not contain agricultural resources, mineral resources, or any known significant cultural or paleontological resources, and is not located in a designated scenic corridor. The Proposed Project would not be a water-intensive use, and the Project's landscaping plan complies with County Ordinance No. 859.3, "Water Efficient Landscape Requirements".

The Proposed Project meets all other applicable Multipurpose Open Space Element Policies.

- Safety: The Proposed Project is not located within any special hazard zone (including fault zone, high liquefaction, dam inundation zone, high fire hazard area, etc.). On January 12, 2023, the Riverside County Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) reviewed the Proposed Project for air hazard safety and deemed the project consistent with the March Air Reserve Base Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan for Zone C2 subject to conditions of approval which the County will impose as conditions of approval on Plot Plan No. 2200047. The Proposed Project has allowed for sufficient provision of emergency response services to the future users of this facility through the design and payment of development impact fees. The Proposed Project meets with all other applicable Safety Element policies.
- Noise: Noise associated with thie Proposed Project will be during the initial grading and building construction, which is temporary. Operational noise will meet all applicable Noise policies.
- **Housing:** The Proposed Project does not include housing.
- Air Quality: The Proposed Project would control any fugitive dust during grading and construction activities pursuant to South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD)requirements. The Proposed Project meets all applicable Air Quality Element policies.
- **Healthy Communities:** Not applicable. The Proposed Project is a warehouse within an industrial area. The Project would not result in any air quality, hazardous materials, noise or other impacts that would affect Healthy Communities.
- Environmental Justice: The Project would develop and operate one speculative warehouse building on the undeveloped site, which has been planned for Business Park uses. The Project is located in the Mead Valley Environmental Justice Community (see Figure 9). In compliance with General Plan Policy HC 15.1, multiple outreach events have been conducted during the planning process for the Project. Additionally, the Applicant has provided a completed an Environmental Justice Form showing that the Proposed Project complies with all applicable Environmental Justice Policies. Figure 10 Environmental Justice Communities provides the Project Site Icoation in relation to sensitive communities.
- **B.** General Plan Area Plan(s): Mead Valley Area Plan (MVAP).
- **C.** Foundation Component(s): Community Development.
- **D. Land Use Designation(s):** Business Park (Mead Valley)

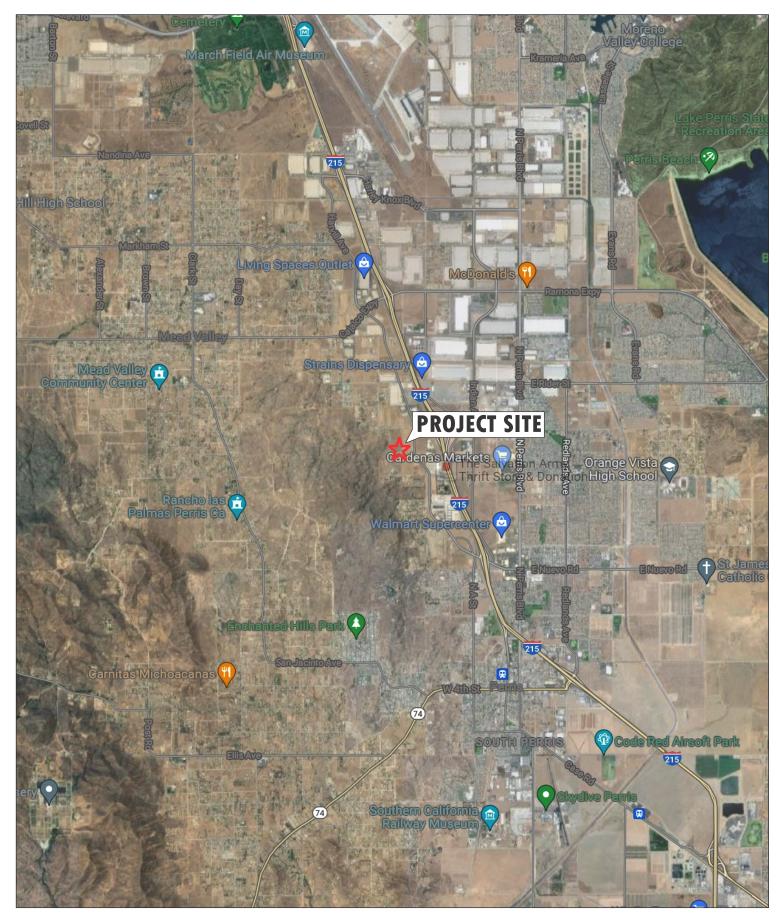
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## IV. DETERMINATION

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

A PREVIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT/NEGATIVE DECLARATION WAS NOT PREPARED
I find that the proposed project <b>COULD NOT</b> have a significant effect on the environment, and a <b>NEGATIVE DECLARATION</b> will be prepared.
I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project, described in this document, have been made or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an <b>ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT</b> is required.
A PREVIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT/NEGATIVE DECLARATION WAS PREPARED
I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, NO NEW ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION IS REQUIRED because (a) all potentially significant effects of the proposed project have been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or Negative Declaration pursuant to applicable legal standards, (b) all potentially significant effects of the proposed project have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or Negative Declaration, (c) the proposed project will not result in any new significant environmental effects not identified in the earlier EIR or Negative Declaration, (d) the proposed project will not substantially increase the severity of the environmental effects identified in the earlier EIR or Negative Declaration, (e) no considerably different mitigation measures have been identified and (f) no mitigation measures found infeasible have become feasible.  I find that although all potentially significant effects have been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or Negative Declaration pursuant to applicable legal standards, some changes or additions are
necessary but none of the conditions described in California Code of Regulations, Section 15162 exist. An <b>ADDENDUM</b> to a previously-certified EIR or Negative Declaration has been prepared and will be considered by the approving body or bodies.
I find that at least one of the conditions described in California Code of Regulations, Section 15162 exist, but I further find that only minor additions or changes are necessary to make the previous EIR adequately apply to the project in the changed situation; therefore a <b>SUPPLEMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT</b> is required that need only contain the information necessary to make the previous EIR adequate for the project as revised.
I find that at least one of the following conditions described in California Code of Regulations, Section 15162, exist and a SUBSEQUENT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required: (1) Substantial changes are proposed in the project which will require major revisions of the previous EIR or negative declaration due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects; (2) Substantial changes have occurred with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken which will require major revisions of the previous EIR or negative declaration due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects; or (3) New information of substantial importance, which was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the previous EIR was certified as complete or the negative declaration was adopted, shows any the following:(A) The project will have one or more significant effects not discussed in the previous EIR or negative declaration;(B) Significant effects previously examined will be substantially more severe than shown in the previous EIR or negative declaration;(C) Mitigation measures or alternatives previously found not to be feasible would in fact be feasible, and would substantially reduce one or more significant effects of the project, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measures or alternatives which are considerably different from those analyzed in the previous EIR or negative declaration would

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# **REGIONAL LOCATION**

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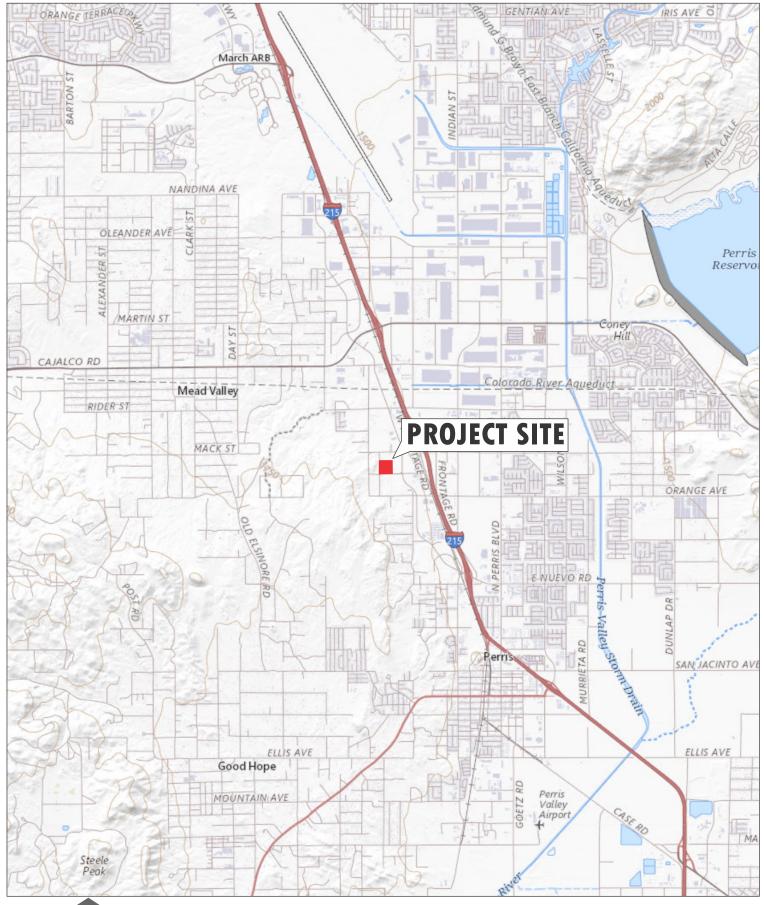






# **PROJECT SITE-AERIAL VIEW**

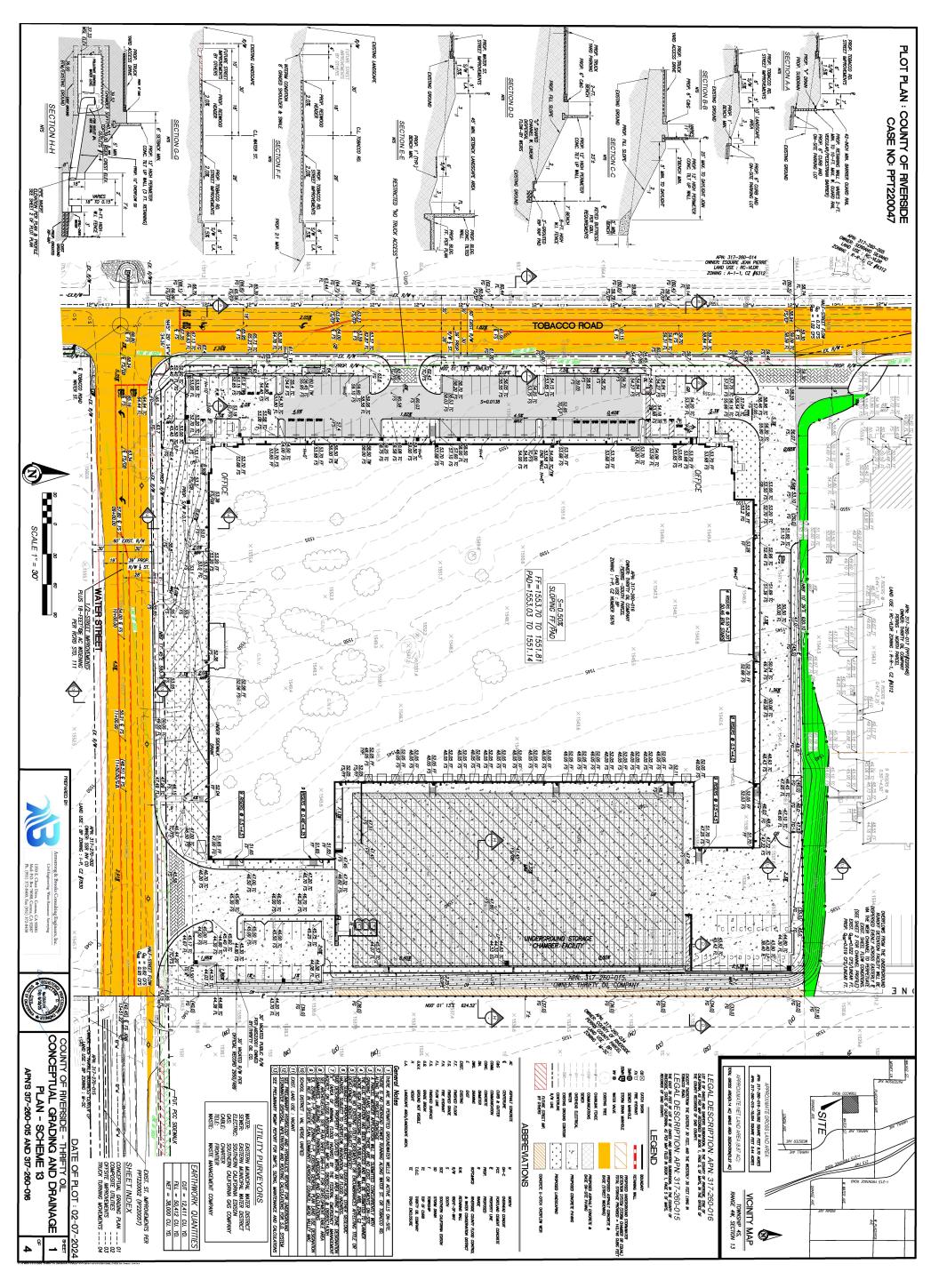
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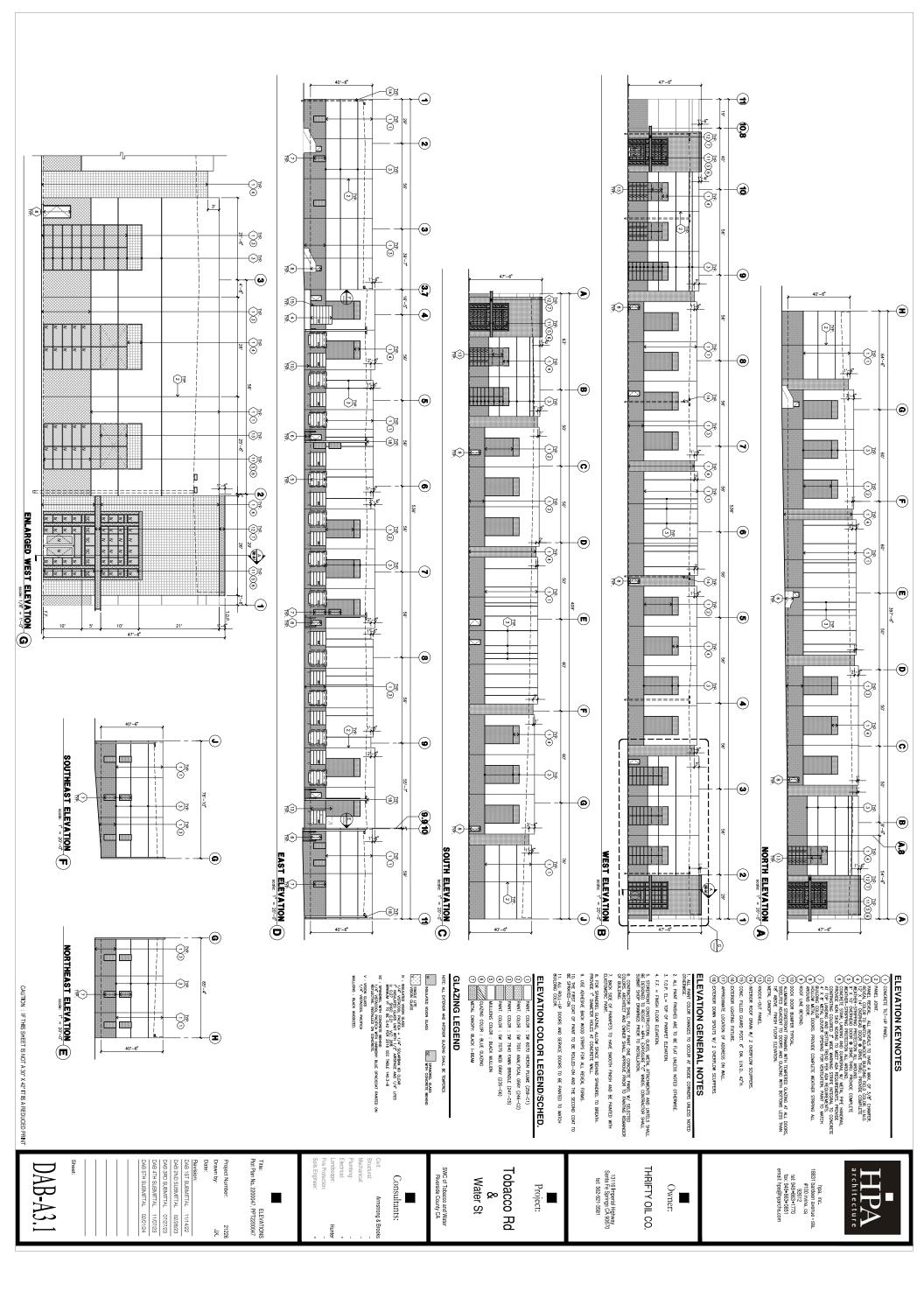
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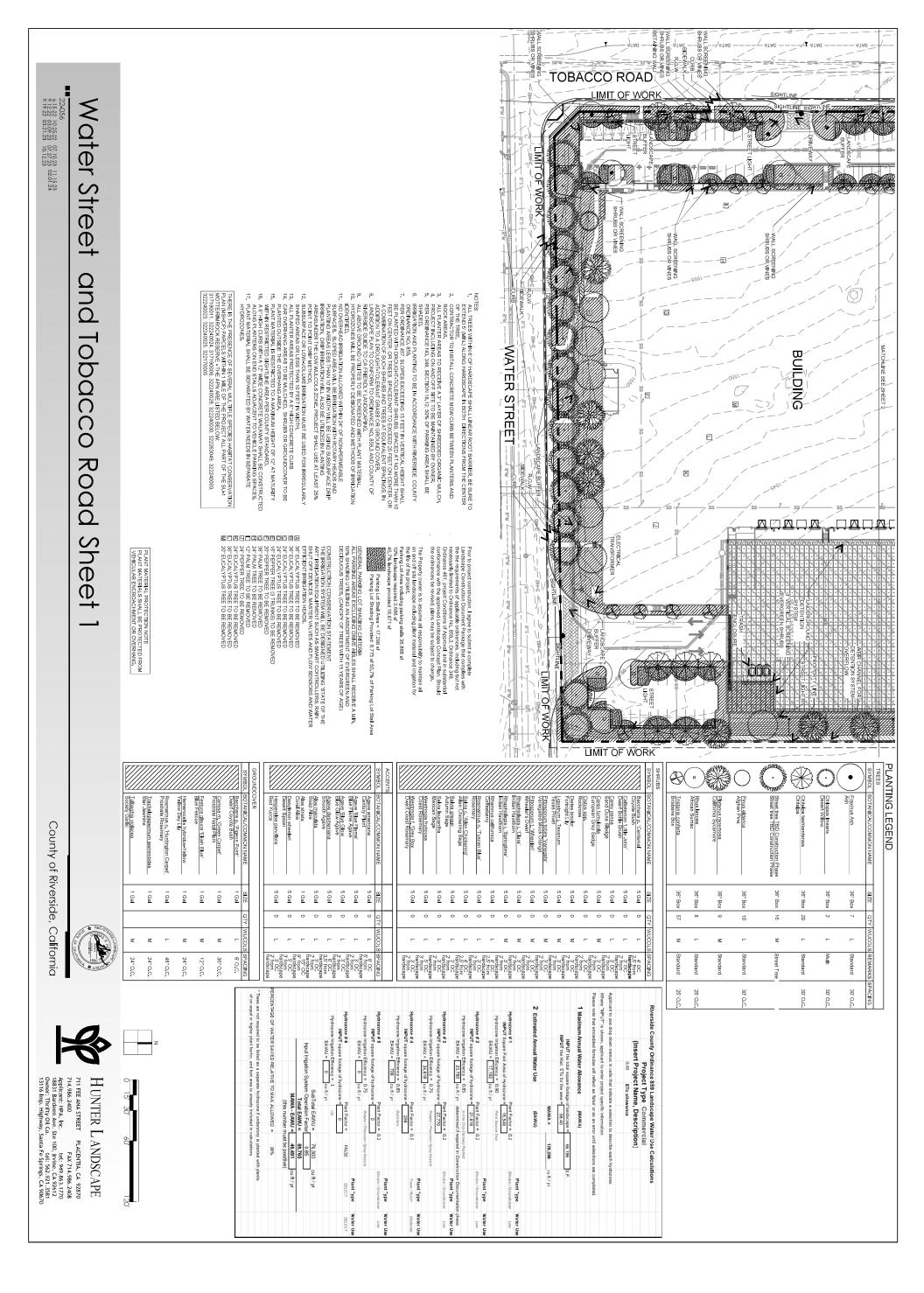
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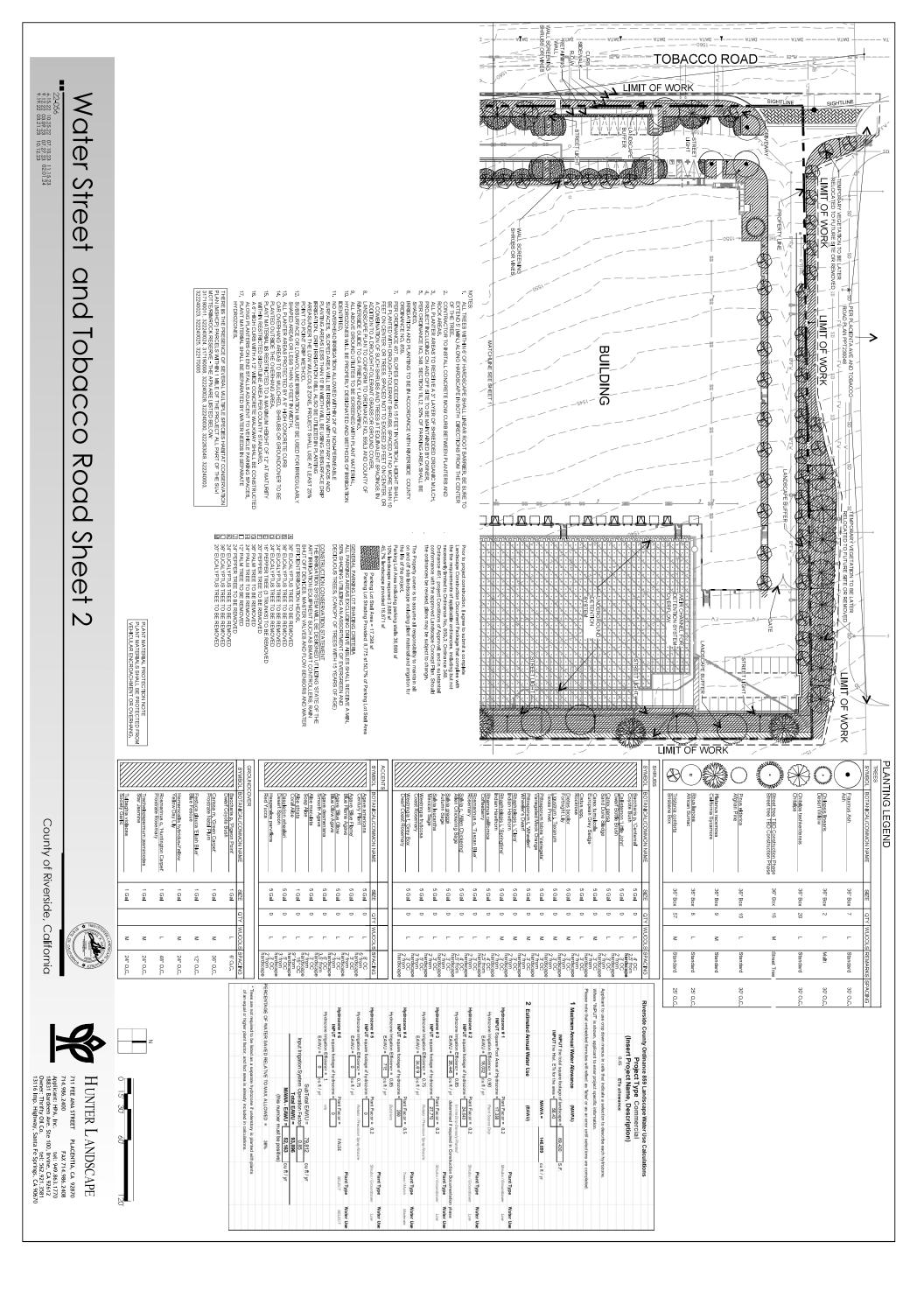


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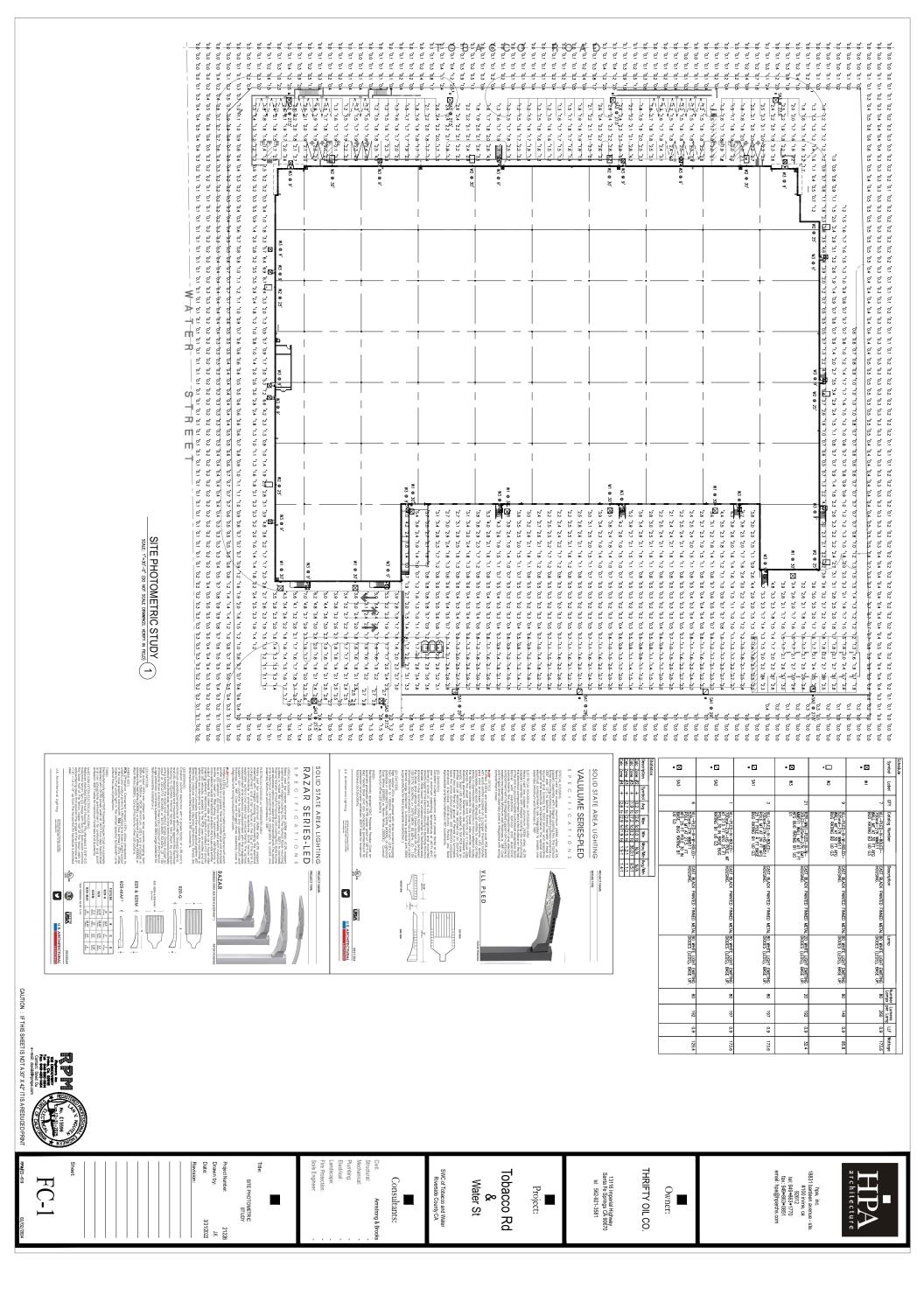
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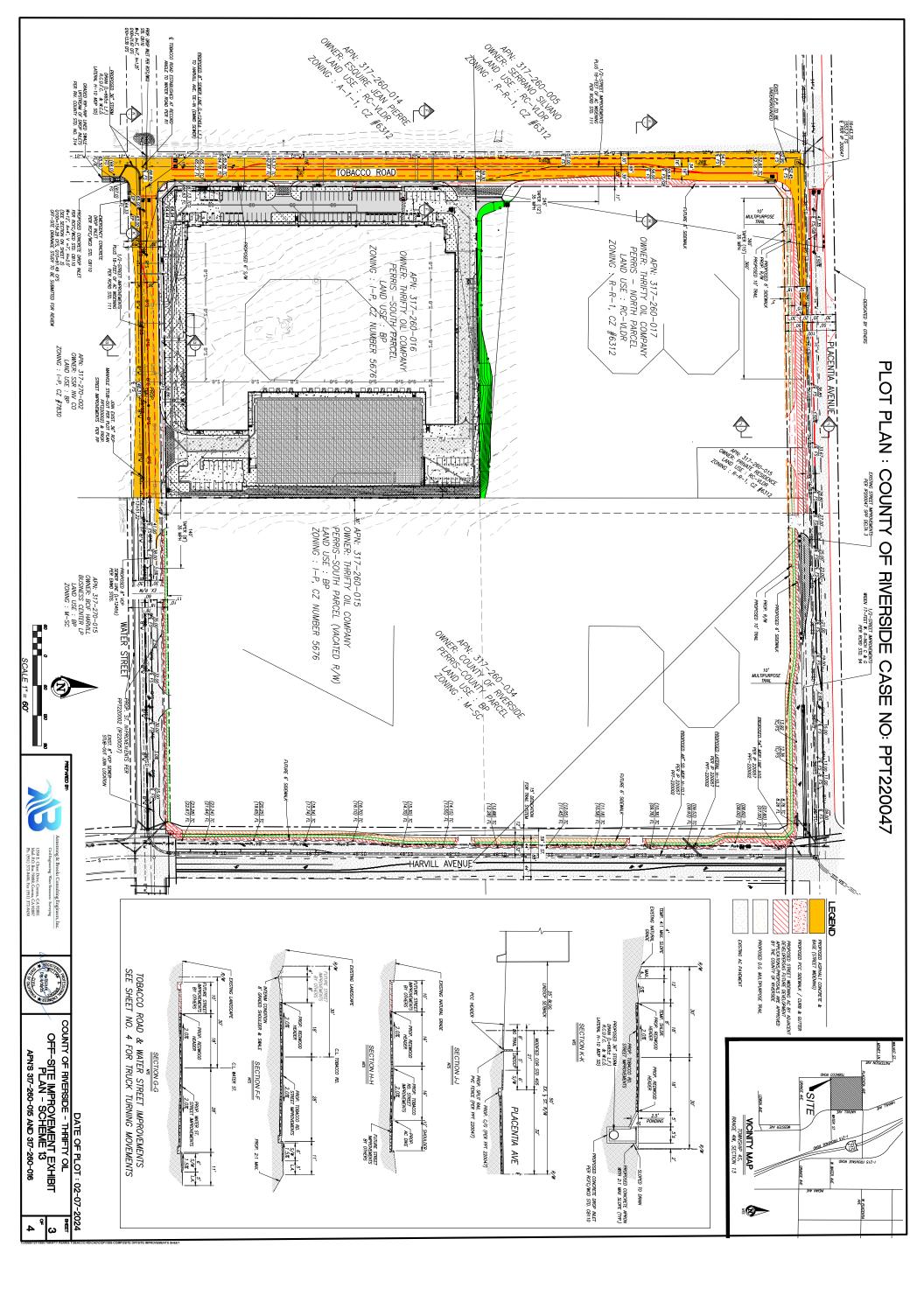
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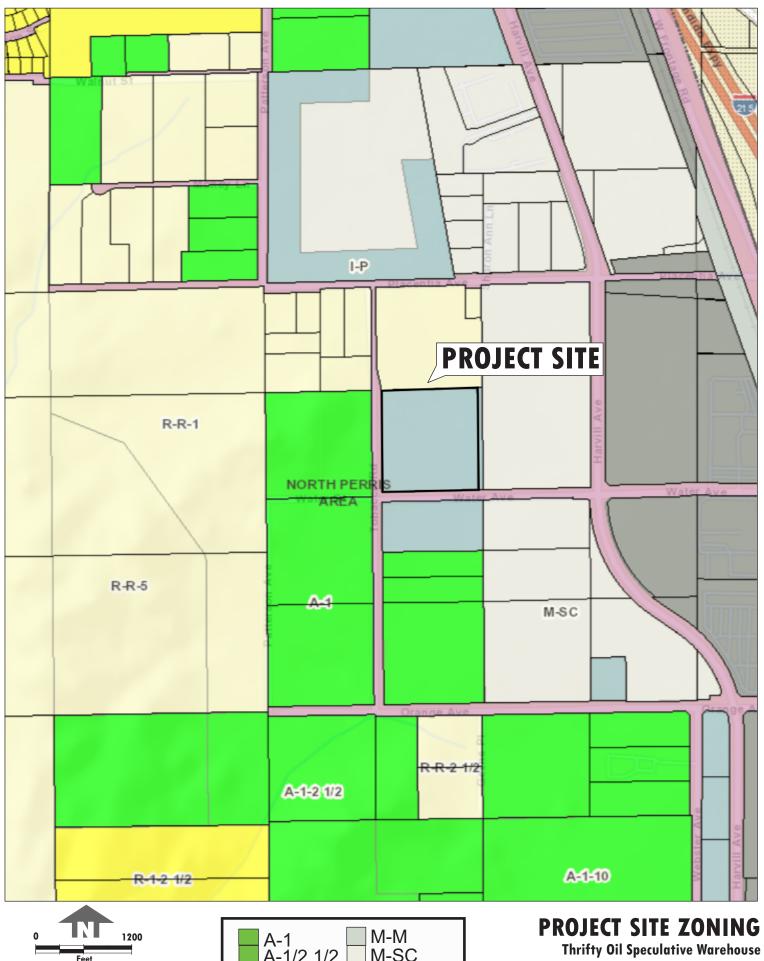


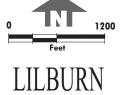
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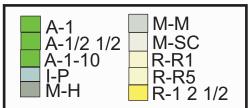
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# **OFF-SITE IMPROVEMENT AREAS**

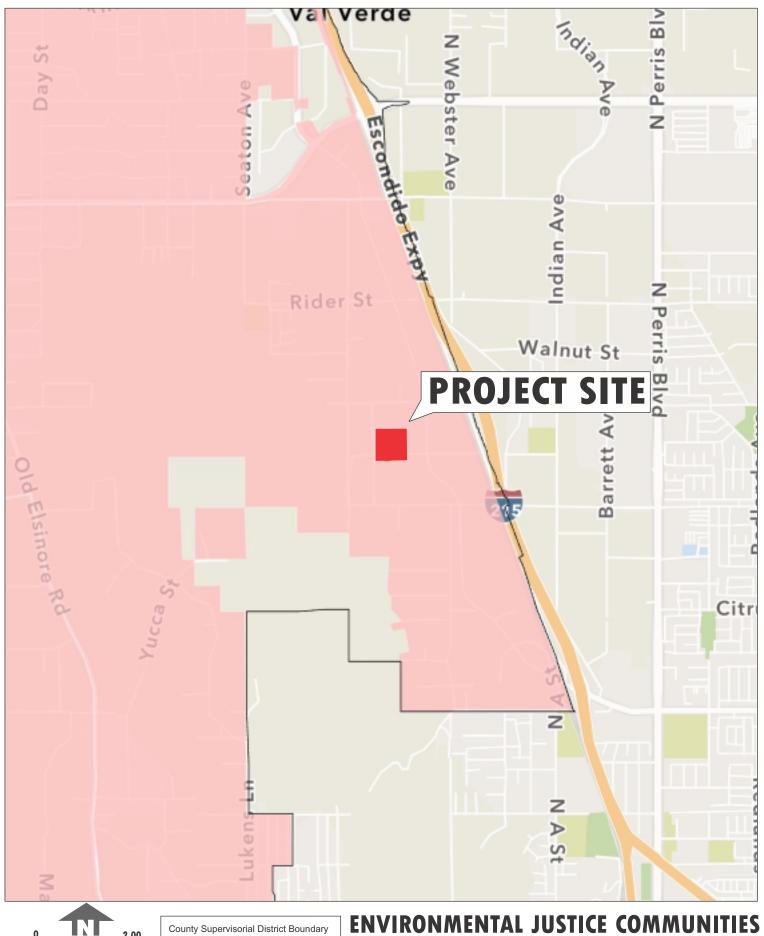




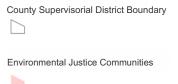


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#### **ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES ASSESSMENT**

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code Section 21000-21178.1), this Initial Study has been prepared to analyze the proposed project to determine any potential significant impacts upon the environment that would result from construction and implementation of the project. In accordance with California Code of Regulations, Section 15063, this Initial Study is a preliminary analysis prepared by the Lead Agency, the County of Riverside, in consultation with other jurisdictional agencies, to determine whether a Negative Declaration, Mitigated Negative Declaration, or an Environmental Impact Report is required for the proposed project. The purpose of this Initial Study is to inform the decision-makers, affected agencies, and the public of potential environmental impacts associated with the implementation of the proposed project.

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AESTHETICS Would the project:	-		•	
1. Scenic Resources <ul> <li>a) Have a substantial effect upon a scenic highway corridor within which it is located?</li> </ul>				
b) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings and unique or landmark features; obstruct any prominent scenic vista or view open to the public; or result in the creation of an aesthetically offensive site open to public view?				
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 points.) If the project is in an urbanized area, would the project conflict with applicable zoning and other regulations governing scenic quality?				

**Source(s)**: Riverside County General Plan Figure C-8 "Scenic Highways," Mead Valley, Figure 9 "Scenic Highway"; Project Engineering and Renderings.

### Findings of Fact:

- a) The Project Site is not located within a scenic highway or scenic highway corridor as designated by the County or State or found eligible by the County or State. There is one State Eligible Scenic Highway in Mead Valley: State Route 74 as it connects with Interstate 215 in the southern portion of Mead Valley. State Route 74 is of regional significance because it provides a link between Orange and Riverside Counties through the Santa Ana Mountains and eventually through the San Jacinto Mountains as the famous Palms to Pines Scenic Highway. The Project Site is more than 6 miles to the north of State Route 74 and cannot be viewed from these scenic highways; the Project Site is not located in any scenic corridor or scenic highway. Therefore, there would be no impacts.
- There are approximately 30 trees on site, primarily dispersed throughout the southern portion of the Project Site and are a mix of eucalyptus, pepper and palm. These trees are primarily ornamental species and not considered native or common to the Project vicinity. There are no rock outcroppings or unique landmark features on the Project Site. highway.

Scenic views primarily exist along the granite ridgeline to the west. While the Project would change the visual character of the vicinity, it would not substantially degrade the existing visual character or create an aesthetically offensive site open to public view of the area and its surroundings because the Project is proposed to be constructed consistent with the height limits per the zoning, the building color is proposed to be neutral earth tones to blend with the environment, and the existing cluster of trees would be replaced with streamlined landscaping to be provided around the perimeter consistent with County standards. Impacts would be less than significant and no mitigation measures are required.

c) The Project Site is within a rural area and is designed to be consistent with the industrial/business park zoning. Sensitive receptors would include the pocket of existing rural residential that exists to the northeast of the Project Site.

Most of the Project vicinity to the east of the Project Site is zoned for manufacturing and light industrial (M-SC and M-M) and is in the process of transitioning from vacant land to industrial uses. The Proposed Project includes construction of a 194,479 SF industrial building on 8.87 net acres, approximately 36 to 46 feet high. The building is designed with architectural features to reduce massing, and neutral earthtone colors with accents that would blend with the surrounding native environment. The MVAP requires a FAR of 0.25 – 0.60, and the Project proposes a FAR of 0.48.

The building would be set back from adjacent streets and would not encroach into public long-distance views. Parking and landscaping areas would be located in the setback space between roadways and buildings, which would minimize the visual scale of the structures. The areas most visible to the public would be landscaped with 115 new trees.

Areas adjacent to the buildings would be landscaped with trees and a variety of shrubs and ground covers. The layering of landscaping between the proposed building and the surrounding roadways would provide visual depth and distance between the roadways and proposed structures, while functioning as a screen to trailer parking and truck yard.

Therefore, potential impacts associated with scenic quality would be less than significant, and no mitigation would be required.

Mitigation: No mitigation is required.		
Monitoring: No monitoring is required.		
2. Mt. Palomar Observatory a) Interfere with the nighttime use of the Mt. Palomar Observatory, as protected through Riverside County Ordinance No. 655?		

**Source(s):** GIS database, Ord. No. 655 (Regulating Light Pollution)

### Findings of Fact:

a) According to GIS database, the Project Site is located approximately 45 miles northwest of the Mt. Palomar Observatory and is located in Zone B of the Mt. Palomar Nighttime Lighting Policy Area. Projects within Zone B must adhere to the lighting requirements specified in Riverside County Ordinance No. 655 for standards that are intended to limit light leakage

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and spillage that may interfere with the operations of the Mount Palomar Observatory. The Project is designed consistent with County Ordinance No. 655 with pole lights of varying height for parking lot lighting and exterior building downlighting. The lighting would be designed with light emitting diode (LED) lighting, pointed downward toward the parking lot and/or building. A photometric analysis has been completed that shows that light spill-over from the site lighting will not occur and will be in conformance with County ordinances. Therefore, due to distance and lighting design, the Project would not interfere with the nighttime use of the Mt. Palomar Observatory, as protected through Riverside County Ordinance No. 655. Impacts will be less than significant.

Mitigation: No mitigation is required.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

3. Other Lighting Issues			
a) Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the			
area?			
b) Expose residential property to unacceptable light		$\square$	
levels?	Ш		Ш

**Source(s)**: On-site Inspection, Project Application Description

### Findings of Fact:

- a) The Project will create a new source of light from low-level exterior security lighting of the building, parking lot lighting, and ground-level landscape lighting. All lighting is designed with downward pointing lighting of a soft color and intensity to ensure safety but not to spill over to adjacent properties. Fixtures with light shields are specified at certain locations per the lighting plan. No lighting will be on during daytime hours. The lower color intensity of the building security lighting and the ground level landscape lighting will not impact localized nighttime views around the building and will not migrate to the night sky because all lights are pointed downward. The Project would therefore create a new source of light but because of shielding and use of low-intensity fixtures, the light would not be so substantial that it would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area. Impacts will be less than significant.
- b) Residences exist along the northeast side of Tobacco Road, approximately 200 feet from the northwestern Property boundary. All lighting will be pointed downward, have light shields as indicated on the lighting plan and be of a color intensity that will not be bright or obtrusive to the residences. Therefore, the Project would not expose residential property to unacceptable light levels. Impacts will be less than significant.

Mitigation: No mitigation is required.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

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AGRICULTURE & FOREST RESOURCES Would the project	.+•			
4. Agriculture  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 agricultural zoning, agricultural use or with land subject to a Williamson Act contract or land within a Riverside County Agricultural Preserve?				
c) Cause development of non-agricultural uses within 300 feet of agriculturally zoned property (Ordinance No. 625 "Right-to-Farm")?			$\boxtimes$	
d) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use?				

**Source(s)**: Riverside County General Plan Figure OS-2 "Agricultural Resources," GIS database, Project Application Materials

### Findings of Fact:

- a) The Project Site is designated by the California Resources Agency Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program as "Farmland of Local Importance" which is not prime, unique or other important farmland. Due to the designation of Farmland of Local Importance, there will be no conversion of 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. There would be no impacts and no mitigation measures are required.
- b) The Project Site is vacant, zoned for Industrial Park uses and not subject to a Williamson Act contract, nor is the Project Site eligible for a Williamson Act contract. Pursuant to California Government Code section 51242, no jurisdiction may contract with respect to the Williamson Act unless the land is devoted to agricultural use and is located within an area designated by a city or county as an agricultural preserve. The Project Site is not within a Riverside County designated Agricultural Preserve as the Project Site is zoned for Industrial Park. Therefore, no impacts associated with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract would occur, and no mitigation would be required.
- c) Properties within 300 feet of the Proposed Project to the west and south are primarily zoned for agricultural uses (A-1 and A-1-1) but are either vacant, do not contain active agricultural operations, or are developed with rural single family residential uses. The Project Site is zoned Industrial Park. Ordinance No. 625 "Right-to-Farm" is designed to reduce the County's loss of its agricultural resources by limiting the circumstances under which agricultural operations may be deemed to constitute a nuisance. Ordinance No. 625 provides that "no agricultural activity, operation, or facility, or appurtenances thereof, conducted or maintained for commercial purposes in the unincorporated area of the County, and in a manner consistent with proper and accepted customs and standards, as

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	established and followed by similar agricultural or become a nuisance, private or public, due to any cafter the same has been in operation for more that at the time it began." There are no active agric Project Site, therefore, Ordinance 625 is not appreclude or deter surrounding properties from concby the zoning. Therefore, impacts will be less that required.	changed cor n three (3) y ultural oper licable. The ducting agrid	ndition in or a years, if it wa ations withir Proposed F cultural oper	about the loas not a nuise 300 feet of Project wou ations as all	cality, sance of the Id not lowed
d)	The Project Site is vacant and is not undergoin Project Site is zoned for Industrial Park uses. warehouse, which is consistent with the current Project will involve other changes in the existing enature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to consistent with the zoning and land uses permitted Therefore, impacts will be less than significant and	The Propozoning for the non-agricular for the Proposition of the Proposition of the Propozonia for the Propo	sed Project the site. The which, due to Iltural use, the ject Site by F	will constrated will constraint with the constraint will be constraint will be	ruct a le the ion or Site is
Mitigation:	No mitigation is required.				
Monitoring	•				
Monitoring	: No monitoring is required.				
5. For					
a) of, forest 12220(g)) section 4	Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning land (as defined in Public Resources Code section, timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code 526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production ed by Govt. Code section 51104(g))?				
,	Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of d to non-forest use?				$\boxtimes$
c) which, du	Involve other changes in the existing environment to their location or nature, could result in conforest land to non-forest use?				
	: Riverside County General Plan Figure OS-3a rks, Forests, and Recreation Areas," Figure OS-3b rks, Forests, and Recreation Areas," Project Application	"Forestry F	Resources E		
Findings of	f Fact:				
a)	The Project would not conflict with existing zoning defined in Public Resources Code section 1222 Resources Code section 4526), or timberland zon Govt. Code section 51104[g]) because the General or used for timber production. The site is not local impacts.	20[g]), timbe ed Timberla al Plan ident	erland (as d and Production tifies that the	efined by I on (as defin site is not a	Public led by zoned

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The Project would not result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to nonforest use because there is no forest land on the property. There would be no impacts.

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c)	The Project will not involve other changes in the conversion of forest land to non-forest use becaus property. There would be no impacts.				
Mitigation:	No mitigation is required.				
<u>Monitoring</u> :	No monitoring is required.				
AIR QUA	LITY Would the project:				
<b>6.</b> Air a)	Quality Impacts Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the air quality plan?			$\boxtimes$	
of any cri	Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase teria pollutant for which the project region is nontunder an applicable federal or state ambient air andard?				
•	Expose sensitive receptors, which are located e (1) mile of the project site, to substantial pollutant tions?				
	Result in other emissions (such as those leading to versely affecting a substantial number of people?			$\boxtimes$	
CEQA Air Analysis, c Warehouse	Riverside County General Plan, Riverside County Quality Handbook; Report by Urban Crossroads dated May 17, 2022 (Appendix A-1); and Report e Mobile Source Health Risk Assessment, dated n, CalEEMod 2022 current Model outputs.	titled <i>Thrift</i> y by Urban	y Oil Wareho Crossroads	ouse, Air Ir titled <i>Thrif</i>	npact ty Oil
Findings of	Fact:				
a)	The Project site is located within the South Coast Air by relatively poor air quality. The South Coast Air has jurisdiction over an approximately 10,743 s county Basin and the Los Angeles County and Riv referred to as the Southeast Desert Air Basin. In responsible for air pollution control, and works direct commissions, local governments, as well as state a from stationary mobile, and indirect sources to me	Quality Mar quare-mile rerside Cour these areas ctly with the and federal	nagement Distribution area consistently portions on the SCAQI SCAG, counting agencies to response to the response	strict (SCA) ting of the of what use MD is princ ty transpor educe emis	QMD) four- to be ipally tation sions

Currently, these state and federal air quality standards are exceeded in most parts of the SCAB. In response, the SCAQMD has adopted a series of Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP)s to meet the state and federal ambient air quality standards. AQMPs are updated regularly in order to more effectively reduce emissions, accommodate growth, and to minimize any negative fiscal impacts of air pollution control on the economy.

standards.

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In March 2017, the SCAQMD released the Final 2016 AQMP (2016 AQMP). The 2016 AQMP continues to evaluate current integrated strategies and control measures to meet the NAAQS, as well as explore new and innovative methods to reach its goals. Some of these approaches include utilizing incentive programs, recognizing existing co-benefit programs from other sectors, and developing a strategy with fair-share reductions at the federal, state, and local levels. The 2012 AQMP and the 2016 AQMP incorporates scientific and technological information and planning assumptions, including the 2016-2040 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (2016-2040 RTP/SCS), a planning document that supports the integration of land use and transportation to help the region meet the federal CAA requirements. The Project's consistency with the AQMP will be determined using the 2016 AQMP.

Criteria for determining consistency with the AQMP are defined in Chapter 12, Section 12.2 and Section 12.3 of the 1993 CEQA Handbook. These indicators are as follows:

### Consistency Criterion No. 1

The proposed Project will not result in an increase in the frequency or severity of existing air quality violations or cause or contribute to new violations or delay the timely attainment of air quality standards or the interim emissions reductions specified in the AQMP.

### Construction Impacts

Consistency Criterion No. 1 refers to violations of the California Ambient Air Quality Standards (CAAQS) and National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). CAAQS and NAAQS violations would occur if localized or regional significance thresholds were exceeded. As evaluated, the Project's localized and regional construction-source emissions would not exceed applicable regional significance threshold and LST thresholds. Therefore, a less than significant impact is anticipated.

### Operational Impacts - Consistency Criterion 1

As evaluated, the Project's localized and regional operation-source emissions would not exceed applicable regional significance threshold and LST thresholds. Therefore, a less than significant impact is anticipated.

### Consistency Criterion No. 2

The Project will not exceed the assumptions in the AQMP based on the years of Project buildout phase.

The 2016 AQMP demonstrates that the applicable ambient air quality standards can be achieved within the timeframes required under federal law. Growth projections from local general plans adopted by cities in the district are provided to the SCAG, which develops regional growth forecasts, which are then used to develop future air quality forecasts for the AQMP. Development consistent with the growth projections in the County of Riverside General Plan is consistent with the AQMP.

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### Construction Impacts

Peak day emissions generated by construction activities are largely independent of land use assignments and are a function of development scope and maximum area of disturbance. Irrespective of the site's land use designation, development of the site to its maximum potential would likely occur, with disturbance to the entire site occurring during construction activities. Therefore, no emissions thresholds will be exceeded, a less than significant impact would result.

### Operational Impacts

The Project site is located within an unincorporated portion of the County of Riverside. As per the General Plan, the unincorporated portions of the County are divided into 19 area plans. These area plans provide more detailed land use and policy direction regarding local issues such as land use, circulation, open space, and other topical areas. Per the General Plan, the Project site is located within the Mead Valley Area Plan and is designated Business Park uses. The Business Park land use designation allows for employee-intensive uses, including research and development, technology centers, corporate and support office uses, clean industry and supporting retail uses.

The Project site is also located within the Industrial Park zoning designated areas. As described by the County's Municipal Code Section 17.96.010, the Industrial Park zone allows a variety of uses that include: industrial and manufacturing uses, service and commercial uses, office uses, transportation related industries, engineering, and scientific uses, warehousing and distribution, and other similar uses. The Proposed Project is the development of 194,479 sf warehouse building. Therefore, the Proposed Project's uses are generally consistent with the site's land use and zoning designations.

The Project would not result in or cause NAAQS or CAAQS violations. Additionally, the proposed Project is consistent with the land use and growth intensities reflected in the adopted General Plan. The Project would not exceed any applicable regional or local thresholds. Therefore, the Project is consistent with the AQMP.

Impacts will be less than significant.

b) The analyses provided below is based on the September 2022 reports prepared by Urban Crossroads and the November 2023, California Emissions Estimator Model (CalEEMod) version 2022 (the current Model outputs replace the outdated CalEEmod 2020 outputs) provided by Lilburn Corporation. CalEEMod was utilized to estimate the on-site and off-site construction emissions. The criteria pollutants screened for include reactive organic gases (ROG), nitrous oxides (NOx), carbon monoxide (CO), sulfur dioxide (SO2), and particulates (PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub>). Two of the analyzed pollutants, ROG and NOx, are ozone precursors. Both summer and winter season emission levels were estimated.

### Construction Emissions

Construction emissions are considered short-term, temporary emissions and were modeled with the following construction parameters: site preparation, site grading (fine and mass grading), building construction, paving, and architectural coating. Construction is

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anticipated to begin in 2024 and be completed in 2025. The resulting emissions generated by construction of the Proposed Project is shown in Table 1, which represent summer and winter construction emissions.

Table 1
Estimated Project Construction Emissions

Voor		Emissions (lbs/day)				
Year	VOC	NOx	СО	SO <sub>x</sub>	PM <sub>10</sub>	PM <sub>2.5</sub>
		Summer				
2024	3.7	36.0	34.4	0.0	9.5	5.5
2025	46.4	11.9	19.7	0.0	1.8	0.7
		Winter				
2024	1.6	12.9	18.6	0.0	1.9	0.8
2025	1.5	12.0	18.1	0.0	1.8	0.7
Maximum Daily Emissions	46.4	36.0	34.4	0.0	9.5	5.5
SCAQMD Regional Threshold	75	100	550	150	150	55
Threshold Exceeded?	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO

## Operational Impacts

Operational activities associated with the Project would result in emissions of VOCs, NOX, SOX, CO, PM10, and PM2.5. Operational emissions are expected from the following primary sources: Area Source Emissions, Energy Source Emissions, Mobile Source Emissions, On-Site Cargo Handling Equipment Emissions, and Stationary Source Emissions. Estimated operational emissions from the Proposed Project are provided in Table 2. As shown, the impacts would be less than significant.

Table 2
Estimated Peak Operational Emissions

Carriera	Emissions (lbs/day)					
Source	voc	NOx	со	SOx	PM <sub>10</sub>	PM <sub>2.5</sub>
		Summer				
Area Source	6.1	0.0	8.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Energy Source	0.0	1.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
Mobile Source	0.6	4.3	6.7	0.0	2.3	0.7
On-Site Equipment Source	0.1	1.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total Maximum Daily Emissions	6.8	6.3	16.8	0.0	2.4	0.7
SCAQMD Regional Threshold	55	55	550	150	150	55
Threshold Exceeded?	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO

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Winter						
Area Source	4.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Energy Source	0.0	1.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
Mobile Source	0.5	4.6	5.7	0.0	2.5	0.7
On-Site Equipment Source	0.4	1.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total Maximum Daily Emissions	5.6	6.6	7.3	0.0	2.5	0.7
SCAQMD Regional Threshold	55	55	550	150	150	55
Threshold Exceeded?	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO

- c) Localized air quality impacts were evaluated at sensitive receptor land uses nearest the Project Site. All distances are measured from the Project Site boundary to the outdoor living areas (e.g., backyards) or at the building façade, whichever is closer to the Project Site. The selection of receptor locations is based on Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) guidelines and is consistent with additional guidance provided by Caltrans and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).
  - R1: Location R1 represents the existing residence at 23551 Placentia Avenue, approximately 503 feet northwest of the Project Site and 779 feet northwest of the truck court. R1 is placed in the private outdoor living areas (backyard) facing the Project Site.
  - R2: Location R2 represents the existing residence at 23745 Placentia Avenue, approximately 455 feet north of the Project Site and 529 feet northeast of the truck court. R2 is placed in the private outdoor living areas (backyard) facing the Project Site.
  - R3: Location R3 represents the existing residence at 20800 Tobacco Road, approximately 367 feet south of the Project Site and 643 feet southwest of the truck court. R3 is placed in the private outdoor living areas (backyard) facing the Project Site.
  - R4: Location R4 represents the existing residence at 20601 Tobacco Road, approximately 215 feet northwest of the Project Site and 606 feet northwest of the truck court. R4 is placed in the private outdoor living areas (backyard) facing the Project Site.
  - R5: Location R5 represents the nearest worker receptor, approximately 795 feet north of the Project Site and 883 feet northwest of the truck court. R5 is placed at the building façade facing the Project Site.

The SCAQMD recommends that the nearest sensitive receptor be considered when determining the Project's potential to cause an individual a cumulatively significant impact. The nearest land use (where an individual could remain for 24 hours) to the Project Site was considered in the project design, and has been used to determine localized construction and operational air quality impacts for emissions of PM10 and PM<sub>2.5</sub> (since PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> thresholds are based on a 24-hour averaging time). The nearest receptor used for evaluation of localized impacts of PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> is the existing residence at

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20601 Tobacco Road, represented by R4, approximately 215 feet (66 meters) northwest of the Project Site.

SCAQMD's Final Localized Significance Threshold Methodology (LST Methodology) establishes that impacts to air quality are significant if there is a potential to contribute or cause localized exceedances of the federal and/or state ambient air quality standards (NAAQS/CAAQS). Collectively, these are referred to as Localized Significance Thresholds (LSTs). Receptor locations are off-site locations where individuals may be exposed to emissions from Project activities. Consistent with LST Methodology, the nearest commercial/industrial use to the Project Site is used to determine construction and operational LST air impacts for emissions of NOX and CO as the averaging periods for these pollutants are shorter (8 hours or less) and it is reasonable to assumed that an individual could be present at these sites for periods of one to 8 hours. As there are no commercial/industrial uses located at a closer distance than the residential home located at 20601 Tobacco Road, the same distance of 215 feet (66 meters) was used for evaluation of located impacts of NOX and CO. Refer to Table 3 and Table 4 for Localized Significance Summary of Construction and Operational conditions, respectively. As shown impacts are less than significant.

Table 3
Localized Significance Summary of Construction

Construction	Voor	Emissions (lbs/day)				
Activity	Year	NOx	со	PM <sub>10</sub>	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	
Site	2024	3.7	36.0	9.5	5.6	
Preparation	Maximum Daily Emissions	3.7	36.0	9.5	5.6	
	SCAQMD Localized Threshold	273	2,077	36	10	
	Threshold Exceeded?	NO	NO	NO	NO	
	2025	46.4	19.7	1.8	0.7	
	Maximum Daily Emissions	46.4	19.7	1.8	0.7	
	SCAQMD Localized Threshold	238	1,740	29	8	
	Threshold Exceeded?	NO	NO	NO	NO	

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Table 4
Localized Significance Summary of Operations

Scenario	Emissions (lbs/day)					
Scenario	NOx	со	PM <sub>10</sub>	PM <sub>2.5</sub>		
Summer	6.3	16.8	2.4	0.7		
Winter	6.6	7.3	2.5	0.7		
Maximum Daily Emissions	6.6	16.8	2.4	0.7		
SCAQMD Localized Threshold	326	2,581	11	d		
Threshold Exceeded?	NO	NO	NO	NO		

### Diesel Mobile Source Health Risk Analysis.

Health Risk Assessment (HRA), included as Appendix A-2, was prepared to evaluate the potential health risk impacts to sensitive receptors (which are residents) and adjacent workers associated with the development of the Project, more specifically, health risk impacts as a result of exposure to Toxic Air Contaminants (TACs) including diesel particulate matter (DPM) as a result of heavy-duty diesel trucks accessing the site.

The HRA is based on applicable guidelines to produce conservative estimates of human health risk posed by exposure to DPM. The conservative nature of this analysis is due primarily to the following factors:

- The ARB-adopted diesel exhaust Unit Risk Factor (URF) of 300 in one million per μg/m3 is based upon the upper 95 percentile of estimated risk for each of the epidemiological studies utilized to develop the URF. Using the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile URF represents a very conservative (health-protective) risk posed by DPM because it represents breathing rates that are high for the human body (95% higher than the average population).
- The emissions derived assume that every truck accessing the Project Site will idle for 15 minutes under the unmitigated scenario, and this is an overestimation of actual idling times and thus conservative.¹ The California Air Resources Board (CARB's) anti-idling requirements impose a 5-minute maximum idling time and therefore the analysis conservatively overestimates DPM emissions from idling by a factor of 3.

<u>Residential Exposure Scenario:</u> The residential land use with the greatest potential exposure to Project operational-source DPM emissions is Location R4 which is located approximately 215 feet northwest of the Project Site at an existing residence located at 20601 Tobacco Road. R4 is placed in the private outdoor living areas (backyard) facing the Project Site. At the Maximally Exposed Individual Receptor (MEIR), the maximum

Although the Project is required to comply with ARB's idling limit of 5 minutes, staff at SCAQMD recommends that the on-site idling emissions should be estimated for 15 minutes of truck idling (personal communication, in person, with Jillian Wong, December 22, 2016), which would take into account on-site idling which occurs while the trucks are waiting to pull up to the truck bays, idling at the bays, idling at check-in and check-out, etc.

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incremental cancer risk attributable to Project operational-source DPM emissions is estimated at 0.41 in one million, which is less than the SCAQMD's significance threshold of 10 in one million. At this same location, non-cancer risks were estimated to be <0.01, which would not exceed the applicable significance threshold of 1.0. Because all other modeled residential receptors are exposed to lesser concentrations and are located at a greater distance from the Project Site and primary truck route than the MEIR analyzed herein, and TACs generally dissipates with distance from the source, all other residential receptors in the vicinity of the Project Site would be exposed to less emissions and therefore less risk than the MEIR identified herein. Therefore, the Project will not cause a significant human health or cancer risk to nearby residences.

Worker Exposure Scenario. The worker receptor land use with the greatest potential exposure to Project operational-source DPM emissions is Location R5, which represents the adjacent potential worker receptor approximately 795 feet north of the Project Site. At the MEIW, the maximum incremental cancer risk impact is 0.03 in one million which is less than the SCAQMD's threshold of 10 in one million. Maximum non-cancer risks at this same location were estimated to be <0.01, which would not exceed the applicable significance threshold of 1.0. Because all other modeled worker receptors are located at a greater distance than the MEIW analyzed herein, and DPM dissipates with distance from the source, all other worker receptors in the vicinity of the Project would be exposed to less emissions and therefore less risk than the MEIW identified herein. Therefore, the Project will not cause a significant human health or cancer risk to adjacent workers.

<u>School Child Exposure Scenario.</u> There are no schools within one-quarter mile of the Project Site. The nearest school is Val Verde Elementary School, which is located approximately 3,580 feet east of the Project Site. Because there is no reasonable potential that TAC emissions would cause significant health impacts at distances of more than one-quarter mile from the air pollution source, there would be no significant impacts that would occur to any schools in the vicinity of the Project.

d) Construction of the Project has the potential to emit odors during the operation of heavy equipment and application of materials such as asphalt pavement. However, the objectionable odors that may be produced during the construction process are short-term in nature. Potential odor emissions from pavement emissions are expected cease upon the drying or hardening of the pavement. Diesel exhaust and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) would be emitted by heavy equipment used during construction, which are objectionable to some; however, these emissions would disperse rapidly from the Project Site and therefore should not reach an objectionable level at the nearest sensitive receptors. Due to the short-term nature and limited amounts of odor producing materials being utilized, no significant impact related to odors would occur during construction of the Proposed Project. Impacts would be less than significant.

Mitigation: No mitigation is required.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

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BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES Would the project:							
7. Wildlife & Vegetation <ul> <li>a) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat</li> <li>Conservation Plan, Natural Conservation Community Plan,</li> <li>or other approved local, regional, or state conservation plan?</li> </ul>							
b) Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any endangered, or threatened species, as listed in Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (Sections 670.2 or 670.5) or in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations (Sections 17.11 or 17.12)?							
c) 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. Wildlife Service?							
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) Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, and regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service?							
f) 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?							
g) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?							
Source(s): GIS database, WRCMSHCP and/or CVMSHCP, On-site Inspection; Report by Natural Resources Assessment titled Thrifty Oil Commercial Development Plot Plan No. 2200047, General Biological Assessment, Riverside County, California, February 14, 2024 (Appendix B-1); Report by Natural Resources Assessment titled Thrifty Oil Commercial Development HANS220027 Burrowing Owl Breeding Season Surveys Report, Riverside County, California, February 14, 2024 (Appendix B-2); and Report by Natural Resources Assessment titled Thrifty Oil Commercial Development HANS220027, HANS Analysis, Riverside County, California, February 14, 2024 (Appendix B-3)  Findings of Fact:							

a) The property is located in the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) Mead Valley Plan Area. The Project was evaluated for consistency with MSHCP as follows:

<u>Criteria Cell Location.</u> The Project Site falls within Criteria Cell 2529. A Habitat Evaluation and Acquisition Negotiation Strategy (HANS) evaluation for the Proposed Project was prepared and submitted to Riverside County for review and processing (Appendix B-3).

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There is approximately 29.69 acres of native scrub within Criteria Cell 2529 that would meet the goals of conserving between 8.70 (5%) and 24.25 (15%) acres of habitat. These acres lie outside of the Project Site boundaries to the west and is the portion of the Cell desired for acquisition. The western acreage is also closest to the existing conserved lands. The County will provide conditions of approval reflecting HANS compliance measures.

<u>Section 6.1.2 - Riverine/Riparian Resources.</u> The biological report included in Appendix B-1 identified that the Project Site does not contain any drainage, riparian, or riverine features. In addition, none of the riparian/riverine bird species listed in Section 6.1.2 of the MSHCP were found within the Project area. Due to the lack of suitable riparian habitat on the Project Site, focused surveys for riparian/riverine bird species listed in Section 6.1.2 of the MSHCP are not warranted and were not conducted. Additionally, none of the conditions associated with vernal pools (i.e., depressions, ponded water, hydric soils, etc.) were observed on site. No features are present that would support fairy shrimp. There are no other sources of standing water, such as cattle ponds or watering holes, or evidence of such ponding, which would provide suitable habitat for the Riverside fairy shrimp, vernal pool fairy shrimp or Santa Rosa fairy shrimp.

Section 6.1.4 - Urban/Wildland Interface. The site is not immediately adjacent to wildlands and open space areas and has been subject to human use. It is close to the Motte Rimrock Reserve that forms part of the conservation lands under the MSHCP. The project design is conceptual and may change in certain aspects. The potential indirect impacts may include noise, lighting, dust, invasive plants, and toxic materials such as herbicides and pesticides used in landscaping and maintenance. Because the project is both downhill and downwind from the conserved areas, including Motte Rimrock Reserve, vehicular residues such as non-hazardous oils and fuels used during project operations are not expected to impact the areas identified for conservation. Project lighting is anticipated to be shielded and not rich in blue light to not affect wildlife. This on-site lighting plan requires the identification of the type, intensity, and location of each proposed on-site lighting source. The Riverside County Building and Safety will require review of the lighting plans to ensure that the proposed onsite lighting sources would meet County lighting standards. Operational noise was evaluated in (results in Appendix I) shows that the nearest receiver locations will satisfy the reasonable daytime 80 dBA Leg significance threshold during Project construction and both project-related noise and vibration levels are considered less than significant at all receiver locations. The project will be conditioned to meet all applicable County noise policies. Overall, the analyses provided found the Project consistent with MSHCP Section 6.1.4.

<u>Section 6.3.2 – Additional Surveys.</u> The Project Site is not located within plan-defined areas requiring surveys for narrow endemic plant species or criteria area plant species. However, the Project is located within a designated area, requiring surveys for burrowing owl. A habitat assessment was prepared in January 2022 which determined potential suitable habitat for burrowing owl. Therefore, focused surveys were conducted in August 2022 and in June 2023 in accordance with County protocols (Appendix B-2). The result of the surveys was that no burrowing owls or evidence of recent or historic use by burrowing owls were observed on the Project Site. As a result, burrowing owls are presumed absent from the Project Site. However, because there is suitable habitat on site, **Mitigation Measure BIO-1** to conduct a pre-construction survey for burrowing owl is required to ensure potential impacts to burrowing owls and their burrows would be avoided during construction. The

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mitigation measure also identifies that relocation may occur under certain conditions to avoid impacts during construction. Refer to "Mitigation" at the end of this section for details.

Impacts would be less than significant with the incorporated mitigation.

b) A literature review and field assessment were performed to document baseline conditions and assess the potential for special status plants and wildlife species to occur within the Project Site. Special attention was given to the suitability of on-site habitat to support special status species as identified by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) and other electronic databases utilized for the assessment. The results of the assessment identified that there are no sensitive species or habitat identified by the federal, State or the MSCHP literature found to be present on site. Based on the assessment, there would be no impact, directly or through habitat modifications, on any endangered, or threatened species, as listed in Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (Sections 670.2 or 670.5) or in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations (Sections 17.11 or 17.12).

The assessment in Appendix B-1 identified potential habitat for BUOW. The BUOW is not listed as an endangered or threated species in accordance with Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (Sections 670.2 or 670.5), however the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) identifies BUOW as a Species of Special Concern. Focused surveys were conducted in August 2022 in accordance with County protocols. The result of the surveys was that no burrowing owls or evidence of recent or historic use by burrowing owls were observed on the Project Site (Appendix B-2). As a result, burrowing owls are presumed absent from the Project Site. However, this species is afforded protection separate from that identified in Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (Sections 670.2 or 670.5). **Mitigation Measure BIO-1** would be implemented and is designed to avoid and minimize potential impacts to burrowing owl.

Impacts would be less than significant with the incorporated mitigation.

c) The Project Site contains suitable habitat for BUOW, identified by the CDFW as a Species of Special concern. **Mitigation Measure BIO-1** would be implemented and is designed to avoid and minimize potential impacts to burrowing owl.

The Project Site and immediate surrounding areas also contain habitat suitable for nesting birds in general, including the shrubs on site, and nesting birds are protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) of 1918. The MBTA provides protection for nesting birds that are both residents and migrants whether or not they are considered sensitive by resource agencies. The MBTA makes it unlawful to take, possess, buy, sell, purchase, or barter any migratory bird listed under 50 CFR 10, including feathers or other parts, nests, eggs, or products, except as allowed by implementing regulations (50 CFR 21). The direct injury or death of a migratory bird, due to construction activities or other construction-related disturbance that causes nest abandonment, nestling abandonment, or forced fledging would be considered take under federal law. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), in coordination with the CDFW administers the MBTA. CDFW's authoritative nexus to MBTA is provided in FGC Sections 3503.5 which protects all birds of prey and their nests and FGC Section 3800 which protects all non-game birds that occur naturally in the State.

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To ensure potential impacts to nesting birds are avoided or minimized during construction of the remaining Project Site, **Mitigation Measure BIO-2** to conduct a pre-construction survey for nesting birds and establishment of no-work buffers during construction is required to ensure birds and their nests are not disturbed during construction. Refer to "Mitigation" at the end of this section for details.

Impacts would be less than significant with the incorporated mitigation.

d) There are no native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species, established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or native wildlife nursery sites on the Project Site according to surveys conducted (Appendix B-1). The Project Site was not identified as occurring in a wildlife corridor or linkage or wildlife nursery site(s). The Proposed Project will be confined to existing areas that have been heavily disturbed or developed, are isolated from regional wildlife corridors and linkages, and there are no riparian corridors, creeks, or useful patches of stepping stone habitat (natural areas) within or connecting the improvement areas to a recognized wildlife corridor or linkage. No construction or construction staging, or operations would occur in the Conservation area along the eastern portion of the Project Site.

Impacts would be less than significant.

The biological survey identified that there is no riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, and regulations or by CDFW or USFWS that would be impacted by the Project. The Project Site is flat with a plant community characterized as non-native grasses and weedy/early successional plant species. Therefore, the Project would not impact any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, and regulations or by CDFW or USFWS because none exist in the areas where construction and operations would occur.

No impacts would occur because no riparian habitat or other sensitive community occurs on the Project Site.

f) The biological survey identified that there are no State or federally protected wetlands (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) on the Project Site.

As such, there would be no impacts.

g) Aside from the MSHCP, the only other local policies/ordinances protecting biological resources within the Project area are the Riverside County Oak Tree Management Guidelines and the Stephens' Kangaroo Rat (SKR) Impact Fee Area. There are no oak trees on the Project Site, therefore, this guideline is not applicable.

The Project Site is located within the Mitigation Fee Area of the SKR Habitat Conservation Plan. Therefore, the Applicant will be required to pay the SKR HCP Mitigation Fee prior to development of the Project Site.

Impacts would be less than significant.

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<u>litigation</u> : The followir	ng mitigation measures are required:
BIO - 1	A preconstruction survey shall be conducted within 30 days prior to ground disturbance to avoid direct take of burrowing owls. If burrowing owls are found to be present or nesting on-site during the preconstruction survey, then the following recommendations must be adhered to: Exclusion and relocation activities may not occur during the breeding season, which is defined as March 1 through August 31, with the following exception: From March 1 through March 15 and from August 1 through August 31 exclusion and relocation activities may take place if it is proven to the County and appropriate regulatory agencies (if any) that egg laying or chick rearing is not taking place. Any relocation activities cannot occur without first consulting with the CDFW, and any relocation would be conducted in accordance with the conditions set forth by the CDFW. The pre-construction survey must be conducted by a qualified biologist; any relocation activities would be undertaken by a qualified biologist as approved by the CDFW.
BIO-2	Bird nesting season generally extends from February 1 through September 15 in southern California and specifically, April 15 through August 31 for migratory passerine birds. To avoid impacts to nesting birds (common and special status) during the nesting season, a qualified Avian Biologist shall conduct pre-construction Nesting Bird Surveys (NBS) at least three (3) days prior to project-related disturbance to nestable vegetation to identify any active nests. If no active nests are found, no further action is required. If an active nest is found, the qualified Avian Biologist shall set appropriate no-work buffers around the nest which will be based upon the nesting species, based on the individual species type, its sensitivity to disturbance, nesting stage and expected types of nest, and the intensity and duration of disturbance. The nests and buffer zones shall be field checked weekly by a qualified biological monitor. The approved no-work buffer zone shall be clearly marked in the field, within which no disturbance activity shall commence until the qualified biologist has determined the young birds have successfully fledged and the nest is inactive.

<u>Source(s)</u>: On-site Inspection, Project Application Materials; Report by Tierra Environmental Services, titled *Cultural Resources Assessment for 23682 Water Street, Riverside County*, April 24, 2023 (Appendix C).

8.

**Historic Resources** 

Code of Regulations, Section 15064.5?

Alter or destroy a historic site?

Cause a substantial adverse change in the

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# Findings of Fact:

- a) The Phase 1 Cultural assessment report prepared for the Project (Appendix C) identified that there are no historic sites on the Project Site. At the time of the Phase 1 cultural resources assessment in February 2022, a modern style recreational vehicle existed on site, which is not considered a historic resource. The recreational vehicle has since been removed. Therefore, the Project Site is currently vacant and there are no known historical resources on-site. There would be no impacts.
- b) The Phase 1 Cultural assessment report prepared for the Project (Appendix C) identified that there are no historical resources pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Section 15064.5 on the Project Site. There would be no impacts.

Mitigation: No mitigation is required.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

<ul><li>9. Archaeological Resources</li><li>a) Alter or destroy an archaeological site?</li></ul>		$\boxtimes$	
b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource, pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Section 15064.5?	$\boxtimes$		
c) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?	$\boxtimes$		

<u>Source(s)</u>: On-Site Inspection, Project Application Materials; Report by Tierra Environmental Services, titled *Cultural Resources Assessment for 23682 Water Street, Riverside County*, April 24, 2022 (Appendix C), *Advisory Notification Document, PPT220047*, County of Riverside Transportation and Land Development Agency, April 26, 2023 (on file with the County)

a) The Phase 1 Cultural Resources Assessment report prepared for the Project Site (Appendix C) identified that there have been 37 previously conducted investigations within one mile of the Project Site which identified 101 cultural resources. Of the 101 previously recorded resources, 85 are prehistoric, 15 are historic and one is comprised of both prehistoric and historic components (multicomponent). The prehistoric cultural resources are composed of bedrock milling features, habitation sites, rock shelters, pictographs, lithic scatters, as well as isolated lithic artifacts. The historic resources contain buildings, structures, trash scatters, and an isolate. One of the multi-component sites is comprised of prehistoric bedrock milling feature and a historic trash scatter.

The report in Appendix C concluded that due to previous disturbance due to prior agricultural activities within the Project Site, as well as the absence of significant archaeological sites within the immediate vicinity of the project site, potential for subsurface artifacts is low. Significant archaeological sites have been recorded within the mile-radius of the project area, but none are within the ¼ mile or ½ mile radius of the Project Site. Impacts would be less than significant.

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- b) As discussed above in Threshold 9.a), the Phase 1 cultural resources report in Appendix C did not identify any archaeological sites on the Project Site or in the vicinity, and identified a low potential that previously undiscovered archaeological resources may exist within the Project Site which may be exposed during the Project's ground-disturbing construction activities. Therefore, **Mitigation Measures CUL-1** and **CUL-2**, which requires archaeological monitoring and disposition requirements, shall be implemented to reduce impacts related to historical and archaeological resources to a less than significant level. Impacts would be less than significant levels with mitigation incorporated. Mitigation Measure CUL-1 reflects the conditions of the County's Planning-CUL.2 PDA 8323 and Planning-CUL.3 Unanticipated Resources which require archaeological monitoring for unanticipated resources (Advisory Notification Document, PPT220047, County of Riverside Transportation and Land Development Agency, April 26, 2023).
- Grading and excavation will occur as part of the Project construction. There are no known cemeteries in the Project Site. State Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5 states in the event human remains are discovered during construction, the County Coroner must be notified of the find immediately. No further disturbance shall occur until the County Coroner has made a determination of origin and disposition pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 5097.98. If the remains are determined to be prehistoric, the Coroner will notify the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC), which will determine and notify a Most Likely Descendant (MLD). With the permission of the landowner or his/her authorized representative, the MLD may inspect the site of the discovery. The MLD shall complete the inspection within 48 hours of notification by the NAHC. The Project Applicant is required to comply with all State, federal and local laws with respect to Project implementation and therefore will comply with this requirement. Nonetheless, Mitigation Measure CUL-3 is provided to further ensure compliance with the mandatory regulatory requirements. Impacts would be less than significant with mitigation incorporated. Mitigation Measure CUL-2 reflects the conditions of the County's Planning-CUL.1 Human Remains (Advisory Notification Document, PPT220047, County of Riverside Transportation and Land Development Agency, April 26, 2023). Mitigation Measure CUL-2 complements the County's Conditions of Approval as identified in the Advisory Notification Document.

<u>Mitigation</u>: The following mitigation measures are required:

CUL-1: Planning-CUL. 2 PDA 8323 Accepted. County Archaeological Report (PDA) No. 8323 submitted for this project (PPT220047) was prepared by Tierra Environmental Services and is entitled: "Cultural Resources Assessment for 23682 Water Street, Riverside County, California" dated April 24, 2023.

PDA 8323 concludes: Based on the Project environment and the archival research the parcel has a potential for subsurface cultural resources. However, no cultural resources were identified during the current investigation. Since no resource has been previously recorded or observed during the pedestrian survey, and based on the data collected during this investigation, the proposed project would not adversely affect any known significant resources.

Due to the potential for intact subsurface cultural resources and the potential for cultural resources within a one-mile area, archaeological monitoring is recommended for the proposed Project.

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These documents are herein incorporated as a part of the record for project.

**CUL-2: Planning-CUL. 3 Unanticipated Resources.** The developer/permit holder or any successor in interest shall comply with the following for the life of this permit. If during ground disturbance activities, unanticipated cultural resources are discovered, the following procedures shall be followed:

All ground disturbance activities within 100 feet of the discovered cultural resource shall be halted and the Project archaeologist shall call the County Archaeologist immediately upon discovery of the cultural resource. A meeting shall be convened between the developer, the project archaeologist, the Native American tribal representative, and the County Archaeologist to discuss the significance of the find. At the meeting with the aforementioned parties, a decision is to be made, with the concurrence of the County Archaeologist, as to the appropriate treatment (documentation, recovery, avoidance, etc.) for the cultural resource. Resource evaluations shall be limited to nondestructive analysis.

Further ground disturbance shall not resume within the area of the discovery until the appropriate treatment has been accomplished.

- \* A cultural resource site is defined, for this condition, as being a feature and/or three or more artifacts in close association with each other.
- \*\* If not already employed by the project developer, a County approved archaeologist shall be employed by the project developer to assess the significance of the cultural resource, attend the meeting described above, and continue monitoring of all future site grading activities as necessary.
- **CUL-3 Planning-CUL-1. Human Remains**. If human remains are found on this site, the developer/permit holder or any successor in interest shall comply with State Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5.

<u>Conditions of Approval</u>: The following conditions of approval are required Prior to Grading Permit Issuance:

- 060 Planning-CUL. 1 ECS sheet Resource reburial area (if needed). Prior to issuance of grading permits: the developer/ applicant shall provide evidence to the Riverside County Planning Department that an Environmental Constraints Sheet has been included in the Grading Plans. This sheet shall indicate an area that will be used, if needed, for reburial of any artifacts that have been identified during grading and cannot be avoided. This area will be protected and not disturbed in the future. This is confidential information and the exact nature of this area will not be called out on the grading plans.
- **060 Planning-CUL. 2 Native American Monitor**. Prior to the issuance of grading permits, the developer/permit applicant shall enter into an agreement with the

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consulting tribe(s) for a Native American Monitor. The Native American Monitor(s) shall be on-site during all initial ground disturbing activities and excavation of each portion of the project site including clearing, grubbing, tree removals, grading and trenching. In conjunction with the Archaeological Monitor(s), the Native American Monitor(s) shall have the authority to temporarily divert, redirect or halt the ground disturbance activities to allow identification, evaluation, and potential recovery of cultural resources.

The developer/permit applicant shall submit a fully executed copy of the agreement to the County Archaeologist to ensure compliance with this condition of approval. Upon verification, the Archaeologist shall clear this condition.

This agreement shall not modify any condition of approval or mitigation measure.

O60 - Planning-CUL. 3 Project Archaeologist. Prior to issuance of grading permits: The Applicant/Developer shall provide evidence to the County of Riverside Planning Department that a County certified professional archaeologist (Project Archaeologist) has been contracted to implement a Cultural Resource Monitoring Program (CRMP). A Cultural Resource Monitoring Plan shall be developed that addresses the details of all activities and provides procedures that must be followed in order to reduce the impacts to cultural and historic resources to a level that is less than significant as well as address potential impacts to undiscovered buried archaeological resources associated with this project. A fully executed copy of the contract and a wet-signed copy of the Monitoring Plan shall be provided to the County Archaeologist to ensure compliance with this condition of approval.

Working directly under the Project Archaeologist, an adequate number of qualified Archaeological Monitors shall be present to ensure that all earth moving activities are observed and shall be on-site during all grading activities for areas to be monitored including off-site improvements. Inspections will vary based on the rate of excavation, the materials excavated, and the presence and abundance of artifacts and features. The frequency and location of inspections will be determined by the Project Archaeologist.

<u>Conditions of Approval</u>: The following conditions of approval are required Prior to Grading Final Inspection:

070 - Planning-CUL. 1 Artifact Disposition. Prior to Grading Permit Final Inspection, the landowner(s) shall relinquish ownership of all cultural resources that are unearthed on the Project property during any ground-disturbing activities, including previous investigations and/or Phase III data recovery. Historic Resources- all historic archaeological materials recovered during the archaeological investigations (this includes collections made during an earlier project, such as testing of archaeological sites that took place years ago), shall be curated at the Western Science Center, a Riverside County curation facility that meets State Resources Department Office of Historic Preservation

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Guidelines for the Curation of Archaeological Resources ensuring access and use pursuant to the Guidelines.

Prehistoric Resources- One of the following treatments shall be applied.

- a. Reburial of the resources on the Project property. The measures for reburial shall include, at least, the following: Measures to protect the reburial area from any future impacts. Reburial shall not occur until all required cataloguing, analysis and studies have been completed on the cultural resources, with an exception that sacred items, burial goods and Native American human remains are excluded. Any reburial processes shall be culturally appropriate. Listing of contents and location of the reburial shall be included in the confidential Phase IV Report. The Phase IV Report shall be filed with the County under a confidential cover and not subject to a Public Records Request.
- b. If reburial is not agreed upon by the Consulting Tribes then the resources shall be curated at a culturally appropriate manner at the Western Science Center, a Riverside County curation facility that meets State Resources Department Office of Historic Preservation Guidelines for the Curation of Archaeological Resources ensuring access and use pursuant to the Guidelines. The collection and associated records shall be transferred, including title, and are to be accompanied by payment of the fees necessary for permanent curation. Evidence of curation in the form of a letter from the curation facility stating that subject archaeological materials have been received and that all fees have been paid, shall be provided by the landowner to the County. There shall be no destructive or invasive testing on sacred items, burial goods and Native American human remains.
- 070 Planning-CUL. 2 Phase IV Monitoring Report. Prior to Grading Permit Final Inspection, a Phase IV Cultural Resources Monitoring Report shall be submitted that complies with the Riverside County Planning Department's requirements for such reports for all ground disturbing activities associated with this grading permit. The report shall follow the County of Riverside Planning Department Cultural Resources (Archaeological) Investigations Standard Scopes of Work posted on the TLMA website. The report shall include results of any feature relocation or residue analysis required as well as evidence of the required cultural sensitivity training for the construction staff held during the required pre-grade meeting and evidence that any artifacts have been treated in accordance to procedures stipulated in the Cultural Resources Management Plan.

<u>Monitoring</u>: Prior to the issuance of grading permits, the Applicant shall provide a letter to the County Planning Department, or designee identifying that the qualified archaeologist has been retained for activities detailed in Mitigation Measure CUL-2. Monitoring shall be conducted by a qualified archaeologist in coordination with the Riverside County Archaeologist.

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ENERGY Would the project:				
10. Energy Impacts  a) Result in potentially significant environmental impacts due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources, during project construction or operation?				
b) Conflict with or obstruct a State or Local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency?			$\boxtimes$	

**Source(s)**: Riverside County General Plan, Riverside County Climate Action Plan ("CAP"), Report by Urban Crossroads titled *Thrifty Oil Warehouse, Greenhouse Gas Analysis, Riverside County*, May 4, 2023 (Appendix D), Lilburn Corporation, CalEEMod 2022 current Model outputs.

# Findings of Fact:

a) The Proposed Project would not result in a significant impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources, during project construction or operation. Project energy demand is as follows:

## Electricity

Southern California Edison (SCE) currently provides electrical service to the project area. The demand for electricity associated with the Proposed Project would be for operation of the 194,479 SF non-refrigerated warehouse and on-site lighting. In 2021, the Industry sector of the Southern California Edison planning area consumed 12,717.05 GWh of electricity. Based on the CalEEMod emission output tables for the Proposed Project, the estimated electricity demand is 0.894458 GWH. The Proposed Project's estimated annual electricity consumption compared to the 2021 annual electricity consumption of the overall Industry Sector in the SCE Planning Area would account for approximately 0.0154214 percent of total electricity consumption. The existing SCE electrical facilities have the capacity to meet this increased demand. Total electricity demand in SCE's service area is estimated to increase by approximately 12,000 GWh between the years 2015 and 2026. The increase in electricity demand from the Proposed Project is insignificant compared to the projected electricity demand for SCE's Industry sector demand and SCE's estimated increase in demand between 2015 and 2026. No significant adverse impacts are identified or are anticipated, and no mitigation measures are required.

#### Natural Gas

The vicinity of the Project Site is served by Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas), and no natural gas is currently used on-site. The project has been designed to rely on electricity only to meet energy demands. Therefore, the Proposed Project would not result in a significant impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of natural gas during project construction or operation. No impacts are identified or anticipated, and no mitigation measures are required.

b) Federal and State agencies regulate energy use and consumption through various means and programs. On the federal level, the United States Department of Transportation, the United States Department of Energy, and the United States Environmental Protection

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Agency are three federal agencies with substantial influence over energy policies and programs. On the state level, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) and the California Energy Commissions (CEC) are two agencies with authority over different aspects of energy.

The Riverside County Climate Action Plan (CAP, 2019) is designed to reduce GHG emissions associated with developed land use 15 percent below baseline levels by 2020. The CAP summarizes various State and local policies that will contribute to reduced GHG emissions in Riverside County by the year 2020 and beyond. Some of these policies include updated building codes for energy efficiency, the low carbon fuel standard, Pavley (California Assembly Bill) vehicle emissions standards, and the Renewable Portfolio Standards for utility companies. As noted in the CAP Update (2019), policies to reduce GHG emissions often overlap with policies addressing energy conservation, reduced automobile use, water conservation, and many other issues.

The Proposed Project has been designed in compliance with California's Energy Efficiency Standards and 2022 CALGreen Standards. These measures include but are not limited to the use of water conserving plumbing, the use of LED lighting, and water-efficient irrigation systems. The Project seeks to comply with all applicable State standards for energy efficiency, therefore, does not conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency. Impacts would be less than significant.

Mitigation: No mitigation is required.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

# GEOLOGY AND SOILS Would the project directly or indirectly: 11. Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zone or County Fault Hazard Zones a) Be subject to 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?

<u>Source(s)</u>: Riverside County General Plan Safety Element (adopted September 28, 2021) Figure 1 "Fault Lines," GIS database, California Department of Conservation; Report by Geo Environmental Resources, Inc titled, *Geotechnical Engineering Exploration and Analysis Proposed Commercial Tilt-up Building 23628 Water Street Perris, CA*, March 26, 2022 (Appendix E-1); and Response to County Geologic Report Review, January 30, 2024 (Appendix E-2).

#### Findings of Fact:

a) The Project Site is located in Southern California, a seismically active area and susceptible to the effects of seismic activity include rupture of earthquake faults. The Project Site is not located on or near a Alquist-Priolo Earthquake fault, according to the geotechnical report in Appendix E-1. The closest known active earthquake fault with a documented location is the Casa Loma Fault Zone located approximately 13 miles to the east. Due to the distance of the Project Site from the closest fault zone, there is a less than significant potential for the

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Mitigation:	No mitigation is required.				
<u>Monitoring</u> :	No monitoring is required.				
a) Be	uefaction Potential Zone subject to seismic-related ground failure iquefaction?				
"Liquefaction Exploration	Riverside County General Plan Safety Element on Zones," Report by Geo Environmental Resour on and Analysis Proposed Commercial Tilt-up Builds (Appendix E-1); and Response to County Geol E-2).	ces, Inc title ing 23628 W	d, Geotechn ater Street P	ical Engine Perris, CA, N	e <i>ring</i> ⁄Iarch
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subjected t	n occurs when shallow, fine to medium-graine o strong seismic ground shaking. It generally occurs below the surface. The Project Site is identified mapped area with low potential for liquefaction.	urs when the	underlying v	water table	is 50
a)	The Riverside County Department of Building geotechnical data prior to issuance of a grading construction, which would ensure that all required Commission) measures are incorporated. Commission of approval and verified by the County's related to liquefaction are less than significant.	permit and ired CBC (Cpliance with	conducts in: California Bu the CBC a	spections of ilding stand s included	luring dards as a
	Impacts would be less than significant.				
Mitigation:	No mitigation is required.				
Monitoring:	No monitoring is required.				
	und-shaking Zone subject to strong seismic ground shaking?			$\boxtimes$	
Resources Building 23	Riverside County General Plan Safety Elements," GIS database, California Department of Cons., Inc titled, <i>Geotechnical Engineering Exploration a</i> 8628 Water Street Perris, CA, March 26, 2022 (Appendix E-2).	servation; Roand Analysis	eport by Geo Proposed Co	o Environmo <i>mmercial</i> 7	iental <i>Filt-up</i>

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indings of	Fact:				
a)	The Project Site is located in Southern California, to the effects of seismic activity include rupture of active earthquake fault with a documented location approximately 13 miles to the east. The Proposed with the most current California building codes impacts from earthquakes. The Riverside Courreviews structural plans and geotechnical data products inspections during construction, which (California Building standards Commission) means the CBC as included as a condition of approval and would ensure that impacts related to strong significant.	of earthquaken is the Ca Project would that are denty Departmander to issuant would encourse to would encoursed by	ke faults. The sa Loma Fall be designed to refer to gradult and the corporated.	e closest keelt Zone loted in accordeduce structured structured lotes adjusted to the compliance of th	nown cated dance ctural Safety it and CBC with ocess
	Impacts would be less than significant.				
Mitigation:	No mitigation is required.				
Monitoring:	No monitoring is required.				
a) Be or that wo potentially	dslide Risk located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, uld become unstable as a result of the project, and result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, or rockfall hazards?				
28, 2021) F Engineerin	On-site Inspection, Riverside County General Pigure 3 "Landslide Risk," Report by Geo Environm gexploration and Analysis Proposed Commercial 7 26, 2022 (Appendix E-1).	ental Resou	rces, Inc title	ed, Geoteci	hnical

# Findings of Fact:

a) Landslides, Rockfall Hazards. Landslides are the downhill movement of masses of earth and rock and are often associated with earthquakes; but other factors, such as the slope, moisture content of the soil, composition of the subsurface geology, heavy rains, and improper grading can influence the occurrence of landslides. The Project Site and adjacent parcels are relatively flat with elevations that range from approximately 1,567 to 1,532 feet above mean sea level, and there are no hills or steep slopes on the Project Site or in the vicinity. The MVAP Figure 14 Steep Slopes also identifies there are no steep slopes in the Project area. The Proposed Project would not construct manufactured slopes. Because the Project Site and vicinity are relatively flat, impacts related to landslides or rock falls would not occur from implementation of the Proposed Project.

Lateral Spreading. Lateral spreading is a type of liquefaction hazard associated with ground failure and/or lateral displacement of surficial blocks of sediment resulting from liquefaction in a subsurface layer. Once liquefaction transforms the subsurface layer into a fluid mass,

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	gravity plus the earthquake inertial forces may cause the mass to move downslope towards a free face (such as a river channel or an embankment). No groundwater was encountered during the Geotechnical Investigation of the Project Site (Appendix E-1). The investigation also found that the potential for liquefaction at the Project Site to be very low due to the dense and very dense subsurface soils. Therefore, the Geotechnical Investigation determined that the Project Site is not susceptible to liquefaction (Appendix E-1). As such, the Proposed Project is not subject to lateral spreading.
	settlement of 1-inch and differential settlement potential of less than 3/4-inch. However, excavation and recompaction of the artificial fill soils in compliance with the CBC as required through the County's permitting process would ensure that settlement related impacts would be less than significant.
Mitigation:	No mitigation is required.
<b>15. Gro</b> a) Be or that wo	wund Subsidence e located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, ould become unstable as a result of the project, and or result in ground subsidence?
Resources Building 23	Con-site Inspection, Riverside County General Plan Safety Element (adopted August 6, are S-7 "Documented Subsidence Areas," GIS Database, Report by Geo Environmental, Inc titled, Geotechnical Engineering Exploration and Analysis Proposed Commercial Tilt-up 3628 Water Street Perris, CA, March 26, 2022 (Appendix E-1); and Response to County Report Review, January 30, 2024 (Appendix E-2).
indings of	f Fact:
a)	The Project Site is within an area mapped by the Riverside County General Plan as being susceptible to subsidence. Project construction will occur in the flatter portions of the site, which consist of natural alluvial terrace deposits from the ground surface to the depth explored of 29 feet below ground surface, according to the geotechnical report prepared for the Project (Appendix E-1). Recommended grading as provided in a final Geotechnical Report to be approved by the County Geologist should provide adequate support for the proposed structure during a seismic event. In addition, any future potential collapse and/or settlement at greater depth should not have any adverse effect on the new structure. Impacts would be less than significant.
	impacts would be loss than significant.

Mitigation: No mitigation is required.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

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a) Be	er Geologic Hazards e subject to geologic hazards, such as seiche, or volcanic hazard?				$\boxtimes$		
	Project Application Materials; Report by Geocal Engineering Exploration and Analysis Proposed Cris, CA, March 26, 2022 (Appendix E-1).						
Findings of	f Fact:						
a)	a) The Project Site is not located near steep hillsides subject to mudflow or volcanoes (Riverside County General Plan, <i>Safety Element</i> ). With respect to seiches, the nearest body of water to the Project Site is Lake Perris, located approximately 4 miles to the northeast (Google Earth Pro, 2022). A seiche is the sloshing of a closed body of water from earthquake shaking. Seiches are of concern relative to water storage facilities because inundation from a seiche can occur if the wave overflows a containment wall, such as the wall of a reservoir, water storage tank, dam, or other artificial body of water. Due to the distance of the closest water body an impact related to seiche would not occur. Therefore, there is no potential for the Proposed Project to be subject to hazards associated with seiches, mudflows, and/or volcanic hazards. No impacts would occur.						
Mitigation:	No mitigation is required.						
Monitoring	No monitoring is required.						
17. Slo	noc						
a) Ch							
b) than 10 fe	Create cut or fill slopes greater than 2:1 or higher et?				$\boxtimes$		
,	Result in grading that affects or negates e sewage disposal systems?				$\boxtimes$		
Environme Commercia	Source(s): Riv. Co. 800-Scale Slope Maps, Project Application Materials, Report by Geo Environmental Resources, Inc titled, Geotechnical Engineering Exploration and Analysis Proposed Commercial Tilt-up Building 23628 Water Street Perris, CA, March 26, 2022 (Appendix E-1).						
Findings of							
а)	As described previously, the Project Site and the the elevations that range from approximately 1,56 sloping in a northeasterly gradient (Appendix E-1) and is not adjacent to any steep slopes. These are on site soils and imported soils to be used for recommond not change topography or ground surface occur.	67 to 1,532 . The site d as would be ompaction o	feet above oes not cont backfilled won the site. T	mean sea ain steep s vith recomp Thus, the P	level, lopes acted roject		

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- b) No cut or fill slopes greater than 2:1 or higher than 10 feet are proposed as part of the Proposed Project grading. There would be no impacts.
- c) Subsurface sewage disposal systems are not proposed as part of the Project. The Project includes installation of approximately 1,245 feet of a new sewer lateral in Water Street that would connect to the County's existing sewer system at the intersection of Water Street and Harvill Avenue. The installation and grading of the Project Site would be completed pursuant to the County's and EMWD's required specifications for sewer installation for positive gravity flow. Therefore, there would be no grading that affects or negates subsurface sewage disposal systems. There would be no impacts.

Mitigation: No mitigation is required.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

18. Soils  a) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?			
b) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Section 1803.5.3 of the California Building Code (2022), creating substantial direct or indirect risks to life or property?		$\boxtimes$	
c) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water?			

<u>Source(s)</u>: U.S.D.A. Soil Conservation Service Soil Surveys, Project Application Materials, On-site Inspection Report by Geo Environmental Resources, Inc titled, *Geotechnical Engineering Exploration and Analysis Proposed Commercial Tilt-up Building 23628 Water Street Perris, CA, March 26, 2022 (Appendix E-1); and Response to County Geologic Report Review, January 30, 2024 (Appendix E-2).* 

#### Findings of Fact:

a) Construction activities associated with the Proposed Project's construction over the approximately 8.72 net acre site would involve earth movement and the exposure of soil which has the potential to contribute to soil erosion and the loss of topsoil. However, the Project would also be required to adhere to standard regulatory requirements designed to reduce erosional impacts, including, but not limited to, requirements imposed by the State Water Resources Control Board Construction General Permit Order 2009-0009-DWQ which requires projects that disturb one (1) or more acres of soil or whose projects disturb less than one acre but are part of a larger common plan of development that in total disturbs one or more acres, obtain coverage under the General Permit for Discharges of Storm Water Associated with Construction Activity Construction General Permit Order 2009-0009-DWQ. Construction activity subject to this permit includes clearing, grading and disturbances to the ground such as stockpiling or excavation. The Construction General Permit requires the development of a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) by a certified Qualified SWPPP Developer (QSD). The Proposed Project is anticipated to disturb more than one acre, and therefore, would be subject to preparation of a SWPPP.

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The SWPPP would include BMPs to be implemented during and after Project construction to minimize erosion and sedimentation of downstream watercourses. Impacts would be less than significant.

The Proposed Project includes installation of landscape and hardscape features adjacent to the proposed buildings and throughout the proposed parking areas. Upon operations, the landscape and hardscape features would eliminate areas of loose topsoil that could erode by wind or water. In addition, as described in Section 23, Hydrology and Water Quality, the hydrologic features of the Proposed Project have been designed to slow, filter, and retain stormwater within landscaping and direct stormwater to underground chambers, which would also reduce the potential for stormwater to erode topsoil. Furthermore, implementation of the Project requires County approval of a Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP), which would ensure that RWQCB requirements and appropriate operational BMPs would be implemented to minimize or eliminate the potential for soil erosion or loss of topsoil to occur. As a result, with implementation of existing requirements, impacts related to substantial soil erosion or loss of topsoil would be less than significant.

- b) The Geotechnical Engineering Exploration and Response to County Geologic Report Review (Appendix E-2) identified that the near-surface material are low expansive with in expansion potential, as defined in Section 1803.5.3 of the California Building Code (2022). The Riverside County Department of Building and Safety reviews structural plans and geotechnical data prior to issuance of a grading permit and conducts inspections during construction, which would ensure that all required CBC (California Building standards Commission) measures are incorporated. Compliance with the CBC as included as a condition of approval and verified by the County's review process would ensure that impacts related to expansive soils are less than significant.
- c) The Project does not propose to install any septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems. There would be no impacts.

Mitigation: No mitigation is required.		
Monitoring: No monitoring is required.		
<ul><li>19. Wind Erosion and Blowsand from project either on or off site.</li><li>a) Be impacted by or result in an increase in wind erosion and blowsand, either on or off site?</li></ul>		

**Source(s)**: Riverside County General Plan Safety Element (adopted August 6, 2019) Figure S-8 "Wind Erosion Susceptibility Areas," Riverside County General Plan Safety Element (Adopted Sept. 28, 2021)," GIS database, Ord. No. 460, Article XV & Ord. No. 484.

# Findings of Fact:

a) Figure S-8 of the Riverside County General Plan Safety Element adopted August 6, 2019 identified that the Project Site is located within an area of Moderate Wind Erodibility rating. The General Plan Safety Element did not evaluate wind erosion and blow sand as an

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independent risk category, but did evaluate the potential effects of "severe weather" due to climate change. "Severe weather" was defined as localized storms that bring heavy rain, hail, lightning, and strong winds. Severe weather is usually caused by intense storm systems, although types of strong winds can occur without a storm. The Safety Element includes a Vulnerability Assessment that identified "industrial buildings" to have a "moderate vulnerability" to severe weather. The Riverside County Department of Building and Safety reviews structural plans and geotechnical data prior to issuance of a grading permit and conducts inspections during construction, which would ensure that all required CBC (California Building standards Commission) measures, including wind loading, are incorporated. Compliance with the CBC included as a condition of approval and verified by the County's review process would ensure that impacts related to severe weather including wind erosion and blowsand are less than significant.

Mitigation: No mitigation is required.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

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

**Source(s)**: Riverside County General Plan, Riverside County Climate Action Plan ("CAP"), Report by Urban Crossroads titled *Thrifty Oil Warehouse, Greenhouse Gas Analysis, Riverside County*, May 4, 2023 (Appendix D). Lilburn Corporation, CalEEMod 2022 current Model outputs.

#### Findings of Fact:

a) Gases that trap heat in the atmosphere are often referred to as greenhouse gases (GHG). These gases are released into the atmosphere by both natural and anthropogenic (human) activity. Without the natural greenhouse gas effect, the earth's average temperature would be approximately 61° Fahrenheit (F) cooler than it is currently. The cumulative accumulation of these gases in the earth's atmosphere is considered to be the cause for the observed increase in the earth's temperature.

Currently neither the CEQA statutes, OPR guidelines, nor the draft proposed changes to the CEQA Guidelines prescribe thresholds of significance or a particular methodology for performing an impact analysis; as with most environmental topics, significance criteria are left to the judgment and discretion of the Lead Agency.

Riverside County's Climate Action Plan (CAP) provides guidance on how to analyze GHG emissions and determine significance during the CEQA review of proposed development projects within the County. To address the state's requirement to reduce GHG emissions, the County prepared its CAP with the goal of reducing GHG emissions within the County

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by 49% below "existing" 2008 levels by the year 2030 and 83% below the 2008 baseline levels by 2050. The County's GHG reduction targets are consistent with the AB 32, SB 32, and EO S-3-05, and ensure that the County is providing GHG reductions locally that will complement the State and international efforts of stabilizing climate change.

The CAP identifies a two-step approach in evaluating GHG emissions. First, a screening threshold of 3,000 MTCO<sub>2</sub>e/yr is used to determine if additional analysis is required. Projects that exceed the 3,000 MTCO<sub>2</sub>e/yr will be required to quantify and disclose the anticipated GHG emissions then either 1) demonstrates GHG emissions at project buildout year levels of efficiency and includes project design features and/or MMs to reduce GHG emissions or 2) garner 100 points through the Screening Tables.

Based on the CalEEMod version 2022 output as shown in Table 5, the Project will result in approximately 1,316.2 MTCO<sub>2</sub>e/yr and would not exceed the County's screening threshold of 3,000 MTCO<sub>2</sub>e/yr. Thus, the Project would not have the potential to result in a cumulatively considerable impact with respect to GHG emissions and Project GHG emissions would have a less than significant impact.

Table 5
Project GHG Emissions

Emission Source	Emissions (MT/yr)			
Emission source	CO <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>4</sub>	N₂O	Total CO₂e
Annual construction-related emissions amortized over 30 years	17.9	0.0	0.0	18.2
Area Source	3.9	0.0	0.0	4.0
Energy Source	345	0.0	0.0	347
Mobile Source	753	0.0	0.0	780
On-Site Equipment	50.77	0.02	0.00	51.18
Waste	16.3	1.6	0.0	57.0
Water Usage	63.3	1.5	0.0	111
Total CO₂e (All Sources)		1,33	16.2	

Impacts would be less than significant.

b) The applicable plan for the Proposed Project is the County of Riverside Climate Action Plan (adopted November 2019) which assists the County in conforming to the GHG emissions reductions as mandated under AB 32. As noted in the CAP Update (2019), policies to reduce GHG emissions often overlap with policies addressing energy conservation, reduced automobile use, water conservation, and many other issues. In addition to policies specifically targeting GHG emissions, Riverside County has many General Plan policies that help reduce GHG emissions while targeting other policies applicable to Riverside County. The Project is consistent with the CAP as it will implement many of the policies that reduce GHG emissions (see Appendix D). And, as discussed, the Project will result in approximately 1,316.2 MTCO2e/yr which is below the County's screening threshold of

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	3,000 MTCO2e/yr. Therefore, the Project is consregulations adopted for the purpose of reducing than significant.		• •	•	
Mitigation:	No mitigation is required.				
<u>Monitoring</u> :	: No monitoring is required.				
HAZARD	S AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS Would the pro	ject:			
a) Cr environme	tards and Hazardous Materials reate a significant hazard to the public or the ent through the routine transport, use, or disposal ous materials?				
environme accident	Create a significant hazard to the public or the ent through reasonably foreseeable upset and conditions involving the release of hazardous into the environment?				
	Impair implementation of or physically interfere dopted emergency response plan or an emergency n plan?			$\boxtimes$	
acutely ha	Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or azardous materials, substances, or waste within er (1/4) mile of an existing or proposed school?				$\boxtimes$
hazardous Code Sec	Be located on a site which is included on a list of s materials sites compiled pursuant to Government ction 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a t hazard to the public or the environment?				
for the 8.72 Report by	Report by Waterstone Environmental, Inc. titled a Acre Property, 23682 Water Street, Perris, Californ Waterstone Environmental, Inc. titled Report of Agree Street, Perris, California 92570, November 20, 2	nia 92570, N ricultural Cr	larch 5, 2022 ops on 8.72	2 (Appendix	F-1);
Findings of	Fact:				
a)	A hazardous material is a substance that is corrosive. Extremely hazardous materials are substance carcinogenic, bioaccumulative properties, persiste reactive. Improper use, storage, transport, and dismay result in harm to humans, surface and ground explosion.	stances that ence in the e sposal of ha	show high o nvironment, zardous mat	r chronic tox or that are terials and v	xicity, water vaste
	Construction				
	Construction of the Proposed Project would involve quantities of construction-related chemicals inclumotor oil, grease, runoff, and other related fluids a would involve the disposal and recycling of materials.	uding but no and lubrican	ot limited to ts. The cons	hydraulic f truction acti	luids, vities

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General Plan Safety Element addresses potential hazards in the County and identifies goals and policies to reduce risks and damages associated with hazards, including disposal of hazardous materials due to human activities. Compliance with all local, State and federal regulations related to hazardous materials use and transport during construction would reduce potential hazards to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials.

## Operations

The Proposed Project would operate one industrial warehouse, the tenant of which has not yet been identified. A typical business/industrial operation would generally use limited hazardous materials, such as: cleaning agents, paints, pesticides, batteries, and aerosol cans. Normal routine use of these types of products would not result in a significant hazard to residents or workers in the vicinity of the Proposed Project as these materials would be handled and stored in compliance with all with applicable federal, state, and local requirements. Also, should any future business that occupies the proposed building handle acutely hazardous materials (as defined in Section 25500 of California Health and Safety Code, Division 20, Chapter 6.95) the business would require a permit from the Riverside County Department of Health Hazardous Materials Branch. This branch of the County would ensure that the operation complies with all local, State and federal regulations applicable to the business use. Therefore, operation of the Proposed Project would result in a less than significant impact related to the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials and no mitigation measures are required.

b) A Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) was prepared for the Project Site (Appendix F-1). The Phase 1 ESA identified that there were no potentially hazardous conditions that existed on the Project Site. The Phase 1 ESA identified that the property has been either undeveloped or developed as agricultural land between 1938 through 2006. A farmhouse had been on the property as early as 1938, but was not present as of 2009. The Phase I ESA identified three properties, downgradient approximately one-eighth of a mile to the east and to the north of the Project Site that had been identified for underground fuel storage or auto parts stores, with no violations.

# Construction

Construction activities would require the temporary use of hazardous substances, such as fuel, lubricants, and other petroleum-based products for operation of construction equipment as well as oil, solvents, or paints. As a result, the Proposed Project could result in the exposure of persons and/or the environment to an adverse environmental impact due to the accidental release of a hazardous material. However, the transportation, use, and handling of hazardous materials would be temporary and would coincide with the short-term Project construction activities. Further, the construction contractor is required to ensure that these materials would be handled and stored in compliance with all with applicable federal, state, and local requirements. Any handling of hazardous materials would be limited to the quantities and concentrations set forth by the manufacturer and/or applicable regulations, and all hazardous materials would be securely stored in a construction staging area or similar designated location within the Project Site. In addition, the handling, transport, use, and disposal of hazardous materials must comply with all applicable federal, state, and local agencies and regulations, including the Department of

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Toxic Substances Control; Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA); Caltrans; and the County Health Department - Hazardous Materials Management Services.

# **Operations**

As discussed, although a tenant has not yet been identified, operations would be consistent with industrial/business park uses per the County's General Plan. This may include use of small quantities of cleaning agents, paints, pesticides, batteries, and aerosol cans in accordance with existing laws established for the use of these substances. Should any future business that occupies the proposed building handle acutely hazardous materials (as defined in Section 25500 of California Health and Safety Code, Division 20, Chapter 6.95) the business would require a permit from the Riverside County Department of Health Hazardous Materials Branch. This branch of the County would ensure that the operation complies with all local, State and federal regulations applicable to the business use. Impacts would be less than significant and no mitigation measures are required.

- The Proposed Project would not impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or an emergency evacuation plan. Project construction will occur on a vacant parcel. Short-term construction of off-site improvements will occur along local roadways, but the construction will be conducted consistent with all applicable rules for traffic control which outlines procedures for emergency situations. The Project design allows for adequate emergency access off the site onto local roads. Evacuation routes are determined by the local emergency services; none are identified adjacent to the Project Site. The Proposed Project would be reviewed by the local emergency services agencies for compliance with all applicable codes. Impacts would be less than significant and no mitigation measures are required.
- d) The Val Verde Elementary School is located approximately three-quarters of a mile east of the Project. Small quantities of fuel and lubricants will be transported to the Project Site during construction. As previously discussed, the limited quantities of hazardous materials would be transported, handled, and disposed of in accordance with all regulations. Additionally, the potential emissions that would be generated from construction and operation of the Proposed Project were evaluated in the air quality analyses presented in Appendix A-1 and Appendix A-2 which identified that the emissions generated from the Proposed Project would not cause or contribute to an exceedance of the federal or state air quality standards. Thus, the Proposed Project would not emit hazardous or handle acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within 0.25 mile of school. No impacts would occur.
- e) The Phase 1 ESA prepared for the Project (Appendix F) included a historical literature review of the Project Site and surrounding area. The results indicated that the Project Site is not located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5. Therefore, construction and operation of the Proposed Project would not create a significant hazard to the public or the environment. No impacts would occur.

Mitigation: No mitigation is required.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
22 Airmonto				
22. Airports <ul> <li>a) Result in an inconsistency with an Airport Master Plan?</li> </ul>				
b) Require review by the Airport Land Use Commission?			$\boxtimes$	
c) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two (2) miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?				
d) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, or heliport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?				

**Source(s)**: Riverside County General Plan Figure S-20 "Airport Locations," GIS database; Letter from Airport Land Use Commission, Riverside County regarding Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) Development Review ZAP1550MA22 for PPT220047, dated January 12, 2023 (Appendix G).

# Findings of Fact:

- a) The Project Site is not located within an Airport Master Plan; therefore, the Project would not result in an inconsistency with an Airport Master Plan. There would be no impacts.
- b) The Project Site is located within Airport Compatibility Zone C2 of the March Air Reserve Base/Inland Port Airport Influence Area (AIA). The C2 zone is identified as a flight corridor zone for March Air Reserve Base. The ALUCP restricts the number of people within the C2 zone to an average of 200 people per acre, with no more than 500 people in one acre. The Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) evaluated the Proposed Project January 2023 (Appendix G) and found the project to be consistent with the 2014 March Air Reserve Base/Inland Port Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (MARB LUC Plan). The ALUC also issued a set of conditions for the County to include in its approval for the Proposed Project to ensure consistency with the Plan. The Proposed Project would be required to comply with these conditions. Impacts would be less than significant and no mitigation measures are required.
- c) The ALUC identified that the Proposed Project is consistent with the MARB LUC Plan and included conditions for the County to require the Applicant to comply with as part of Project approval (Appendix G). Adherence to these conditions will remove or reduce any safety hazard for people residing or working in the Project area. There are no public airports or public use airports within two (2) miles of the Project Site. Impacts would be less than significant and no mitigation measures are required.
- d) The Project Site is not located within two miles of any private airstrip, or heliport; therefore, the Project would not create a safety hazard for people residing or working in the Project area. There would be no impacts.

Mitigation: No mitigation is required.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

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HYDROLOGY AND WATER OHALITY Would the project:				
HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY Would the project:  23. Water Quality Impacts				
a) Violate any water quality standards or waste				
discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade				
surface or ground water quality?				
b) Substantially decrease groundwater supplies or				$\boxtimes$
interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that	Ш	Ш	Ш	
the project may impede sustainable groundwater				
management of the basin?				
c) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of			$\boxtimes$	
the site or area, including through the alteration of the course				
of a stream or river or through the addition of impervious surfaces?				
d) Result in substantial erosion or siltation on-site or				
off-site?			$\boxtimes$	
e) Substantially increase the rate or amount of				
surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on-				
site or off-site?				
f) Create or contribute runoff water which would			$\boxtimes$	
exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater		Ш		Ш
drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources				
of polluted runoff?				
g) Impede or redirect flood flows?				$\boxtimes$
h) In flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zones, risk the				$\square$
release of pollutants due to project inundation?				
i) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water			$\boxtimes$	
quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan?			<u></u>	

<u>Source(s)</u>: Riverside County General Plan Figure S-9 "Special Flood Hazard Areas," Figure S-10 "Dam Failure Inundation Zone," GIS database; Report by Armstrong & Brooks Consulting Engineers titled *Hydrology Study for Thrifty Oil-Perris Industrial*, February 17, 2023 (Appendix H-1) and Report by Armstrong & Brooks Consulting Engineers titled *Project Specific Water Quality Management Plan*, February 23, 2023 (Appendix H-2).

# Findings of Fact:

a) The Project Site is within the Santa Ana Watershed Region of Riverside County, within the San Jacinto Sub-Watershed and under the jurisdiction of the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board (SARWQCB), which sets water quality standards for all ground and surface waters within its region.

## Construction

The SARWQCB requires that dischargers whose construction projects disturb one (1) or more acres of soil or whose projects disturb less than one acre but are part of a larger common plan of development that in total disturbs one or more acres, obtain coverage under the General Permit for Discharges of Storm Water Associated with Construction

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Activity Construction General Permit Order 2009-0009-DWQ. Construction activity subject to this permit includes clearing, grading and disturbances to the ground such as stockpiling, or excavation. The Construction General Permit requires the development of a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) by a certified Qualified SWPPP Developer (QSD). The Proposed Project is anticipated to disturb more than 1 acre, and therefore, would be subject to preparation of a SWPPP. The SWPPP would include BMPs to be implemented during and after Project construction to minimize erosion and sedimentation of downstream watercourses. The SWPPP is required for plan check and approval by the County's Building and Safety Division, prior to provision of permits for the Project, and would include construction BMPs such as:

- Silt fencing, fiber rolls, or gravel bags
- Street sweeping and vacuuming
- Storm drain inlet protection
- Stabilized construction entrance/exit
- Vehicle and equipment maintenance, cleaning, and fueling
- Hydroseeding
- Material delivery and storage
- Stockpile management
- Spill prevention and control
- Solid waste management
- Concrete waste management

Adherence to the existing requirements and implementation of the appropriate BMPs per the permitting process would ensure that activities associated with construction would not violate any water quality standards. The Project would be required to have an approved grading and erosion control plan and approval of a SWPPP, which would include construction BMPs to minimize the potential for construction related sources of pollution, per County conditions of approval, which would be implemented during construction. As a result, impacts related to the degradation of water quality during construction of the Proposed Project would be less than significant.

## **Operations**

Riverside County and 23 other cities and agencies obtained a joint National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit from the SARWQCB to control pollutants in runoff. The Proposed Project has prepared a Project Specific Water Quality Control Plan (PWQMP), which is provided in Appendix H-2 which incorporates stormwater control for the post-construction condition, and includes Low Impact Development (LID) site design, source control, and treatment control BMPs. The County would review and approve the PWQMP as part of the design for the Proposed Project. Design features that reduce runoff that could cause water quality impacts include proposed storm drains that would allow for site runoff to be conveyed to a proposed underground detention chamber below the eastern truck parking lot. Overflow from this proposed facility will be discharged using a side-flow weir to distribute the storm water runoff linearly (non-concentrated) at a rate per linear foot less than existing, predeveloped conditions. The underground chamber will allow water to recharge into the ground with the soil acting to filter pollutants. Therefore, the Project would not violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements or otherwise

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substantially degrade surface or ground water quality. Impacts would be less than significant and no mitigation measures are required.

b) The Proposed Project does not include the construction of groundwater wells, nor will its water supply originate from groundwater wells. Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) provides water services to the area of the Project Site. The Project area overlies the Perris North Groundwater basin, which is located within the West San Jacinto Basin, and is managed through the West San Jacinto Groundwater Management Plan. The plan manages groundwater extraction, supply, and quality. Because the groundwater basin is managed through this plan, which limits the allowable withdrawal of water from the basin by water purveyors, and the Proposed Project would not pump water from the project area (as water supplies would be provided by EMWD), the Proposed Project would not result in a substantial depletion of groundwater supplies.

Development of the Proposed Project would result in a large area of impervious surface (341,933 SF) on the Project Site. The project design includes an underground infiltration chamber that would capture and filter runoff. In addition, the Project includes installation of 56,169 SF of landscaping that would infiltrate stormwater onsite. As a result, the Proposed Project would not decrease groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that the Project may impede sustainable groundwater management of the basin. The Proposed Project would have a less than significant impact. Therefore, the Proposed Project would not substantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that the Proposed Project may impede sustainable groundwater management of the groundwater basin. There would be no impacts.

- There are no streams or rivers on the Project Site or adjacent to the Project Site. Thus, impacts related to alteration of the course of a stream or river would not occur. However, based on the existing topography, the Project Site drains easterly across the APN 317-260-034 (County of Riverside owned undeveloped parcel immediately adjacent to east of the Project Site), via sheet flow at the common property line boundary (eastern Project Site property boundary/western property boundary of the County parcel) (Appendix H-1). The stormwater runoff from the addition of impervious surfaces from development of the Proposed Project would be conveyed to an underground chamber system for infiltration and discharge. Over-flows in excess of water quality capture volume requirements will be discharged from the underground facility via overflow pipes. These overflow pipes will discharge into a concrete U-shaped channel constructed with side weirs where flows will be dispersed at a rate per linear foot less than or equal to pre-developed conditions. for conveyance off-site. Drainage would be controlled and would not result in substantial alteration of the drainage pattern. In addition, a WQMP has been developed to satisfy the requirements of the adopted NPDES program, which would be verified by the County's Building and Safety Division through the County's permitting process and through conditions of approval. Therefore, the Proposed Project would result in less than significant impacts related to alteration of the drainage pattern of the site or area and no mitigation measures are required.
- d) As discussed in 23.a, the SWPPP that would be prepared by the project contractor would include BMPs to be implemented during and after project construction to minimize erosion or siltation on-site and/or off-site. Implementation of a WQMP would provide operational

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BMPs to ensure that operation of the industrial warehouse use would not result in erosion or siltation. Impacts would be less than significant and no mitigation measures are required.

- e) Project construction includes the preparation of an SWPPP that would include BMPs to be implemented during Project construction to minimize the rate and/or amount of surface runoff during construction. The Project's drainage features would make the site drainage consistent with the existing drainage pattern for the area (refer to Appendices H-1 and H-2). Therefore, the Proposed Project would not substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on-site or off-site. Impacts would be less than significant and no mitigation measures are required.
- The Proposed Project's stormwater will not exceed the capacity of the existing or planned stormwater drainage system in the area because stormwater improvements are planned as part of the Proposed Project. Thrifty Oil currently owns project parcels APN 317-260-016 (8.70 AC) and parcel (APN 317-260-015) (0.44 AC). The Project would grade the existing site for the development of an industrial facility at the northeast corner of the Tobacco Road and Water Street intersection. The site consists of approximately 9.1 gross acres and is currently undeveloped and barren land consisting of sparsely spread weeds and grasses. The surrounding areas have similar conditions. Per the County's Master Drainage Plan (MDP), the 40-acre drainage area bounded by Water Street and Harvill Avenue, Tobacco Road and Placentia Avenue, and includes the Project Site, is identified to drain northeast to an existing 66-inch storm drain at Harvill/Placentia intersection, after the confluence of Lateral H 10 (in Harvill) and Lateral H 10.1 (in Placentia). However, based on the existing topography, the Project Site actually drains easterly across the APN 317-260-034 (County of Riverside owned undeveloped parcel immediately adjacent east of the Project Site), via sheet flow at the common property line boundary (eastern Project Site property boundary/western property boundary of the County parcel). Per drainage case law, a project's natural drainage condition is permitted to perpetuate existing conditions as long as the flow is not concentrated, and the volume and velocities emitted from the site are less than the predeveloped conditions. The Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (RCFCD & WCD) has indicated during its project review process that interim detention facilities are not required if the 100-year flow-rate is conveyed to the 66-inch RCP outlet at the Harvill/Placentia intersection. However, to accomplish such would require installation of approximately 1,400 linear feet of a new parallel storm drain in Placentia Avenue to Harvill Avenue as there is no capacity in Lateral H 10.1, or the installation of a new storm drain across the County parcel in an easement. Neither alternative is desirable to the Applicant or to the RCFCD & WCD.

Due to the lack of adequate capacity in Placentia and the desire to not encumber the County parcel with a storm drain and easement, Project flows will be routed to an underground onsite detention/infiltration system where the design capture volume (DCV) of runoff will be treated through infiltration. All runoff that exceeds the site's DCV will be discharged from the underground facility via overflow pipes. These overflow pipes will discharge into a concrete U-shaped channel constructed with side weirs where flows will be dispersed at a rate per linear foot less than or equal to pre-developed conditions. A grouted rip-rap stabilization blanket will be provided along the Project Site's easterly border, to protect the County parcel and assist in dispersing the minimal flow Q-100 discharge of only 0.019 cfs per linear foot.

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The Proposed Project is designed to comply with the RCFCD & WCD's interim detention basin facilities requirements since there is no practical storm drain outlet provided for the Project Site per the current MDP. The Proposed Project would therefore perpetuating the natural drainage conditions, while providing an effective safe and practical point of discharge. The Proposed Project would provide underground storm drain detention basin systems in similar concept and principal to recently approved project located northwest of the Project Site along Patterson and Placentia Avenues per PPT 190008 "Barker Logistics". This includes a safe weir dispersal structure, minimal flows for the Q-100, a free draining facility chamber basin within 72-hrs., and no dead storage or pumping facilities. Infiltration techniques are also provided to meet regional WQMP best management practices, and enhance water quality and quantities.

Therefore, the Project would not create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff. Impacts would be less than significant and no mitigation measures are required.

- g) As indicated in General Plan Figure S-9 and S-10, the Project Site is not located in an area with the potential for flood hazards where the Proposed Project would impede or redirect flood flows. There would be no impacts.
- h) As indicated in General Plan Figure S-9 and S-10, the Project Site is not located in an area of a flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zone. Therefore, there is no risk related to the release of pollutants due to Project Site inundation. There would be no impacts.
- i) As described previously, the Proposed Project would be required to have an approved SWPPP, which would include construction BMPs to minimize the potential for construction related sources of pollution. For operations, the Proposed Project would be required to implement source control BMPs to minimize the introduction of pollutants; and treatment control BMPs to treat runoff in accordance with its approved WQMP. With implementation of the operational source and treatment control BMPs that would be required by the County during the Project permitting and approval process, potential pollutants would be reduced to the maximum extent feasible, and implementation of the Proposed Project would not obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan.

The Project Site overlies the Perris North Groundwater basin, which is located within the West San Jacinto Basin, and is managed through the West San Jacinto Groundwater Management Plan. The Proposed Project would not directly extract groundwater; however, with addition of the Proposed Project, an increase in impervious surface cover would occur over approximately 86% of the site, which would reduce the amount of water directly percolating into the groundwater table. However, the Proposed Project includes an underground chamber which would capture and infiltrate nearly all of the flows into the underlying groundwater basin. The BMPs that are incorporated into the site design would minimize potential adverse effects related to groundwater recharge. After implementation of the Proposed Project, the proposed stormwater drainage system would convey water runoff into the public storm drain system which flows to downstream water bodies where percolation into the groundwater table occurs. Therefore, the Proposed Project would not conflict or obstruct implementation of a groundwater management plan or implementation

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of a groundwater sustainability plan. Therefore, in no mitigation measures are required.	npacts woul	d be less tha	n significar	nt and
Mitigation: No mitigation is required.				
Monitoring: No monitoring is required.				
LAND USE/PLANNING Would the project:				
24. Land Use  a) Cause a significant environmental impact due to a conflict with any land use plan, policy, or regulation adopted			$\boxtimes$	
for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?				
b) Disrupt or divide the physical arrangement of an established community (including a low-income or minority community)?				$\boxtimes$

**Source(s)**: Riverside County General Plan, GIS database, Project Application Materials.

# Findings of Fact:

a) The Project Site is within the Mead Valley Area Plan (MVAP) with a General Plan Foundation Component of Community Development and a Land Use designation of Business Park (BP). The MVAP defines "Business Park" as "employee intensive uses, including research & development, technology centers, corporate offices, "clean" industry and supporting retail uses," and supporting a floor area ratio (FAR) of 0.25 to 0.60. The Proposed Project's FAR is 0.48.

Setbacks and Variance: County Code, Title 17, Section 17.96.040 requires a minimum 50 feet setback on any boundary where the industrial property abuts a residential or commercially zoned property. A minimum of 20 feet of the setback must be landscaped unless a tree screen is approved in which case the setback area may be used for automobile parking, driveways or landscaping. Block walls or other fencing may be required. County Code, Title 17, Section 17.196.010 describes that a variance may be granted because of special circumstances applicable to a parcel of property, including size, shape, topography, location or surroundings, the strict application of this title deprives such property of privileges enjoyed by other property in the vicinity that is under the same zoning classification. Variances are limited to modifications of property development standards, such as lot size, lot coverage, yards, and parking and landscape requirements.

The Project Site abuts APN 317-260-17 on the north which has R-R-1 zoning and APN 317-260-034 on the east, which is zoned M-SC. The Project Applicant owns APN 317-260-17. The Proposed Project is designed with a building setback of 42-45 feet on the northern property boundary and an approximate 138 feet on the east. The Proposed Project landscaping is designed for 15% percent of the northern property setback and 6-8 feet within the eastern setback. Therefore, to be compliant with the design standards for the northern property boundary the Applicant requires a variance. It is not feasible to move the building due to lot size and topography, and it is not financially feasible for the Applicant to

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	reduce the building size and still fund all of improvements being required as part of project as Variance, the Project would be consistent with the for the site. Impacts would be less than significant a	oprovals. The County's	erefore, with zoning and f	approval o Plan's Land	of the
b)	The Proposed Project would occur on property lost Street and Tobacco Road and is consistent with and south of the Project Site are zoned Industrial the to north and northwest of the Project Site. The I the physical arrangement of the community because the zoning. There would be no impact.	the Project Park. Rural Proposed Pi	Site's zoning residential la oject will not	g. The area and uses ex disrupt or o	east dist to divide
Mitigation:	No mitigation is required.				
Monitoring:	No monitoring is required.				
	RESOURCES Would the project:				
a) F	eral Resources Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral hat would be of value to the region or the residents e?				
b) Fimportant	Result in the loss of availability of a locally- mineral resource recovery site delineated on a ral plan, specific plan or other land use plan?				$\boxtimes$
,	Potentially expose people or property to hazards osed, existing, or abandoned quarries or mines?				$\boxtimes$
Source(s):	Riverside County General Plan Figure OS-6 "Min	ıeral Resour	ces Area."		
Findings of	·				
a)	The State Mining and Geology Board (SMGB) ha Zones (MRZs) to designate lands that contain r General Plan identifies the Project area as MRZ information indicates that mineral deposits are like the deposit is undetermined). No mining activities a mineral significance would not be valuable to the mineral significance is confirmed. Additionally, the and industrial uses. The current uses of the Project compatible with mineral resource extraction. There or anticipated, and no mitigation measures are reconstruction.	nineral deportation of the control o	osits. The R where the average the however, the d. An area with esidents of the is surrounding d surrounding nificant impa	tiverside Controller and Controller	ounty ologic nce of nined ntil its ential e not
b)	The Project is zoned MRZ-3 which contains under Project Site is not located within a planning area dimpacts.	termined mi	neral deposi	ts. Howeve	

There are no existing or abandoned mines or quarries on site. There would be no impacts.

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Mitigation: No mitigation is required.				
Monitoring: No monitoring is required.				
NOISE Would the project result in:				
a) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two (2) 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?				
b) For a project located within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?				$\boxtimes$

**Source(s)**: Riverside County General Plan Figure S-20 "Airport Locations," County of Riverside Airport Facilities Map; Report by Urban Crossroads titled, *Thrifty Oil Warehouse, Noise Impact Analysis*, April 12, 2023 (Appendix I).

# Findings of Fact:

a) The March Joint Air Reserve Base/March Inland Port (March Air Reserve Base) is located approximately 4 miles to the northeast. During the field review for the noise evaluation (Appendix I), military aircraft were observed taking off east of the Project Site flying in a northwest to southeast pattern; sound from these aircraft was noticeable and were recorded during ambient noise measurements at the sensitive receptor locations. Occasional flights east of the Project Site at higher altitude were from a southeast to northwest direction but the sound generated was considerably less.

The Project Site is located within Airport Compatibility Zone C2 of the March Air Reserve Base/Inland Port Airport Influence Area (AIA). The C2 zone is identified as a flight corridor zone for March Air Reserve Base. The ALUCP restricts the number of people within the C2 zone to an average of 200 people per acre, with no more than 500 people in one acre. The Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) evaluated the Project in January 2023 and found the Project to be consistent with the 2014 MARB LUC Plan. The ALUC also issued a set of conditions for the County to include in its approval for the Project to ensure consistency with the Plan. The Project is required to comply with these conditions. Impacts would be less than significant.

The Riverside County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan, Volume 2, Chapter W7, identifies that the Project Site is situated outside of the 60 dB CNEL nose contour, which is the contour measured furthest from the airport. Therefore, this airport does not appreciably contribute to noise impacts at the site. Impacts would be less than significant.

b) There are no private airstrips in the vicinity of the Project. There would be no impacts.

Mitigation: No mitigation is required.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
27. Noise Effects by the Project  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, noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?				
b) Generation of excessive ground-borne vibration or ground-borne noise levels?			$\boxtimes$	

<u>Source(s)</u>: Riverside County General Plan, Table N-1 ("Land Use Compatibility for Community Noise Exposure"), Report by Report by Urban Crossroads titled, *Thrifty Oil Warehouse, Noise Impact Analysis*, April 12, 2023 (Appendix I).

# Findings of Fact:

a) Environmental noise is commonly measured in A-weighted decibels (dBA). A decibel (dB) is a unit of sound energy intensity. Sound waves, traveling outward from a source, exert a sound pressure level (commonly called a "sound level") measured in dB. An A-weighted decibel (dBA) is a decibel corrected for the variation in frequency response that duplicates the sensitivity of human ears. Decibels are measured on a logarithmic scale. Generally, a 3 dBA increase in ambient noise levels represents the threshold at which most people can detect a change in the noise environment; an increase of 10 dBA is perceived as a doubling of loudness.

To determine potential noise impact standards, the Noise Impact Analysis in Appendix I utilized the criteria standards provided in Table 6: Significance Criteria Summary.

Table 6
Significance Criteria Summary

Analysis	Receiving	Condition(s)	Significance Criteria		
	Land Use	Condition(s)	Daytime	Nighttime	
Operational  Construction	Noise- Sensitive	Exterior Noise Level Standards <sup>1</sup>	55 dBA L <sub>eq</sub>	45 dBA L <sub>eq</sub>	
		If ambient is < 60 dBA Leq <sup>2</sup>	≥ 5 dBA L <sub>eq</sub> Project increase		
		If ambient is 60 - 65 dBA Leq <sup>2</sup>	≥ 3 dBA L <sub>eq</sub> Project increase		
		If ambient is > 65 dBA Leq <sup>2</sup>	≥ 1.5 dBA L <sub>eq</sub> P	roject increase	
		Noise Level Threshold <sup>3</sup>	80 dBA L <sub>eq</sub>		
		Vibration Level Threshold <sup>4</sup>	0.01 in/sec RM		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>County of Riverside General Plan Municipal Code, Section 9.52.040.

The Noise Impact Study also analyzed the existing noise levels at three noise-sensitive receptor locations closest to the Project Site Tuesday, December 21, 2021, positioned as close to the receiver locations as possible. The existing noise measurements are identified in Table 7: *Ambient Noise Level Measurements*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Federal Interagency Committee on Noise, 1992.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Federal Transit Administration, Transit Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment Manual.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> County of Riverside General Plan Noise Element, Policy N 16.3.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Daytime" = 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.; "Nighttime" = 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

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Table 7
Ambient Noise Level Measurements

Location <sup>1</sup>	Description	Energy Average Noise Level (dBA L <sub>eq</sub> ) <sup>2</sup>	
		Daytime	Nighttime
R1	Located northeast of the Project site near single-family residence at 23551 Placentia Avenue, approximately 503 feet northwest of the Project Site. Receiver R1 is placed at the private outdoor living areas (backyards) facing the Project Site.	53.8	54.7
R2	Located northwest of the Project site near single-family residence at 23745 Placentia Avenue, approximately 455 feet northeast of the Project Site. Receiver R2 is placed at the private outdoor living areas (backyards) facing the Project Site.	54.9	56.8
R3 Located south of the Project site near single-family residence at 20800 Tobacco Road, approximately 367 feet north of the Project Site. Receiver R3 is placed at the private outdoor living areas (backyards) facing the Project Site.		51.7	52.4

# Construction

The County of Riverside outlines its noise standards within its General Plan and Riverside County Ordinance 847. Ordinance 847 also identifies a list of exemptions and exceptions to the noise standards which includes construction and demolition. Riverside Ordinance 847 identifies that private construction within one-quarter of a mile from an inhabited dwelling cannot occur between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. during the months of June through September; and between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. during the months of October through May.

Construction noise would be limited primarily to the use of the heavy equipment for initial site grading and excavating activities at the site which will be short-term in nature. Although the Project Applicant anticipates a 2-month initial site grading and excavating activities, the noise modeling accounted for construction occurring over 12 months. Construction overall will occur during the permissible hours as described in the County of Riverside Noise Ordinance 847.

To evaluate whether the Project will generate potentially significant short-term noise levels at nearest receiver locations, a construction-related daytime noise level threshold of 80 dBA  $L_{\rm eq}$  is used as a reasonable threshold to assess the daytime construction noise level impacts. The construction noise analysis in Appendix I identifies that the nearest receiver locations will satisfy the reasonable daytime 80 dBA  $L_{\rm eq}$  significance threshold during Project construction activities as shown on Table 8: Construction Noise Level Compliance. Therefore, the noise impacts due to Project construction noise are considered less than significant at all receiver locations.

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Table 8
Construction Noise Level Compliance

Receiver Location <sup>1</sup>	Construction Noise Levels (dBA Leq)				
	Highest Construction Noise Levels <sup>2</sup>	Threshold <sup>3</sup>	Threshold Exceeded? <sup>4</sup>		
R1	56.4	80	No		
R2	57.3	80	No		
R3	58.9	80	No		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Noise receiver locations are shown on Exhibit 8-A of Appendix I.

## Operations

The Project is to construct one 186,479 SF warehouse with 10 bays, one grade level dock, 22 high docks and two, 4,000 SF offices, and related site landscaping, drainage basin, and parking on 8.87 acres. Access is accommodated off of Tobacco Road and Water Street for both passenger cars and trucks, however, the primary truck entrance is designated as Water Street.

The County has set stationary-source hourly average  $L_{eq}$  exterior noise limits to control loading dock activity, roof-top air conditioning units, trash enclosure activity, parking lot vehicle movements, and truck movements associated with development. Policy N 4.1 of the Riverside County General Plan Noise Element sets a stationary-source average  $L_{eq}$  exterior noise limit not to be exceeded for a cumulative period of more than ten minutes in any hour of 65 dBA  $L_{eq}$  for daytime hours of 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., and 45 dBA  $L_{eq}$  during the noise-sensitive nighttime hours of 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. (Appendix I).

Operational noise was analyzed in Appendix I. The analysis is intended to describe noise level impacts associated with the expected typical of daytime and nighttime activities at the Project site. To present the potential worst-case noise conditions, the analysis in Appendix I assumed the Project would be operational 24 hours per day, seven days per week. Consistent with similar warehouse and industrial uses, the Project business operations would primarily be conducted within the enclosed buildings, except for traffic movement, parking, as well as loading and unloading of trucks at designated loading bays. The on-site Project-related noise sources are expected to include the following:

- Loading Dock Activity: includes employees unloading a docked truck container included the squeaking of the truck's shocks when weight was removed from the truck, employees playing music over a radio, as well as a forklift horn and backup alarm. In addition, during the noise level measurement a truck entered the loading dock area and proceeded to reverse and dock in a nearby loading bay, adding truck engine, idling, air brakes noise, in addition to on-going idling of an already docked truck.
- Roof-top Air Conditioning: the roof-top air conditioning units are estimated to operate
  for and average 39 minutes per hour during the daytime hours, and 28 minutes per
  hour during the nighttime hours, which would be typical for the region's climate.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Highest construction noise level calculations based on distance from the construction noise source activity to the nearest receiver locations as shown on Table 8-2 of Appendix I.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Construction noise level thresholds as shown on Table 4-1 of Appendix I.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Do the estimated Project construction noise levels exceed the construction noise level threshold?

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- Trash Enclosure Activity: when trash is dropped into an empty metal dumpster, estimated to occur for 10 minutes per hour.
- Parking Lot Movements: Parking activities are expected to take place during the full hour (60 minutes) throughout the daytime and evening hours. The parking lot noise levels are mainly due cars pulling in and out of parking spaces in combination with car doors opening and closing.
- Truck Movements: As shown in the trip generation assessment in Appendix J-1, the
  proposed Project is anticipated to generate a total of total of approximately 118 twoway truck trips per day (in actual vehicles). Truck movements will be limited to the
  driveways located on Water Street and Tobacco Road.

To demonstrate compliance with local noise regulations, the Project-only operational noise levels were evaluated against exterior noise level thresholds based on the County of Riverside exterior noise level standards at nearby noise-sensitive receiver locations. The results of the noise study in Appendix I identified that the operational noise levels associated with Thrifty Oil Warehouse would not exceed the County of Riverside daytime and nighttime exterior noise level standards at all nearby receiver locations.

Operational noise level increases were also analyzed as part of the noise study in Appendix I. The Project operational noise levels were combined with the existing ambient noise levels measurements for the nearby receiver locations potentially impacted by Project operational noise sources. The analysis in Appendix I, as shown on identified that the Project-related operational noise level increases would not exceed the operational noise level increase significance criteria.

The results of the existing ambient, the Project noise, and the noise increases are identified in Table 9 *Operational Noise Level Compliance* 

Table 9
Operational Noise Level Compliance

Daytime Project Operational Noise Level Increases							
Receiver Location	Total Project Operational Noise Level	Reference Ambient Noise Levels	Combined Project and Ambient	Project Increase	Increase Criteria	Increase Criteria Exceeded?	
R1	42.3	53.8	54.1	0.3	5.0	No	
R2	45.7	54.9	55.4	0.5	5.0	No	
R3	42.6	51.7	52.2	0.5	5.0	No	
Nighttime Operational Noise Level Increases							
Receiver Location	Total Project Operational Noise Level	Reference Ambient Noise Levels	Combined Project and Ambient	Project Increase	Increase Criteria	Increase Criteria Exceeded?	
R1	40.8	54.7	54.9	0.2	5.0	No	
R2	44.9	56.8	57.1	0.3	5.0	No	
R3	42.2	52.4	52.8	0.4	5.0	No	

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Further, Project will be conditioned to operate within the County of Riverside guidelines for type of use and hours of operation. The Industrial Park zoning of the site provides for light industrial uses and related activities including manufacturing, research, warehouse and distribution, assembly of non-hazardous materials and retail related to manufacturing. This zone correlates with the "Light Industrial" General Plan Land Use designation.

Overall, the project would not generate construction or operational noise levels exceeding County standards. Impacts would be less than significant.

b) The Caltrans Transportation and Construction Vibration Guidance Manual (Guidance Manual) is used to evaluate potential construction vibration impacts related to both potential building damage and human annoyance (Appendix I). Based on the Caltrans criteria shown in Table 19 of the Guidance Manual, construction vibration impacts would be significant if vibration levels exceed 1.0 inches per second (in/sec) PPV (transient sources) and 0.5 in./sec. PPV (continuous/frequent intermittent sources) for new residential structures.

Certain types of construction equipment can generate high levels of ground borne vibration. Construction of the Proposed Project would potentially utilize bulldozers, loaded trucks, and jackhammers during construction phases. Vibration impacts are assessed based on the distance from the location of vibration-intensive construction activities, conservatively assumed to be at edge of a project site, to the edge of nearby off-site structures.

Table 10: Construction Reference Noise Levels presents the combined noise levels for the loudest construction equipment, assuming they operate at the same time. As shown on Table 10, the construction noise levels are expected to range from 50.4 to 58.9 dBA  $L_{eq}$  at the nearby receiver locations (Appendix I).

Table 10
Construction Reference Noise Levels

Construction Stage	Reference Construction Activity	Reference Noise Level @ 50 Feet (dBA L <sub>eq</sub> ) <sup>1</sup>	Combined Noise Level (dBA L <sub>eq</sub> ) <sup>2</sup>	Combined Sound Power Level (PWL) <sup>3</sup>	
611	Crawler Tractors	78			
Site Preparation	Hauling Trucks	72	80	112	
rreparation	Rubber Tired Dozers	75			
	Graders	81		115	
Grading	Excavators	77	83		
	Compactors	76			
D 1111	Cranes	73		113	
Building Construction	Tractors	80	81		
	Welders	70			
Paving	Pavers	74			
	Paving Equipment	82	83	115	
	Rollers	73			
	Cranes	73	77	109	

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Architectural	Air Compressors	74		
Coating	Generator Sets	70		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> FHWA Roadway Construction Noise Model (RCNM).

In addition, as a warehouse use, the Proposed Project would not generate significant stationary sources of vibration. Impacts would be less than significant.

Mitigation: No mitigation is required.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

PALEONTOLOGICAL RESOURCES:				
28. Paleontological Resources		$\boxtimes$		
<ul> <li>a) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource, site, or unique geologic feature?</li> </ul>	_	_	_	_
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**Source(s)**: Riverside County General Plan Figure OS-8 "Paleontological Sensitivity," Letter by Western Science Center, untitled, March 22, 2023 (Appendix E-3).

#### Findings of Fact:

a) The Project Site contains natural alluvial terrace deposits from the ground surface to 2 to 9 feet below ground surface, according to the geotechnical report prepared for the Project. The native material was identified as alluvial fan deposits (Qoa), and either old alluvial fan deposits (Qof) or very old alluvial fan deposits (Qvof). The Western Science Center (WSC, Appendix E-3), characterizes the geologic units underlying the Project as Pleistocene-aged alluvial deposits of gravel and sand. Pleistocene units are considered to be highly paleontologically sensitive.

The Riverside County General Plan identifies that the western portion of Project Site is of a low paleontological sensitivity while the eastern portion has a "high" sensitivity for paleontological resources. In addition, the record searches completed as part of the Paleontological Records Search did not identify localities within the Project area or within a 1-mile radius. Because of the County identified "high" sensitivity on a portion of the Project Site, Project related excavations that extend down into older Pleistocene-aged deposits may encounter fossil vertebrates. As a result, Mitigation Measure PAL-1 is included to require that any substantial excavations below 4 feet be monitored to identify and recover any significant fossil remains. With implementation of Mitigation Measure PAL-1, impacts to paleontological resources would be less than significant.

Impacts would be less than significant with mitigation incorporated.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Represents the combined noise level for all equipment assuming they operate at the same time consistent with FTA Transit Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment guidance.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Sound power level represents the total amount of acoustical energy (noise level) produced by a sound source independent of distance or surroundings. Sound power levels calibrated using the CadnaA noise model at the reference distance to the noise source.

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<u>Mitigation</u>: The following mitigation measure is required:

PAL – 1 Paleontological Monitoring. Prior to the issuance of grading permits, the Applicant shall provide a letter to the County of Riverside Planning Department, or designee, from a professional paleontologist, stating that a qualified paleontologist has been retained to provide services for the Project. The paleontologist will monitor all site preparation activities that involve excavations that extend down into older Pleistocene-aged deposits. In the event paleontological resources are encountered, ground disturbing activity within 50 feet of the area shall cease. The paleontologist shall examine the materials encountered, assess the nature and extent of the find, and recommend a course of action to further investigate and protect or recover and salvage those resources that have been encountered.

<u>Monitoring</u>: Monitoring is required pursuant to Mitigation Measure PAL-1, above.

POPULATION AND HOUSING Would the project:		
29. Housing <ul> <li>a) Displace substantial numbers of existing people or housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?</li> </ul>		
b) Create a demand for additional housing, particularly housing affordable to households earning 80% or less of the County's median income?		
c) 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)?		

**Source(s)**: Project Application Materials, GIS database, Riverside County General Plan Housing Element.

#### Findings of Fact:

- a) The Project Site is vacant and unoccupied, therefore, construction and operations of the Project will not displace substantial numbers of existing people or housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere. There would be no impacts.
- b) The Proposed Project would develop a warehouse building totaling 194,479 SF and associated parking lot, landscaping, and infrastructure. For purposes of analysis, the Project is estimated to require approximately 100 employees. The employees that would fill these roles are anticipated to reside within commuting distance and would not generate needs for any housing. The California Employment Development Department Labor Market Information Division published an average 3.9% unemployment rate in March 2023 for the four communities near the Project Site (Moreno Valley, Nuevo, Perris, and Riverside).

In addition, should the Project require employees to relocate to the area for work, there is sufficient vacant housing available within the region, including the Mead Valley area, City

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of Perris, City of Hemet, City of Moreno Valley and City of Menifee. Riverside County, and the cities within proximity to Mead Valley, have adopted General Plan Housing Elements which describe their jurisdiction's strategies for accommodating affordable housing. Thus, the Proposed Project would not create a demand for substantial additional housing, including housing affordable to households earning 80 percent or less of the County's median income. Impacts would be less than significant and no mitigation measures are required.

c) As discussed, workers are anticipated to come from within the region. The Project is consistent with the MVAP and the County General Plan with a Land Use designation of Business Park. The MVAP defines "Business Park" as "employee intensive uses, including research & development, technology centers, corporate offices, "clean" industry and supporting retail uses," Therefore, the Project will not 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). Impacts would be less than significant and no mitigation measures are required.

Mitigation: No mitigation is required.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

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

30. Fire Services

<u>Source(s)</u>: Riverside County General Plan, Google Earth imagery, GIS Database, General Plan Final Program Environmental Impact Report (State Clearinghouse No. 2002051143)

#### Findings of Fact:

The Project Site receives fire protection services from the Riverside County Fire Department (RCFD). Development of the Project Site with a warehouse building has the potential to increase the frequency of fire protection calls to the site.

There are several fire stations within 3 miles of the Project Site that can service the Project within acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives. These include but are not limited to:

- Riverside County Station 90, 333 Placentia Ave, Perris, CA 92571;
- Riverside County Fire Station 59, 21510 Pinewood St, Perris, CA 92570

To ensure adequate fire protection for all residents of Riverside County, the Riverside County Department of Building and Safety and the RCFD enforce fire standards as they review building plans, conduct building inspection and review structures for compliance with the California Code, including Public Resources Code Sections 4290-4299 and California Government Code Section

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51178 that address fire safety and Riverside County Ordinance No. 787 (Fire Code Standards). Although the Proposed Project's increased demand on fire services could impact the RCFD's response times, the impact under CEQA is determined to be less than significant because the Proposed Project would be served from existing RCFD fire stations and would not require the construction of a new fire station or physical alteration of an existing fire station. The Project Applicant would be required to comply with Riverside County Ordinance No. 659 (the County Development Impact Fee [DIF]), which requires a fee payment by developers for the funding of public facilities, including fire protection facilities.

Therefore, the Project will not result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered fire services or facilities. Impacts would be less than significant and no mitigation measures are required.

Mitigation: No mitigation is required.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

# 31. Sheriff Services

**Source(s)**: Riverside County General Plan, General Plan Final Program Environmental Impact Report (State Clearinghouse No. 2002051143)

#### Findings of Fact:

The Project Site is located within an existing service area of the Riverside County Sherriff Department and specifically serviced by the Perris Station, located at 137 N. Perris Blvd, Suite A. Perris, CA 92570, approximately 3 miles south of the Project Site. In addition to the main assigned substation, the Sheriff's Department maintains routine patrols in various areas of the County to maintain acceptable service ratios and response times. The Proposed Project would result in additional on-site employees and goods that could create the need for sheriff services. Operation of the industrial warehouse may generate a typical range of sheriff service calls, such as burglaries, thefts, and employee disturbances. Unincorporated Riverside County has set a minimum standard of 1.0 deputy per 1,000 residents. As discussed throughout this document, the Proposed Project would not result in an increase in residents. As such, the Project would not result in a demand for additional Sheriff's Department employees, facilities, or service levels. The Project Applicant will be required to comply with Riverside County Ordinance No. 659 (the County DIF), which requires a fee payment by developers for the funding of public facilities, including sheriff protection facilities. Therefore, the Proposed Project will not result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered sheriff services or facilities. Impacts would be less than significant and no mitigation measures are required.

Mitigation: No mitigation is required.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

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32. Schools			$\boxtimes$	

<u>Source(s)</u>: GIS database, General Plan Final Program Environmental Impact Report (State Clearinghouse No. 2002051143)

# Findings of Fact:

The Project Site is located in the Val Verde Unified School District. The Proposed Project consists of an industrial warehouse facility that would not directly generate students. As described previously, the Proposed Project is not anticipated to generate a new population, as the employees needed to operate the Project are anticipated to come from within the Project region. Pursuant to Government Code Section 65995 applicants shall pay developer fees to the appropriate school districts at the time building permits are issued; and payment of the adopted fees provides full and complete mitigation of school impacts. Therefore, the Project will not result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered school services or facilities. Impacts would be less than significant and no mitigation measures are required.

Mitigation: No mitigation is required.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

33. Libraries

**Source(s)**: Riverside County General Plan, General Plan Final Program Environmental Impact Report (State Clearinghouse No. 2002051143)

#### Findings of Fact:

The Project consists of the development of a warehouse where employees are anticipated to come from within the local region. As such, there would be no increase population where existing area and regional libraries will need to expand personnel or physical building space to accommodate additional patrons. The Project Applicant will be required to comply with Riverside County Ordinance No. 659 (the County DIF), which requires a fee payment by developers for the funding of public facilities, including library facilities. Therefore, the Proposed Project will not result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered library services or facilities. Impacts would be less than significant and no mitigation measures are required.

Mitigation: No mitigation is required.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

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35. Parks and Recreation <ul> <li>a) Include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?</li> </ul>				
b) Increase the use of existing neighborhood or regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?				
c) Be located within a Community Service Area (CSA) or recreation and park district with a Community Parks and Recreation Plan (Quimby fees)?				$\boxtimes$

**Source(s)**: GIS database, Ord. No. 460, Section 10.35 (Regulating the Division of Land – Park and Recreation Fees and Dedications), Ord. No. 659 (Establishing Development Impact Fees), Parks & Open Space Department Review.

# Findings of Fact:

- a) The Proposed Project consists of the development of a warehouse where employees are anticipated to come from within the region and therefore would not require new park or recreational facilities. Therefore, the Proposed Project will not create the need for new recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment. Impacts would be less than significant and no mitigation measures are required.
- b) The Proposed Project consists of the development of a warehouse where employees are anticipated to come from within the region and therefore would not require new park or recreational facilities. The Project Applicant will be required to comply with Riverside County Ordinance No. 659 (the County DIF), which requires a fee payment by developers for the funding of public facilities, including park facilities. The Project does not increase population and will not increase the use of existing neighborhood or regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be

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d) Cause an effect upon, or a need for new or altered maintenance of roads?			$\boxtimes$	
e) Cause an effect upon circulation during the project's construction?			$\boxtimes$	
f) Result in inadequate emergency access or access to nearby uses?			$\boxtimes$	

<u>Source(s)</u>: Riverside County General Plan; Report by Urban Crossroads titled *Scoping Agreement for Traffic Impact Study/Trip Generation Assessment*, April 28,2022 (Appendix J-1); and Focused Traffic Assessment, February 5, 2024 (Appendix J-1); Report by Urban Crossroads titled *Thrifty Oil Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Screening Evaluation*, May 24, 2022 (Appendix J-2); and Report by Urban Crossroads titled Focused Traffic Assessment, February 5, 2024 (Appendix J-3).

# Findings of Fact:

a) The MVAP programs and policies are supplemental to, and coordinated with, the policies of the Riverside County General Plan Circulation Element. As such, the circulation system of MVAP is tied to the countywide system and its long-range direction.

The Project Site is located on the northeast corner of Water Street and Tobacco Road. Neither of these roadways are designated as arterials, major roadways, or secondary roadways. Trucks coming to the site would generally access from Harvill Avenue, a major roadway, and travel west on Water Street, and exit the Project Site on Tobacco Road, and return to Water Street to travel to Harvill Avenue.

The MVAP identifies applicable circulation policies to include following:

- MVAP 9.1 Design and develop the vehicular roadway system per Figure 7, Circulation, and in accordance with the Functional Classifications and Standards section in the General Plan Circulation Element.
- MVAP 9.2 Maintain the County's roadway Level of Service standards as described in the Level of Service section of the General Plan Circulation Element.

The Proposed Project was reviewed and approved for conformance with Riverside County Ordinance No. 461, "Road Improved Standards and Specifications" by the Riverside County Transportation Department. The Project road improvements include the following:

- Road improvements to widen and pave Water Street along the Project frontage, from Tobacco Road to approximately 660 feet easterly of the intersection of Water Street and Tobacco Road. Improvements include paving, installation of curb, gutter and sidewalk (28-foot half street improvements) plus 18-feet wide.
- Road improvements to widen Tobacco Road from the intersection of Water Street approximately 650 linear feet of north from the intersection to Tobacco Road and Water Street to Placentia Avenue. Improvements include 32 feet of pavement along the Project frontage with Tobacco Road and 16 feet of one-half street pavement and graded shoulder from the northern property boundary to the intersection of Tobacco Road and Placentia Avenue. In addition, minor curb return and pavement transitions to

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the existing asphalt pavement will be installed at the intersection of Tobacco Road and Placentia Avenue. An asphalt-concrete berm will be constructed to convey drainage to the Placentia Avenue intersection storm drain system (Lateral H 10.1).

The General Plan Element identifies that Level of Service (LOS) "C" applies to all development proposals within the MVAP.

As shown in Appendix J-1 the Proposed Project is anticipated to generate a total of 334 two-way trips per day with 31 AM peak hour trips and 36 PM peak hour trips (in actual vehicles). In comparison, the Proposed Project is anticipated to generate a total of 514 Passenger Car Equivalent (PCE) two-way trips per day with 39 PCE AM peak hour trips and 44 PCE PM peak hour trips. According to the County's traffic study guidelines, the Project generates less than 100 vehicle trips during the peak hours and is exempt from preparing a Traffic Impact Analysis. Therefore, it is assumed that the Project would maintain a LOS C consistent with the General Plan consistent with the County's level of service standards. Impacts would be less than significant and no mitigation is required.

The County of Riverside contains bicycle, pedestrian, and multi-purpose trails that traverse urban, rural, and natural areas. These multi-use trails serve both as a means of connecting the unique communities and activity centers throughout the County of Riverside and as an effective alternate mode of transportation. The MVAP does not identify any bicycle, pedestrian, and multi-purpose trails in the Project vicinity. As part of the Project, a sidewalk will be constructed along the Water Street and Tobacco Road Project frontage to facilitate pedestrian and/or non-motorized users. Therefore, the Project is consistent with the Area Plan's vision for bikeways and pedestrian facilities. Impacts would be less than significant and no mitigation is required.

b) Senate Bill 743, adopted in 2013, added section 21099 to the Public Resources Code, which states that automobile delay, as described by level of service (LOS) or similar measures of vehicular capacity or traffic congestion, shall not be considered a significant impact on the environment. Essentially a project's environmental impacts can no longer focus on vehicle delay at street intersections or on roadway segments but must use the miles a vehicle must travel between a dwelling and commerce, recreation and/or work. The intent of this shift in methodology is to encourage different land use and transportation decisions to reduce greenhouse gas emission, support in-fill development and improve public health through active transportation. Section 15064.3, subdivision (b)(1) of the CEQA Guidelines requires a determination as to whether the project will result in a substantial increase in vehicle miles traveled (VMT). Riverside County adopted the *Transportation Analysis Guidelines for Level of Service, Vehicle Miles Traveled* (December 2020) to be compliant with CEQA Guidelines section 15064.3, subdivision (b) and provide screening criteria and methodology for vehicle miles traveled (VMT) analysis.

The Vehicle Miles Traveled Screening Evaluation prepared for the Project (Appendix J-2) identified that the Project falls within the VMT screening criteria for "Small Project/Low GHG Emissions Based Screening." The County Guidelines identify those projects forecasted to generate greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions below 3,000 Metric Tons of Carbon Dioxide Equivalent (MTCO2e) per year are assumed to cause a less than significant VMT impact. County Guidelines identify that industrial warehouse buildings (without refrigeration) below 208,000 square-feet in total building size or General Light Industrial buildings with area less

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than or equal to 179,000 square-feet are expected to generate fewer than 3,000 MTCO2e per year and would therefore be considered less than significant. The Proposed Project is designed with a total of 194,479 SF. The Greenhouse Gas analysis in Appendix D identified that the Proposed Project does not exceed the County identified threshold. Therefore, this Project will screen out from a VMT analysis, and is therefore consistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.3, subdivision (b). Additionally, as identified in Section 20.b of this document, operational emissions occur over the life of the Project. Appendix D identifies that the operational emissions for the Project are approximately 1,706 metric tons of CO2e per year, which does not exceed the SCAQMD screening threshold for all land uses of 3,000 metric tons of CO2e per year. Impacts would be less than significant and no mitigation is required.

- c) The Proposed Project road improvements include street development and widening and curb and gutter along the Project Site frontage, and from Tobacco Road to the intersection with Placentia Avenue. The Focused Traffic Assessment, February 5, 2024 in Appendix J-3 illustrates the potential truck routes to and from the site. These improvements do not increase hazards due to a geometric design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g. farm equipment) because the improvements are designed to County standards. Additionally, the driveways to be used by the trucks and passenger vehicles have been separated to reduce conflicts with Project-related traffic. Trucks would enter via a right turn into one entrance Tobacco Road and exit via a left turn onto Water Street; passenger vehicles would enter and exit via a separate driveway along Tobacco Road. Therefore, while the Project would make various street improvements, there are no geometric changes to the roadways that would create a geometric hazard or sharp curve or dangerous intersection. There would be less than significant impacts, and no mitigation is required.
- d) The County does not maintain a truck route exhibit; however, the County has Ordinance No. 500 which reduces the permissible weight of certain vehicles on identified County highways. There are no weight restrictions on any of the surrounding roadways that lead to the I-215 Freeway (Water Street, Tobacco Road, Harvill Avenue, and Placentia Avenue). Per the County's Board Policy C3.8, trucks are to avoid driving through residential areas. Recent roadway improvements to the intersection Tobacco Road and Placentia Avenue allow for trucks to utilize Placentia Avenue as a secondary route to the I-215 Freeway. The Project's main truck ingress/egress is from Placentia. The Project's north driveway on Tobacco Road will be used as a secondary access. Proposed Project roadway modifications along Water Street and Tobacco Road do not cause an effect upon, or a need for new or altered maintenance of roads as these are existing roadways and the modifications will improve the roadway conditions by installing curb and gutter and pavement rehabilitation. Impacts would be less than significant and no mitigation is required.
- e) The Proposed Project would not cause an effect upon circulation during the Project's construction because all equipment and materials needed for construction would be staged within the Project Site. Construction vehicles accessing the site would be transported to the site under all State, federal and local transport regulations along the area's roadways. Impacts would be less than significant and no mitigation is required.

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f) Primary and secondary access for the Proposed Project consists of one driveway off of Water Street and two driveways off of Tobacco Road. Due to the typical wide turning radius of large trucks, a truck turning template, has been overlaid on the site plan at each applicable Project driveway anticipated to be utilized by heavy trucks and the site adjacent intersection of Tobacco Road at Placentia Avenue in order to determine appropriate curb radii and to verify that trucks will have sufficient space to execute turning maneuvers (see Attachment A of the Focused Traffic Assessment in Appendix J-3). A WB-67 truck (53-foot trailer) has been utilized for the purposes of this assessment. As shown in Attachment A, the proposed driveways are anticipated to accommodate the ingress and egress of heavy trucks as currently designed with the exception of the driveway on Water Avenue which will require a 65-foot curb radius on the northeast corner. With the developer being the owner of both the Project and the adjacent site to the north on Tobacco Road at the request of County staff, a proposed "joint use" driveway has been provided per the recommendation of County staff. This driveway would require a reciprocal access agreement being approved between the two properties and put in place prior to the start of construction.

Using the WB-67 truck template, the truck stacking has been identified behind the gate and the public street at both access on Water Street and access on Tobacco Road. As a tenant has not currently been identified for the proposed Project, the anticipated truck circulation for the building is unknown at this time. Stacking accommodated on-site is in excess to the stacking provided for other surrounding warehouse uses of similar size in the immediate vicinity and is well in excess of the anticipated truck activity. Based on the Project's anticipated trip generation, as evaluated in the Thrifty Oil Warehouse Trip Generation Assessment (dated April 28, 2022), no more than seven (7) trucks are anticipated to arrive during either peak hour, which is approximately one (1) truck every 10 minutes. The intent of the gate operation is to remain open during business hours, however, should the tenant require gates to be closed during business operations, up to four (4) WB-67 trucks could be stored between the closed gate and Water Street access (two in each lane behind the gate) and up to six (6) WB-67 trucks could be stored between the gate and Tobacco Road access. Prior to construction, the Project would be subject to review by the County's Fire and Sheriff Departments, as well as grading plan review, to assure that adequate emergency access is provided to and from the Project Site and for surrounding residents. Impacts would be less than significant and no mitigation is required.

Mitigation: No mitigation is required.		
Monitoring: No monitoring is required.		
38. Bike Trails  a) Include the construction or expansion of a bike system or bike lanes?		
Source(s): Riverside County General Plan.		

a) According to the County General Plan, the Project Site is not located adjacent to or nearby any designated bike trails. The Proposed Project does not propose a bicycle trail system or

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2023 (App	county Archaeologist, Native American Constitled Cultural Resources Assessment for 23682 Vendix C), Advisory Notification Document, PPT220 Development Agency, April 26, 2023 (on file with the	<i>Water Street</i> 2047, County	, Riverside C	County, Apı	ril 24,
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No response was received from the Santa Rosa Band of Cahuilla Indians, Ramona Band of Cahuilla Mission Indians, Pala Band of Mission Indians, the Cahuilla Band of Indians, or the Colorado River Indian Tribe. The Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians did not respond

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within the 30-day time frame in which to request consultation. The Quechan Indian Nation responded in an email dated December 19, 2022, and deferred consultation to nearer tribes.

Consultation was requested by the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians, Rincon Band of Luiseno Indians, and the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians,

The Rincon Band of Luiseno Indians responded in a letter dated January 26, 2023, requesting consultation. The cultural report and conditions of approval were provided to Rincon on April 10, 2023. Rincon concluded consultation on June 13,2023.

The Pechanga Band of Mission Indians responded in an emailed letter dated January 05, 2023, requesting consultation. In the letter the Pechanga Tribe told Planning that "the Project area is part of 'Ataaxum (Luisefio), and therefore the Tribe's, aboriginal territory as evidenced by the existence of cultural resources, named places, t6ota yixelval (rock art, pictographs, petroglyphs), and an extensive 'Ataaxum artifact record in the vicinity of the Project. This culturally sensitive area is affiliated with the Pechanga Band of Luisefio Indians because of the Tribe's cultural ties to this area as well as our extensive history with the County and other projects within the area".

On April 10, 2023, the Planning Department provided the following project information via email to Pechanga: Phase I Cultural Survey Report and the Advisory Notification Document and Conditions of Approval. The original consultation request letter stated that the project lies within a Traditional Cultural Property (TCP). This is the Qaxáalku Kwíimik TCP which consists of village complexes with multiple domestic activity areas containing bedrock mortars and slicks, rock art in the form of pictographs and cupules, ceremonial areas, and other features that represent everyday activities of tribal culture. This particular property, however, has no tangible cultural and/or tribal cultural resources. Although no specific physical Tribal Cultural Resources were identified Pechanga expressed concerns that the project has the potential for as yet unidentified subsurface tribal cultural resources. The tribes request that a Native American monitor be present during ground disturbing activities so any unanticipated finds will be handled in a timely and culturally appropriate manner. Pechanga concurred with the Conditions of Approval and consultation was concluded.

Based on the results of tribal consultation, there is no potential significant impact to Tribal Cultural Resources as defined in Section 21074 of the Public Resources Code because there are no physical Tribal Cultural Resources present.

The project will be required to adhere to State Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5 in the event that human remains are encountered and by ensuring that no further disturbance occur until the County Coroner has made the necessary findings as to origin of the remains. Furthermore, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 5097.98 (b), remains shall be left in place and free from disturbance until a final decision as to the treatment and their disposition has been made. This is State Law and a standard condition of approval and is not considered a mitigation measure for the purposes of this project.

CEQA requires the Lead Agency to address any unanticipated cultural resources discoveries during Project construction. Therefore, a condition of approval that dictates the procedures to be followed should any unanticipated cultural resources be identified during

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b)	Refer to Item 39.a above. All mitigation measures and also apply to this criterion to reduce potential impacts to le previously identified.				
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the project	Have sufficient water supplies available to serve ct and reasonably foreseeable future development rmal, dry, and multiple dry years?				
	: Project Application Materials; letter by Eastern Mo 200754 – APN: 317-260-016, 016, dated June 3, 2022 ted May 9, 2022 (Appendix K).				
a)	Domestic water and sewer service for the Project area is Water District (EMWD). The EMWD issued a "will serve" I June 3, 2022 indicating that the District has capacity to service to the Proposed Project within EMWD's exist Proposed Project's connection to EMWD's existing for roadways and rights of way and stormwater will be contained or result in the relocation or construction of new treatment, or storm water drainage systems, whereby the cause significant environmental effects. Impacts would would be less than significant.	letter to to proviting factorial acilities ained consider consider to wores	the Project ide both wa cility abilitie s will occur on site, the expanded wa struction or i	t Applicant of aster and ses. Becauser within ex Project does ater, waster relocation v	dated sewer e the isting es not water would
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wastewate expansion	Require or result in the construction of new er treatment facilities, including septic systems, or of existing facilities, whereby the construction or would cause significant environmental effects?				
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a)	Domestic sewer service for the Project area improvements include installation of approximat connect with the existing main, easterly of the P Street and Harvill Ave. The new 8-inch line will be to the existing EMWD sewer manhole located at F of the street). Sewer connection fees will be paid prorated portion of cumulative connection impact Because the sewer connection will occur within e Proposed Project will not require or result in the confacilities, including septic systems, or expansic construction or relocation would cause significant less than significant and no mitigation is required.	ely 1,250 I roject Site, installed in farvill Aven by the Projes to the was existing road onstruction on of exis	inear feet of at the inters the Water St ue intersection ect owner that astewater treedways and ri of new waste sting facilities	sewer masection of Name tright of the control of th	Nater of way of side o
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a) standards	id Waste Generate solid waste in excess of State or Local , or in excess of the capacity of local infrastructure, ise impair the attainment of solid waste reduction				
b) and redu wastes ir	Comply with federal, state, and local management ction statutes and regulations related to solid acluding the CIWMP (County Integrated Waste lent Plan)?				
Source(s)	Riverside County General Plan.				
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Solid waste generated within the planning area is primarily transferred to the Riverside County Waste Management Department's (RCWMD) Badlands Landfill, located approximately 1.5 miles north of SR-60 near Ironwood Ave and Theodore Street. However, the County's waste hauler can also use other County landfills in the area such as the Lamb Canyon Landfill and El Sobrante landfill. All Riverside County landfills are Class III disposal sites permitted to receive non-hazardous municipal solid waste. Waste Management of Inland Empire currently provides waste pickup in Project area. The intention of the goals, policies, and land use map of the County's General Plan is that the Project Site and surrounding parcels be used for residential and other permitted purposes. The Proposed Project is consistent with the designated land use and waste generated has therefore been accounted for in the County's long-range plans for waste management and landfill capacity. As such, the County's solid waste handling infrastructure has sufficient capacity to serve solid waste generated by the Proposed Project.

The Proposed Project would generate construction waste during building construction, and general solid waste during operations. As noted above, the Proposed Project's waste generation would be handled by the local waste hauler and sufficient capacity would exist at the local County landfills. Therefore, the Project will not 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. Impacts would be less than significant and no mitigation is required.

b) The Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan (CIWMP) was prepared in accordance with the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989, Chapter 1095 (AB 939). AB 939 requires each of the cities and unincorporated portions of counties throughout the state to divert a minimum of 25% by 1995 and 50% of the solid waste landfilled by the year 2000. Riverside County reports to the State indicate that the County is in compliance with the AB 939 goals. The County's private waste hauler provides contractors separate bins where construction waste can be separated for disposal from regular trash, which is typically required by waste haulers for construction projects to ensure proper recycling and disposal of construction debris. During operations, the Proposed Project would be required to comply with the County's recycling regulations where separate bins for recyclable materials will be placed and handled separately by the waste hauler. Therefore, the Proposed Project will comply with federal, state, and local management and reduction statutes and regulations related to solid waste including the CIWMP. Impacts would be less than significant.

Mitigation: No mitigation is required.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

# 43. Utilities Would the project impact the following facilities requiring or resulting in the construction of new facilities or the expansion of existing facilities, whereby the construction or relocation would cause significant environmental effects? a) Electricity? b) Natural gas? c) Communications systems?

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d) Street lighting?			$\boxtimes$	
e) Maintenance of public facilities, including roads?				
f) Other governmental services?				$\boxtimes$

**Source(s)**: Project Application Materials, Utility Companies, Appendix K.

- a) Electricity: Development of the Proposed Project would cause a permanent increase in demand for electricity when compared to existing conditions. Information from the CalEEMod 2020.4.0 Daily and Annual Outputs contained in the Air Quality Impact study (Appendix A-1) was utilized to generate estimates of the Project's electricity, natural gas, and fuel consumption for construction and operational aspects of the Project. Electricity used for the Project during construction and operations would be provided by Southern California Edison (SCE), which serves more than 15 million customers. The increased demand is expected to be sufficiently served by existing SCE electrical facilities, however the Applicant received a letter from SCE (dated May 9, 2022 refer to Appendix K) indicating the company "will serve" the Project and will review the project to determine the required electrical utility work. There are currently overhead power lines and related easements on Water Street. All of these lines will remain overhead in coordination with Southern California Edison. Impacts would be less than significant and no mitigation is required.
- b) Natural Gas: The Project is designed to solely rely on electricity for all services, and no natural gas would be used. There would be no impact on natural gas services and no mitigation is required.
- c) Communications Systems: Existing overhead telephone and cable TV cables will remain in their current location to serve the Project. Impacts would be less than significant and no mitigation is required.
- d) Street Lighting: The County will require street lighting along the project frontage as a standard condition of approval. The streetlights will be consistent with the County of Riverside standards. Impacts would be less than significant and no mitigation is required.
- e) Public Facilities: Water Street and Tobacco Avenue will be widened and re-paved with a new curb and gutter and sidewalk on the easterly side for its full length along the Project frontages. Curb cuts with accessible pedestrian crossings will be constructed on the north side of Water Avenue at the intersection with Tobacco Road. Land is being dedicated to the County to facilitate these improvements to public facilities. These features will be maintained by the County, but they will be designed and constructed to County standards which facilitates proper maintenance. Impacts would be less than significant and no mitigation is required.
- f) Government Services: There will be no government services that need to be constructed as part of, or to serve the Proposed Project. There would be no impacts.

Mitigation: No mitigation is required.

Monitoring: No monitoring is required.

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<b>WILDFIRE</b> If located in or near a State Responsibility Area (hazard severity zone, or other hazardous fire areas that may the project:				
44. Wildfire Impacts  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?				
e) Expose people or structures either directly or indirectly, to a significant risk of loss, injury, or death involving wildland fires?				
<u>Source(s)</u> : Riverside County General Plan Figure S-11 "Wild Application Materials.	fire Suscept	ibility", GIS d	atabase, P	roject
<ul> <li>a) The California Fire Hazard Severity Zone Mapping and the County General Plan Figures show that Severity Zone. The area west of Tobacco Road Hazard Severity Zone. The County of Riverside of Mitigation Plan that identifies risks by natural a minimize the damage from those disasters.</li> <li>During construction, all activities will occur on the temporarily block full access to Water Street and be in accordance with all local and State guideling Proposed Project operations, the Riverside Count the RCFD enforce fire standards as they revise inspections. This includes a review for compliance 787, which requires, among other measures, the to ensure that every building is positioned in a</li> </ul>	the Project is mapped tilizes a Mul nd human-re Project Si Tobacco Rones to allow by Department by building the with River County to rea way that	Site is not was within a di-Jurisdiction made disasted te. Road important for emergent of Building plans and cerside County eview all futurallows adeq	ithin a High "Very High" nal Local Ha ers and wa provements n closures wancy access g and Safety conduct bu y Ordinance re building wate acces	r Fire azard ays to may would s. For y and ilding e No. plans ss for
<ul> <li>b) The Project area is primarily flat, and a rock outcrewest of Tobacco Road. The Riverside County (Project area as Other Areas, as no wildfire susce Project Site.</li> </ul>	opping is loc General Pla	cated west of in Figure S-	the Project	Site,

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# Construction

While the Project Site is not identified as being within a high fire risk area, the vacant area immediately adjacent to the Project Site on the west, along Tobacco Road, is identified as having a high fire risk, though this area primarily consists of rocks and boulders, as well as small dry, weedy vegetation. The National Weather Service issues Red Flag Warnings & Fire Weather Watches to alert fire departments of the onset, or possible onset, of critical weather and dry conditions that could lead to rapid or dramatic increases in wildfire activity.

A Red Flag Warning is issued for weather events which may result in extreme fire behavior that will occur within 24 hours. A Fire Weather Watch is issued when weather conditions could exist in the next 12-72 hours. A Red Flag Warning is the highest alert. During these times extreme caution is urged by all residents, because a simple spark can cause a major wildfire. A Fire Weather Watch is one level below a warning, but fire danger is still high.

The contractor must submit a fire safety practices and procedures document for welding and the use of various equipment, consistent with OSHA General Industry Standards. The procedures must include procedures for routinely checking weather reports, requiring fire suppression equipment to be functional and maintained on site at all times, emergency procedures, and the protocol for suspension of welding operations, outside of a partially or fully constructed building, when a Red Flag warning has been issued by the National Weather Service. Welding inside of a partially or fully constructed warehouse would be authorized.

#### **Operations**

The Project is subject to compliance with the 2023 California Building Code (or the most current version) and the 2022 edition of the California Fire Code (Part 9 of Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations, or most current version). Compliance with these regulations would reduce impacts of wildlife risks to Project occupants including, pollutant concentrations from a wildfire or the uncontrolled spread of a wildfire. Impacts would be less than significant.

- c) Implementation of the Proposed Project would not 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. Impacts would be less than significant.
- d) The Project Site is not within a High Fire Hazard Severity Zone and there is no indication of landslides, slumps, rock fall hazard, debris flow or slope instability surrounding the Project Site. The Project Site and surrounding area are flat with no steep slopes. As the Project Site and vicinity are not within a wildfire hazard zone, wildfire hazards are not anticipated to occur. The Project would not expose people or structures to downslope flooding or landslides, as a result of runoff, post-fire slope instability, or drainage changes. Therefore, there would be no impacts.
- e) The Project Site is not within a High Fire Hazard Severity Zone. The Project would be constructed to comply with the 2023 California Building Code (or the most current version) and the 2020 edition of the California Fire Code (Part 9 of Title 24 of the California Code of

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Mitigation: No mitigation is required.				
Monitoring: No monitoring is required. None.				
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MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE Does the Pro	oject:			
<b>45.</b> Have the potential to substantially degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of		$\boxtimes$		
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?				

**Source(s)**: Staff Review, Project Application Materials

<u>Findings of Fact</u>: The Project Site is vacant, contains no drainages, and complies with the Western Riverside Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan. The site contains suitable habitat for burrowing owl and nesting birds, although none were identified on site. However, implementation of **Mitigation Measure BIO-1** and **BIO-2** will reduce potential impacts to burrowing owl and nesting birds during construction by conducting a pre-construction survey and implementing the appropriate mitigation measures, if found. Implementation of the Project will not 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.

The portion of Project Site slated for development does not contain examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory. Implementation of **Mitigation Measures CUL-1**, **Mitigation Measure CUL-3**, along with Conditions of Approval (060 - Planning CUL.1, 060 - Planning CUL.2, 060 - Planning CUL.3, 070-Planning CUL.2, and 070-Planning CUL.2) will manage unanticipated discoveries through implementation of extensive monitoring, reporting and inspection required procedures to reduce impacts to potential cultural resources and will reduce impacts to less than significant levels.

Thus, the Proposed Project will not degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self- sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or an endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory. Therefore, impacts are less than significant with mitigation incorporated.

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46. Have impacts which 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, other current projects and probable future projects)?					
Source(s): Staff Review, Project Application Materials					
Findings of Fact: The environmental analysis conducted in Proposed Project is consistent with the County's General Plat land use has been considered with overall County growth. The is in compliance with federal, State, and County applicable in planned for the Project vicinity that would be considered cut Project would not create impacts, that considered with the effect of the projects, would be cumulatively considerable because Phave no impact or to be less than significant.	in land use e analysis o egulations. mulatively ects of othe	and zoning demonstrated There are n considerable r past, prese	projections I that the P To other pro Therefore Therefore Therefore	The roject ojects e, the bable	
<b>47.</b> Have environmental effects that will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?					

**Source(s)**: Staff Review, Project Application Materials

<u>Findings of Fact</u>: The Project is required to comply with a number of Project-specific mitigation measures that are identified throughout this document to ensure that the Project's environmental effects will have a less than significant effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly. These mitigation measures are summarized as follows:

Therefore, with mitigation incorporated, the Proposed Project would not directly or indirectly cause substantial adverse effects on human beings.

#### V. EARLIER ANALYSES

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 as per California Code of Regulations, Section 15063 (c) (3) (D). There was no earlier analyses, therefore, this is not applicable.

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# **LIST OF APPENDICES**

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Figure 8 – Off-Site Improvements

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# **SUMMARY OF MITIGATION MEASURES**

sensitivity to disturbance, nesting stage and expected types of nest, and the intensity and duration of disturbance. The nests and buffer zones shall be field checked weekly by a qualified biological monitor. The approved no-

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BIO-1: A preconstruction survey shall be conducted within 30 days prior to ground disturbance to avoid direct take of burrowing owls. If burrowing owls are found to be present or nesting on-site during the preconstruction survey, then the following recommendations must be adhered to: Exclusion and relocation activities may not occur during the breeding season, which is defined as March 1 through August 31, with the following exception: From March 1 through March 15 and from August 1 through August 31 exclusion and relocation activities may take place if it is proven to the County and appropriate regulatory agencies (if any) that egg laying or chick rearing is not taking place. Any relocation activities cannot occur without first consulting with the CDFW, and any relocation would be conducted in accordance with the conditions set forth by the CDFW. The pre-construction survey must be conducted by a qualified biologist; any relocation activities would be undertaken by a qualified biologist as approved by the CDFW.	A qualified biologist will conduct the preconstruction surveys as identified in the mitigation measure.
BIO-2: Bird nesting season generally extends from February 1 through September 15 in southern California and specifically, April 15 through August 31 for migratory passerine birds. To avoid impacts to nesting birds (common and special status) during the nesting season, a qualified Avian Biologist shall conduct preconstruction Nesting Bird Surveys (NBS) at least three (3) days prior to project-related disturbance to nestable vegetation to identify any active nests. If no active nests are found, no further action is required. If an active nest is found, the qualified Avian Biologist shall set appropriate no-work buffers around the nest which will be based upon the nesting species, based on the individual species type, its	A qualified biologist will conduct the preconstruction surveys as identified in the mitigation measure.

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work buffer zone shall be clearly marked in the field, within which no disturbance activity shall commence until the qualified biologist has determined the young birds have successfully fledged and the nest is inactive.	
CUL-1: Planning-CUL. 2 PDA 8323 Accepted. County Archaeological Report (PDA) No. 8323 submitted for this project (PPT220047) was prepared by Tierra Environmental Services and is entitled: "Cultural Resources Assessment for 23682 Water Street, Riverside County, California" dated April 24, 2023.	The Project Cultural Report will be kept as part of the Project record.
PDA 8323 concludes: Based on the Project environment and the archival research the parcel has a potential for subsurface cultural resources. However, no cultural resources were identified during the current investigation. Since no resource has been previously recorded or observed during the pedestrian survey, and based on the data collected during this investigation, the proposed project would not adversely affect any known significant resources.	
Due to the potential for intact subsurface cultural resources and the potential for cultural resources within a one-mile area, archaeological monitoring is recommended for the proposed Project.	
These documents are herein incorporated as a part of the record for project.	
CUL-2: Planning-CUL. 3 Unanticipated Resources. The developer/permit holder or any successor in interest shall comply with the following for the life of this permit. If during ground disturbance activities, unanticipated cultural resources are discovered, the following procedures shall be followed:	A qualified archaeological monitor, in coordination with a tribal monitor, will monitor grading activities and provide a report to the County upon completion.
All ground disturbance activities within 100 feet of the discovered cultural resource shall be halted and the Project archaeologist shall call the County Archaeologist immediately upon	

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discovery of the cultural resource. A meeting shall be convened between the developer, the project archaeologist, the Native American tribal representative, and the County Archaeologist to discuss the significance of the find. At the meeting with the aforementioned parties, a decision is to be made, with the concurrence of the County Archaeologist, as to the appropriate treatment (documentation, recovery, avoidance, etc.) for the cultural resource. Resource evaluations shall be limited to nondestructive analysis.  Further ground disturbance shall not resume within the area of the discovery until the appropriate treatment has been accomplished.  * A cultural resource site is defined, for this condition, as being a feature and/or three or more artifacts in close association with each other.  ** If not already employed by the project developer, a County approved archaeologist shall be employed by the project developer to assess the significance of the cultural resource, attend the meeting described above, and	Monitoring Method
continue monitoring of all future site grading activities as necessary.  CUL-3 Planning-CUL-1. Human Remains. If human remains are found on this site, the developer/permit holder or any successor in interest shall comply with State Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5	
060 - Planning-CUL. 1 ECS sheet Resource reburial area (if needed). Prior to issuance of grading permits: the developer/ applicant shall provide evidence to the Riverside County Planning Department that an Environmental Constraints Sheet has been included in the Grading Plans. This sheet shall indicate an area that will be used, if needed, for reburial of any artifacts that have been identified during grading and cannot be avoided. This area will be protected and not disturbed in the future. This is confidential information and the exact	

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nature of this area will not be called out on the grading plans.	
Monitor. Prior to the issuance of grading permits, the developer/permit applicant shall enter into an agreement with the consulting tribe(s) for a Native American Monitor. The Native American Monitor(s) shall be on-site during all initial ground disturbing activities and excavation of each portion of the project site including clearing, grubbing, tree removals, grading and trenching. In conjunction with the Archaeological Monitor(s), the Native American Monitor(s) shall have the authority to temporarily divert, redirect or halt the ground disturbance activities to allow identification, evaluation, and potential recovery of cultural resources.  The developer/permit applicant shall submit a fully executed copy of the agreement to the County Archaeologist to ensure compliance with this condition of approval. Upon verification, the Archaeologist shall clear this condition.	A qualified archaeological monitor, in coordination with a tribal monitor, will monitor grading activities and provide a report to the County upon completion
This agreement shall not modify any condition of approval or mitigation measure.	
O60 - Planning-CUL. 3 Project Archaeologist. Prior to issuance of grading permits: The Applicant/Developer shall provide evidence to the County of Riverside Planning Department that a County certified professional archaeologist (Project Archaeologist) has been contracted to implement a Cultural Resource Monitoring Program (CRMP). A Cultural Resource Monitoring Plan shall be developed that addresses the details of all activities and provides procedures that must be followed in order to reduce the impacts to cultural and historic resources to a level that is less than significant as well as address potential impacts to undiscovered buried archaeological resources associated with this project. A fully executed copy of the contract and a wet-signed	

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copy of the Monitoring Plan shall be provided to the County Archaeologist to ensure compliance with this condition of approval.	
Working directly under the Project Archaeologist, an adequate number of qualified Archaeological Monitors shall be present to ensure that all earth moving activities are observed and shall be on-site during all grading activities for areas to be monitored including offsite improvements. Inspections will vary based on the rate of excavation, the materials excavated, and the presence and abundance of artifacts and features. The frequency and location of inspections will be determined by the Project Archaeologist.	
O70 - Planning-CUL. 1 Artifact Disposition. Prior to Grading Permit Final Inspection, the landowner(s) shall relinquish ownership of all cultural resources that are unearthed on the Project property during any ground-disturbing activities, including previous investigations and/or Phase III data recovery. Historic Resources- all historic archaeological materials recovered during the archaeological investigations (this includes collections made during an earlier project, such as testing of archaeological sites that took place years ago), shall be curated at the Western Science Center, a Riverside County curation facility that meets State Resources Department Office of Historic Preservation Guidelines for the Curation of Archaeological Resources ensuring access and use pursuant to the Guidelines.	
Prehistoric Resources- One of the following treatments shall be applied.  a. Reburial of the resources on the Project property. The measures for reburial shall include, at least, the following: Measures to protect the reburial area from any future impacts. Reburial shall not occur until all required cataloguing, analysis and studies have been completed on the cultural resources, with an exception that sacred	

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items, burial goods and Native American	
human remains are excluded. Any reburial	
processes shall be culturally appropriate.	
Listing of contents and location of the reburial	
shall be included in the confidential Phase IV	
Report. The Phase IV Report shall be filed	
with the County under a confidential cover	
and not subject to a Public Records Request.	
b. If reburial is not agreed upon by the	
Consulting Tribes then the resources shall be	
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curated at a culturally appropriate manner at	
the Western Science Center, a Riverside	
County curation facility that meets State	
Resources Department Office of Historic	
Preservation Guidelines for the Curation of	
Archaeological Resources ensuring access	
and use pursuant to the Guidelines. The	
collection and associated records shall be	
transferred, including title, and are to be	
accompanied by payment of the fees	
necessary for permanent curation. Evidence	
of curation in the form of a letter from the	
curation facility stating that subject	
archaeological materials have been received	
and that all fees have been paid, shall be	
provided by the landowner to the County.	
There shall be no destructive or invasive	
testing on sacred items, burial goods and	
Native American human remains.	
070 - Planning-CUL. 2 Phase IV Monitoring	
Report. Prior to Grading Permit Final	
Inspection, a Phase IV Cultural Resources	
Monitoring Report shall be submitted that	
complies with the Riverside County Planning	
Department's requirements for such reports	
for all ground disturbing activities associated	
with this grading permit. The report shall	
follow the County of Riverside Planning	
Department Cultural Resources	
(Archaeological) Investigations Standard	
Scopes of Work posted on the TLMA website.	
The report shall include results of any feature	
relocation or residue analysis required as well	
as evidence of the required cultural sensitivity	
training for the construction staff held during	

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the required pre-grade meeting and evidence that any artifacts have been treated in accordance to procedures stipulated in the Cultural Resources Management Plan.	
PAL-1: Prior to the issuance of grading permits, the Applicant shall provide a letter to the County of Riverside Planning Department, or designee, from a professional paleontologist, stating that a qualified paleontologist has been retained to provide services for the Project. The paleontologist will monitor all site preparation activities that involve excavations that extend down into older Pleistocene-aged deposits. In the event paleontological resources are encountered, ground disturbing activity within 50 feet of the area shall cease. The paleontologist shall examine the materials encountered, assess the nature and extent of the find, and recommend a course of action to further investigate and protect or recover and salvage those resources that have been encountered.	Monitoring during is required during ground disturbance in the event paleontological resources are encountered.