

# CONSIDERATION OF THE APPEAL OF: DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION NO. P21-02699 VESTING TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP NO. 2021-09 AND RELATED FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NO. 2022050265)

PRESENTATION BY: STEVEN MARTINEZ - PLANNER



# **Project Overview**

Proposed construction of four office/warehouse buildings with a gross floor area of ± 901,438 square feet and 201 loading dock doors.

Building 1: ± 468,812 square feet / 122 loading dock doors

Building 2: ± 248,786 square feet / 46 loading dock doors

Building 3: ± 93,074 square feet / 18 loading dock doors

Building 4: ± 90,766 square feet / 15 loading dock doors

Proposed subdivision of the two existing parcels into four parcels:

Parcel A ± 11.68 acres

Parcel B ± 5.38 acres

Parcel C ± 5.14 acres

Parcel D ± 26.15 acres

On- and Off-site improvements are proposed including, but not limited to:

Curb, Gutters, Sidewalks

7 Drive Approaches

594 Parking Spaces (385 Standard / 209 Truck & Van)

Landscaping



# Project Site Plan Rendering



# **Project Elevations Rendering**





either expressed or implied for the correctness of this data

Planned Land Use Map The Heavy Industrial land use and zone district allows for the broadest range of industrial uses including manufacturing, assembly, wholesaling, distribution, and storage activities. **West Belmont Avenue Project Site West Nielsen Avenue** Avenue **California State Route 180** North Community Park Ponding Basin Heavy Industrial Middle School Low Density (1-3.5 D.U./acre) Neighborhood Mixed Use Flood Control Project Ponding Basin (Park use) FRESN Medium Low Density (3.5-6 D.U./acre) Corridor/Center Mixed Use Regional Park Medium Density (5.0-12 D.U./acre) Regional Mixed Use Lake Pond Public/Quasi-public Facility Medium High Density (12-16 D.U./acre) Regiona Urban Neighborhood (16-30 D.U./acre) Office Downtwon Neighborhood Regional Business Park Elementary, Middle & High School Community This map is believed to be an accurate representation of the Light Industrial Commercial-Recreational Elementary, Middle & High School Church City of Fresno GIS data. However, we make no warranties

### **Environmental Review**

November 2021 – May 2022: Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) prepared.

May 2022: IS/MND available for public review.

**Summer 2022:** Scannell Properties opted to convert environmental review to an Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

Summer 2022 – February 2023: EIR prepared.

February 2023: Notice of Availability issued; Draft EIR available for public review.

**April 2023:** Subsequent Notice of Availability issued; Recirculated Draft EIR available for public review.

Summer 2023 – September 2023: Response to Comments and Final EIR prepared.

October 2023: Planning Commission certified the EIR and approved Development Permit Application No. P21-02699 and Vesting Tentative Parcel Map No. 2021-09.

# Appeal of EIR Certification

#### **Appeal Letter 1: Golden State Environmental Justice Alliance**

**Issue/Claim**: The Project Description and Response to Comments (RTC) prepared for the EIR are inadequate. Specifically, sections **B1-3**, **B1-8**, and **B1-11** of the RTC are inadequate. The RTC does not provide meaningful evidence to support the conclusions made and documents related to the project were not available for review.

#### Response:

Please refer to the Response to Appeal Letters Memorandum by LSA dated December 13, 2023 in addition to the following sections.

<u>Project Description and Availability of Documents:</u> Please refer to Chapter 3.0, Project Description, of the Recirculated Draft EIR. The chapter is consistent with Section 15124 of the CEQA Guidelines. Furthermore, as noted in the Notice of Availability for the Draft EIR and Notice of Availability for the Recirculated Draft EIR, all documents related to the project were available for public review at the lead agency.

<u>B1-3:</u> The project site was previously developed as a California Compress Facility. The proposed project would include demolition of the existing leveled asphalt which served as the foundations of the former buildings on the project site. As identified on page 3-18 of the Recirculated Draft EIR and Response B1-3 of the RTC, the proposed project would not require any soil import or export.

**B1-8:** Refer to Responses A2-3, A2-6, and B1-8 of the RTC.

B1-11: Refer to pages 4.10-14 and 4.10-15 of the Recirculated Draft EIR and Response B1-11 of the RTC.

# Appeal of EIR Certification (Continued)

#### **Appeal Letter 2: Councilmember Miguel Arias**

*Issue/Claim*: Unmitigated environmental impacts including: health risks, air quality, transportation, noise pollution, and greenhouse gas emissions.

#### Response:

Please refer to the EIR Summary Memorandum by LSA dated October 23, 2023 (Staff Report Exhibit R), the EIR and related appendices (Staff Report Exhibits F-1 through F-3), the EIR Response to Comments (Staff Report Exhibit G), and Response to Appeal Letters Memorandum by LSA dated December 13, 2023 (Staff Report Exhibit U).

# Appeal of EIR Certification (Continued)

#### **Appeal Letter 3: Adams Broadwell Joseph & Cardozo**

Issue/Claim: Concerns about (A) Exposure to Valley Fever, (B) transportation impacts, (C) noise impacts, and (D) the City not being able to make the findings for project approval.

#### Response:

Please refer to the Response to Appeal Letters Memorandum by LSA dated December 13, 2023 in addition to the following sections.

- (A) Pages 4.2-5 and 4.2-6 of the EIR and Responses B3-10, B3-18, B3-19, B3-39, B3-40 of the RTC.
- (B) Appendix M of the EIR and Responses B3-6, B3-12, B3-13, B3-14, and B3-15 of the RTC.
- (C) Reponses B3-6, B3-23, B3-24, B3-25, B3-31, B3-33, B3-34, B3-51, B3-53, B3-54, B3-55, B3-56, B3-57, B3-58, and B3-59 of the RTC.
- (D) Exhibit M, Fresno Municipal Code Findings, and Reponses B3-33 and B3-34 of the RTC.

### Staff Recommendation

**CERTIFY** Final Environmental Impact Report (SCH No. 2022050265), apply the Council's independent judgment and analysis to the review, and then adopt the resolution certifying the FEIR as having been completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) on the proposed Final EIR and comments thereon; and;

**ADOPT** the Water Supply Assessment (WSA) attached to the FEIR as Appendix K in compliance with Section 10910 of the California Water Code and Section 15155 of the CEQA Guidelines, and adopt the WSA as a technical addendum to the Environmental Impact Report; and,

ADOPT Findings of Fact pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15091; and,

**ADOPT** a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15097; and,

**<u>DENY</u>** the appeal and <u>**UPHOLD**</u> the action of the Planning Commission in the approval of Development Permit Application No. P21-02699 which requests authorization to construct four office/warehouse buildings with a total gross floor area of approximately ± 901,438 square feet, subject to compliance with the Conditions of Approval dated October 4, 2023; and,

**<u>DENY</u>** the appeal and <u>**UPHOLD**</u> the action of the Planning Commission in the approval of Vesting Tentative Parcel Map No. 2021-09 which requests authorization to subdivide the subject property into four parcels: Parcel A ± 11.68 acres, Parcel B ± 5.38 acres, Parcel C ± 5.14 acres, Parcel D ± 26.15 acres, subject to compliance with the Conditions of Approval dated October 4, 2023.

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# FOLLOWING SLIDE(S) TO ONLY BE VIEWED IF UTILIZED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.



## Environmental Review (Continued)

#### Overview of Scannell Project Impacts:

#### **Less than Significant**

- Energy
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hydrology & Water Quality

#### **Less than Significant with Incorporated Mitigation**

- Aesthetics
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources

- Transportation
- Utilities

- Cultural & Tribal Cultural Resources
- Hazards & Hazardous Materials
- Noise

#### Significant and Unavoidable

The project would not result in any significant and unavoidable impacts.