

CITY OF FRESNO

ADDENDUM TO A NEGATIVE DECLARATION PREPARED FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. P21-01202

(As filed with the Fresno County Clerk on December 10, 2021)

Addendum prepared in accordance with Section 15164 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines

The full Initial Study and the ND are on file in the Planning and Development Department,

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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NUMBER: T-6366/P22-04877

> This addendum was not circulated for public review pursuant to Section 15164(c) of the CEQA Guidelines.

APPLICANT:

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PROJECT LOCATION:

Located on the west side of North Bliss Avenue between East Shields and East Princeton Avenues. in the City and County of Fresno, California (approximately 7.94 acres)

Latitude: 36°46'40.8" N & Longitude: 119°40'48" W

Assessor's Parcel Number(s): 574-120-30

Mount Diablo Base & Meridian, Township 13S, Range 21E, Section 27

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 6366 was filed by Giannetta Engineering, on behalf of Granville Homes, and pertains to the approximately 7.94-acre property located on the the west side of North Bliss Avenue between East Shields and East Princeton Avenues. The applicant proposes the subdivision of the subject property into a 71-lot residential subdivision.

Environmental Assessment No. P21-01202, a Negative Declaration ("ND") dated July 23, 2021, was prepared for a project that included a Plan Amendment and Rezone, and analyzed a future project for 72 single-family residential dwelling units. Plan Amendment Application No. P21-01202 was approved for the approximately 7.94 acres of property located on the west side of North Bliss Avenue between East Shields and East Princeton Avenues that amended the Fresno General Plan and McLane Community Plan from

the Employment – Business Park planned land use designation to the Medium Density Residential planned land use designation. Rezone Application No. P21-01202 changed the zone district of the aforementioned property from the BP (*Business Park*) zone district to the RS-5 (*Single-Family Residential, Medium Density*) zone district.

Environmental Assessment No. T-6366/P22-04877 dated July 21, 2023, an addendum to Environmental Assessment No. P21-01202, assesses the anticipation of the approval of Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 6366 consisting of a total of 71 single-family residential parcels. The approval of a 71-lot single-family residential development, which is one lot less than the anticipated 72-lot single-family subdivision which results in a reduction in intensity, is functionally a technical change, within the meaning of CEQA Guidelines Section 15164. This minor technical change is appropriate for an addendum pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15164 and Public Resources Code Section 21166.

The proposed project will not have a significant impact. It may be determined that: (1) The project does not significantly exceed the scope of Environmental Assessment No. P21-01202; (2) No substantial changes are proposed in the project which require major revisions to the previous environmental finding due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects; (3) No substantial changes will occur with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken; and (4) No new information, which was not known and could not have been known, at the time the environmental finding for Environmental Assessment No. P21-01202 was adopted, has become available.

Therefore, the City of Fresno has determined that an addendum to Environmental Assessment No. P21-01202 is appropriate given that none of the conditions described in Section 15162 of the CEQA Guidelines calling for preparation of a subsequent mitigated negative declaration have occurred; and, new information added is only for the purposes of providing minor changes or additions, in accordance with Section 15164 of the CEQA Guidelines.

CEQA Section 15162 provides that when an Environmental Impact Report ("EIR") has been adopted for a project, no subsequent EIR shall be prepared for that project unless the lead agency determines, on the basis of substantial evidence in the light of the whole record, one or more of the following:

FINDINGS PURSUANT TO SECTION 15162 OF THE CEQA GUIDELINES.

(1) Substantial changes are proposed in the project which would require major revisions of the previous Mitigated Negative Declaration due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects;

Finding (1):

The approval of a 71 single-family residential development does not involve any new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects that would require major revisions of the previous Negative Declaration ("ND") because the vesting tentative tract map only proposes one lot less than

the originally analyzed 72-lot subdivision in Environmental Assessment No. P21-01202. The reduction of one lot decreases intensity of any environmental impacts. This factor does not create any new significant environmental effects or substantially increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects..

(2) Substantial changes occur with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken which will require major revisions of the previous Mitigated Negative Declaration due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects; or,

Finding (2):

There have been no substantial changes to the surrounding area or project site which would otherwise affect the circumstances under which the project is undertaken. The severity of environmental issues identified in the ND dated July 23, 2021 have not substantially increased since the preparation of the initial study.

(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 Mitigated Negative Declaration was adopted, shows any of the following: (A) The project will have one or more significant effects not discussed in the previous Negative Declaration; (B) Significant effects previously examined will be substantially more severe than shown in the previous 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; and, (D) Mitigation measures or alternatives which are considerably different from those analyzed in the previous Mitigated Negative Declaration, would substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment.

Finding (3):

This addendum is relative to the ND and assesses the approval of a vesting tentative tract map for the project that identifies one less lot than originally anticipated resulting in less intensity of environmental impacts than originally analyzed. This addendum did not identify new information regarding significant effects not previously discussed in the ND, and potential effects previously examined are not substantially more severe than originally discussed. No mitigation measures which were previously identified have been found infeasible, nor has it been determined that identified mitigation measures would not substantially reduce significant effects of the project. No mitigation measures have been added or modified, nor are they considerably different from those analyzed in the ND.

The addendum contains no additional information regarding proposed mitigation measures and does not change or effect the previous findings of the Negative Declaration. Therefore, no new information identifies significant or substantially more severe effects than originally discussed.

Addendum to a Negative Declaration Environmental Assessment No. T-6366/P22-04877 July 21, 2023

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