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REPORT TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

AGENDA ITEM NO. VIII.B. **COMMISSION MEETING 12.21.16**

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SUBJECT:

CONSIDERATION OF PLAN AMENDMENT APPLICATION NO. A-16-014;

REZONE APPLICATION NO. R-16-013; AND, RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. A-16-014/R-16-013/T-6165 FOR APPROXIMATELY 78 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF EAST CHURCH AVENUE BETWEEN SOUTH SUNNYSIDE AND SOUTH FOWLER AVENUES.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission take the following actions:

- 1. RECOMMEND APPROVAL (to the City Council) of the adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for Environmental Assessment (EA) No. A-16-014/R-16-013/T-6165 dated October 21, 2016 for purposes of the proposed project.
- 2. RECOMMEND APPROVAL (to the City Council) of Plan Amendment Application No. A-16-014 proposing to amend the Fresno General Plan and the Roosevelt Community Plan to change the planned land use designations for the subject property from Medium-Low Density Residential (±22 acres), Medium Density Residential (±35 acres), Residential Multi-Family Urban Neighborhood (±15 acres), Neighborhood Park (±6 acres) to Medium Density Residential (±50 acres). Residential Multi-Family Urban Neighborhood (±18 acres). Community Commercial (±7 acres), and Open Space (±3 acres) for purposes of a Neighborhood Park with a dual designation of Medium Density Residential.
- 3. RECOMMEND APPROVAL (to the City Council) of Rezone Application No. R-16-013 proposing to amend the Official Zone Map to reclassify the ±78 acres to RS-5 (Residential Single Family, Medium Density) (±50 acres), RM-2 (Residential Multi Family Urban Neighborhood) (±18 acres), CC (Commercial-Community) (±7 acres), PR (Parks and Recreation) (±3 acres) in accordance with Plan Amendment Application No. A-16-014.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Brian Yengovan of Citadel Development Group, Inc., on behalf of High and Mighty Farms, Inc., has filed Plan Amendment Application No. A-16-014 and Rezone Application No. R-16-013 pertaining to ±78 acres of property located on the north side of East Church Avenue between South Sunnyside and South Fowler Avenues.

Plan Amendment Application No. A-16-014 proposes to amend the Fresno General Plan and Roosevelt Community Plan to change the planned land use designations for the subject property from Medium-Low Density Residential (±22 acres), Medium Density Residential (±35 acres), Residential Multi-Family Urban Neighborhood (±15 acres), Neighborhood Park (±6 acres) to Medium Density Residential (±50 acres), Residential Multi-Family Urban Neighborhood (±18 acres), Community Commercial (±7 acres), and Open Space/Neighborhood Park (±3 acres) with a dual designation of Medium Density Residential.

Rezone Application No. R-16-013 proposes to amend the Official Zone Map to reclassify the ±78 acres to RS-5 (Residential Single Family, Medium Density) (±50 acres), RM-2 (Residential Multi Family Urban Neighborhood) (±18 acres), CC (Commercial-Community) (±7 acres), and PR (Parks and Recreation) (±3 acres).

These applications have been filed in order to facilitate the future development of a Complete Neighborhood in accordance with the Goals, Objectives and Policies of the Fresno General Plan. Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 6165/UGM has also been filed requesting authorization to subdivide the northerly ±40 acre portion of the subject property for purposes of creating a 208-lot single family residential development and neighborhood park (the tentative map will be scheduled for consideration by the Planning Commission at a future hearing date).

Thus, the subject applications are consistent with the Fresno General Plan and the Roosevelt Community Plan.

PROJECT INFORMATION

PROJECT See description above in Executive Summary.

APPLICANT Citadel Development Group, Inc., on behalf of High and Mighty

Farms, Inc.Wathen Castanos Peterson Homes, Inc.

LOCATION North side of East Church Avenue between South Sunnyside

and South Fowler Avenues.

(APN[s]: 316-022-21)

(Council District 5, Councilmember Quintero)

SITE SIZE ± 78 acres

GENERAL PLAN Existing - (±22 acres) - Medium-Low Density Residential;

DESIGNATION (±35 acres) - Medium Density Residential;

(±15 acres) - Residential Multi-Family Urban

Neighborhood; and,

(±6 acres) - Open Space/Neighborhood Park

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Proposed - (±50 acres) - Medium Density Residential;

(±18 acres) - Residential Multi-Family Urban

Neighborhood

(±7 acres) - Community Commercial; and,

(±3 acres) - Open Space/Neighborhood Park

ZONING Existing -

(±22 acres) - RS-4 (Residential Single Family, Medium-Low Density)

(±35 acres) - RS-5 (Residential Single Family, Medium Density);

(±21 acres) - RM-2 (Residential Multi Family Urban Neighborhood);

Proposed-

(±50 acres) - RS-5 (Residential Single Family, Medium Density);

(±18 acres) - RM-2 (Residential Multi Family Urban Neighborhood);

(±7 acres) - CC (Commercial-Community); and,

(±3 acres) - PR (Parks and Recreation).

PLAN DESIGNATION AND CONSISTENCY

The proposed form of development which may be facilitated by the proposed amendments to the planned land use designations for the subject property is consistent with the Goals, Objectives and Policies of the Fresno General Plan and Roosevelt Community Plan. The respective amendments proposed to the Official Zone Map for the subject property are consistent with the proposed planned land uses pursuant to Table 3-3 of the Fresno General Plan.

ENVIRONMENTAL FINDING

Mitigated Negative Declaration, tiered off the Fresno General Plan Master Environmental Impact Report (MEIR No. 2012111015) and dated October 21, 2016

PLAN COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

On November 07, 2016, the District 5 Plan Advisory Committee recommended approval of the proposed project by a unanimous vote.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION Recommend that the Planning Commission recommend approval to the City Council of the proposed plan amendment application, rezone application, and environmental finding.

BORDERING PROPERTY INFORMATION

	Planned Land Use	Existing Zoning	Existing Land Use
North	Medium-Low Density Residential	RS-3 & RS-4/UGM Single Family Residential District / Urban Growth Management	Single Family Residential
East	Urban Neighborhood & Medium-Low Density Residential	RM-2/UGM Commercial & Light Manufacturing District / Urban Growth Management/with conditions of zoning & AL20 (Fresno County) Limited Agricultural District	Vacant & Rural Residential
South	Medium-Low Density Residential & Medium Density Residential	RS-4 & RS-5/UGM Single Family Residential District / Urban Growth Management	Single Family Residential
West	Medium-Low Density Residential	RS-4/UGM Single Family Residential District / Urban Growth Management	Single Family Residential

ENVIRONMENTAL FINDING

An environmental assessment initial study was prepared for this project in accordance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines. This process included the distribution of requests for comment from other responsible or affected agencies and interested organizations.

Preparation of the environmental assessment necessitated a thorough review of the proposed project and relevant environmental issues and considered previously prepared environmental and technical studies pertinent to the Roosevelt Community Plan area, including the Fresno General Plan Master Environmental Impact Report (MEIR SCH No. 2012111015). These environmental and technical studies have examined projected sewage generation rates of planned urban uses, the capacity of existing sanitary sewer collection and treatment facilities, and optimum alternatives for increasing capacities; groundwater aquifer resource conditions; water supply production and distribution system capacities; traffic carrying capacity of the planned major street system; and, student generation projections and school facility site location identification.

The proposed project has been determined to be a subsequent project that is not fully within the scope of the MEIR SCH No. 2012111015 as provided by the CEQA, as codified in the Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 21157.1(d) and the CEQA Guidelines Section 15177(c). Therefore, the Development and Resource Management Department proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed project, which is tiered off the Fresno General Plan Master Environmental Impact Report (MEIR No. 2012111015)

It has been further determined that all applicable mitigation measures of SCH No. 2012111015 have been applied to the project, together with project specific mitigation measures, as necessary to assure that the project will not cause significant adverse cumulative impacts, growth inducing impacts and irreversible significant effects beyond those identified by SCH No. 2012111015 as provided by CEQA Section 15178(a). In addition, pursuant to Public Resources Code, Section 21157.6(b)(1), staff has determined that no substantial changes have occurred with respect to the circumstances under which the MEIR was certified and that no new information, which was not known and could not have been known at the time that the MEIR was certified as complete, has become available. Therefore, it has been determined based upon the evidence in the record that the project will not have a significant impact on the environment and that the filing of a finding of conformity is appropriate in accordance with the provisions of CEQA Section 21157.5(a)(2) and CEQA Guidelines Section 15178(b)(1) and (2).

Based upon the attached environmental assessment and applicable mitigation measures, staff has determined that there is no evidence in the record that the project may have a significant effect on the environment and has prepared a finding of conformity for this project. A public notice of the attached Mitigated Negative Declaration for Environmental Assessment Application No. A-16-014/R-16-013/T-6165 was published on October 21, 2016 with no comments or appeals received to date.

BACKGROUND / ANALYSIS

Brian Yengoyan of Citadel Development Group, Inc., on behalf of High and Mighty Farms, Inc., has filed Plan Amendment Application No. A-16-014 and Rezone Application No. R-16-013 pertaining to ± 78 acres of property located on the north side of East Church Avenue between South Sunnyside and South Fowler Avenues.

The subject property remains vacant and was annexed to the City of Fresno in 1982 as part of Annexation No. 1062.

Therefore, the subject property qualifies as an Infill Area; defined by the Fresno General Plan as being within the City on December 31, 2012.

The site is located within an area that has been predominantly developed with single family residences and which is planned for urban residential uses. Properties to the north, west and south of the subject property have all been subdivided and developed with single family residential tracts; the earliest beginning in 1998 and the latest occurring as recent as 2007. The majority of the properties directly to the east of the subject property and across South Fowler Avenue remain in the unincorporated area of the County of Fresno and have been developed with rural residences. Approximately seven acres of land located at the immediate northeast

corner of the intersection of East Church and South Fowler Avenue remain vacant but were previously annexed into the City and have been zoned for RM-2 (Multi-Family, Urban Neighborhood). Properties further to the east are also located within the incorporated boundary of the City of Fresno and are currently being developed as single family residential tracts. Approximately 120 acres of land located at the southeast corner of the intersection of South Fowler and East Church Avenues have also been purchased and will be developed as a Sanger Unified School District Middle- and High School campus and are expected to develop over the life of the proposed project.

The subject property is currently designated by the Fresno General Plan for Medium-Low Density Residential (±22 acres), Medium Density Residential (±35 acres), Residential Multi-Family Urban Neighborhood (±15 acres) and Open Space/Neighborhood Park (±6 acres) land uses and has been zoned accordingly.

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Rezone Application No. R-16-013 proposes to amend the Official Zone Map to reclassify the ±78 acres to RS-5 (Residential Single Family, Medium Density) (±50 acres), RM-2 (Residential Multi Family Urban Neighborhood) (±18 acres), CC (Commercial-Community) (±7 acres), PR (Parks and Recreation) (±3 acres) consistent with the proposed plan amendment.

Development of the proposed project will occur in multiple phases. The first phase of development is proposed to incorporate subdivision of the northerly ±40 acre portion of the subject property for purposes of creating a 208-lot single family residential development and neighborhood park in accordance with Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 6165/UGM (the tentative map will be scheduled for consideration by the Planning Commission at a future hearing date). Subsequent phases will be dictated by market conditions. However, it is the intent of the applicant group to develop the southerly approximately 38 acres with a diversity of housing opportunities, which may include an assisted living facility, age-restricted housing, multi-family residences and a neighborhood serving commercial shopping center. The multi-family and commercial shopping center components of the proposed project are currently anticipated to occur as the last phases of development.

The overall form of development proposed to be facilitated with the subject plan amendment and rezone applications focuses on implementation of the concept of a Complete Neighborhood in accordance with the Goals, Objectives and Policies of the Fresno General Plan; as follows:

Land Use Plans and Policies

As proposed, the project will be consistent with the Fresno General Plan goals and objectives related to land use and the urban form:

- Provide for a diversity of districts, neighborhoods, housing types (including affordable housing), residential densities, job opportunities, recreation, open space, and educational venues that appeal to a broad range of people throughout the city.
- Plan for a diverse housing stock that will support balanced urban growth, and make efficient use of resources and public facilities.
- Make full use of existing infrastructure, and investment in improvements to increase competitiveness and promote economic growth.
- Promote orderly land use development in pace with public facilities and services needed to serve development.
- Promote a city of healthy communities and improve quality of life in established neighborhoods.
- Improve Fresno's visual image and enhance its form and function through urban design strategies and effective maintenance.
- Encourage the development of Complete Neighborhoods and districts with an efficient and diverse mix of residential densities, building types, and affordability which are designed to be healthy, attractive, and centered by schools, parks, and public and commercial services to provide a sense of place and that provide as many services as possible within walking distance. Healthy communities demonstrate efficient development patterns providing for: Sufficient affordable housing development in appropriate locations; A mix of land uses and a built environment that supports walking and biking; Multimodal, affordable transportation choices; and, Safe public spaces for social interaction.

These Goals contribute to the establishment of a comprehensive city-wide land use planning strategy to meet economic development objectives, achieve efficient and equitable use of resources and infrastructure, and create an attractive living environment in accordance with Objective LU-1 of the Fresno General Plan.

Policy UF-1-d further emphasizes provisions for a diversity and variation of building types, densities, and scale of development in order to reinforce the identity of individual neighborhoods, foster a variety of market-based options for living and working to suit a large range of income levels, and further affordable housing opportunities throughout the city.

Likewise, Objective LU-5 of the General Plan calls for a diverse housing stock that will support balanced urban growth, and make efficient use of resources and public facilities; and, Implementing Policy LU-5-c promotes medium density residential use to maximize efficient use of residential property through a wide range of densities.

Objective UF-12 and Policy LU-1-a of the Fresno General Plan promote new development within existing City limits and direct the City to locate roughly one-half of future residential

development in infill areas – defined as being within the City on December 31, 2012 – including non-corridor infill areas, and vacant land.

The Fresno General Plan provides that Fresno needs to promote well-designed infill and rehabilitation throughout the City, not just along corridors. This includes single-family lots, small multi-family lots and small subdivisions. There will also be revitalization and rehabilitation over the years of small retail centers, employment center and some multi-family properties. The infill development and redevelopments will focus on creating Complete Neighborhoods in existing areas. Some tools that can be used to accomplish this include: connectivity, financial incentives for investing in established neighborhoods, design compatibility, providing missing uses such as recreation, enhanced landscaping and maintenance of public right-of-way areas, and providing community-based services.

Much of Fresno has been built as discreet residential tracts bordered by strip retail centers, many of which are not accessible from the adjacent homes due to security walls or other barriers. By contrast, the Complete Neighborhoods concept will enable Fresnans to live in communities with convenient services, employment, and recreation within walking distance.

Complete Neighborhoods are not and should not be all alike. In fact, each neighborhood should express the needs, character, and values of its residents through the specific arrangement of the many possible characteristics that make up each neighborhood.

The defining characteristics of a Complete Neighborhood are a neighborhood that is mostly self-sufficient, walkable, and interconnected. It provides residents with most all they need on a daily basis nearby. In other words, a Complete Neighborhood anticipates and plans in advance all amenities needed in a neighborhood to ensure quality and lasting property values before the residential units are built instead of trying to piecemeal those amenities after the fact. This convenient and healthy lifestyle is the benefit of a Complete Neighborhood. While total self-sufficiency or even completeness is unlikely to be accomplished in each neighborhood, all or most of the following characteristics can be combined to create an enhanced quality of life and retained and increased property value:

- A range of housing choices;
- Neighborhood-serving retail;
- A range of employment opportunities;
- Public services such as health clinics;
- Entertainment and cultural assets;
- Parks and public schools within or near the neighborhood;
- Community services such as library, recreation center, senior center, and/or community garden;
- Public plaza/civic space; and,
- Access to public transit.

This list can be combined and arranged in each specific neighborhood in such a way as to create a true sense of place and community that improves quality of life and increases property values.

The proposed project exemplifies these concepts and components associated with Complete Neighborhoods. The subject property is already planned and zoned for single family and multifamily residential uses with a neighborhood park component. However, the form that would be facilitated by the current land use plan does not readily lend to a balance of the respective land use designations in a manner which emphasizes the key components of open space and neighborhood serving retail, employment opportunities or public services. Furthermore, the current land use designations for the subject property are situated in such a manner that would require density blending and approval through the Planned Development process in order to facilitate an orderly and desirable development. The arrangement of land uses proposed by Plan Amendment Application No. A-16-014 allows development to occur in a conventional manner without need for special approvals or modifications to standards.

The proposed plan amendment demonstrates consistency with Policy LU-5-c of the Fresno General Plan by removing currently planned Medium-Low Density Residential acreage in favor of Medium Density Residential land uses to maximize efficient use of residential property. The plan amendment proposes to relocate an approximately 5 acre portion of the existing planned Urban Neighborhood acreage to the immediate northeast corner of the intersection of East Church and South Sunnyside Avenues and the balance of the proposed Urban Neighborhood acreage (±13 acres) adjacent to the proposed neighborhood serving commercial area (±7 acres) at the immediate northwest corner of the intersection of East Church and South Fowler Avenues. This location also locates higher density residential development adjacent to the proposed pedestrian connection from the centrally located park to East Church Avenue for ease of access by future residents.

The location of higher density residential development in closer proximity to the major street system and ultimately the multi-modal and public transit amenities and services which will be afforded along the major streets and intersections provides for a better form of development which minimizes impacts from traffic, noise, lighting, etc., as the higher density development will provide a buffer from the activity areas of the major street circulation system and commercial development for the lower density residential and single family uses proposed to be located on the subject property. Although sometimes perceived as undesirable by existing residents, it is also important to note that planned Urban Neighborhood density residential development constitutes eligible inventory within the Fresno Housing Element and is therefore critical for purposes of facilitating compliance and meeting the applicable standards of the State of California.

The proposed addition of the approximately 7 acre commercial component affords opportunities for neighborhood serving retail, potential office space which may include public and community services as well as employment opportunities within close proximity and walking distance to a diversity of housing.

Finally, the relocation of the planned open space/neighborhood park to a central location on the subject property not only affords equal proximity, access and enjoyment to adjacent land uses but also affords greater opportunities to provide visibility over shared open space such that any potential for creation of an attractive nuisance is minimized. Furthermore, the centrally located park will act as the centerpiece for the surrounding development which will provide a sense of

place that will contribute to the creation of an enhanced quality of life and the retention and improvement of property values. The proposed park will incorporate linear open space and access to South Sunnyside and South Fowler Avenue in an east-west direction. The park will also incorporate linear open space and access to East Church Avenue. The linear open space areas are proposed to include the uniform planting of Valley Oak trees which will mature to provide a natural "tunnel" from the resultant large tree canopy; hence, "The Oaks" project branding. The aggregate area of the open space will include both passive and active recreation areas and opportunities.

It is important to note that all new parks, open space, and public facilities (such as school sites) identified within the Fresno General Plan carry dual land use designations, so that if that facility is not needed, private and public development consistent with zoning and development standards may be approved. These dual land use designations are shown in Figure LU-2: Dual Designation of the Fresno General Plan. Although the proposed plan amendment reduces the currently planned open space area from approximately 6 acres to approximately 3 acres in area, construction of public parks identified on the Fresno General Plan are funded and maintained through the City of Fresno General Fund; and given current bond debts, no funding is available in the foreseeable future. The currently planned neighborhood park carries a dual designation of Medium Density Residential. Given the importance of providing additional open space within the southeast area of the City, the proposed project provides a unique opportunity to develop much needed open space facilities at a location and in a form which benefits surrounding development and meets the needs of both existing and future residents. Without funding, the currently planned open space would revert to the Medium Density Residential land use and zoning for development and the opportunity for provision and utilization of the planned open space may be lost. However, the applicant group is currently negotiating terms with the City of Fresno within a proposed development agreement which would fund construction and completion of the park with the initial phase of development and provide for the long-term maintenance of all associated amenities and facilities through a Community Facilities District which will be shared by the components of the proposed project. This approach not only provides for an attractive open space area which will benefit the surrounding community and property values but also does so in a manner which will provide for long term care and maintenance with minimal impact/obligation from the City of Fresno General Fund.

While market conditions will ultimately dictate development circumstances, the applicant group intends to initially market the approximately 5 acre portion of proposed Urban Neighborhood land at the northeast corner of South Sunnyside and East Church Avenues for a potential assisted living facility. The adjacent approximately 12 acre portion of proposed Medium Density Residential land located adjacent to East Church Avenue will be initially marketed for potential age-restricted housing. When combined with the opportunity for multiple family apartment housing on the approximately 13 acre balance of the proposed Urban Neighborhood planned land adjacent to East Church Avenue as well as conventional single family residential development on the northerly one-half of the subject property, the proposed project provides great potential for a truly diverse residential mix and a range of housing opportunities to meet all demographic populations within the community. The provision of centrally located open space and neighborhood serving commercial opportunities within the same project manifests the applicant group's comprehensive strategy, which attempts to anticipate and plan in advance all amenities needed in a neighborhood to ensure quality and lasting property values before the

residential units are built instead of trying to piecemeal those amenities after the fact. Furthermore, the proposed project also represents a rare circumstance in which, near total self-sufficiency and completeness may be achieved. As referenced within the Fresno General Plan, this is unlikely to be accomplished in each neighborhood.

It should also be acknowledged that, as referenced herein above, approximately 120 acres of land located at the southeast corner of the intersection of South Fowler and East Church Avenues (cater-cornered from the subject property) have also been purchased and will be developed as a Sanger Unified School District Middle- and High School campus and are expected to develop over the life of the proposed project. Additionally, a Sanger Unified School District elementary (Sequoia Elementary) is located on South Armstrong Avenue, south of East Church Avenue. The presence of elementary, middle, and high school facilities within walking distance and close proximity to the subject property rounds-out the proposed project as a Complete Neighborhood providing residents with most all they need on a daily basis nearby.

This project supports the above mentioned goals, objectives and policies of the Fresno General Plan and Roosevelt Community Plan; specifically, strategies aimed toward the provision of Complete Neighborhoods.

The subject property qualifies as infill development pursuant to the definition provided in the Fresno General Plan and the proposed development of the subject property will contribute to the completion of missing roadway and infrastructure improvements within the area in a manner which is consistent with the land use designations and circulation element of the Fresno General Plan.

The proposed project will provide for connectivity through both vehicular and pedestrian integration with adjacent lands for future development. Furthermore, the project is located in close proximity to existing and future school sites.

Therefore it is staff's opinion that the proposed project is consistent with respective general and community plan objectives and policies and will not conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy or regulation of the City of Fresno. Furthermore, the proposed project, including the design and improvement of the subject property, is found; (1) To be consistent with the goals, objectives and policies of the applicable Fresno General Plan and Roosevelt Community Plan; (2) To be Suitable for the type and density of development; (3) To be safe from potential cause or introduction of serious public health problems; and, (4) To not conflict with any public interests in the subject property or adjacent lands.

Public Services

The Department of Public Utilities (DPU) has determined that adequate sanitary sewer and water services are available to serve the project site subject to implementation of the Fresno General Plan policies and the mitigation measures of the related Master Environmental Impact Report; and, the construction and installation of public facilities and infrastructure in accordance with Department of Public Works standards, specifications and policies.

For sanitary sewer service these infrastructure improvements and facilities include typical requirements for construction and extension of sanitary sewer mains and branches within the interior of future proposed tracts/development projects. The proposed project will also be required to provide payment of sewer connection charges.

Implementation of the Fresno General Plan policies and the mitigation measures of the associated Master Environmental Impact Report, along with the implementation of the Water Resources Management Plan and the identified project related conditions of approval, which will include water main extensions within the South Fowler Avenue across the subject property frontage as well as within the interior of future proposed tracts/development projects. Installation of these services with meters to proposed residential and commercial lots will provide an adequate, reliable, and sustainable water supply for the project's urban domestic and public safety consumptive purposes.

The City of Fresno Fire Department reviewed the proposed project and has determined that adequate Fire service will be available subject to future requirements for development which will include installation of public fire hydrants and the provision of adequate fire flows per Public Works Standards, with two sources water; installation of fire sprinklers within future commercial buildings; and the provision of two means of emergency access during all phases of construction. Review for compliance with fire and life safety requirements for the interior of proposed buildings and the intended use are reviewed by both the Fire Department and the Building and Safety Services Section of the Development and Resource Management Department when a submittal for building plan review is made as required by the California Building Code.

According to the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District (FMFCD), the subject site is not located within a flood prone or hazard area. However, the District's existing Master Plan drainage system is designed to serve medium density residential uses and the existing Master Plan storm drainage facilities do not have capacity to serve the proposed land use. The developer will therefore be required to mitigate the impacts of the increased runoff from the proposed use to a rate that would be expected if developed to medium density residential. The developer may either make improvements to the existing pipeline system to provide additional capacity or may use some type of permanent peak reducing facility in order to eliminate adverse impacts on the existing system. Should the developer choose to construct a permanent peak-reducing facility, such a system would be required to reduce runoff from a ten-year storm produced by the proposed land use, to a two-year discharge which would be produced by the property if developed with medium density residential. Implementation of the mitigation measures may be deferred to until time of development.

Lot coverage will be required to be provided to the FMFCD prior to submittal of improvement plans. The final drainage fee will be calculated commensurate with the lot coverage provided by the developer. If the lot coverage indicates a density higher than Master Planned, mitigation may be required. The lot coverage calculated by the FMFCD includes the front yard walkway, sidewalk walkway and the rear yard patio equaling an additional 6% of impervious area in addition to the City typical lot coverage calculation.

The developer will be required to provide improvements which will convey surface drainage to Master Plan inlets and which will provide a path for major storm conveyance. When development permits are issued, the subject site will be required to pay drainage fees pursuant to the Drainage Fee Ordinance.

Mobility and Transportation

The Fresno General Plan designates East Church and South Fowler Avenues as collector streets; and, South Fowler Avenue as an Arterial street. Future development of respective phases/sub-phases of the proposed project will be required to dedicate and construct improvements along all major street frontages and on all interior local streets within future subdivisions.

The proposed project will also provide and facilitate additional pedestrian connectivity through the provisions of public, common open space in the form of a neighborhood park centrally located on the subject property with contiguous linear open spaces areas and connection points from the central park to all adjacent land uses and major street frontages.

The proposed project is located within Traffic Impact Zone III pursuant to Figure MT-4 of the Fresno General Plan, which generally represents areas near or outside the City Limits but within the Sphere of Influence (SOI) as of December 31, 2012.

In accordance with Policy MT-2-i of the Fresno General Plan, when a project includes a General Plan amendment that changes the General Plan Land Use Designation, a Transportation Impact Study (TIS) is required in order to assess the impacts of new development projects on existing and planned streets.

Plan Amendment Application No. A-16-014 proposes to amend the Fresno General Plan and the Roosevelt Community Plan to change the planned land use designations for the subject property from Medium-Low Density Residential (±22 acres), Medium Density Residential (±35 acres), Residential Multi-Family Urban Neighborhood (±15 acres), Neighborhood Park (±6 acres) to Medium Density Residential (±50 acres), Residential Multi-Family Urban Neighborhood (±18 acres), Community Commercial (±7 acres), and Open Space (±3 acres) for purposes of a Neighborhood Park with a dual designation of Medium Density Residential.

Therefore, a Traffic Impact Study was prepared for the proposed project by Yamabe & Horn Engineering, Inc., which evaluates projected trip generation based upon the highest trip rates and potential impacts associated with development occurring on the subject property in accordance with the densities and intensities permissible by the Fresno General Plan and Municipal Code respective to the land uses and zoning proposed with Plan Amendment Application No. A-16-014 and Rezone Application No. R-16-013.

Applying the factors outlined in the Institute of Traffic Engineers (ITE) Trip Generation Manual, the proposed project on the approximately 78 acre subject property would generate 11,581 Average Daily Trips (ADT), with 764 vehicle trips occurring during the morning peak hour travel period (7 to 9 a.m.) and 991 vehicle trips occurring during the evening peak hour travel period (4 to 6 p.m.).

If developed consistent with the existing planned land use designations, the same approximately 78 acre subject property would generate 8,248 ADT, with 644 a.m. peak hour trips and 831 p.m. peak hour trips. Therefore, the proposed project would result in an increase of 3,333 ADT, 120 a.m. peak hour trips and 160 p.m. peak hour trips over the life of the project.

The analysis of traffic operations within the MEIR was conducted based on roadway segments representative of the City overall transportation network. Traffic volumes on the selected roadway segment analysis is based on traffic counts taken at single location or link, which was intended to be representative of the entire segment. A link connects two intersections; a segment is a series of links. Traffic operations on the study roadway segments were measured using a qualitative measure called Level of Service (LOS). LOS is a general measure of traffic operating conditions whereby a letter grade, from "A" (the best) to "F" (the worst), is assigned. These grades represent the perspective of drivers and are an indication of the comfort and convenience associated with driving, as well as speed, travel time, traffic interruptions, and freedom to maneuver.

The threshold established by the Fresno General Plan in TIZ III is Level of Service "D" representing a high-density, but stable flow. Users experience severe restriction in speed and freedom to maneuver, with poor levels of comfort and convenience.

In accordance with Fresno General Plan Policy MT-2-I, a Traffic Impact Study (TIS) was prepared to assess the impacts of the new development on existing and planned streets combined with future projects (including development of the approximately 120 acre future Sanger Unified School District middle- and high-school to be located at the southeast corner of the intersection of East Church and South Fowler Avenues) for cumulative considerations. This assessment evaluated the impacts of the project by analyzing the following 15 study intersections in the vicinity of the project during the AM and PM peak hours for the four traffic analysis scenarios required by the City of Fresno as well as one additional scenario based on the phasing of the proposed project. These scenarios include: (1) Existing Conditions; (2) Existing plus Project Conditions; (3) Near Term (Existing plus Approved/Pending Projects plus Proposed Project) Conditions; (4) Year 2025 cumulative plus Phase 1 & 2 Project Conditions and, (5) Cumulative Year 2035 plus Project Conditions.

Study Intersections:

- 1. East Church Avenue & South Sunnyside Avenue
- 2. East Church Avenue & South Fowler Avenue
- East Jensen Avenue & South Fowler Avenue
- 4. East Jensen Avenue & South Sunnvside Avenue
- 5. East Jensen Avenue & South Clovis Avenue
- 6. East Church Avenue & South Clovis Avenue
- 7. East California Avenue & South Clovis Avenue
- 8. East Butler Avenue & South Clovis Avenue
- 9. East Butler Avenue & South Fowler Avenue
- 10. East Hamilton Avenue & South Fowler Avenue
- 11. East California Avenue & South Fowler Avenue

- 12. East California Avenue & South Sunnyside Avenue
- 13. South Sunnyside Avenue & Site Access #1
- 14. South Fowler Avenue & Site Access #2
- 15. East Church Avenue & Site Access #3

In summary, based on the analyses included in the TIS, the study intersections are currently operating at or above the TIZ III LOS D Standard. With the addition of Phase 1 of the project, the study intersections are projected to continue to operate at or above the TIZ II LOS D standard. Phase 1 of the proposed project was evaluated with consideration to Medium Density Residential development on ±50 acres of the subject property, Residential Multi-Family Urban Neighborhood development on ±5 acres of the subject property and development of a Neighborhood Park on ±3 acres of the subject property. The components of Phase 1 will encompass the approximate northerly one-half of the subject property as well as the approximate westerly one-half of the southerly portion of the subject property.

With the addition of Phase 2 of the project, the approved/pending projects and cumulative growth to the year 2020, the intersections of Fowler and Church Avenues and Fowler and Butler Avenues are projected to operate below the TIZ III LOS D standard in the 2025 analyses, which included both Phases 1 & 2 of the project, approved/pending project and cumulative growth to the year 2025. Phase 2 of the proposed project was evaluated with consideration to Residential Multi-Family Urban Neighborhood development on ±13 acres of the subject property and development of neighborhood serving Community Commercial development on ±7 acres of the subject property. The components of Phase 2 will encompass the easterly one-half of the southerly portion of the subject property.

The intersection of Fowler Avenue & Church Avenue (Node 2) is projected to be impacted during the AM peak hour with a Level of Service E. This is mainly from addition growth in the area and the Sanger Unified School District project as the south east corner of Fowler Avenue and Church Avenue. The addition of an eastbound receiving lane and opening the #2 eastbound plus the addition of a second westbound approach lane, shared through/right will allow the intersection to operate at an acceptable Level of Service D (AM) & C (PM) as an all-way stop. The improvements for this are needed with the buildout of the Sanger Unified School District at the south east corner of Fowler & Church. The TIS recommends that the Sanger Unified School District provide the addition capacity with the buildout of their campus.

The intersection of Fowler Avenue & Butler Avenue (Node 9) is projected to be impacted during the AM & PM peak hour with a Level of Service E & F. This is mainly from additional growth in the area, the additional trips from Phase 2 and the Sanger Unified School District project as the southeast corner of Fowler Avenue and Church Avenue. Fowler Avenue is listed in the 2035 General Plan as being an acceptable Level of Service F, TIZ-II (generally representing areas of the City which are currently built up and where development is encouraged), from Kings Canyon to Hamilton. The intersection was modeled in Synchro with the addition lanes added to improve the LOS to D and is included in the report. However, due to the existing buildout and the acceptance of a lower Level of Service per the City's 2035 General Plan, no mitigation is recommended or proposed.

In addition to the intersections identified in the 2025 analyses, the intersection of Clovis and Jensen Avenues and Fowler and California Avenues are projected to operate below the TIZ III LOS D standard in the 2035 analyses. Clovis Avenue and Jensen Avenue was modeled with exclusive right turn lanes for all approaches and the Level of Service improved to LOS D. It is recommended that the City include these improvements in their TSMI fee program. The project will pay into the TSMI fee program to mitigate this impact. A traffic signal is recommended to mitigate the 2035 cumulative conditions. A traffic signal warrant analysis is recommended just prior to Phase 2 commercial development. The Proposed Project will also pay the City of Fresno Major Street Impact fees and TSMI fees to mitigate impacts.

Although some study intersections have been projected to operate below the TIZ III LOS D standard under various scenarios, it must be noted that the General Plan Update accepts lower LOS values (e.g. TIZ II - Fowler Avenue between Kings Canyon Road and Hamilton Avenue). This reflects a change in policy for the City of Fresno to acknowledge that transportation planning based solely on roadway LOS, which considers only driver comfort and convenience, is not desirable since it fails to acknowledge other users of the circulation system and other community values. In evaluating the roadway system, a lower LOS may be desired when balanced against other community values related to resource protection, social equity, economic development, and consideration of pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users. In addition, roadway LOS is directly linked to roadway infrastructure costs. A higher LOS results in greater expenditure of infrastructure for wider roadways that do not necessarily serve all users of the circulation system and may compete with other policies of the General Plan Update.

The Fresno General Plan utilizes and encourages strategic initiatives in compliance with the California Complete Streets Act, which provides priority and emphasis on a multi-modal transportation system; more transportation options result in fewer traffic jams and the overall capacity of the transportation network increases. Therefore, providing more transportation options will allow the City to meet its future travel demands without solely relying on motorized vehicles.

Furthermore, in 2014, through passage of Council Resolution No. 2014-225, the City of Fresno adopted Findings of Fact related to Significant and Unavoidable Effects as well as Statements of Overriding Considerations in order to certify Master Environmental Impact Report SCH No. 111015 for purposes of adoption of the Fresno General Plan. Section 15093 of the California Environmental Quality Act requires the lead agency to balance the benefits of a proposed project against its unavoidable environmental risks in determining whether to approve the project.

In keeping with the strategic initiatives and with consideration to balancing the roadway system against other community values, the adopted Statements of Overriding Considerations for the MEIR addressed Findings of Significant Unavoidable Impacts within the categories/areas of Transportation and Traffic; citing specific economic, legal, social, technological, or other considerations, including provision of employment opportunities for highly trained workers as project goals, each and all of which were deemed and considered by the Fresno City Council to be benefits, which outweighed the unavoidable adverse environmental effects attributed to development occurring within the City of Fresno Sphere of Influence (SOI), consistent with the land uses, densities, and intensities set forth in the Fresno General Plan.

The Public Works Department, Traffic Engineering Division has reviewed the potential traffic related impacts for the proposed project and has determined that the streets adjacent to and near the subject site will be able to accommodate the quantity and kind of traffic which may be potentially generated subject to the standard city requirements for street improvements and subject to the project specific mitigation measures determined applicable by the City of Fresno Traffic Engineer. These requirements generally include: (1) The provision of a minimum two points of vehicular access to major streets for any phase of the development; (2) Major and local street dedications; (3) Street improvements, (including, but not limited to, construction of concrete curbs, gutters, pavement, underground street lighting systems; (4) Payment of applicable impact fees (including, but not limited to, the Traffic Signal Mitigation Impact (TSMI) Fee, Fresno Major Street Impact (FMSI) Fee, and the Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee (RTMF) Fee; and, (5) Traffic signal construction or modification at the intersections of Fowler Avenue with Church and Jensen Avenues prior to occupancies for any portion of proposed Phase 2 development.

Based upon the findings contained within the project TIS and the Fresno General Plan MEIR, with implementation of the Fresno General Plan goals, objectives and policies, including the project specific mitigation measures identified in the associated environmental assessment (Mitigated Negative Declaration for EA No. A-16-014/R-16-013/T-6165 dated October 21, 2016, impacts to roadways within TIZ II & III would be less than significant.

Therefore, the Public Works Department/Traffic Engineering Division has determined that, based upon the proposed traffic yield from and the expected traffic generation of the proposed project for the subject property, the proposed project will not adversely impact the existing and projected circulation system based upon implementation of the mitigation measures included within the MEIR and based upon compliance with the project specific mitigation measures referenced herein below.

The area street plans are the product of careful planning that projects traffic capacity needs based on the densities and intensities of planned land uses anticipated at build-out of the planned area. These streets will provide adequate access to, and recognize the traffic generating characteristics of, individual properties and, at the same time, afford the community an adequate and efficient circulation system; no substantial increase in transportation or traffic is expected to result.

Council District Plan Implementation Committee

On November 07, 2016, the District 5 Plan Advisory Committee unanimously recommended approval of the proposed project. The Committee recommended that assigned staff research whether a traffic signal at the intersection of East Church and South Sunnyside Avenues is warranted with any phase of the project; and, to have the proposed north-south pedestrian walkway connecting the proposed centrally located park to East Church Avenue be included as a condition of approval for the project.

Based upon the analyses contained within the project Traffic Impact Study, as referenced herein above, staff and the City of Fresno Traffic Engineer have determined that signalization at the

intersection of Church and Sunnyside Avenues is not warranted with any phase of the proposed project. However, it is likely that future school development within the area may meet those warrants and signalization of the intersection. Furthermore, staff agrees and with the Committee's recommendations for pedestrian connectivity and the proposed pedestrian connection from the park to Church Avenue will be required as a condition of approval for future development of the subject property.

Notice of Planning Commission Hearing

The Development and Resource Management Department mailed notices of this Planning Commission hearing to all surrounding property owners within 1000 feet of the subject property, and posted the site pursuant to Sections 15-5007 and 15-5806 of the Fresno Municipal Code.

Criteria for Rezones and Plan Amendments

Section 15-5812 of the Fresno Municipal Code provides that the Planning Commission shall not recommend and the City Council shall not approve an application unless the proposed Rezone or Plan Amendment meets the following criteria:

FINDINGS PER FRESNO MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 15-5812

A. The change is consistent with the General Plan goals and policies, any operative plan, or adopted policy; and,

Finding A:

For the reasons contained within the attached initial study for the associated environmental assessment as well as within the Background and Analysis section contained herein above, the proposed project is found to be consistent with all applicable goals, objectives and policies of the Fresno General Plan and Roosevelt Community Plan. Subject to compliance with future conditions of approval for development and implementation of identified project specific mitigation, the proposed project may be found consistent with all applicable local ordinances, regulations, policies and standards.

B. The change is consistent with the purpose of the Development Code to promote the growth of the city in an orderly and sustainable manner and to promote and protect the public health, safety, peace, comfort, and general welfare; and,

Finding B: The site is located within an area that has been predominantly developed with single family residences and which is planned for urban residential uses. The subject property remains vacant and was annexed to the City of Fresno in 1982 as part of Annexation No. 1062. Therefore, the subject property qualifies as an Infill Area; defined by the Fresno General Plan as being within the City on December 31, 2012. Development of such lands is consistent with the purpose of the Development Code and the strategic sequencing of development identified within the Fresno General Plan.

C. The change is necessary to achieve the balance of land uses desired by the City and to provide sites for needed housing or employment-generating uses, consistent with the General Plan, any applicable operative plan, or adopted policy; and to increase the inventory of land within a given zoning district to meet market demand.

Finding C:

For the reasons contained within the attached initial study for the associated environmental assessment as well as within the Background and Analysis section contained herein above, the proposed project achieves the balance of land uses desired by the City of Fresno through planning and implementation of the Complete Neighborhoods concept and strategy for development by affording connectivity, financial incentives for investing in established neighborhoods, design compatibility, providing missing uses such as recreation, neighborhood serving retail, public service and employment opportunities, enhanced landscaping and maintenance of public right-of-way areas, and providing community-based services.

Based upon the plans and information submitted by the applicant and the recommended conditions of project approval and project specific mitigation, staff has determined that all of the findings above can be made.

Planning Commission action on the proposed plan amendment and rezone applications as well as the associated environmental findings is a recommendation to the City Council.

CONCLUSION / RECOMMENDATION

The appropriateness of the proposed project has been examined with respect to its consistency with goals and policies of the Fresno General Plan and the Roosevelt Community Plan; its compatibility with surrounding existing or proposed uses; and its avoidance or mitigation of potentially significant adverse environmental impacts. These factors have been evaluated as described above and by the accompanying environmental assessment. Upon consideration of this evaluation, it can be concluded that Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 6056/UGM is appropriate for the project site.

Attachments:

Exhibit A: Vicinity Map

Exhibit B: 2015 Aerial Photograph

Exhibit C: Public Hearing Notice Mailing List Vicinity Map

Exhibit D: Existing Fresno General Plan Planned Land Use Map

Exhibit E: Proposed Planned Land Use Map pursuant to Plan Amendment Application

No. A-16-014.

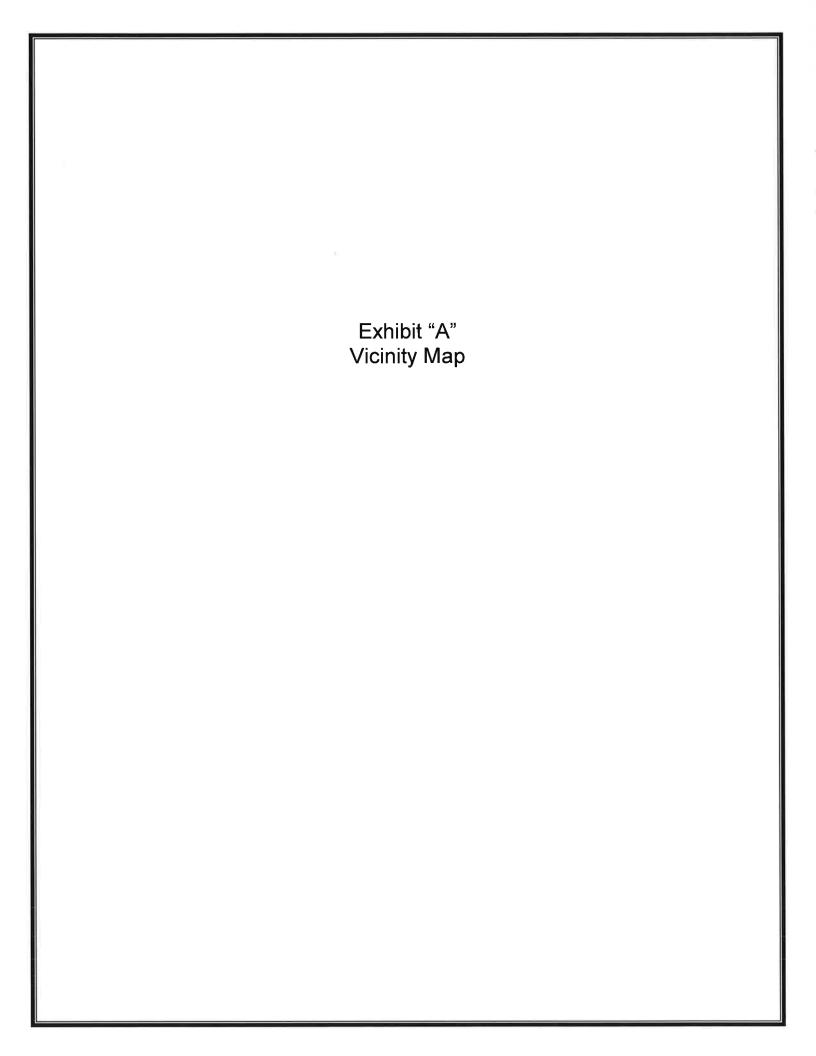
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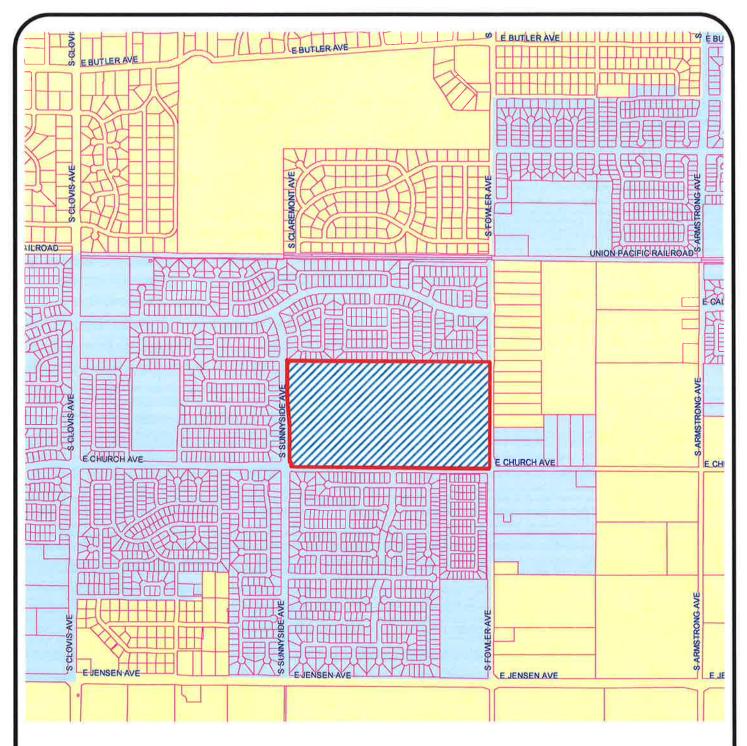
Exhibit G: The Oaks/Tract 6165 – Conceptual Land Plan rendering.

Exhibit H: Environmental Assessment No. A-16-014/R-16-013/T-6165, Mitigated

Negative Declaration, tiered from the Fresno General Plan Master Environmental Impact Report (MEIR) SCH No. 2012111015, dated October

21, 2016.





LEGEND

Exhibit "A"



Subject Property



U.G.M. Area

VICINITY MAP

PLAN AMENDMENT APPLICATION NO. A-16-014 REZONE APPLICATION NO. R-16-013 VESTING TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 6165/UGM

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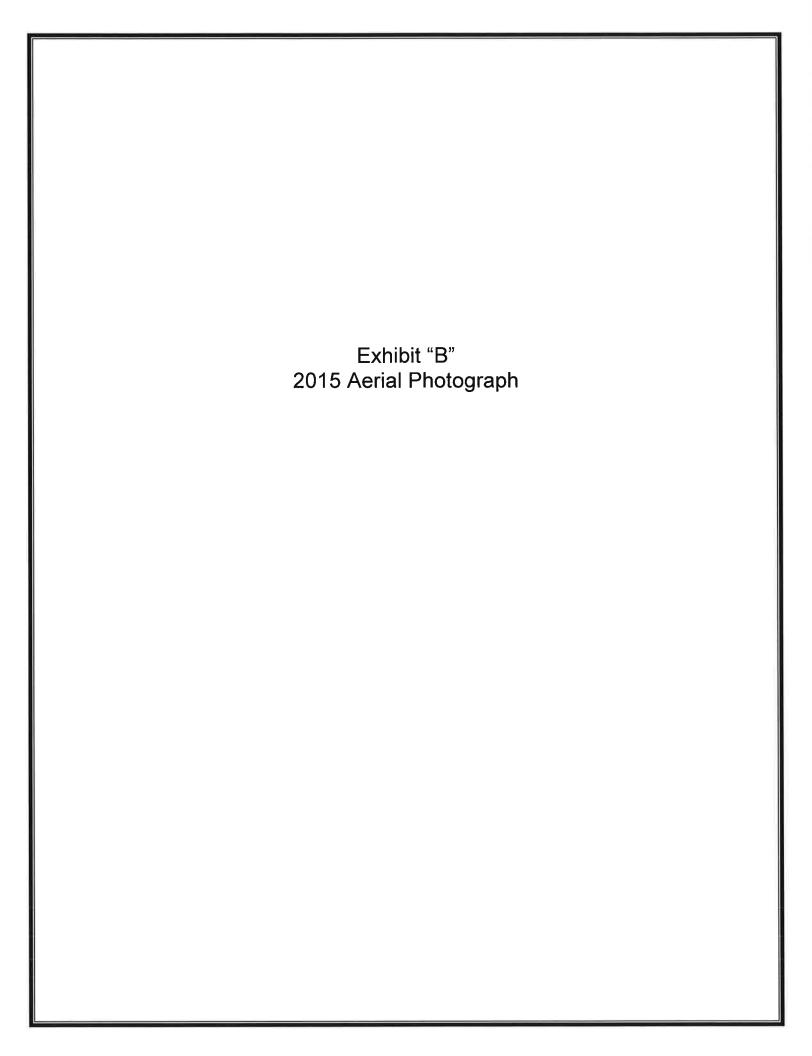


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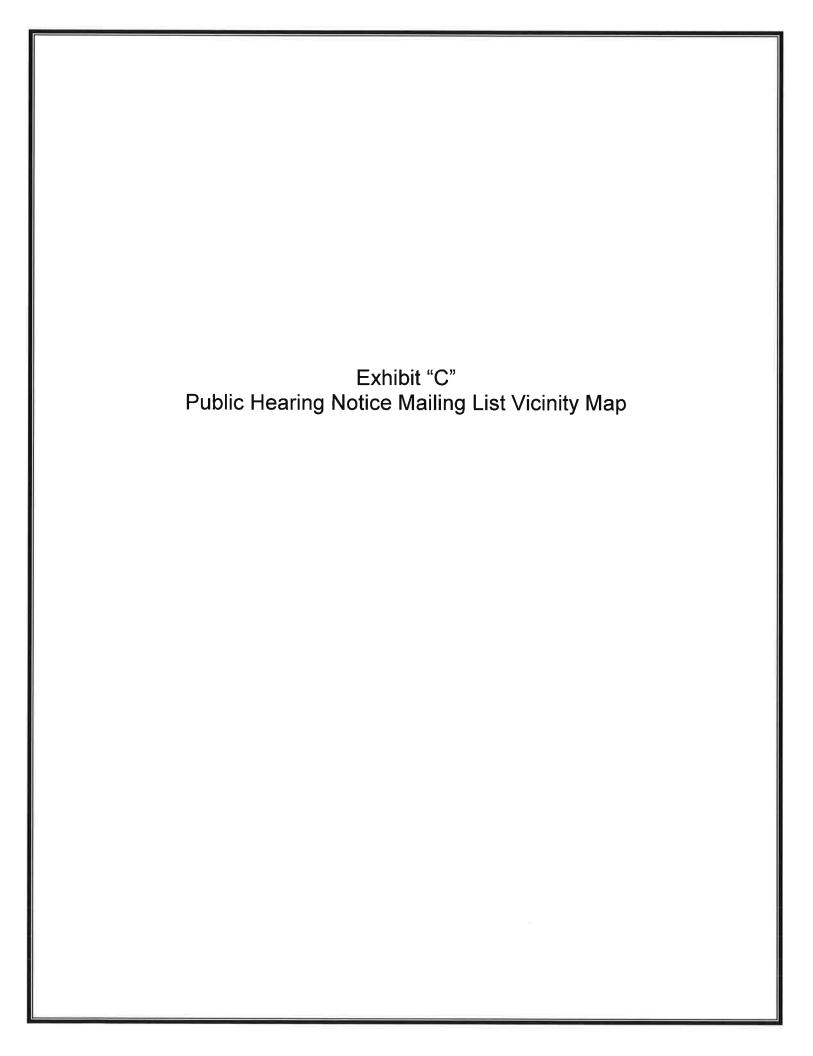
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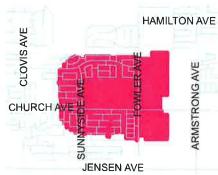


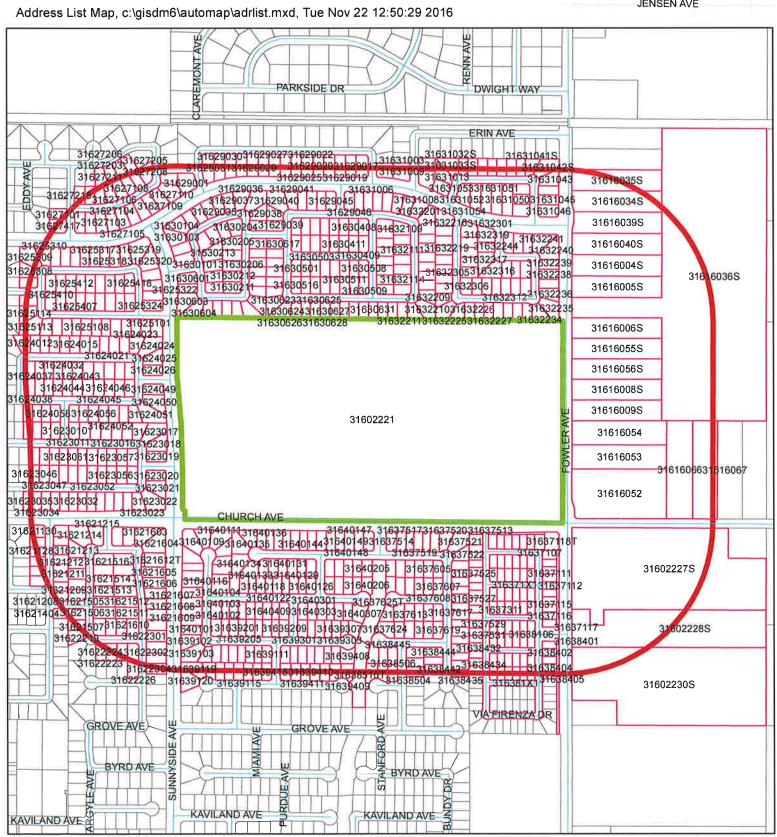


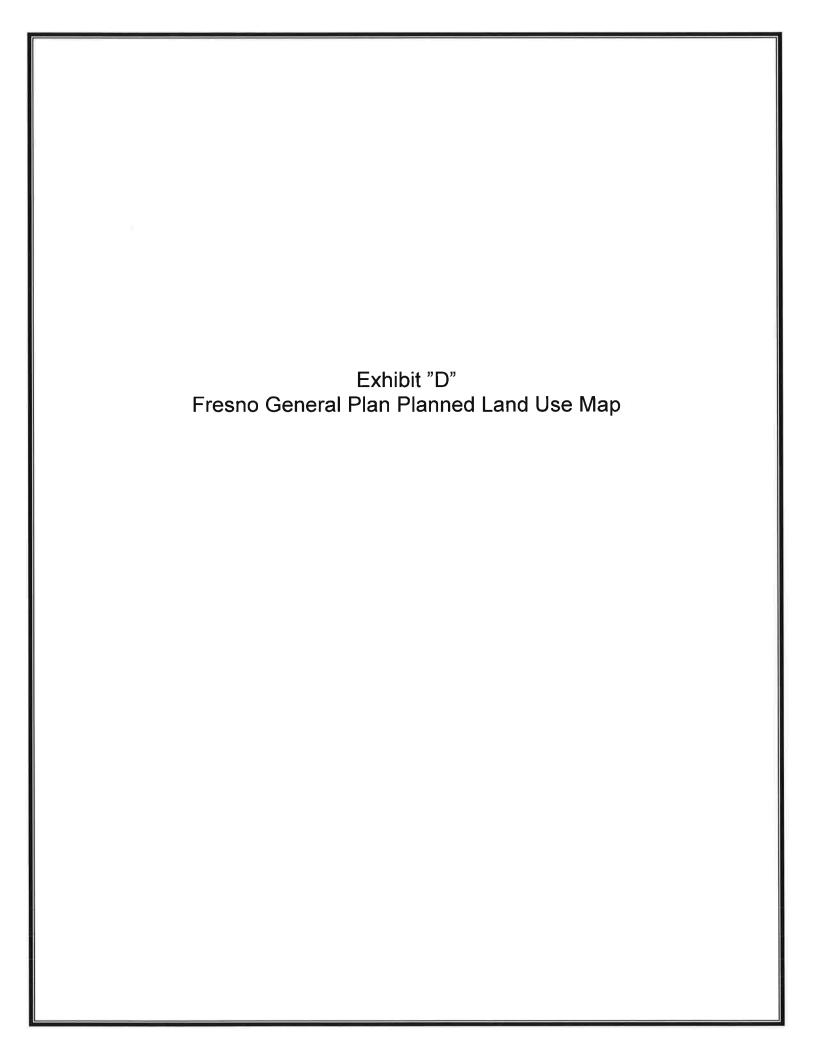


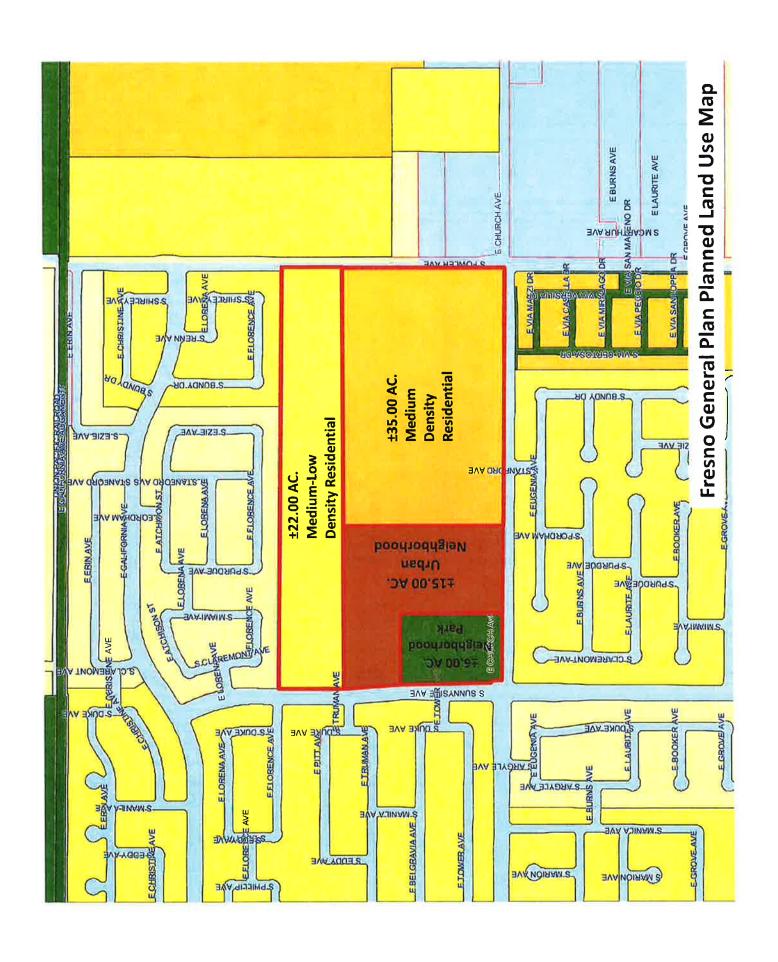
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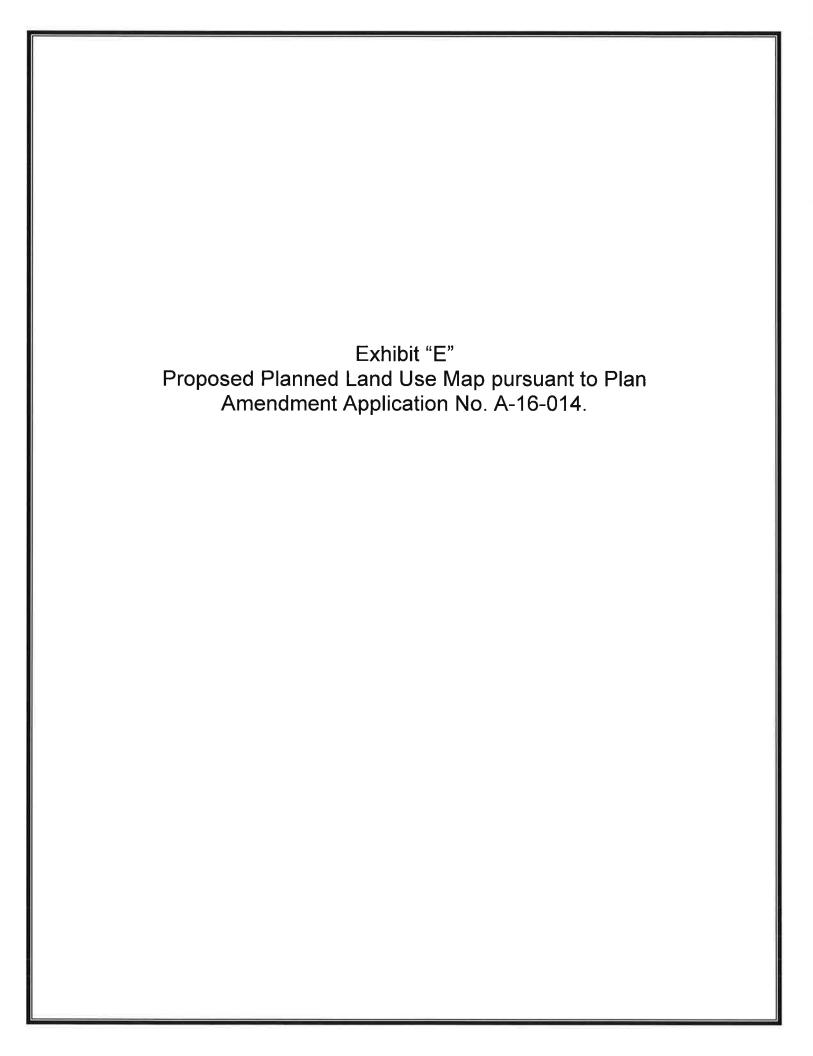
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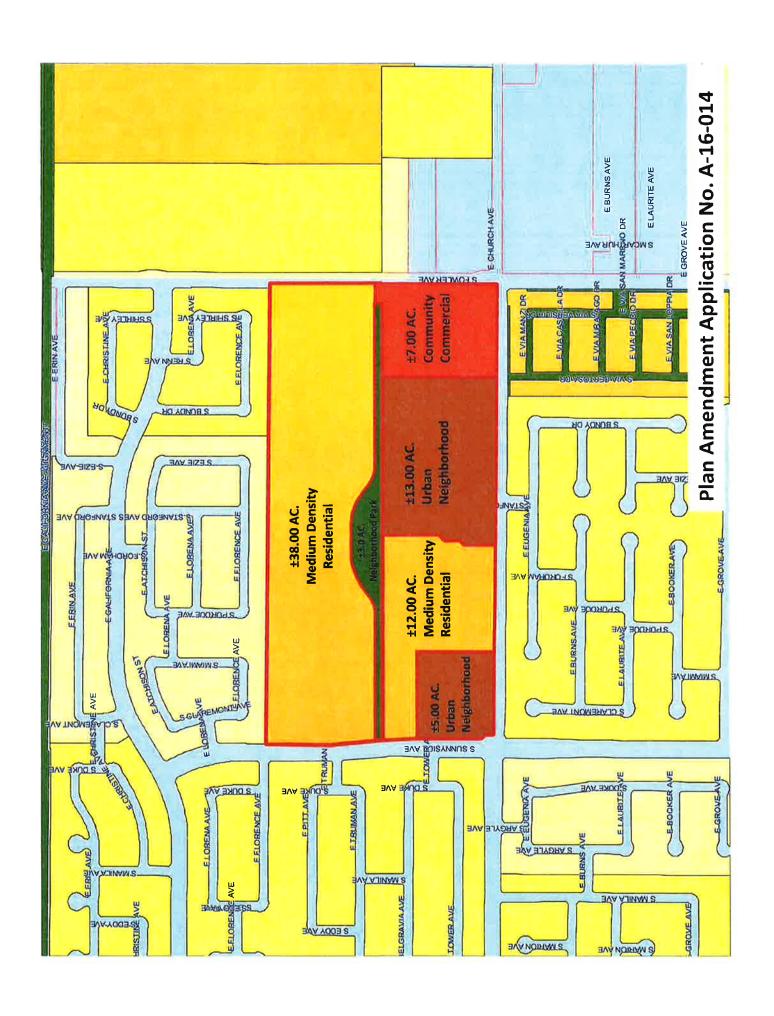


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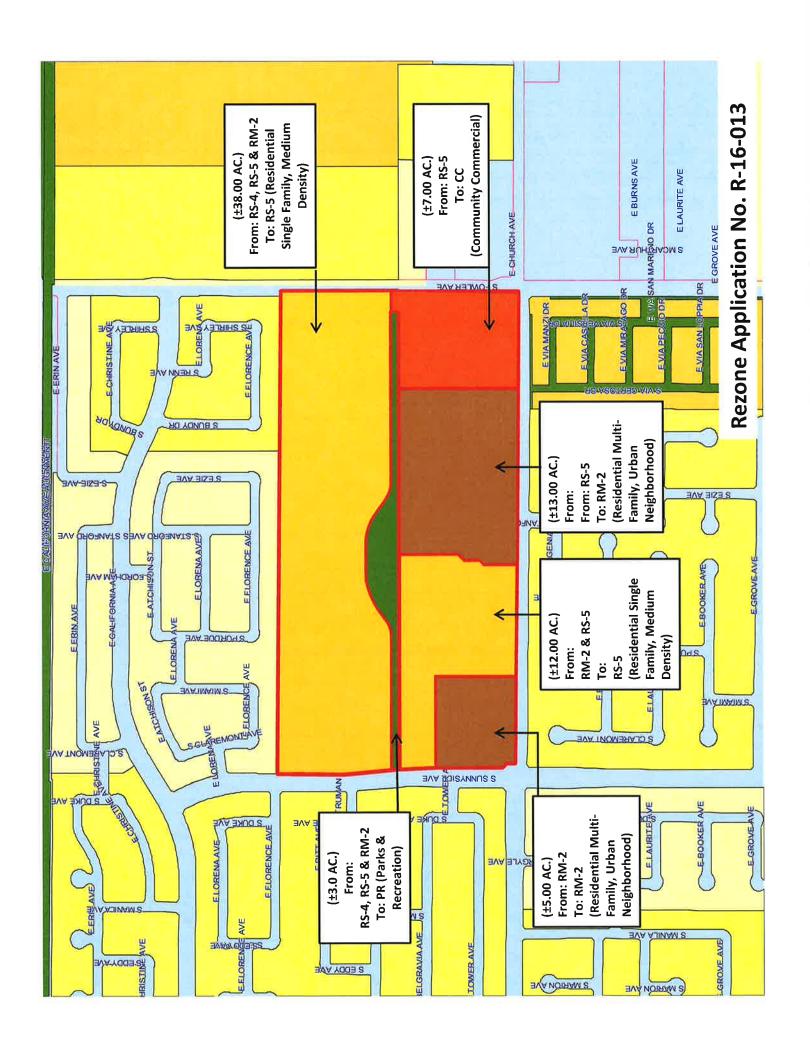


Exhibit "G" The Oaks/Tract 6165 – Conceptual Land Plan rendering

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CONCEPT PLANT SCHEDULE PHASE 1

LAND PLAN

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WITH PARCEL D OR C TENATIVE TRACT 6165
38+7-AC 208 HOMESITES
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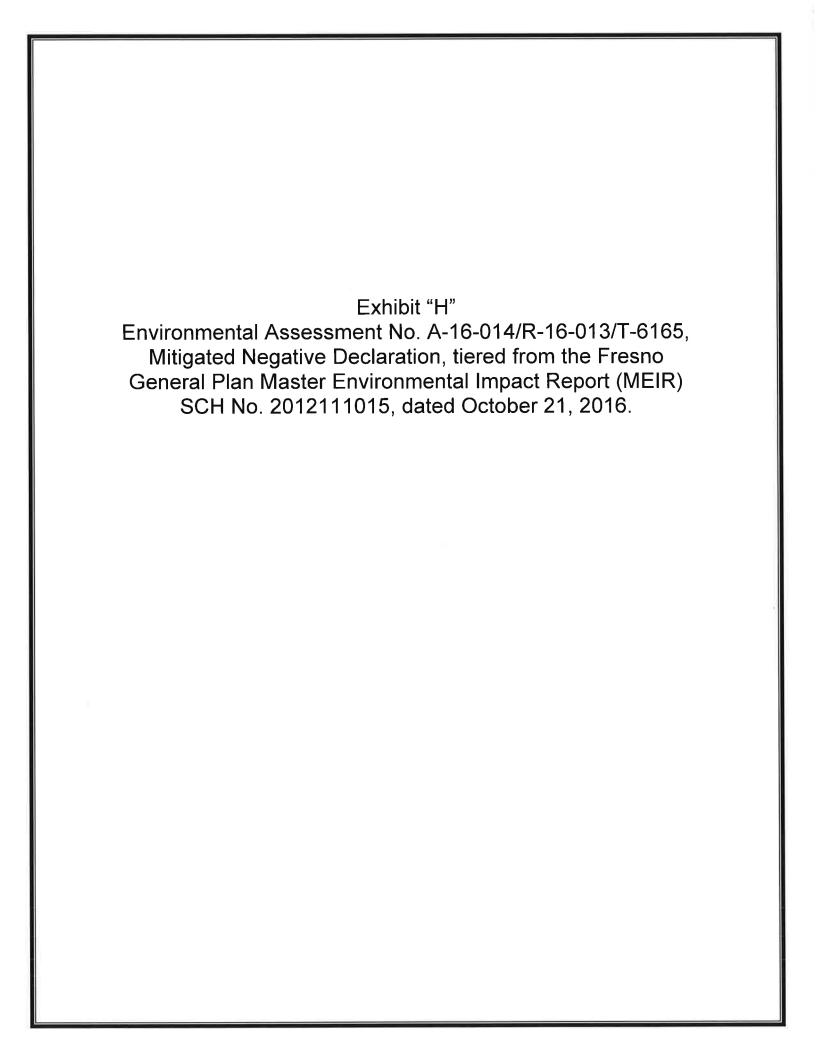
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CITY OF FRESNO

MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Notice of Intent was filed with:

The full Initial Study and the Fresno General Plan Master Environmental Impact Report are on file in the Development and Resource Management Department, Fresno City Hall, 3rd Floor 2600 Fresno Street Fresno, California 93721 (559) 621-8277

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NUMBER:

A-16-014/R-16-013/T-6165

FRESNO COUNTY CLERK 2221 Kern Street Fresno, California 93721

on

October 21, 2016

APPLICANT:

Brian Yengoyan Citadel Development Group, Inc. 1589 West Shaw Avenue Fresno, CA 93711

PROJECT LOCATION:

1279 & 1471 South Fowler Avenue

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Mount Diablo Base & Meridian, Township 14S, Range 21E

Section 16 – Malaga, CA Quadrangle Assessor's Parcel Number(s): 316-022-21

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Brian Yengoyan of Citadel Development Group, Inc., on behalf of High and Mighty Farms, Inc., has filed Plan Amendment Application No. A-16-014, Rezone Application No. R-16-013, and Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 6165/UGM pertaining to ±78 acres of property located on the north side of East Church Avenue between South Sunnyside and South Fowler Avenues.

Plan Amendment Application No. A-16-014 proposes to amend the Fresno General Plan and Roosevelt Community Plan to change the planned land use designations for the subject property <u>from Medium-Low Density Residential</u> (±22 acres), Medium Density Residential (±35 acres), Residential Multi-Family Urban Neighborhood (±15 acres), Neighborhood Park (±6 acres) <u>to Medium Density Residential</u> (±50 acres), Residential Multi-Family Urban Neighborhood (±18 acres), Community Commercial (±7 acres), and Open Space/Neighborhood Park (±3 acres) with a dual designation of Medium Density Residential.

Rezone Application No. R-16-013 proposes to amend the Official Zone Map to reclassify the ±78 acres to RS-5 (Residential Single Family, Medium Density) (±50 acres), RM-2 (Residential Multi Family Urban Neighborhood) (±18 acres), CC (Commercial-Community) (±7 acres), PR (Parks and Recreation) (±3 acres).

Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 6165/UGM has been filed requesting authorization to subdivide a ±40 acre portion of the subject property for purposes of creating a 208-lot single family residential

development and neighborhood park. The project will also require dedications for public street rightsof-way and utility easements as well as the construction of public facilities and infrastructure in accordance with the standards, specifications and policies of the City of Fresno in order to facilitate the future proposed development of the subject property.

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The subject property is located within the boundaries of the Fresno General Plan and Roosevelt Community Plan.

The City of Fresno has conducted an initial study and proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the above-described project. The environmental analysis contained in the Initial Study and this Mitigated Negative Declaration is tiered from the Master Environmental Impact Report (SCH # 2012111015) prepared for the Fresno General Plan ("MEIR"). A copy of the MEIR may be reviewed in the City of Fresno Development and Resource Management Department as noted above. The proposed project has been determined to be a subsequent project that is not fully within the scope of the Master Environmental Impact Report ("MEIR) prepared for the Fresno General Plan. Pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21157.1 and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines § 15177, this project has been evaluated with respect to each item on the attached environmental checklist to determine whether this project may cause any additional significant effect on the environment which was not previously examined in the MEIR. conducting a review of the adequacy of the MEIR pursuant to Public Resources Code, Section 21157.6(b)(1), the Development and Resource Management Department, as lead agency, finds that no substantial changes have occurred with respect to the circumstances under which the MEIR was certified and that no new information, which was not known and could not have been known at the time that the MEIR was certified as complete, has become available.

This completed environmental impact checklist form, its associated narrative, and proposed mitigation measures reflect applicable comments of responsible and trustee agencies and research and analyses conducted to examine the interrelationship between the proposed project and the physical environment. The information contained in the project application and its related environmental assessment application, responses to requests for comment, checklist, initial study narrative, and any attachments thereto, combine to form a record indicating that an initial study has been completed in compliance with the State CEQA Guidelines and the CEQA.

All new development activity and many non-physical projects contribute directly or indirectly toward cumulative impacts on the physical environment. It has been determined that the incremental effect contributed by this project toward cumulative impacts is not considered substantial or significant in itself, and/or that cumulative impacts accruing from this project may be mitigated to less than significant with application of feasible mitigation measures.

Based upon the evaluation guided by the environmental checklist form, it was determined that there are foreseeable impacts from the Project that are additional to those identified in the MEIR, and/or impacts which require mitigation measures not included in the MEIR Mitigation Measure Checklist.

The completed environmental checklist form indicates whether an impact is potentially significant, less than significant with mitigation, or less than significant.

For some categories of potential impacts, the checklist may indicate that a specific adverse environmental effect has been identified which is of sufficient magnitude to be of concern. Such an effect may be inherent in the nature and magnitude of the project, or may be related to the design and characteristics of the individual project. Effects so rated are not sufficient in themselves to require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report, and have been mitigated to the extent feasible. With the project specific mitigation imposed, there is no substantial evidence in the record that this project may have additional significant, direct, indirect or cumulative effects on the environment that are significant and that were not identified and analyzed in the MEIR. Both the MEIR mitigation checklist measures and the project-specific mitigation checklist measures will be imposed on this project.

The initial study has concluded that the proposed project will not result in any adverse effects which fall within the "Mandatory Findings of Significance" contained in Section 15065 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

The finding is, therefore, made that the proposed project will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment.

PREPARED BY: Will Tackett, Supervising Planner	SUBMITTED BY:
DATE: October 21, 2016	Will Tackett/Supervising Planner DEVELOPMENT & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT
Attachments:	-Notice of Intent -Initial Study Impact Checklist and Initial Study (Appendix G) -City of Fresno General Plan and Development Code Update Mitigation and Monitoring Reporting Program dated October 21, 2016 - Project Specific Mitigation Monitoring Checklist dated October 21, 2016

CITY OF FRESNO

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

EA No. A-16-014/R-16-013/T-6165

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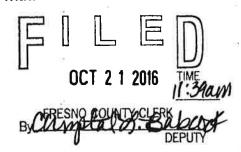
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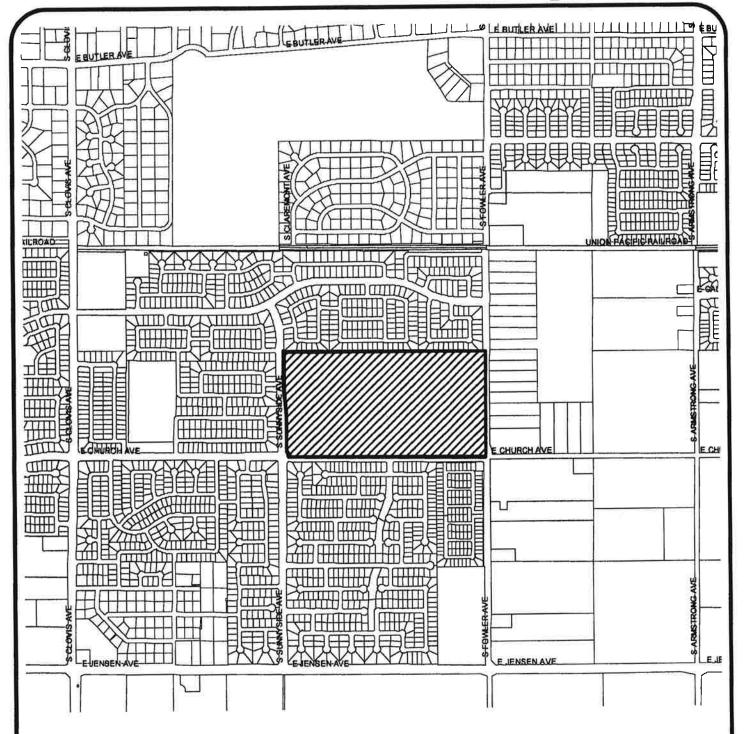
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With the project specific mitigation imposed, there is no substantial evidence in the record that this project may have additional significant, direct, indirect or cumulative effects on the environment that are significant and that were not identified and analyzed in the MEIR. After conducting a review of the adequacy of the MEIR pursuant to Public Resources Code, Section 21157.6(b)(1), the Development and Resource Management Department, as lead agency, finds that no substantial changes have occurred with respect to the circumstances under which the MEIR was certified and that no new information, which was not known and could not have been known at the time that the MEIR was certified as complete has become available. The project is not located on a site which is included on any of the lists enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code including, but not limited to, lists of hazardous waste facilities, land designated as hazardous waste property, hazardous waste disposal sites and others, and the information in the Hazardous Waste and Substances Statement required under subdivision (f) of that Section.

Additional information on the proposed project, including the MEIR, the proposed environmental finding of a mitigated negative declaration and the initial study may be obtained from the Development and Resource Management Department, Fresno City Hall, 2600 Fresno Street, 3rd Floor Fresno, California 93721-3604. Please contact Will Tackett at (559) 621-8063 or via e-mail at Will.Tackett@fresno.gov for more information.

ANY INTERESTED PERSON may comment on the proposed environmental finding. Comments must be in writing and must state (1) the commentor's name and address; (2) the commentor's interest in, or relationship to, the project; (3) the environmental determination being commented upon; and (4) the specific reason(s) why the proposed environmental determination should or should not be made. Any comments may be submitted at any time between the publication date of this notice and close of business on November 10, 2016. Please direct comments to Will Tackett, City of Fresno Development and Resource Management Department, City Hall, 2600 Fresno Street, Room 3043, Fresno, California, 93721-3604; or by email to Will.Tackett@fresno.gov; or comments can be sent by facsimile to (559) 498-1026.



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Exhibit "A"



Subject Property



U.G.M. Area

VICINITY MAP

PLAN AMENDMENT APPLICATION NO. A-16-014 REZONE APPLICATION NO. R-16-013 VESTING TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 6165/UGM

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MODIFIED APPENDIX G / INITIAL STUDY TO ANALYZE SUBSEQUENT PROJECT IDENTIFIED IN CERTIFIED MASTER ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (MEIR) SCH NO. 2012111015

Environmental Checklist Form For EA No. A-16-014/R-16-013/T-6165

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Plan Amendment Application No. A-16-014; Rezone Application No. R-16-013; and, Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 6165/UGM

2. Lead agency name and address:

City of Fresno Development and Resource Management Department 2600 Fresno Street Fresno, CA 93721

3. Contact person and phone number:

Will Tackett, Supervising Planner City of Fresno Development & Resource Management Department (559) 621-8063

4. Project location:

1279 & 1471 South Fowler Avenue

± 78 acres of property located on the north side of East Church Avenue between South Sunnyside and South Fowler Avenues, in the City and County of Fresno, California

Site Latitude: 36°42'59.00" N Site Longitude: 119°41'12.00" W

Mount Diablo Base & Meridian, Township 14S, Range 21E

Section 16 – Malaga, CA Quadrangle

Assessor's Parcel Number(s): 316-022-21

5. Project sponsor's name and address:

Brian Yengoyan Citadel Development Group, Inc. 1589 West Shaw Avenue Fresno, CA 93711

6. General plan designation:

Existing: Medium-Low Density Residential (±22 acres);

Medium Density Residential (±35 acres);

Residential Multi-Family Urban Neighborhood (±15 acres); and,

Neighborhood Park (±6 acres)

Proposed: Medium Density Residential (±50 acres);

Residential Multi-Family Urban Neighborhood (±18 acres);

Community Commercial (±7 acres); and,

Open Space/Neighborhood Park (±3 acres).

7. Zoning:

Existing: RS-4 (Residential Single Family, Medium-Low Density) (±22 ac.);

RS-5 (Residential Single Family, Medium Density) (±35 acres);

RM-2 (Residential Multi Family Urban Neighborhood) (±21 acres);

Proposed: RS-5 (Residential Single Family, Medium Density) (±50 acres);

RM-2 (Residential Multi Family Urban Neighborhood) (±18 acres);

CC (Commercial-Community) (±7 acres); and,

PR (Parks and Recreation) (±3 acres).

8. Description of project:

Brian Yengoyan of Citadel Development Group, Inc., on behalf of High and Mighty Farms, Inc., has filed Plan Amendment Application No. A-16-014, Rezone Application No. R-16-013, and Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 6165/UGM pertaining to ± 78 acres of property located on the north side of East Church Avenue between South Sunnyside and South Fowler Avenues.

Plan Amendment Application No. A-16-014 proposes to amend the Fresno General Plan and Roosevelt Community Plan to change the planned land use designations for the subject property <u>from</u> Medium-Low Density Residential (±22 acres), Medium Density Residential (±35 acres), Residential Multi-Family Urban Neighborhood (±15 acres), Neighborhood Park (±6 acres) <u>to</u> Medium Density Residential (±50 acres), Residential Multi-Family Urban Neighborhood (±18 acres), Community Commercial (±7 acres), and Open Space/Neighborhood Park (±3 acres) with a dual designation of Medium Density Residential.

Rezone Application No. R-16-013 proposes to amend the Official Zone Map to reclassify the ±78 acres to RS-5 (Residential Single Family, Medium Density)

(±50 acres), RM-2 (Residential Multi Family Urban Neighborhood) (±18 acres), CC (Commercial-Community) (±7 acres), PR (Parks and Recreation) (±3 acres).

Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 6165/UGM has been filed requesting authorization to subdivide a ±40 acre portion of the subject property for purposes of creating a 208-lot single family residential development and neighborhood park. The project will also require dedications for public street rights-of-way and utility easements as well as the construction of public facilities and infrastructure in accordance with the standards, specifications and policies of the City of Fresno in order to facilitate the future proposed development of the subject property.

The proposed project will include execution of a Development Agreement by and between the City of Fresno and High and Mighty Farms, Inc.; Courthouse California, LLC.; and, Nancy M. Dunlap, Trustee of the Ruth Martori Non-QTIP Marital Trust.

9. Surrounding land uses and setting:

	Planned Land Use	Existing Zoning	Existing Land Use
North	Medium-Low Density Residential	RS-3 & RS-4/UGM Single Family Residential District / Urban Growth Management	Single Family Residential
East	Urban Neighborhood & Medium-Low Density Residential	RM-2/UGM Commercial & Light Manufacturing District / Urban Growth Management/with conditions of zoning & AL20 (Fresno County) Limited Agricultural District	Vacant & Rural Residential
South	Medium-Low Density Residential & Medium Density Residential	RS-4 & RS-5/UGM Single Family Residential District / Urban Growth Management	Single Family Residential
West	Medium-Low Density Residential	RS-4/UGM Single Family Residential District / Urban Growth Management	Single Family Residential

10. Other public agencies whose approval is required:

Development and Resource Management Department, Building & Safety Services Division; Department of Public Works; Department of Public Utilities; County of Fresno, Department of Community Health; County of Fresno, Department of Public Works and Planning; City of Fresno Fire Department; Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District: San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution **Control District**

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:

Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21157.1(b) and CEQA Guidelines 15177(b)(2), the purpose of this initial study is to analyze whether the subsequent project was described in the Master Environmental Impact Report State Clearing House (SCH) No. 111015 as prepared and adopted for the Fresno General Plan and whether the subsequent project may cause any additional significant effect on the environment, which was not previously examined in Master Environmental Impact Report SCH No. 111015 ("MEIR").

The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project, involving at least one impact that is a "Potentially Significant Impact" as indicated by the checklist on the following pages.

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	Aesthetics	Forestry Resources		Air Quality
	Biological Resources	Cultural Resources		Geology /Soils
	Greenhouse Gas Emissions	Hazards & Hazardous Materials		Hydrology / Water Quality
	Land Use / Planning	Mineral Resources		Noise
	Population / Housing	Public Services		Recreation
	Transportation/Traffic	Utilities / Service		Mandatory Findings of Significance
DETER	RMINATION: (To be complete	ed by the Lead Agency)		
On the	basis of this initial evaluation	n:		
-	I find that the proposed pro and that it is fully within t additional significant effects new additional mitigation applicable mitigation measu	he scope of the MEIR be that were not examined measures or alternative	ecau I in thes ma	ise it would have no ne MEIR such that no ay be required. All

shall be imposed upon the proposed project. A FINDING OF CONFORMITY will be prepared.

Lagrangian I find that the proposed project is a subsequent project identified in the MEIR but that it is not fully within the scope of the MEIR because the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment that was not examined in the MEIR. However, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. The project specific mitigation measures and all applicable mitigation measures contained in the MEIR Mitigation Monitoring Checklist will be imposed upon the proposed project. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.

I find that the proposed project is a subsequent project identified in the MEIR but that it MAY have a significant effect on the environment that was not examined in the MEIR, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required to analyze the potentially significant effects not examined in the MEIR pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21157.1(d) and CEQA Guidelines 15178(a).

Will Tackett, Supervising Planner

October 21, 2016

EVALUATION OF ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS NOT ASSESSED IN THE MEIR or Air Quality MND:

- 1. For purposes of this MEIR Initial Study, the following answers have the corresponding meanings:
 - a. "No Impact" means the subsequent project will not cause any additional significant effect related to the threshold under consideration which was not previously examined in the MEIR or Air Quality MND.
 - b. "Less Than Significant Impact" means there is an impact related to the threshold under consideration that was not previously examined in the MEIR or Air Quality MND, but that impact is less than significant;
 - c. "Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation" means there is a potentially significant impact related to the threshold under consideration that was not previously examined in the MEIR or Air Quality MND, however, with the mitigation incorporated into the project, the impact is less than significant.
 - d. "Potentially Significant Impact" means there is an additional potentially significant effect related to the threshold under consideration that was not

previously examined in the MEIR or Air Quality MND.

- 2. A brief explanation is required for all answers except "No Impact" answers that are adequately supported by the information sources a lead agency cites in the parentheses following each question. A "No Impact" answer is adequately supported if the referenced information sources show that the impact simply does not apply to projects like the one involved (e.g., the project falls outside a fault rupture zone). A "No Impact" answer should be explained where it is based on project-specific factors as well as general standards (e.g., the project will not expose sensitive receptors to pollutants, based on a project-specific screening analysis).
- 3. All answers must take account of the whole action involved, including off-site as well as on-site, cumulative as well as project-level, indirect as well as direct, and construction as well as operational impacts.
- 4. Once the lead agency has determined that a particular physical impact may occur, then the checklist answers must indicate whether the impact is potentially significant, less than significant with mitigation, or less than significant. "Potentially Significant Impact" is appropriate if there is substantial evidence that an effect may be significant. If there are one or more "Potentially Significant Impact" entries when the determination is made, an EIR is required.
- 5. A "Finding of Conformity" is a determination based on an initial study that the proposed project is a subsequent project identified in the MEIR and that it is fully within the scope of the MEIR because it would have no additional significant effects that were not examined in the MEIR.
- 6. "Negative Declaration: Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated" applies where the incorporation of mitigation measures has reduced an effect from "Potentially Significant Impact" to a "Less Than Significant Impact." The lead agency must describe the mitigation measures, and briefly explain how they reduce the effect to a less than significant level (mitigation measures from Section XVII, "Earlier Analyses," may be cross-referenced).
- 7. Earlier analyses may be used where, pursuant to the tiering, program EIR or MIER, or other CEQA process, an effect has been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or negative declaration. Section 15063(c)(3)(D). In this case, a brief discussion should identify the following:
 - a. Earlier Analysis Used. Identify and state where they are available for review.
 - b. Impacts Adequately Addressed. Identify which effects from the above checklist were within the scope of and adequately analyzed in the MEIR or another earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and state whether such effects were addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis.

- c. Mitigation Measures. For effects that are "Less than Significant with Mitigation Measures Incorporated," describe the mitigation measures which were incorporated or refined from the earlier document and the extent to which they address site-specific conditions for the project.
- 8. Lead agencies are encouraged to incorporate into the checklist references to information sources for potential impacts (e.g., general plans, zoning ordinances). Reference to a previously prepared or outside document should, where appropriate, include a reference to the page or pages where the statement is substantiated.
- 9. Supporting Information Sources: A source list should be attached, and other sources used or individuals contacted should be cited in the discussion.
- 10. This is only a suggested form, and lead agencies are free to use different formats; however, lead agencies should normally address the questions from this checklist that are relevant to a project's environmental effects in whatever format is selected.
- 11. The explanation of each issue should identify:
 - a. The significance criteria or threshold, if any, used to evaluate each question; and
 - b. The mitigation measure identified, if any, to reduce the impact to less than significance

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
I. AESTHETICS Would the project:				
a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?				х
b) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?				Х
c) Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings?			х	

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
d) Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?			Х	

The site is located within an area that has been predominantly developed with single family residences and which is planned for urban residential uses. Properties to the north, west and south of the subject property have all been developed with single family residential tracts. Properties directly to the east of the subject property and across South Fowler Avenue remain in the unincorporated area of the County of Fresno and have been developed with rural residences; properties beyond to the east are located within the City of Fresno and are currently being developed as single family residential tracts. Approximately 120 acres of land located at the southeast corner of the intersection of South Fowler and East Church Avenues has also been purchased and will be developed as a Sanger Unified School District High School and Middle School campus.

No identified or designated public or scenic vistas will be obstructed by the proposed project and no scenic resources will be damaged or removed. Due to the relatively flat topography of the subject and adjacent properties, and the poor air quality that reduce existing views within the project area as a whole, a less than significant impact will result to views of highly valued features such as the Sierra Nevada foothills from future development on and in the vicinity of the subject property.

The project will not damage nor will it degrade the visual character or quality of the subject site and its surroundings, given that the project site is in an area planned for and developed with residences at comparable densities as well as a future Sanger Unified High- and Middle School District campus and associated facilities.

Future development of the site will create a new source of substantial light or glare within the area. However, given that the majority of the project site is already surrounded by existing urban and rural single family residential uses, which already affect day and night time views in the project area; and, given that the site is located adjacent to a future high- and middle school campus, which will create light and glare to a considerably greater degree than the proposed project, no significant impact will occur. Furthermore, through the entitlement process, staff will ensure that lights are located in areas that will minimize light sources to the neighboring properties in accordance with project specific mitigation measures of the MEIR. As a result, the project will have no impact on aesthetics.

In conclusion, the project will not result in any aesthetic impacts beyond those analyzed

in MEIR SCH No. 2012111015 prepared for the Fresno General Plan.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
II. AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY RESOURCES: In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Dept. of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland Would the project:				
a) Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?				X
b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?				x
c) Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code section 51104(g))?				X
d) Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?				х

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
e) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use?				х

Based upon the upon the 2012 Rural Mapping Edition: Fresno County Important Farmland Map of the California Department of Conservation, the subject property is designated as "Unique Farmland" and "Other Land."

"Unique Farmland" is defined as farmland which consists of lesser quality soils used for the production of the State's leading agricultural crops. This land is usually irrigated, but may include non-irrigated orchards or vineyards as found in some climatic zones in California. Land must have been cropped at some time during the four years prior to the mapping date.

"Other Land" is defined as land not included in any other map category. Common examples include vacant and nonagricultural land surrounded on all sides by urban development and greater than 40 acres.

The subject property remains vacant, fallow, land which has not been under cultivation in the past 10 years.

The Fresno General Plan MEIR analyzed "project specific" impacts associated with future development within the Planning Area (Sphere of Influence) as well as the cumulative impacts factored from future development in areas outside of the Planning Area. The MEIR identifies locations within the Planning Area that have been designated as Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, and Farmland of Statewide Importance through the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program (FMMP) of the California Department of Conservation. The analysis of impacts contained within the MEIR acknowledges that Fresno General Plan implementation anticipates all of the FMMP-designated farmland within the Planning Area being converted to uses other than agriculture. Furthermore, the MEIR acknowledges that the anticipated conversion is a significant impact on agricultural resources.

To reduce potential project-specific and cumulative impacts on agricultural uses, the General Plan incorporates objectives and policies, which include but are not limited to the following:

G-5 Objective: While recognizing that the County of Fresno retains the primary

responsibility for agricultural land use policies and the protection and advancement of farming operations, the City of Fresno will support efforts to preserve agricultural land outside of the area planned for urbanization and outside of the City's public service delivery capacity by being responsible in its land use plans, public service delivery plans, and development policies.

G-5-b. Policy: Plan for the location and intensity of urban development in a manner that efficiently utilizes land area located within the planned urban boundary, including the North and Southeast Growth Areas, while promoting compatibility with agricultural uses located outside of the planned urban area.

G-5-f. Policy: Oppose lot splits and development proposals in unincorporated areas within and outside the City General Plan boundary when these proposals would do any of the following:

- Make it difficult or infeasible to implement the general plan; or,
- Contribute to the premature conversion of agricultural, open space, or grazing lands; or constitute a detriment to the management of resources and/or facilities important to the metropolitan area (such as air quality, water quantity and quality, traffic circulation, and riparian habitat).

However, the MEIR recognizes that despite implementation of the objectives and policies of the Fresno General Plan, project and cumulative impacts on agricultural resources will remain significant; and, that no feasible measures in addition to the objectives and policies of the Fresno General Plan are available.

In 2014, through passage of Council Resolution No. 2014-225, the City of Fresno adopted Findings of Fact related to Significant and Unavoidable Effects as well as Statements of Overriding Considerations in order to certify Master Environmental Impact Report SCH No. 111015 for purposes of adoption of the Fresno General Plan. Section 15093 of the California Environmental Quality Act requires the lead agency to balance the benefits of a proposed project against its unavoidable environmental risks in determining whether to approve the project.

The adopted Statements of Overriding Considerations for the MEIR addressed Findings of Significant Unavoidable Impacts within the categories/areas of Agricultural Resources; citing specific economic, legal, social, technological, or other considerations, including provision of employment opportunities for highly trained workers as project goals, each and all of which were deemed and considered by the Fresno City Council to be benefits, which outweighed the unavoidable adverse environmental effects attributed to development occurring within the City of Fresno Sphere of Influence (SOI), consistent with the land uses, densities, and intensities set forth in the Fresno General Plan.

The subject property is located within the incorporated boundary of the City of Fresno and is located within an area which has been substantially developed with single family residential tract housing on three sides and rural residences on the fourth. Properties to the north, west and south of the subject property have all been developed with single family residential tracts. Properties directly to the east of the subject property and across South Fowler Avenue remain in the unincorporated area of the County of Fresno and have been developed with rural residences; properties beyond to the east are located within the City of Fresno and are currently being developed as single family residential tracts.

Furthermore, as the subject property remains vacant land, the project will not result in the conversion of farmland to non-agricultural use. Therefore, the proposed project is consistent with the goals, objective and policies of the Fresno General Plan as referenced herein above; and, will not result in the premature conversion of agricultural lands or constitute a detriment to the management of agricultural resources and/or facilities important to the metropolitan area.

Given its proximity to unincorporated lands within the County of Fresno, which remain eligible for future agricultural operations, a "Right-to-Farm" covenant will be required to be executed in accordance with the mitigation measures of the MEIR. The covenant will acknowledge and agree that the subject property is in or near agricultural districts located in the City and/or County of Fresno and that the future residents of the subject property should be prepared to accept the inconveniences and discomfort associated with normal farm activities.

The subject property is not under a Williamson Act contract. Therefore, the proposed project on the subject site will not affect existing agriculturally zoned or Williamson Act contract parcels.

The proposed project will not conflict with any forest land or Timberland Production or result in any loss of forest land.

As discussed in Impact AG-1 of the MEIR, future development in accordance with the Fresno General Plan would result in the conversion of farmland to a non-agricultural use. Except for direct conversion, the implementation of project development would not result in other changes in the existing environment that would impact agricultural land outside of the Planning Area. In addition, the development in accordance with the General Plan would not impact forest land as discussed in Section 7.2.1 of this Draft Master EIR. Therefore, the project would result in no impact on farmland or forest land involving other changes in the existing environment which fall outside of the scope of the analyses contained within the MEIR.

In conclusion, the proposed project is fully within the scope of the Fresno General Plan and would not result in any agriculture and forestry resource environmental impacts beyond those analyzed in MEIR SCH No. 2012111015.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
III. AIR QUALITY AND GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE - (Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management or air pollution control district may be relied upon to make the following determinations.) - Would the project:				
a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan (e.g., by having potential emissions of regulated criterion pollutants which exceed the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control Districts (SJVAPCD) adopted thresholds for these pollutants)?		X		
b) Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?			Х	
c) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?			X	
d) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?			Х	
e) Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?				Х

Setting

The subject site is located in Fresno County and within the San Joaquin Valley Air Basin (SJVAB). This region has had chronic non-attainment of federal and state clean air standards for ozone/oxidants and particulate matter due to a combination of topography and climate. The San Joaquin Valley (Valley) is hemmed in on three sides by mountain ranges, with prevailing winds carrying pollutants and pollutant precursors from urbanized areas to the north (and in turn contributing pollutants and precursors to downwind air basins). The Mediterranean climate of this region, with a high number of sunny days and little or no measurable precipitation for several months of the year, fosters photochemical reactions in the atmosphere, creating ozone and particulate matter. Regional factors affect the accumulation and dispersion of air pollutants within the SJVAB.

Air pollutant emissions overall are fairly constant throughout the year, yet the concentrations of pollutants in the air vary from day to day and even hour to hour. This variability is due to complex interactions of weather, climate, and topography. These factors affect the ability of the atmosphere to disperse pollutants. Conditions that move and mix the atmosphere help disperse pollutants, while conditions that cause the atmosphere to stagnate allow pollutants to concentrate. Local climatological effects, including topography, wind speed and direction, temperature, inversion layers, precipitation, and fog can exacerbate the air quality problem in the SJVAB.

The SJVAB is approximately 250 miles long and averages 35 miles wide, and is the second largest air basin in the state. The SJVAB is defined by the Sierra Nevada in the east (8,000 to 14,000 feet in elevation), the Coast Ranges in the west (averaging 3,000 feet in elevation), and the Tehachapi mountains in the south (6,000 to 8,000 feet in elevation). The Valley is basically flat with a slight downward gradient to the northwest. The Valley opens to the sea at the Carquinez Straits where the San Joaquin-Sacramento Delta empties into San Francisco Bay. The Valley, thus, could be considered a "bowl" open only to the north.

During the summer, wind speed and direction data indicate that summer wind usually originates at the north end of the Valley and flows in a south-southeasterly direction through the Valley, through Tehachapi pass, into the Southeast Desert Air Basin. In addition, the Altamont Pass also serves as a funnel for pollutant transport from the San Francisco Bay Area Air Basin into the region.

During the winter, wind speed and direction data indicate that wind occasionally originates from the south end of the Valley and flows in a north-northwesterly direction. Also during the winter months, the Valley generally experiences light, variable winds (less than 10 mph). Low wind speeds, combined with low inversion layers in the winter, create a climate conducive to high carbon monoxide (CO) and particulate matter (PM10 and PM2.5) concentrations. The SJVAB has an "Inland Mediterranean" climate averaging over 260 sunny days per year. The Valley floor is characterized by warm, dry summers and cooler winters. For the entire Valley, high daily temperature readings in summer average 95°F. Temperatures below freezing are unusual. Average high temperatures in the winter are in the 50s, but highs in the 30s and 40s can occur on

days with persistent fog and low cloudiness. The average daily low temperature is 45°F.

The vertical dispersion of air pollutants in the Valley is limited by the presence of persistent temperature inversions. Solar energy heats up the Earth's surface, which in turn radiates heat and warms the lower atmosphere. Therefore, as altitude increases, the air temperature usually decreases due to increasing distance from the source of heat. A reversal of this atmospheric state, where the air temperature increases with height, is termed an inversion. Inversions can exist at the surface or at any height above the ground, and tend to act as a lid on the Valley, holding in the pollutants that are generated here.

Regulations

The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD) is the local regional jurisdictional entity charged with attainment planning, rulemaking, rule enforcement, and monitoring under Federal and State Clean Air Acts and Clean Air Act Amendments.

The SJVAPCD has adopted project level quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors reactive organic gases ROG and oxides of nitrogen (NO_{x}) of 10 tons per year, and recommends quantitative thresholds for PM_{10} and $PM_{2.5}$ of 15 tons per year. The General Plan Update provides for the development of numerous individual development projects that will be subject to the project level thresholds at the time they are proposed. Large individual projects are likely to exceed the thresholds during project construction and operation.

The Master Environmental Impact Report (MEIR) prepared for the Fresno General Plan and Policy RC-4-c of the Fresno General Plan require that computer models used by the SJVAPCD be used to analyze development projects and estimate future air pollutant emissions that can be expected to be generated from operational emissions (vehicular traffic associated with the project), area-wide emissions (sources such as ongoing maintenance activities and use of appliances), and construction activities.

CalEEMod is a statewide land use emissions computer model designed to provide a uniform platform for government agencies, land use planners, and environmental professionals to quantify potential criteria pollutant and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions associated with both construction and operations from a variety of land use projects. The model quantifies direct emissions from construction and operations (including vehicle and off-road equipment use), as well as indirect emissions, such as GHG emissions from energy use, solid waste disposal, vegetation planting and/or removal, and water use. Further, the model identifies mitigation measures to reduce criteria pollutant and GHG emissions along with calculating the benefits achieved from measures chosen by the user. The GHG mitigation measures were developed and adopted by the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA).

In addition to the above-mentioned factors, the CalEEMod computer model evaluates

the following emissions: ozone precursors (Reactive Organic Gases (ROG)) and NOX; CO, SOX, both regulated categories of particulate matter, and the greenhouse gas carbon dioxide (CO2). The model incorporates geographically-customized data on local vehicles, weather, and SJVAPCD Rules.

The analysis was conducted using the CalEEMod Model, Version 2013.2.2. For purposes of this analysis the project has been evaluated with consideration to development of the subject property with the land uses permissible by the Fresno Municipal Code at the densities and intensities set forth by the Fresno General Plan in association with ±50 acres of Medium Density Residential), ±18 acres of Residential Multi-Family Urban Neighborhood, ±7 acres of Community Commercial, and ±3 acres of Open Space for purposes of a Neighborhood Park.

Applying the factors outlined in the Institute of Traffic Engineers (ITE) Trip Generation Manual, the proposed project at full build-out is expected to generate 11,581 average daily trips (ADT), with 764 vehicle trips occurring during the morning peak hour travel period (7 to 9 a.m.) and 991 vehicle trips occurring during the evening peak hour travel period (4 to 6 p.m.).

Construction Emissions – Short Term

It was assumed that the project would be constructed in two phases, over a nine-year period, with the anticipated project opening day being 2018 for the first portion of Phase 1 (consisting of the development of 208 single family residential units and an approximately 3 acre park on the northerly half of the subject property pursuant to Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 6165/UGM). The balance of Phase 1 is proposed to incorporate development of a 130-bed assisted living facility and a maximum 90 single or multi-family residential units. Anticipated full build-out, including Phase 2 development (consisting of development of a maximum 192 multi-family residential units and up to 115,000 square feet of office and/or retail commercial floor area) in accordance with the proposed land use designations and consistent zoning, is expected to occur by the year 2025. Construction equipment estimates were based on CalEEMod default assumptions. In accordance with District guidance, the architectural coatings were assumed to be mitigated in accordance with CalEEMod default assumptions.

Project Construction Emissions

[all data given in tons/year]	ROG	NOx	СО	SO2	PM10	PM2.5	CO2
2017 Construction	0.70	7.12	5.65	0.011	1.29	0.75	679.43
2018 Construction	0.65	4.37	6.16	0.012	0.73	0.34	956.60
Project Total	1.35	11.49	11.81	0.023	2.02	1.09	1636.03
District Thresholds	10	10	N/A	N/A	15	15	N/A

Construction activity from implementing the General Plan Update will cause temporary, short-term emissions of various air pollutants within the Planning Area. ROG and NOx (ozone precursors), PM_{10} , and $PM_{2.5}$ are emitted by construction equipment during

various activities, which may include but are not limited to grading, excavation, building construction, or demolition. Soil disturbance during construction activities emit fugitive dust a fraction of which is comprised of PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5}. During the construction phase of this project grading and trenching on the site may generate particulate matter pollution through fugitive dust emissions.

SJVAPCD Regulation VIII includes requirements to control fugitive dust emissions during construction activities and requires commercial projects over 5 acres and residential projects over 10 acres to file a Dust Control Plan. The SJVAPCD 2002 GAMAQI states that compliance with Regulation VIII will normally reduce impacts from fugitive dust to less than significant.

The SJVAPCD indicates that the control measures in Regulation VIII are required by regulation for all construction sites to reduce fugitive dust emissions. The District's 2002 GAMAQI lists additional measures that may be required because of sheer project size or proximity of the project to sensitive receptors. The additional measures are referred to as "enhanced control measures" in the GAMAQI. These enhanced control measures have been added as amendments to Regulation VIII, so they are no longer considered mitigation measures that could be imposed on very large or sensitive projects, but standard control measures required for rule compliance. As stated above, each commercial project over 5 acres in size and residential project over 10 acres in size is required to submit a Dust Control Plan to the SJVAPCD for approval and requires control measures adequate to prevent significant fugitive dust impacts. If measures included in the Dust Control Plan prove inadequate to control fugitive dust, construction contractors must implement additional controls or cease dust generating construction activities. In addition, projects smaller than the Dust Control Plan size thresholds must still comply with most other Regulation VIII requirements.

Rule 9510 – Indirect Source Review requires projects to reduce exhaust related construction emissions by 20 percent for NOx and by 50 percent for PM₁₀.

The project will be required to meet all of the SJVAPCD's construction fleet and control requirements, which will reduce impacts from construction related activities to less than significant thresholds. Therefore, with the project specific mitigation imposed, fugitive dust and emissions impacts from construction activities are considered less than significant.

Operational Emissions - Long Term

Operational emissions include emissions associated with on-road and off-road motor vehicles, natural gas combustion, and stationary/area sources (energy use, landscaping, etc.) and vehicle emissions. Emissions from each phase of the project were estimated using the CalEEMod model. The average trips were based on default assumptions in the CalEEMod model, verified by the Traffic Impact Study that was conducted for the project.

Project Annual Operational Emissions

[all data given in tons/year]	ROG	NOx	СО	SO2	PM10	PM2.5	CO2
Area	5.38	0.05	4.32	0.004	0.04	0.04	257.40
Mobile	3.33	11.35	38.36	0.074	4.29	1.26	5713.73
Project Totals	8.71	11.40	42.68	0.078	4.33	1.30	5971.13
District Thresholds	10	10	N/A	N/A	15	15	N/A

The analysis determined that emissions from the proposed project will exceed the 10 ton per year threshold of significance limits for NOX and will therefore be subject to off-site mitigation fees. However, these project emissions as a percentage of the area source, energy use, and vehicle emissions within Fresno County are very small and the project's overall contribution to the overall emissions is negligible.

The SJVAPCD has developed the San Joaquin Valley 1991 California Clean Air Act Air Quality Attainment Plan (AQAP), which continues to project nonattainment for the above-noted pollutants in the future. This project will be subject to all applicable SJVAPCD rules, regulations, and strategies.

At full build-out the proposed project would result in development exceeding 50 residential dwelling units, 2,000 square feet of commercial floor area and 20,000 square feet of recreation space. Therefore, the proposed project is subject to District Rule 9510 (Indirect Source Review). District Rule 9510 was adopted to reduce the impact of NOX and provide emission reductions needed by the SJVAPCD to demonstrate attainment of the federal PM10 standard and contributed reductions that assist in attaining federal ozone standards. Rule 9510 also contributes toward attainment of state standards for these pollutants. The rule places application and emission reduction requirements on development projects meeting applicability criteria in order to reduce emissions through onsite mitigation, offsite SJVAPCD-administered projects, or a combination of the two. Compliance with SJVAPCD Rule 9510 reduces the emissions impacts through incorporation of onsite measures as well as payment of an offsite fee that funds emission reduction projects in the Air Basin. The emissions analysis for Rule 9510 is detailed and is dependent on the exact project design that is expected to be constructed or installed. Compliance with Rule 9510 is separate from the CEQA process, though the control measures used to comply with Rule 9510 may be used to mitigate significant air quality impacts.

All development projects that involve soil disturbance are subject to at least one provision of the SJVAPCD Regulation VIII, Fugitive Dust Rules, related to the control of dust and fine particulate matter. The District's Regulation VIII – Fugitive PM10 prohibitions requires controls for sources of particulate matter necessary for attaining the federal PM10 standards and achieving progress toward attaining the state PM10 Standards. This rule mandates the implementation of dust control measures to reduce the potential for dust to the lowest possible level. The plan includes a number of strategies to improve air quality including a transportation control strategy and a vehicle inspection program.

Additional rules to which the proposed project will be subject include:

Rule 4601 – Architectural Coatings. The purpose of this rule is to limit Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) emissions from architectural coatings. Emissions are reduced by limits on VOC content and providing requirements on coatings storage, cleanup, and labeling.

Rule 4641 – Cutback, Slow Cure, and Emulsified Asphalt, Paving and Maintenance Operations. The purpose of this rule is to limit VOC emissions from asphalt paving and maintenance operations. The paving operations for new development and existing paved surfaces will be subject to Rule 4641.

Rule 4901 – Wood Burning Fireplaces and Wood Burning Heaters. The purposes of this rule are to limit emissions of carbon monoxide and particulate matter from wood burning fireplaces, wood burning heaters, and outdoor wood burning devices, and to establish a public education program to reduce wood burning emissions. All development that includes wood burning devices are subject to this rule.

Compliance with these rules and regulations is intended to mitigate a project's impact on air quality through project design elements or by payment of applicable off-site mitigation fees.

The growth projections used for the Fresno General Plan assume that growth in population, vehicle use and other source categories will occur at historically robust rates that are consistent with the rates used to develop the SJVAPCD's attainment plans. In other words, the amount of growth predicted for the General Plan is accommodated by the SJVAPCD's attainment plan and would allow the air basin to attain the 8-hour ozone standard by the 2023 attainment date. Furthermore, as shown in the operational emissions analysis in Impact AIR-3, reductions anticipated from existing regulations and adopted control measures will result in emissions continuing to decline even though development and population will increase because the emission rates for the most important sources of pollutants substantially decrease from 2010 levels due to SJVAPCD and state regulations. Future development on the subject property is required to comply with these rules and regulations providing additional support for the conclusion that it will not interfere or obstruct with the application of the attainment

plans.

The proposed project on the subject site will not expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations. The proposed project is not proposing a use which will create objectionable odors.

Based upon the information and analyses referenced herein above and with implementation of the project specific mitigation measures included herein below, the project will not occur at a scale or scope with potential to contribute substantially or cumulatively to existing or projected air quality violations, impacts, or increases of criteria pollutants for which the San Joaquin Valley region is under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions that exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors). The proposed project will comply with all applicable air quality plans. Therefore, no violations of air quality standards will occur and no net increase of pollutants will occur.

In conclusion, with the MEIR and Project Specific Mitigation Measures incorporated, the project will not result in any air quality impacts beyond those analyzed in MEIR SCH No. 2012111015.

Mitigation Measures

- 1. The proposed project shall implement and incorporate, as applicable, the air quality related mitigation measures as identified in the attached Master Environmental Impact Report SCH No. 111015 Fresno General Plan Mitigation Monitoring Checklist dated October 21, 2016.
- 2. The proposed project shall implement and incorporate the air quality related mitigation measures as identified in the attached Project Specific Mitigation Monitoring Checklist dated October 21, 2016.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES Would the project:				

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?				X
b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or US Fish and Wildlife Service?				х
c) Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?				X
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?				х
e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?				x

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
f) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?				х

The proposed project will not directly affect any sensitive, special status, or candidate species, nor would it modify any habitat that supports them.

There is no riparian habitat or any other sensitive natural community identified in the vicinity of the proposed project by the California Department of Fish and Game or the US Fish and Wildlife Service. No federally protected wetlands are located on the subject site.

Therefore, there would be no impacts to riparian species or habitat or other sensitive communities and wetlands. There are also no natural or permanent bodies of water on the subject site or in the immediate vicinity of the subject site. The proposed project would have no impact on the movement of migratory fish or wildlife species or on established wildlife corridors or wildlife nursery sites.

The subject property has been utilized historically for irrigated row and field crops. This vegetation community frequently occurs in floodplains or upland areas with high soil quality. Irrigated row and field crows include annual and perennial crops, grown in rows, with open space between the rows. Row and field crops are artificially irrigated and feature a moderate disturbance rate by vehicle and pedestrian encroachment typically associated with farming activities. Species composition changes frequently, both by season and by year.

Since irrigated row and field crops contain active agriculture, and are therefore significantly disturbed with altered substrates, this vegetation community does not provide suitable habitat for any special-status plant species and limited habitat for special-status wildlife species.

Special-status wildlife species with a potential to occur within this vegetation community include: (1) Burrowing owl; (2) California horned lark; and, (3) Swainson's hawk.

However, the subject property has not been cultivated in a number of years and remains fallow and void of vegetation. Vegetative cover comprises less than 10 percent of the surface area of the subject property and there is evidence of soil surface disturbance and/or compaction from previous farming activity. Vegetation is generally limited to non-native or weedy species that are indicators of soil disturbance, including Russian thistle (Salsola tragus), telegraph weed (Heterotheca grandiflora), horehound (Marrubium vulgare), and sow thistle (Sonchus oleraceus), and a sub-dominance of non-native grasses.

The existent condition in land only provides moderately suitable habitat for one specialstatus species, California horned lark.

Mitigation Measure MM BIO – 4 of Master Environmental Impact Report SCH No. 2012111015 for the Fresno General Plan requires projects within the Planning Area to avoid, if possible, construction within the general nesting season of February through August for avian species protected under Fish and Game Code 3500 and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA), if it is determined that suitable nesting habitat occurs on a project site. If construction cannot avoid the nesting season, a pre-construction clearance survey must be conducted to determine if any nesting birds or nesting activity is observed on or within 500-feet of a project site. If an active nest is observed during the survey, a biological monitor must be on site to ensure that no proposed project activities would impact the active nest. A suitable buffer will be established around the active nest until the nestlings have fledged and the nest is no longer active. Project activities may continue in the vicinity of the nest only at the discretion of the biological monitor.

No habitat conservation plans or natural community conservation plans in the region pertain to the natural resources that exist on the subject site or in its immediate vicinity.

Finally, no actions or activities resulting from the implementation of the proposed project would have the potential to affect floral, or faunal species; or, their habitat. Therefore, there would be no impacts.

In conclusion, the project is fully within the scope of the Fresno General Plan and will not result in any biological resource impacts beyond those analyzed in MEIR SCH No. 2012111015.

Mitigation Measures

1. The proposed project shall implement and incorporate, as applicable, the biological resources related mitigation measures as identified in the attached Master Environmental Impact Report SCH No. 111015 Fresno General Plan Mitigation Monitoring Checklist dated October 21, 2016.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
V. CULTURAL RESOURCES				
a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in '15064.5?				х
b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to '15064.5?				x
c) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?				Х
d) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?				Х

There are no structures which exist within the project area that are listed in the National or Local Register of Historic Places, and the subject site is not within a designated historic district. There are no known archaeological or paleontological resources that exist within the project area; previously unknown paleontological resources or undiscovered human remains could be disturbed during project construction. There is no evidence that cultural resources of any type (including historical, archaeological, paleontological, or unique geologic features) exist on the subject property. Past record searches for the region have not revealed the likelihood of cultural resources on the subject property or in its immediate vicinity. Therefore, it is not expected that the proposed project may impact cultural resources. It should be noted however, that lack of surface evidence of historical resources does not preclude the subsurface existence of archaeological resources. Furthermore, previously unknown paleontological resources or undiscovered human remains could be disturbed during project construction.

Therefore, due to the ground disturbing activities that will occur as a result of the project, the measures within the Master Environmental Impact Report SCH No. 2012111015 for the Fresno General Plan, Mitigation Monitoring Checklist to address archaeological resources, paleontological resources, and human remains will be employed to guarantee that should archaeological and/or animal fossil material be encountered during project excavations, then work shall stop immediately; and, that

qualified professionals in the respective field are contacted and consulted in order to ensure that the activities of the proposed project will not involve physical demolition, destruction, relocation, or alteration of historic, archaeological, or paleontological resources.

In conclusion, with MEIR mitigation measures incorporated, the project will not result in any cultural resource impacts beyond those analyzed in MEIR SCH No. 2012111015.

Mitigation Measures

1. The proposed project shall implement and incorporate, as applicable, the cultural resource related mitigation measures as identified in the attached Master Environmental Impact Report SCH No. 111015 Fresno General Plan Mitigation Monitoring Checklist dated October 21, 2016.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
VI. GEOLOGY AND SOILS Would the project:				
a) Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:				
i) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.				х
ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?				Х
iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?				Х
iv) Landslides?				Х

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b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?				Х
c) Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?				х
d) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property?				Х
e) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water?				х

There are no geologic hazards or unstable soil conditions known to exist on the site. The existing topography is flat with no apparent unique or significant land forms such as vernal pools. Development of the property requires compliance with grading and drainage standards of the City of Fresno and the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District (FMFCD) Standards. Grade differentials at property lines must be limited to one foot or less, or a cross-drainage covenant must be executed with affected adjoining property owners.

Fresno has no known active earthquake faults and is not in any Alquist-Priolo Special Studies Zones. The immediate Fresno area has extremely low seismic activity levels, although shaking may be felt from earthquakes whose epicenters lie to the east, west, and south. Known major faults are over 50 miles distant and include the San Andreas Fault, Coalinga area blind thrust fault(s), and the Long Valley, Owens Valley, and White Wolf/Tehachapi fault systems. The most serious threat to Fresno from a major earthquake in the Eastern Sierra would be flooding that could be caused by damage to dams on the upper reaches of the San Joaquin River.

Fresno is classified by the State as being in a moderate seismic risk zone, Category "C"

or "D," depending on the soils underlying the specific location being categorized and that location's proximity to the nearest known fault lines. All new structures are required to conform to current seismic protection standards in the California Building Code. Seismic upgrade/retrofit requirements are imposed on older structures by the City's Development and Resource Management Department as may be applicable to building modification and rehabilitation projects.

No adverse environmental effects related to topography, soils or geology are expected as a result of this project.

In conclusion, the proposed project would not result in any geology or soil environmental impacts beyond those analyzed in MEIR SCH No. 2012111015.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
VII. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS Would the project:				
a) Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?			х	
b) Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?				х

The proposed project will not occur at a scale or scope with potential to contribute substantially or cumulatively to the generation of greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly.

The General Plan and MEIR rely upon a Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan that provides a comprehensive assessment of the benefits of city policies and proposed code changes, existing plans, programs, and initiatives that reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The plan demonstrates that even though there is increased growth, the City would still be reducing greenhouse gas emissions through 2020 and per capita emission rates drop substantially. The benefits of adopted regulations become flat in later years and growth starts to exceed the reductions from all regulations and measures. Although it is highly likely that regulations will be updated to provide additional reductions, none are reflected in the analysis since only the effect of adopted

regulations is included. See Section III, Air Quality and Global Climate Change, for a full discussion of air quality and greenhouse gas emissions.

In conclusion, the proposed project would not result in any greenhouse gas emission environmental impacts beyond those analyzed in MEIR SCH No. 2012111015 for the Fresno General Plan.

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VIII. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIAL Would the project:				
a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?				х
b) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?				Х
c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?				х
d) Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?				х

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e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?				Х
f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?				Х
g) Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?				х
h) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?				х

Pursuant to Policy 1-6-a of the Fresno General Plan, hazardous materials will be defined as those that, because of their quantity, concentration, physical or chemical characteristics, pose significant potential hazards to human health, safety, or the environment. Specific federal, state and local definitions and listings of hazardous materials will be used by the City of Fresno

There are no known existing hazardous material conditions on the site and the project is not located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5. The project is not located near any wildland fire hazard zones, and poses no interference with the City's or County's Hazard Mitigation Plans or emergency response plans.

The subject site has not been under cultivation for many years. No pesticides or hazardous materials are known to exist on the site and the proposed project will have

no environmental impacts related to potential hazards or hazardous materials as identified above.

The project site is not located within the vicinity of the Fresno Yosemite Airport or any other airport or private air strip. No risks or hazards would result from constructing the project in the proposed location.

In conclusion, the project will not result in any hazards and hazardous material impacts beyond those analyzed in MEIR SCH No. 2012111015.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
IX. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY Would the project:				
a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?				Х
b) Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?			X	
c) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site?				х

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
d) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site?			X	
e) 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?		X		
f) Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?				Х
g) Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map?				х
h) Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows?				x
i) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam?				х
j) Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?				Х

Fresno is one of the largest cities in the United States still relying primarily on groundwater for its public water supply. Surface water treatment and distribution has been implemented in the northeastern part of the City, but the city is still subject to an EPA Sole Source Aquifer designation. While the aquifer underlying Fresno typically exceeds a depth of 300 feet and is capacious enough to provide adequate quantities of safe drinking water to the metropolitan area well into the twenty-first century, groundwater degradation, increasingly stringent water quality regulations, and an historic trend of high consumptive use of water on a per capita basis (some 250 gallons per day per capita), have resulted in a general decline in aquifer levels, increased cost to provide potable water, and localized water supply limitations.

This mitigated negative declaration prepared for the proposed project is tiered from Master Environmental Impact Report SCH No. 2012111015) prepared for the Fresno General Plan (collectively, the "MEIR"), which contains measures to mitigate projects' individual and cumulative impacts to groundwater resources and to reverse the groundwater basin's overdraft conditions.

Fresno has attempted to address these issues through metering and revisions to the City's Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP). The Fresno Metropolitan Water Resource Management Plan, which has been adopted and the accompanying Final EIR (SCH #95022029) certified, is also under revision. The purpose of these management plans is to provide safe, adequate, and dependable water supplies in order to meet the future needs of the metropolitan area in an economical manner; protect groundwater quality from further degradation and overdraft; and, provide a plan of reasonably implementable measures and facilities. City water wells, pump stations, recharge facilities, water treatment and distribution systems have been expanded incrementally to mitigate increased water demands and respond to groundwater quality challenges.

The adverse groundwater conditions of limited supply and compromised quality have been well- documented by planning, environmental impact report and technical studies over the past 20 years including the Master Environmental Impact Report No. 111015 for the Fresno General Plan, the MEIR 10130 for the 2025 Fresno General Plan, Final EIR No.10100, Final EIR No.10117 and Final EIR No. SCH 95022029 (Fresno Metropolitan Water Resource Management Plan), et al. These conditions include water quality degradation due to DBCP, arsenic, iron, and manganese concentrations; low water well yields; limited aquifer storage capacity and recharge capacity; and, intensive urban or semi-urban development occurring upgradient from the Fresno Metropolitan Area.

In response to the need for a comprehensive long-range water supply and distribution strategy, the General Plan recognizes the Kings Basin's Integrated Regional Water Management Plan, Fresno-Area Regional Groundwater Management Plan, and City of Fresno Metropolitan Water Resource Management Plan and cites the findings of the City of Fresno 2010 Urban Water Management Plan. The purpose of these management plans is to provide safe, adequate, and dependable water supplies to meet the future needs of the Kings Basin regions and the Fresno-Clovis metropolitan

area in an economical manner; protect groundwater quality from further degradation and overdraft; and, provide a plan of reasonably implementable measures and facilities.

The 2010 Urban Water Management Plan, Figure 4-3 (incorporated by reference) illustrates the City of Fresno's goals to achieve a 'water balance' between supply and demand while decreasing reliance upon and use of groundwater. To achieve these goals the City is implementing a host of strategies, including:

- Intentional groundwater recharge through reclamation at the City's groundwater recharge facility at Leaky Acres (located northwest of Fresno-Yosemite international Airport), refurbish existing streams and canals to increase percolation, and recharge at Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District's (FMFCD) storm water basins;
- Increase use of existing surface water entitlements from the Kings River, United States Bureau of Reclamation and Fresno Irrigation District for treatment at the Northeast Storm Water Treatment Facility (NESWTF) and construct a new Southeast Storm Water Treatment Facility (SESWTF); and
- Recycle wastewater at the Fresno-Clovis Regional Wastewater Reclamation Facility (RWRF) for treatment and re-use for irrigation, and to percolation ponds for groundwater recharge. Further actions include the General Plan, Policy RC-6-d to prepare, adopt and implement a City of Fresno Recycled Water Master Plan.

The City has indicated that groundwater wells, pump stations, recharge facilities, water treatment and distribution systems shall be expanded incrementally to mitigate increased water demands. One of the primary objectives of Fresno's future water supply plans detailed in Fresno's current UWMP is to balance groundwater operations through a host of strategies. Through careful planning, Fresno has designed a comprehensive plan to accomplish this objective by increasing surface water supplies and surface water treatment facilities, intentional recharge, and conservation, thereby reducing groundwater pumping. The City continually monitors impacts of land use changes and development project proposals on water supply facilities by assigning fixed demand allocations to each parcel by land use as currently zoned or proposed to be rezoned. The UWMP was made available for public review together with the MND for the proposed project.

Until 2004, groundwater was the sole source of water for the City. In June 2004, a \$32 million Surface Water Treatment Facility ("SWTF") began providing Fresno with water treated to drinking water standards. A second surface water treatment facility is planned for 2015 in southeast Fresno to meet demands anticipated by the growth implicit in the 2025 Fresno General Plan. Surface water is used to replace lost groundwater through Fresno's artificial recharge program at the City-owned Leaky Acres and smaller facilities in Southeast Fresno. Fresno holds entitlements to surface water from Millerton Lake and Pine Flat Reservoir. In 2006, Fresno renewed its

contract with the United States Bureau of Reclamation, through the year 2045, which entitles the City to 60,000 acre-feet per year of Class 1 water. This water supply has further increased the reliability of Fresno's water supply.

Also, in 2006, Fresno updated its Metropolitan Water Resources Management Plan designed to ensure the Fresno metro area has a reliable water supply through 2050. The plan implements a conjunctive use program, combining groundwater, treated surface water, artificial recharge and an enhanced water conservation program.

In the near future, groundwater will continue to be an important part of the City's supply but will not be relied upon as heavily as has historically been the case. The 2010 UWMP projects that groundwater pumped by the City will decrease from approximately 128,578 AF/year in 2010 to approximately 85,000 AF/year at buildout of the General Plan Update. This would represent a decrease in the groundwater percentage of total water supply from 87 percent to 36 percent. This reduction in groundwater pumping will recharge the aquifer by approximately 15,000 acre-feet per year because the safe yield is approximately 1000,000 acre-feet per year. In order to meet this projection, the City is planning to rely on expanding their delivery and treatment of surface water supplies and groundwater recharge activities.

The City has been adding to and upgrading its water supplies through capital improvements, including adding pipelines to distribute treated surface water. Additionally, in 2009, the treatment capacity of the Fresno/Clovis Regional Wastewater Reclamation Facility was improved. The City has recently been providing tertiary treatment at some of its wastewater treatment plants to supply tertiary treated recycled water for landscape irrigation to new growth areas and the North Fresno Wastewater Reclamation Facilities Satellite Plant was recently built to serve the Copper River development and golf course in the northern part of Fresno.

In addition, the General Plan policies require the City to maintain a comprehensive conservation program to help reduce per capita water usage, and includes conservation programs such as landscaping standards for drought tolerance, irrigation control devices, leak detection and retrofits, water audits, public education and implementing US Bureau of Reclamation Best Management Practices for water conservation to maintain surface water entitlements.

The City also has implemented an extensive water conservation program which is detailed in Fresno's current UWMP and additional conservation is anticipated as more of the City's residential customers become metered. The City has implemented a residential water meter program; installing and metering water service for all single-family residential customers in the City by 2013. At a point of approximately 80% completion, the installation already demonstrated an approximately 15% decrease in water usage. The City also intends to commence providing tiered rates to incentivize further reduction in water usage.

Fresno continues to periodically update its water management plans to ensure the costeffective use of water resources and continued availability of groundwater and surface water supplies.

In accordance with the provisions of the Fresno General Plan and Master EIR No. 111015 mitigation measures, project specific water supply and distribution requirements must assure that an adequate source of water is available to serve the project.

The City of Fresno Department of Public Utilities, Water Division has reviewed the proposed project and has determined that water service will be available to the proposed project subject to water mains being extended within the proposed subdivision to provide service to each lot created; and, subject to payment of applicable water charges.

According to the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District (FMFCD), the subject site is not located within a flood prone or hazard area. However, the District's existing Master Plan drainage system is designed to serve medium density residential uses and the existing Master Plan storm drainage facilities do not have capacity to serve the proposed land use. The developer will therefore be required to mitigate the impacts of the increased runoff from the proposed use to a rate that would be expected if developed to medium density residential. The developer may either make improvements to the existing pipeline system to provide additional capacity or may use some type of permanent peak reducing facility in order to eliminate adverse impacts on the existing system. Should the developer choose to construct a permanent peak-reducing facility, such a system would be required to reduce runoff from a ten-year storm produced by the proposed land use, to a two-year discharge which would be produced by the property if developed with medium density residential. Implementation of the mitigation measures may be deferred to until time of development.

The developer will be required to provide improvements which will convey surface drainage to Master Plan inlets and which will provide a path for major storm conveyance. When development permits are issued, the subject site will be required to pay drainage fees pursuant to the Drainage Fee Ordinance.

Lot coverage will be required to be provided to the FMFCD prior to submittal of improvement plans. The final drainage fee will be calculated commensurate with the lot coverage provided by the developer. If the lot coverage indicates a density higher than Master Planned, mitigation may be required. The lot coverage calculated by the FMFCD includes the front yard walkway, sidewalk walkway and the rear yard patio equaling an additional 6% of impervious area in addition to the City typical lot coverage calculation.

The mitigation measures of the MEIR are incorporated herein by reference and are required to be implemented by the attached mitigation monitoring checklist. In summary, these mitigation measures equate to City of Fresno policies and initiatives aimed toward ensuring that the City has a reliable, long-range source of water through

the implementation of measures to promote water conservation through standards, incentives and capital investments.

Private development participates in the City's ability to meet water supply goals and initiatives through payment of fees established by the city for construction of recharge facilities, the construction of recharge facilities directly by the project, or participation in augmentation/enhancement/enlargement of the recharge capability of Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District storm water ponding basins. While the proposed project may be served by conventional groundwater pumping and distribution systems, full development of the Fresno General Plan boundaries may necessitate utilization of treated surface water due to inadequate groundwater aquifer recharge capabilities.

The Department of Public Utilities works with Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District to utilize suitable FMFCD ponding (drainage) basins for the groundwater recharge program, and works with Fresno Irrigation District to ensure that the City's allotment of surface water is put to the best possible use for recharge.

As a condition of approval, any pre-existing on-site domestic or agricultural water wells that may be on the site shall be properly abandoned, in order to prevent the spread of contaminants from the ground surface or from shallow groundwater layers into deeper and cleaner levels of the aquifer.

The subject property does not appear to have any on-site waste (septic) disposal system. As a condition of approval, any pre-existing septic systems shall be properly abandoned.

Occupancy of this site will generate wastewater containing human waste, which is required to be conveyed and treated by the Fresno-Clovis Regional Wastewater Treatment and Reclamation Facility. There will not be any onsite wastewater treatment system. The proposed project will be required to install sewer mains and branches, and to pay connection and sewer facility fees to provide for reimbursement of preceding investments in sewer trunks to connect this site to a publicly owned treatment works.

Implementation of the Fresno General Plan policies, the Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Plan, City of Fresno Urban Water Management Plan, Fresno-Area Regional Groundwater Management Plan, and City of Fresno Metropolitan Water Resource Management Plan and the applicable mitigation measures of approved environmental review documents will address the issues of providing an adequate, reliable, and sustainable water supply for the project's urban domestic and public safety consumptive purposes.

Increased runoff from the proposed project would exceed storm water drainage system capacity and therefore could result in flooding which constitutes an impact which must be mitigated prior to development. However, implementation of the project specific mitigation measures referenced herein below will reduce adverse impacts to a level which is less than significant.

There are otherwise no aspects of this project that will result in impacts to water supply or quality beyond those analyzed in the Master Environmental Impact Report SCH No. 2012111015 for the Fresno General Plan.

In conclusion, with implementation of the project specific mitigation measures identified below, the project will not result in any hydrology or water quality impacts beyond those analyzed in MEIR SCH No. 2012111015.

Mitigation Measures

- 1. The proposed project shall implement and incorporate, as applicable, the hydrology and water quality related mitigation measures as identified in the attached Master Environmental Impact Report SCH No. 111015 Fresno General Plan Mitigation Monitoring Checklist dated October 21, 2016.
- 2. The proposed project shall implement and incorporate the hydrology and water quality related mitigation measures as identified in the attached Project Specific Mitigation Monitoring Checklist dated October 21, 2016.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
X. LAND USE AND PLANNING - Would the project:				
a) Physically divide an established community?				х
b) Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?			X	
c) Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan?				х

Brian Yengoyan of Citadel Development Group, Inc., on behalf of High and Mighty Farms, Inc., has filed Plan Amendment Application No. A-16-014 and Rezone Application No. R-16-013 pertaining to ±78 acres of property located on the north side of East Church Avenue between South Sunnyside and South Fowler Avenues.

The subject property remains vacant and was annexed to the City of Fresno in 1982 as part of Annexation No. 1062.

Therefore, the subject property qualifies as an Infill Area; defined by the Fresno General Plan as being within the City on December 31, 2012.

The site is located within an area that has been predominantly developed with single family residences and which is planned for urban residential uses. Properties to the north, west and south of the subject property have all been subdivided and developed with single family residential tracts; the earliest beginning in 1998 and the latest occurring as recent as 2007. The majority of the properties directly to the east of the subject property and across South Fowler Avenue remain in the unincorporated area of the County of Fresno and have been developed with rural residences. Approximately seven acres of land located at the immediate northeast corner of the intersection of East Church and South Fowler Avenue remain vacant but were previously annexed into the City and have been zoned for RM-2 (Multi-Family, Urban Neighborhood). Properties further to the east are also located within the incorporated boundary of the City of Fresno and are currently being developed as single family residential tracts. Approximately 120 acres of land located at the southeast corner of the intersection of South Fowler and East Church Avenues have also been purchased and will be developed as a Sanger Unified School District Middle- and High School campus and are expected to develop over the life of the proposed project.

The subject property is currently designated by the Fresno General Plan for Medium-Low Density Residential (±22 acres), Medium Density Residential (±35 acres), Residential Multi-Family Urban Neighborhood (±15 acres) and Open Space/Neighborhood Park (±6 acres) land uses and has been zoned accordingly.

Plan Amendment Application No. A-16-014 proposes to amend the Fresno General Plan and Roosevelt Community Plan to change the planned land use designations for the subject property to Medium Density Residential (±50 acres), Residential Multi-Family Urban Neighborhood (±18 acres), Community Commercial (±7 acres), and Open Space/Neighborhood Park (±3 acres) with a dual designation of Medium Density Residential.

Rezone Application No. R-16-013 proposes to amend the Official Zone Map to reclassify the ±78 acres to RS-5 (Residential Single Family, Medium Density) (±50 acres), RM-2 (Residential Multi Family Urban Neighborhood) (±18 acres), CC (Commercial-Community) (±7 acres), PR (Parks and Recreation) (±3 acres) consistent with the proposed plan amendment.

Development of the proposed project will occur in multiple phases. The first phase of development is proposed to incorporate subdivision of the northerly ±40 acre portion of the subject property for purposes of creating a 208-lot single family residential development and neighborhood park in accordance with Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 6165/UGM (the tentative map will be scheduled for consideration by the Planning Commission at a future hearing date). Subsequent phases will be dictated by market conditions. However, it is the intent of the applicant group to develop the southerly approximately 38 acres with a diversity of housing opportunities, which may include an assisted living facility, age-restricted housing, multi-family residences and a neighborhood serving commercial shopping center. The multi-family and commercial shopping center components of the proposed project are currently anticipated to occur as the last phases of development.

The overall form of development proposed to be facilitated with the subject plan amendment and rezone applications focuses on implementation of the concept of a Complete Neighborhood in accordance with the Goals, Objectives and Policies of the Fresno General Plan; as follows:

Land Use Plans and Policies

As proposed, the project will be consistent with the Fresno General Plan goals and objectives related to land use and the urban form:

- Provide for a diversity of districts, neighborhoods, housing types (including affordable housing), residential densities, job opportunities, recreation, open space, and educational venues that appeal to a broad range of people throughout the city.
- Plan for a diverse housing stock that will support balanced urban growth, and make efficient use of resources and public facilities.
- Make full use of existing infrastructure, and investment in improvements to increase competitiveness and promote economic growth.
- Promote orderly land use development in pace with public facilities and services needed to serve development.
- Promote a city of healthy communities and improve quality of life in established neighborhoods.
- Improve Fresno's visual image and enhance its form and function through urban design strategies and effective maintenance.
- Encourage the development of Complete Neighborhoods and districts with an
 efficient and diverse mix of residential densities, building types, and affordability
 which are designed to be healthy, attractive, and centered by schools, parks, and

public and commercial services to provide a sense of place and that provide as many services as possible within walking distance. Healthy communities demonstrate efficient development patterns providing for: Sufficient affordable housing development in appropriate locations; A mix of land uses and a built environment that supports walking and biking; Multimodal, affordable transportation choices; and, Safe public spaces for social interaction.

These Goals contribute to the establishment of a comprehensive city-wide land use planning strategy to meet economic development objectives, achieve efficient and equitable use of resources and infrastructure, and create an attractive living environment in accordance with Objective LU-1 of the Fresno General Plan.

Policy UF-1-d further emphasizes provisions for a diversity and variation of building types, densities, and scale of development in order to reinforce the identity of individual neighborhoods, foster a variety of market-based options for living and working to suit a large range of income levels, and further affordable housing opportunities throughout the city.

Likewise, Objective LU-5 of the General Plan calls for a diverse housing stock that will support balanced urban growth, and make efficient use of resources and public facilities; and, Implementing Policy LU-5-c promotes medium density residential use to maximize efficient use of residential property through a wide range of densities.

Objective UF-12 and Policy LU-1-a of the Fresno General Plan promote new development within existing City limits and direct the City to locate roughly one-half of future residential development in infill areas – defined as being within the City on December 31, 2012 – including non-corridor infill areas, and vacant land.

The Fresno General Plan provides that Fresno needs to promote well-designed infill and rehabilitation throughout the City, not just along corridors. This includes single-family lots, small multi-family lots and small subdivisions. There will also be revitalization and rehabilitation over the years of small retail centers, employment center and some multi-family properties. The infill development and redevelopments will focus on creating Complete Neighborhoods in existing areas. Some tools that can be used to accomplish this include: connectivity, financial incentives for investing in established neighborhoods, design compatibility, providing missing uses such as recreation, enhanced landscaping and maintenance of public right-of-way areas, and providing community-based services.

Much of Fresno has been built as discreet residential tracts bordered by strip retail centers, many of which are not accessible from the adjacent homes due to security walls or other barriers. By contrast, the Complete Neighborhoods concept will enable Fresnans to live in communities with convenient services, employment, and recreation within walking distance.

Complete Neighborhoods are not and should not be all alike. In fact, each neighborhood should express the needs, character, and values of its residents through the specific arrangement of the many possible characteristics that make up each neighborhood.

The defining characteristics of a Complete Neighborhood are a neighborhood that is mostly self-sufficient, walkable, and interconnected. It provides residents with most all they need on a daily basis nearby. In other words, a Complete Neighborhood anticipates and plans in advance all amenities needed in a neighborhood to ensure quality and lasting property values before the residential units are built instead of trying to piecemeal those amenities after the fact. This convenient and healthy lifestyle is the benefit of a Complete Neighborhood. While total self-sufficiency or even completeness is unlikely to be accomplished in each neighborhood, all or most of the following characteristics can be combined to create an enhanced quality of life and retained and increased property value:

- A range of housing choices;
- Neighborhood-serving retail;
- A range of employment opportunities;
- Public services such as health clinics;
- Entertainment and cultural assets;
- Parks and public schools within or near the neighborhood;
- Community services such as library, recreation center, senior center, and/or community garden;
- Public plaza/civic space; and,
- Access to public transit.

This list can be combined and arranged in each specific neighborhood in such a way as to create a true sense of place and community that improves quality of life and increases property values.

The proposed project exemplifies these concepts and components associated with Complete Neighborhoods. The subject property is already planned and zoned for single family and multi-family residential uses with a neighborhood park component. However, the form that would be facilitated by the current land use plan does not readily lend to a balance of the respective land use designations in a manner which emphasizes the key components of open space and neighborhood serving retail, employment opportunities or public services. Furthermore, the current land use designations for the subject property are situated in such a manner that would require density blending and approval through the Planned Development process in order to facilitate an orderly and desirable development. The arrangement of land uses proposed by Plan Amendment Application No. A-16-014 allows development to occur in a conventional manner without need for special approvals or modifications to standards.

The proposed plan amendment demonstrates consistency with Policy LU-5-c of the Fresno General Plan by removing currently planned Medium-Low Density Residential

acreage in favor of Medium Density Residential land uses to maximize efficient use of residential property. The plan amendment proposes to relocate an approximately 5 acre portion of the existing planned Urban Neighborhood acreage to the immediate northeast corner of the intersection of East Church and South Sunnyside Avenues and the balance of the proposed Urban Neighborhood acreage (±13 acres) adjacent to the proposed neighborhood serving commercial area (±7 acres) at the immediate northwest corner of the intersection of East Church and South Fowler Avenues. This location also locates higher density residential development adjacent to the proposed pedestrian connection from the centrally located park to East Church Avenue for ease of access by future residents.

The location of higher density residential development in closer proximity to the major street system and ultimately the multi-modal and public transit amenities and services which will be afforded along the major streets and intersections provides for a better form of development which minimizes impacts from traffic, noise, lighting, etc., as the higher density development will provide a buffer from the activity areas of the major street circulation system and commercial development for the lower density residential and single family uses proposed to be located on the subject property. Although sometimes perceived as undesirable by existing residents, it is also important to note that planned Urban Neighborhood density residential development constitutes eligible inventory within the Fresno Housing Element and is therefore critical for purposes of facilitating compliance and meeting the applicable standards of the State of California.

The proposed addition of the approximately 7 acre commercial component affords opportunities for neighborhood serving retail, potential office space which may include public and community services as well as employment opportunities within close proximity and walking distance to a diversity of housing.

Finally, the relocation of the planned open space/neighborhood park to a central location on the subject property not only affords equal proximity, access and enjoyment to adjacent land uses but also affords greater opportunities to provide visibility over shared open space such that any potential for creation of an attractive nuisance is minimized. Furthermore, the centrally located park will act as the centerpiece for the surrounding development which will provide a sense of place that will contribute to the creation of an enhanced quality of life and the retention and improvement of property values. The proposed park will incorporate linear open space and access to South Sunnyside and South Fowler Avenue in an east-west direction. The park will also incorporate linear open space and access to East Church Avenue. The linear open space areas are proposed to include the uniform planting of Valley Oak trees which will mature to provide a natural "tunnel" from the resultant large tree canopy; hence, "The Oaks" project branding. The aggregate area of the open space will include both passive and active recreation areas and opportunities.

It is important to note that all new parks, open space, and public facilities (such as school sites) identified within the Fresno General Plan carry dual land use designations, so that if that facility is not needed, private and public development consistent with

zoning and development standards may be approved. These dual land use designations are shown in Figure LU-2: Dual Designation of the Fresno General Plan. Although the proposed plan amendment reduces the currently planned open space area from approximately 6 acres to approximately 3 acres in area, construction of public parks identified on the Fresno General Plan are funded and maintained through the City of Fresno General Fund; and given current bond debts, no funding is available in the foreseeable future. The currently planned neighborhood park carries a dual designation of Medium Density Residential. Given the importance of providing additional open space within the southeast area of the City, the proposed project provides a unique opportunity to develop much needed open space facilities at a location and in a form which benefits surrounding development and meets the needs of both existing and future residents. Without funding, the currently planned open space would revert to the Medium Density Residential land use and zoning for development and the opportunity for provision and utilization of the planned open space may be lost. However, the applicant group is currently negotiating terms with the City of Fresno within a proposed development agreement which would fund construction and completion of the park with the initial phase of development and provide for the long-term maintenance of all associated amenities and facilities through a Community Facilities District which will be shared by the components of the proposed project. This approach not only provides for an attractive open space area which will benefit the surrounding community and property values but also does so in a manner which will provide for long term care and maintenance with minimal impact/obligation from the City of Fresno General Fund.

While market conditions will ultimately dictate development circumstances, the applicant group intends to initially market the approximately 5 acre portion of proposed Urban Neighborhood land at the northeast corner of South Sunnyside and East Church Avenues for a potential assisted living facility. The adjacent approximately 12 acre portion of proposed Medium Density Residential land located adjacent to East Church Avenue will be initially marketed for potential age-restricted housing. When combined with the opportunity for multiple family apartment housing on the approximately 13 acre balance of the proposed Urban Neighborhood planned land adjacent to East Church Avenue as well as conventional single family residential development on the northerly one-half of the subject property, the proposed project provides great potential for a truly diverse residential mix and a range of housing opportunities to meet all demographic populations within the community. The provision of centrally located open space and neighborhood serving commercial opportunities within the same project manifests the applicant group's comprehensive strategy, which attempts to anticipate and plan in advance all amenities needed in a neighborhood to ensure quality and lasting property values before the residential units are built instead of trying to piecemeal those amenities after the fact. Furthermore, the proposed project also represents a rare circumstance in which, near total self-sufficiency and completeness may be achieved. As referenced within the Fresno General Plan, this is unlikely to be accomplished in each neighborhood.

It should also be acknowledged that, as referenced herein above, approximately 120 acres of land located at the southeast corner of the intersection of South Fowler and

East Church Avenues (cater-cornered from the subject property) have also been purchased and will be developed as a Sanger Unified School District Middle- and High School campus and are expected to develop over the life of the proposed project. Additionally, a Sanger Unified School District elementary (Sequoia Elementary) is located on South Armstrong Avenue, south of East Church Avenue. The presence of elementary, middle, and high school facilities within walking distance and close proximity to the subject property rounds-out the proposed project as a Complete Neighborhood providing residents with most all they need on a daily basis nearby.

This project supports the above mentioned goals, objectives and policies of the Fresno General Plan and Roosevelt Community Plan; specifically, strategies aimed toward the provision of Complete Neighborhoods.

The subject property qualifies as infill development pursuant to the definition provided in the Fresno General Plan and the proposed development of the subject property will contribute to the completion of missing roadway and infrastructure improvements within the area in a manner which is consistent with the land use designations and circulation element of the Fresno General Plan.

The proposed project will provide for connectivity through both vehicular and pedestrian integration with adjacent lands for future development. Furthermore, the project is located in close proximity to existing and future school sites.

Therefore it is staff's opinion that the proposed project is consistent with respective general and community plan objectives and policies and will not conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy or regulation of the City of Fresno. Furthermore, the proposed project, including the design and improvement of the subject property, is found; (1) To be consistent with the goals, objectives and policies of the applicable Fresno General Plan and Roosevelt Community Plan; (2) To be Suitable for the type and density of development; (3) To be safe from potential cause or introduction of serious public health problems; and, (4) To not conflict with any public interests in the subject property or adjacent lands.

The proposed project will not physically divide an established community. The project will not conflict with any conservation plans since it is not located within any conservation plan areas.

In conclusion, the project will not result in any Land Use and/or Planning impacts beyond those analyzed in MEIR SCH No. 2012111015.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
XI. MINERAL RESOURCES Would the project:				
a) Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?				х
b) Result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?				х

The subject site is not located in an area designated for mineral resource preservation or recovery, therefore, will not result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state. The subject site is not delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan as a locally-important mineral resource recovery site; therefore it will not result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource.

In conclusion, the proposed project would not result in any mineral resource environmental impacts beyond those analyzed in MEIR SCH No. 2012111015.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
XII. NOISE Would the project result in:				
a) Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?			x	

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
b) Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?			Х	
c) A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?			Х	
d) A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?			х	
e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?				X
f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?				х

Generally, the three primary sources of substantial noise that affect the City of Fresno and its residents are transportation-related and consist of major streets and regional highways; airport operations at the Fresno Yosemite International, the Fresno-Chandler Downtown, and the Sierra Sky Park Airports; and railroad operations along the BNSF Railway and the Union Pacific Railroad lines.

In developed areas of the community, noise conflicts often occur when a noise sensitive land use is located adjacent or in proximity to a noise generator. Noise in these situations frequently stems from on-site operations, use of outdoor equipment, uses where large numbers of persons assemble, and vehicular traffic. Some land uses, such as residential dwellings hospitals, office buildings and schools, are considered noise sensitive receptors and involve land uses associated with indoor and/or outdoor

activities that may be subject to stress and/or significant interference from noise.

Stationary noise sources can also have an effect on the population, and unlike mobile, transportation-related noise sources, these sources generally have a more permanent and consistent impact on people. These stationary noise sources involve a wide spectrum of uses and activities, including various industrial uses, commercial operations, agricultural production, school playgrounds, high school football games, HVAC units, generators, lawn maintenance equipment and swimming pool pumps.

Potential noise sources at the project site would occur primarily from roadway noise from East Church, South Fowler and South Sunnyside Avenues along the respective frontages of the subject site and stationary noise sources which could potentially emanate from future non-residential development on the subject property or the future high- and middle-school site on the east side of South Fowler Avenue between East Church and East Jensen Avenues.

The City of Fresno Noise Element of the Fresno General Plan establishes a land use compatibility criterion of 60dB DNL for exterior noise levels in outdoor areas of noise-sensitive land uses. The intent of the exterior noise level requirement is to provide an acceptable noise environment for outdoor activities and recreation. Furthermore, the Noise Element also requires that interior noise levels attributable to exterior noise sources not exceed 45 dB DNL. The intent of the interior noise level standard is to provide an acceptable noise environment for indoor communication and sleep.

For stationary noise sources, the noise element establishes noise compatibility criteria in terms of the exterior hourly equivalent sound level (L_{eq}) and maximum sound level (L_{max}). The standards are more restrictive during the nighttime hours, defined as 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. The standards may be adjusted upward (less restrictive) if the existing ambient noise level without the source of interest already exceeds these standards. The Noise Element standards for stationary noise sources are: (1) 50 dBA L_{eq} for the daytime and 45 dBA L_{eq} for the nighttime hourly equivalent sound levels; and, (2) 70 dBA L_{max} for the daytime and 65 dBA L_{max} for the nighttime maximum sound levels.

Noise created by new proposed stationary noise sources or existing stationary noise sources which undergo modification that may increase noise levels shall be mitigated so as not to exceed the noise level standards of Table 9 (Table 5.11-8 of the MEIR) at noise sensitive land uses. If the existing ambient noise levels equal or exceed these levels, mitigation is required to limit noise to the ambient noise level plus 5 dB.

The project site is currently vacant. Therefore, it is reasonable to assume that the proposed project will result in an increase in temporary and/or periodic ambient noise levels on the subject property above existing levels.

Pursuant to Policy H-1-b of the Fresno General Plan, for purposes of City analyses of noise impacts, and for determining appropriate noise mitigation, a significant increase in

ambient noise levels is assumed if the project causes ambient noise levels to exceed the following: (1) The ambient noise level is less than 60 db Ldn and the project increase noise levels by 5 dB or more; (2) The ambient noise level is 60-65 dB Ldn and the project increases noise levels by 3 dB or more; or, (3) The ambient noise level is greater than 65 dB Ldn and the project increases noise levels by 1.5 dB or more.

Short Tern Noise Impacts

The construction of a project involves both short-term, construction related noise, and long term noise potentially generated by increases in area traffic, nearby stationary sources, or other transportation sources. The Fresno Municipal Code (FMC) allows for construction noise in excess of standards if it complies with the section below (Chapter 10, Article 1, Section 10-109 – Exemptions). It states that the provisions of Article 1 – Noise Regulations of the FMC shall not apply to:

Construction, repair or remodeling work accomplished pursuant to a building, electrical, plumbing, mechanical, or other construction permit issued by the city or other governmental agency, or to site preparation and grading, provided such work takes place between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. on any day except Sunday.

Thus, construction activity would be exempt from City of Fresno noise regulations, as long as such activity is conducted pursuant to an applicable construction permit and occurs between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m., excluding Sunday. Therefore, short-term construction impacts associated with the exposure of persons to or the generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the general plan or noise ordinance or applicable standards of other agencies would be less than significant.

Long Term Noise Impacts

The proposed project includes future residential and commercial development. The FMC's Noise Ordinance states commercial zoned properties shall not exceed 50 dB from 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m., 55 dB from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and 60 dB from 7:a.m. to 7 p.m.

The immediate vicinity consists of primarily residential users, which have similar noise level requirements during the day. Although the project will create additional activity in the area, the project will be required to comply with all noise policies from the Fresno General Plan and noise ordinance from the FMC. It may be noted however that a minimum six-foot high solid masonry wall will be required to be constructed along all residential property lines which are a district boundary with non-residentially zoned property in accordance with the requirements of the Fresno Municipal Code. Acoustical analyses may be required upon submittal of future entitlement applications for commercial development where loading operations are proposed to occur in proximity to adjacent residential uses. However, any assumptions for this purpose at this time are speculative and therefore potential future impacts and mitigation shall be identified within a certified acoustical study where circumstances demand.

Although the project will create additional activity in the area, the project will be required to comply with all noise policies and mitigation measures identified within the Fresno General Plan and MEIR as well as the noise ordinance of the Fresno Municipal Code.

In conclusion, with the project specific mitigation imposed, the proposed project would not result in any noise environmental impacts beyond those analyzed in MEIR SCH No. 2012111015.

Mitigation Measures

1. The proposed project shall implement and incorporate, as applicable, the Noise related mitigation measures as identified in the attached Master Environmental Impact Report SCH No. 111015 Fresno General Plan Mitigation Monitoring Checklist dated October 21, 2016.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
XIII. POPULATION AND HOUSING - Would the project:				
a) Induce substantial 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)?			X	
b) Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?	1			х
c) Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				х

The subject site is currently designated by the Fresno General Plan for Community Commercial Planned Land Uses for an approximately 2.09 acre portion of the subject property; Medium-Low Density Residential (3.5-6 dwelling units/acre) uses for an approximately 4.47 acre portion of the subject property; and, Urban Neighborhood (16-30 dwelling units/acre) uses for an approximately 14.37 acre portion of the subject

property. gross acres). The subject plan amendment application proposes to change the planned land use designation for the entirety of the subject property to Medium Density Residential (5.0-12 dwelling units/acre).

The site is located within an area that has been predominantly developed with single family residences and which is planned for urban residential uses. Properties to the north, west and south of the subject property have all been subdivided and developed with single family residential tracts; the earliest beginning in 1998 and the latest occurring as recent as 2007. The majority of the properties directly to the east of the subject property and across South Fowler Avenue remain in the unincorporated area of the County of Fresno and have been developed with rural residences. Approximately seven acres of land located at the immediate northeast corner of the intersection of East Church and South Fowler Avenue remain vacant but were previously annexed into the City and have been zoned for RM-2 (Multi-Family, Urban Neighborhood). Properties further to the east are also located within the incorporated boundary of the City of Fresno and are currently being developed as single family residential tracts. Approximately 120 acres of land located at the southeast corner of the intersection of South Fowler and East Church Avenues have also been purchased and will be developed as a Sanger Unified School District Middle- and High School campus and are expected to develop over the life of the proposed project.

The subject property is currently designated by the Fresno General Plan for Medium-Low Density Residential (±22 acres), Medium Density Residential (±35 acres), Residential Multi-Family Urban Neighborhood (±15 acres) and Open Space/Neighborhood Park (±6 acres) land uses and has been zoned accordingly.

Plan Amendment Application No. A-16-014 proposes to amend the Fresno General Plan and Roosevelt Community Plan to change the planned land use designations for the subject property to Medium Density Residential (±50 acres), Residential Multi-Family Urban Neighborhood (±18 acres), Community Commercial (±7 acres), and Open Space/Neighborhood Park (±3 acres) with a dual designation of Medium Density Residential.

The subject property remains vacant and was annexed to the City of Fresno in 1982 as part of Annexation No. 1062.

Therefore, the subject property qualifies as an Infill Area; defined by the Fresno General Plan as being within the City on December 31, 2012.

Objective UF-12 and Policy LU-1-a of the Fresno General Plan promote new development within existing City limits and direct the City to locate roughly one-half of future residential development in infill areas – defined as being within the City on December 31, 2012 – including non-corridor infill areas, and vacant land.

The Fresno General Plan provides that Fresno needs to promote well-designed infill and rehabilitation throughout the City, not just along corridors. This includes single-

family lots, small multi-family lots and small subdivisions. There will also be revitalization and rehabilitation over the years of small retail centers, employment center and some multi-family properties. The infill development and redevelopments will focus on creating Complete Neighborhoods in existing areas. Some tools that can be used to accomplish this include: connectivity, financial incentives for investing in established neighborhoods, design compatibility, providing missing uses such as recreation, enhanced landscaping and maintenance of public right-of-way areas, and providing community-based services.

The proposed project facilitates development of a Complete Neighborhood in accordance with the goals, objectives and policies of the Fresno General Plan. Furthermore, the proposed project includes Housing Element required inventory of Urban Neighborhood Residential (16-30.0 dwelling units per acre) planned property.

Therefore, the proposed project will create a less than significant impact on population. Furthermore, the subject site is currently vacant. Therefore, the proposed project does not have the potential to displace persons as a result of development thereon.

No population and housing impacts will result from the proposed project beyond what was analyzed in the Master Environmental Impact Report SCH No. 2012111015 for the Fresno General Plan.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
XIV. PUBLIC SERVICES				
a) Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, 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 public services:				
Fire protection?				X
Police protection?				Х
Drainage and flood control?		Х		

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
Parks?			X	
Schools?				Х
Other public services?				X

The Department of Public Utilities (DPU) has determined that adequate sanitary sewer and water services are available to serve the project site subject to implementation of the Fresno General Plan policies and the mitigation measures of the related Master Environmental Impact Report; and, the construction and installation of public facilities and infrastructure in accordance with Department of Public Works standards, specifications and policies.

For sanitary sewer service these infrastructure improvements and facilities include typical requirements for construction and extension of sanitary sewer mains and branches within the interior of future proposed tracts/development projects. The proposed project will also be required to provide payment of sewer connection charges.

Implementation of the Fresno General Plan policies and the mitigation measures of the associated Master Environmental Impact Report, along with the implementation of the Water Resources Management Plan and the identified project related conditions of approval, which will include water main extensions within the South Fowler Avenue across the subject property frontage as well as within the interior of future proposed tracts/development projects. Installation of these services with meters to proposed residential and commercial lots will provide an adequate, reliable, and sustainable water supply for the project's urban domestic and public safety consumptive purposes.

The City of Fresno Fire Department reviewed the proposed project and has determined that adequate Fire service will be available subject to future requirements for development which will include installation of public fire hydrants and the provision of adequate fire flows per Public Works Standards, with two sources water; installation of fire sprinklers within future commercial buildings; and the provision of two means of emergency access during all phases of construction. Review for compliance with fire and life safety requirements for the interior of proposed buildings and the intended use are reviewed by both the Fire Department and the Building and Safety Services Section of the Development and Resource Management Department when a submittal for building plan review is made as required by the California Building Code.

According to the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District (FMFCD), the subject site is not located within a flood prone or hazard area. However, the District's existing Master Plan drainage system is designed to serve medium density residential uses and the

existing Master Plan storm drainage facilities do not have capacity to serve the proposed land use. The developer will therefore be required to mitigate the impacts of the increased runoff from the proposed use to a rate that would be expected if developed to medium density residential. The developer may either make improvements to the existing pipeline system to provide additional capacity or may use some type of permanent peak reducing facility in order to eliminate adverse impacts on the existing system. Should the developer choose to construct a permanent peak-reducing facility, such a system would be required to reduce runoff from a ten-year storm produced by the proposed land use, to a two-year discharge which would be produced by the property if developed with medium density residential. Implementation of the mitigation measures may be deferred to until time of development.

Lot coverage will be required to be provided to the FMFCD prior to submittal of improvement plans. The final drainage fee will be calculated commensurate with the lot coverage provided by the developer. If the lot coverage indicates a density higher than Master Planned, mitigation may be required. The lot coverage calculated by the FMFCD includes the front yard walkway, sidewalk walkway and the rear yard patio equaling an additional 6% of impervious area in addition to the City typical lot coverage calculation.

The developer will be required to provide improvements which will convey surface drainage to Master Plan inlets and which will provide a path for major storm conveyance. When development permits are issued, the subject site will be required to pay drainage fees pursuant to the Drainage Fee Ordinance.

The proposed project will include the development and dedication of an approximately three acre public neighborhood park, which will be centrally located within the project and constructed with the initial phase of development. Demand for parks generated by the project is within planned services levels of the City of Fresno Parks and Community Services Department and the applicant will pay any required impact fees at the time building permits are obtained or receive credits for construction as may be memorialized within a subdivision or development agreement. Maintenance will be afforded through annexation into a Community Facilities District (CFD).

Any future development occurring as a result of the proposed project may have an effect on the District's student housing capacity. The District, through local funding, is in a position to mitigate its shortage of classrooms to accommodate planned population growth for the foreseeable future. However, the District recognizes that the legislature, as a matter of law, has deemed under Government Code Section 65996, that all school facilities impacts are mitigated as a consequence of SB 50 Level 1, 2 and 3 developer fee legislative provisions. The developer will pay appropriate impact fees at time of building permits.

Mitigation Measures

1. The proposed project shall implement and incorporate, as applicable, the Public

Service related mitigation measures as identified in the attached Master Environmental Impact Report SCH No. 111015 Fresno General Plan Mitigation Monitoring Checklist dated October 21, 2016.

2. The proposed project shall implement and incorporate the Public Service related mitigation measures as identified in the attached Project Specific Mitigation Monitoring Checklist dated October 21, 2016.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	Potentially Significant Impact	 Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
XV. RECREATION			_
a) Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?			х
b) Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?		X	

The proposed project will not result in the physical deterioration of existing parks or recreational facilities; and, will not require expansion of existing recreational facilities or affect recreational services beyond what was analyzed in the MEIR for the Fresno General Plan.

The proposed project will include the development and dedication of a new approximately three acre public neighborhood park, which will be centrally located within the project and constructed with the initial phase of development. Demand for parks generated by the project is within planned services levels of the City of Fresno Parks and Community Services Department and the applicant will pay any required impact fees at the time building permits are obtained or receive credits for construction as may be memorialized within a subdivision or development agreement. Maintenance will be afforded through annexation into a Community Facilities District (CFD).

In conclusion, the proposed project would not result in any recreation environmental impacts beyond those analyzed in MEIR SCH No. 2012111015.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
XVI. TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC Would the project:				
a) Conflict with an applicable plan, ordinance or policy establishing measures of effectiveness for the performance of the circulation system, taking into account all modes of transportation including mass transit and non-motorized travel and relevant components of the circulation system, including but not limited to intersections, streets, highways and freeways, pedestrian and bicycle paths and mass transit?		X		
b) Conflict with an applicable congestion management program, including but not limited to level of service standards and travel demand measures or other standards established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways?		X		
c) Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that result in substantial safety risks?				х
d) Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?				Х
e) Result in inadequate emergency access?				Х

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
f) Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs regarding public transit, bicycle, or pedestrian facilities, or otherwise decrease the performance or safety of such facilities?				х

The Fresno General Plan designates East Church and South Fowler Avenues as collector streets; and, South Fowler Avenue as an Arterial street. Future development of respective phases/sub-phases of the proposed project will be required to dedicate and construct improvements along all major street frontages and on all interior local streets within future subdivisions.

The proposed project will also provide and facilitate additional pedestrian connectivity through the provisions of public, common open space in the form of a neighborhood park centrally located on the subject property with contiguous linear open spaces areas and connection points from the central park to all adjacent land uses and major street frontages.

The proposed project is located within Traffic Impact Zone III pursuant to Figure MT-4 of the Fresno General Plan, which generally represents areas near or outside the City Limits but within the Sphere of Influence (SOI) as of December 31, 2012.

In accordance with Policy MT-2-i of the Fresno General Plan, when a project includes a General Plan amendment that changes the General Plan Land Use Designation, a Transportation Impact Study (TIS) is required in order to assess the impacts of new development projects on existing and planned streets.

Plan Amendment Application No. A-16-014 proposes to amend the Fresno General Plan and the Roosevelt Community Plan to change the planned land use designations for the subject property from Medium-Low Density Residential (±22 acres), Medium Density Residential (±35 acres), Residential Multi-Family Urban Neighborhood (±15 acres), Neighborhood Park (±6 acres) to Medium Density Residential (±50 acres), Residential Multi-Family Urban Neighborhood (±18 acres), Community Commercial (±7 acres), and Open Space (±3 acres) for purposes of a Neighborhood Park with a dual designation of Medium Density Residential.

Therefore, a Traffic Impact Study was prepared for the proposed project by Yamabe & Horn Engineering, Inc., which evaluates projected trip generation based upon the highest trip rates and potential impacts associated with development occurring on the

subject property in accordance with the densities and intensities permissible by the Fresno General Plan and Municipal Code respective to the land uses and zoning proposed with Plan Amendment Application No. A-16-014 and Rezone Application No. R-16-013.

Applying the factors outlined in the Institute of Traffic Engineers (ITE) Trip Generation Manual, the proposed project on the approximately 78 acre subject property would generate 11,581 Average Daily Trips (ADT), with 764 vehicle trips occurring during the morning peak hour travel period (7 to 9 a.m.) and 991 vehicle trips occurring during the evening peak hour travel period (4 to 6 p.m.).

If developed consistent with the existing planned land use designations, the same approximately 78 acre subject property would generate 8,248 ADT, with 644 a.m. peak hour trips and 831 p.m. peak hour trips. Therefore, the proposed project would result in an increase of 3,333 ADT, 120 a.m. peak hour trips and 160 p.m. peak hour trips over the life of the project.

The analysis of traffic operations within the MEIR was conducted based on roadway segments representative of the City overall transportation network. Traffic volumes on the selected roadway segment analysis is based on traffic counts taken at single location or link, which was intended to be representative of the entire segment. A link connects two intersections; a segment is a series of links. Traffic operations on the study roadway segments were measured using a qualitative measure called Level of Service (LOS). LOS is a general measure of traffic operating conditions whereby a letter grade, from "A" (the best) to "F" (the worst), is assigned. These grades represent the perspective of drivers and are an indication of the comfort and convenience associated with driving, as well as speed, travel time, traffic interruptions, and freedom to maneuver.

The threshold established by the Fresno General Plan in TIZ III is Level of Service "D" representing a high-density, but stable flow. Users experience severe restriction in speed and freedom to maneuver, with poor levels of comfort and convenience.

In accordance with Fresno General Plan Policy MT-2-I, a Traffic Impact Study (TIS) was prepared to assess the impacts of the new development on existing and planned streets combined with future projects (including development of the approximately 120 acre future Sanger Unified School District middle- and high-school to be located at the southeast corner of the intersection of East Church and South Fowler Avenues) for cumulative considerations. This assessment evaluated the impacts of the project by analyzing the following 15 study intersections in the vicinity of the project during the AM and PM peak hours for the four traffic analysis scenarios required by the City of Fresno as well as one additional scenario based on the phasing of the proposed project. These scenarios include: (1) Existing Conditions; (2) Existing plus Project Conditions; (3) Near Term (Existing plus Approved/Pending Projects plus Proposed Project) Conditions; (4) Year 2025 cumulative plus Phase 1 & 2 Project Conditions and, (5) Cumulative Year 2035 plus Project Conditions.

Study Intersections:

- 1. East Church Avenue & South Sunnyside Avenue
- 2. East Church Avenue & South Fowler Avenue
- 3. East Jensen Avenue & South Fowler Avenue
- 4. East Jensen Avenue & South Sunnyside Avenue
- 5. East Jensen Avenue & South Clovis Avenue
- 6. East Church Avenue & South Clovis Avenue
- 7. East California Avenue & South Clovis Avenue
- 8. East Butler Avenue & South Clovis Avenue
- 9. East Butler Avenue & South Fowler Avenue
- 10. East Hamilton Avenue & South Fowler Avenue
- 11. East California Avenue & South Fowler Avenue
- 12. East California Avenue & South Sunnyside Avenue
- 13. South Sunnyside Avenue & Site Access #1
- 14. South Fowler Avenue & Site Access #2
- 15. East Church Avenue & Site Access #3

In summary, based on the analyses included in the TIS, the study intersections are currently operating at or above the TIZ III LOS D Standard. With the addition of Phase 1 of the project, the study intersections are projected to continue to operate at or above the TIZ II LOS D standard. Phase 1 of the proposed project was evaluated with consideration to Medium Density Residential development on ±50 acres of the subject property, Residential Multi-Family Urban Neighborhood development on ±5 acres of the subject property and development of a Neighborhood Park on ±3 acres of the subject property. The components of Phase 1 will encompass the approximate northerly one-half of the subject property as well as the approximate westerly one-half of the southerly portion of the subject property.

With the addition of Phase 2 of the project, the approved/pending projects and cumulative growth to the year 2020, the intersections of Fowler and Church Avenues and Fowler and Butler Avenues are projected to operate below the TIZ III LOS D standard in the 2025 analyses, which included both Phases 1 & 2 of the project, approved/pending project and cumulative growth to the year 2025. Phase 2 of the proposed project was evaluated with consideration to Residential Multi-Family Urban Neighborhood development on ±13 acres of the subject property and development of neighborhood serving Community Commercial development on ±7 acres of the subject property. The components of Phase 2 will encompass the easterly one-half of the southerly portion of the subject property.

The intersection of Fowler Avenue & Church Avenue (Node 2) is projected to be impacted during the AM peak hour with a Level of Service E. This is mainly from addition growth in the area and the Sanger Unified School District project as the south east corner of Fowler Avenue and Church Avenue. The addition of an eastbound receiving lane and opening the #2 eastbound plus the addition of a second westbound approach lane, shared through/right will allow the intersection to operate at an

acceptable Level of Service D (AM) & C (PM) as an all-way stop. The improvements for this are needed with the buildout of the Sanger Unified School District at the south east corner of Fowler & Church. The TIS recommends that the Sanger Unified School District provide the addition capacity with the buildout of their campus.

The intersection of Fowler Avenue & Butler Avenue (Node 9) is projected to be impacted during the AM & PM peak hour with a Level of Service E & F. This is mainly from additional growth in the area, the additional trips from Phase 2 and the Sanger Unified School District project as the southeast corner of Fowler Avenue and Church Avenue. Fowler Avenue is listed in the 2035 General Plan as being an acceptable Level of Service F, TIZ-II (generally representing areas of the City which are currently built up and where development is encouraged), from Kings Canyon to Hamilton. The intersection was modeled in Synchro with the addition lanes added to improve the LOS to D and is included in the report. However, due to the existing buildout and the acceptance of a lower Level of Service per the City's 2035 General Plan, no mitigation is recommended or proposed.

In addition to the intersections identified in the 2025 analyses, the intersection of Clovis and Jensen Avenues and Fowler and California Avenues are projected to operate below the TIZ III LOS D standard in the 2035 analyses. Clovis Avenue and Jensen Avenue was modeled with exclusive right turn lanes for all approaches and the Level of Service improved to LOS D. It is recommended that the City include these improvements in their TSMI fee program. The project will pay into the TSMI fee program to mitigate this impact. A traffic signal is recommended to mitigate the 2035 cumulative conditions. A traffic signal warrant analysis is recommended just prior to Phase 2 commercial development. The Proposed Project will also pay the City of Fresno Major Street Impact fees and TSMI fees to mitigate impacts.

Although some study intersections have been projected to operate below the TIZ III LOS D standard under various scenarios, it must be noted that the General Plan Update accepts lower LOS values (e.g. TIZ II - Fowler Avenue between Kings Canyon Road and Hamilton Avenue). This reflects a change in policy for the City of Fresno to acknowledge that transportation planning based solely on roadway LOS, which considers only driver comfort and convenience, is not desirable since it fails to acknowledge other users of the circulation system and other community values. In evaluating the roadway system, a lower LOS may be desired when balanced against other community values related to resource protection, social equity, economic development, and consideration of pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users. In addition, roadway LOS is directly linked to roadway infrastructure costs. A higher LOS results in greater expenditure of infrastructure for wider roadways that do not necessarily serve all users of the circulation system and may compete with other policies of the General Plan Update.

The Fresno General Plan utilizes and encourages strategic initiatives in compliance with the California Complete Streets Act, which provides priority and emphasis on a multimodal transportation system; more transportation options result in fewer traffic jams and the overall capacity of the transportation network increases. Therefore, providing more transportation options will allow the City to meet its future travel demands without solely relying on motorized vehicles.

Furthermore, in 2014, through passage of Council Resolution No. 2014-225, the City of Fresno adopted Findings of Fact related to Significant and Unavoidable Effects as well as Statements of Overriding Considerations in order to certify Master Environmental Impact Report SCH No. 111015 for purposes of adoption of the Fresno General Plan. Section 15093 of the California Environmental Quality Act requires the lead agency to balance the benefits of a proposed project against its unavoidable environmental risks in determining whether to approve the project.

In keeping with the strategic initiatives and with consideration to balancing the roadway system against other community values, the adopted Statements of Overriding Considerations for the MEIR addressed Findings of Significant Unavoidable Impacts within the categories/areas of Transportation and Traffic; citing specific economic, legal, social, technological, or other considerations, including provision of employment opportunities for highly trained workers as project goals, each and all of which were deemed and considered by the Fresno City Council to be benefits, which outweighed the unavoidable adverse environmental effects attributed to development occurring within the City of Fresno Sphere of Influence (SOI), consistent with the land uses, densities, and intensities set forth in the Fresno General Plan.

The Public Works Department, Traffic Engineering Division has reviewed the potential traffic related impacts for the proposed project and has determined that the streets adjacent to and near the subject site will be able to accommodate the quantity and kind of traffic which may be potentially generated subject to the standard city requirements for street improvements and subject to the project specific mitigation measures determined applicable by the City of Fresno Traffic Engineer. These requirements generally include: (1) The provision of a minimum two points of vehicular access to major streets for any phase of the development; (2) Major and local street dedications; (3) Street improvements, (including, but not limited to, construction of concrete curbs, gutters, pavement, underground street lighting systems; (4) Payment of applicable impact fees (including, but not limited to, the Traffic Signal Mitigation Impact (TSMI) Fee, Fresno Major Street Impact (FMSI) Fee, and the Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee (RTMF) Fee; and, (5) Traffic signal construction or modification at the intersections of Fowler Avenue with Church and Jensen Avenues prior to occupancies for any portion of proposed Phase 2 development.

Based upon the findings contained within the project TIS and the Fresno General Plan MEIR, with implementation of the Fresno General Plan goals, objectives and policies, including the project specific mitigation measures identified in the associated environmental assessment (Mitigated Negative Declaration for EA No. A-16-014/R-16-013/T-6165 dated October 21, 2016, impacts to roadways within TIZ II & III would be less than significant.

Therefore, the Public Works Department/Traffic Engineering Division has determined that, based upon the proposed traffic yield from and the expected traffic generation of the proposed project for the subject property, the proposed project will not adversely impact the existing and projected circulation system based upon implementation of the mitigation measures included within the MEIR and based upon compliance with the project specific mitigation measures referenced herein below.

The area street plans are the product of careful planning that projects traffic capacity needs based on the densities and intensities of planned land uses anticipated at build-out of the planned area. These streets will provide adequate access to, and recognize the traffic generating characteristics of, individual properties and, at the same time, afford the community an adequate and efficient circulation system; no substantial increase in transportation or traffic is expected to result.

Mitigation Measures

- 1. The proposed project shall implement and incorporate, as applicable, the Transportation/Traffic related mitigation measures as identified in the attached Master Environmental Impact Report SCH No. 2012111015 Fresno General Plan Mitigation Monitoring Checklist dated October 21, 2016.
- 2. The proposed project shall implement and incorporate the Transportation/Traffic related mitigation measures as identified in the attached Project Specific Mitigation Monitoring Checklist dated October 21, 2016.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
XVII. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS Would the project:		<i>"</i>		
a) Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?				Х
b) Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?			x	

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
c) Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?			X	
d) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed?			X	
e) Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?				X
f) Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs?				х
g) Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?				x

The Department of Public Utilities has determined that adequate sanitary sewer and water services will be available to serve the proposed project subject to the payment of any applicable connection charges and/or fees and extension of services in a manner which is compliant with the Department of Public Utilities standards, specifications, and policies.

Sanitary sewer and water service delivery is also subject to payment of applicable connection charges and/or fees; compliance with the Department of Public Utilities standards, specifications, and policies; the rules and regulations of the California Public Utilities Commission and California Health Services; and, implementation of the Citywide program for the completion of incremental expansions to facilities for planned water supply, treatment, and storage.

The project site will be serviced by solid waste division and will have water and sewer facilities available subject to the conditions stipulated for the proposed project.

The proposed project is not expected to exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board. Impacts to storm drainage facilities have been previously discussed under the Water and Hydrology and Public Service sections included within this analysis herein above. While the proposed project will result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction such facilities will not cause significant environmental effects.

In conclusion, the project will not result in any utilities and service system impacts beyond those analyzed in MEIR SCH No. 2012111015.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
XVIII. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE				
a) Does the project have the potential to 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 endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?				X

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
b) Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)?			X	
c) Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?			X	

The proposed project is considered to be proposed at a size and scope which is neither a direct or indirect detriment to the quality of the environment through reductions in habitat, populations, or examples of local history (through either individual or cumulative impacts).

The proposed project does not have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment or reduce the habitat of wildlife species and will not threaten plant communities or endanger any floral or faunal species. Furthermore the project has no potential to eliminate important examples of major periods in history.

Therefore, as noted in preceding sections of this Initial Study, there is no evidence in the record to indicate that incremental environmental impacts facilitated by this project would be cumulatively significant. There is also no evidence in the record that the proposed project would have any adverse impacts directly, or indirectly, on human beings.

In summary, given the mitigation measures required of the proposed project and the analysis detailed in the preceding Initial Study, the proposed project:

- > Does not have environmental impacts which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly nor indirectly.
- ➤ Does not have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish/wildlife or native plant species (or cause their population to drop below self-sustaining levels), does not threaten to eliminate a native plant or

- animal community, and does not threaten or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal.
- > Does not eliminate important examples of elements of California history or prehistory.
- > Does not have impacts which would be cumulatively considerable even though individually limited.

Therefore, there are no mandatory findings of significance and preparation of an Environmental Impact Report is not warranted for this project.

EXHIBIT C

City of Fresno General Plan and Development Code Update Mitigation and Monitoring Reporting Program (MMRP) for Environmental Assessment No.

A-16-014/R-16-013/T-6165

Conducted for Plan Amendment Application No. A-16-014, Rezone Application No. R-16-013, and Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 6165/UGM

dated October 21, 2016

PURSUANT TO CERTIFIED MASTER ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (MEIR) SCH No. 2012111015

This mitigation measure monitoring and reporting checklist was prepared pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15097 and Section 21081.6 of the Public Resources Code (PRC). It was certified as part of the Fresno City Council's approval of the MEIR for the Fresno General Plan update (Fresno City Council Resolution 2014-225, adopted December 18, 2014).

Letter designations to the right of each MEIR mitigation measure listed in this Exhibit note how the mitigation measure relates to the environmental assessment of the above-listed project, according to the key found at right and at the bottoms of the following pages:

A - Incorporated into Project
B - Mitigated
C - Mitigation in Progress
D - Responsible Agency Contacted
E - Part of City-wide Program
F - Not Applicable

The timing of implementing each mitigation measure is identified in in the checklist, as well as identifies the entity responsible for

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Section 5.1 - Aesthetics:

MM AES-1. Lighting systems for street and parking areas shall Prior to issuance Public Works	Prior to issuance	Public Works	×
include shields to direct light to the roadway surfaces and of building	of building	Department	
parking areas. Vertical shields on the light fixtures shall also be permits	permits	(PW) and	
used to direct light away from adjacent light sensitive land uses		Development &	
such as residences.		Resource	
Verification comments: Review of specific lighting		Management	
유		Dept. (DARM)	
application/entitlement review prior to development on any			

MITIGATION MEASURE	WHEN	COMPLIANCE VERIFIED BY	A B	O O	ш	ш
lot created from recordation of a tract map for any portion of the subject property.						
Aesthetics (continued):						
MM AES-2: Lighting systems for public facilities such as active play areas shall provide adequate illumination for the activity; however, low intensity light fixtures and shields shall be used to minimize spillover light onto adjacent properties. Verification comments: Review of specific lighting systems and locations for any future proposed public facilities to occur with special permit application/entitlement review prior to development on any lot created from recordation of a Tract Map for any portion of the subject property.	Prior to issuance of building permits	DARM.	×			
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MM AES-3: Lighting systems for non-residential uses, not including public facilities, shall provide shields on the light fixtures and orient the lighting system away from adjacent properties. Low intensity light fixtures shall also be used if excessive spillover light onto adjacent properties will occur. Verification comments: Review of specific lighting systems and locations to occur with special permit application/entitlement review prior to development on any lot created from recordation of a tract map for any portion of the subject property.	Prior to issuance of building permits	DARM	×			

C - Mitigation in Process
D - Responsible Agency Contacted

A - Incorporated into Project B - Mitigated

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MM AES-4: Lighting systems for freestanding signs shall not exceed 100 foot Lamberts (FT-L) when adjacent to streets which have an average light intensity of less than 2.0 horizontal footcandles and shall not exceed 500 FT-L when adjacent to streets which have an average light intensity of 2.0 horizontal footcandles or greater.	Prior to issuance of building permits	DARM	×					
Verification comments: Review of specific lighting systems and locations to occur with sign review applications prior to issuance of signage permits for any portion of the subject property.								

Aesthetics (continued):

MM AES-5: Materials used on building facades shall be non-	Prior to	DARM	×
reflective.	development		
Verification comments: Review of specific building	project approval		
elevations and locations to occur with special permit			
application/entitlement review prior to development on any			
any portion of the subject property.			

A - Incorporated into ProjectB - Mitigated

C - Mitigation in Process D - Responsible Agency Contacted

E - Part of City-Wide Program F - Not Applicable

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Section 5.3 - Air Quality:

Mitigation thresholds for NO2 and PM2.5. If projects exceed screening assessment shall be accomplished and if needed, mitigation measures to reduce impacts shall be included in the project to deliveries per day with sensitive receptors located within 300 feet of the truck loading area shall provide a screening analysis to determine if the project has the potential to exceed concentration based standards and criteria, refined dispersion modeling and health risk MM AIR-1: Projects that include five or more heavy-duty truck reduce the impacts to the extent feasible. measures include but are not limited to: pollutant criteria

- sensitive receptors as reasonably possible considering site Locate loading docks and truck access routes as far from design limitations to comply with other City design standards.
- Post signs requiring drivers to limit idling to 5 minutes or less.

× DARM project approval; posting of signs to be completed truck unloading/ completed prior to-development Analysis to be prior to use of loading areas

Air Quality (continued):

MM AIR-2: Projects that result in an increased cancer risk of Control	Control
10 in a million or exceed criteria pollutant ambient air quality	measures to be
standards shall implement site-specific measures that reduce	incorporated into
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risk to less than 10 in a million. Possible control measures	prior to
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Ŀ	Locate loading docks and truck access routes as far from sensitive receptors as reasonably possible considering site design limitations to comply with other City design standards.						
• •	Post signs requiring drivers to limit idling to 5 minutes or less Construct block walls to reduce the flow of emissions toward sensitive recentors						
•	Install a vegetative barrier downwind from the TAC source that can absorb a portion of the diesel PM emissions						
•	For projects proposing to locate a new building containing sensitive receptors near existing sources of TAC emissions, install HEPA filters in HVAC systems to reduce TAC emission levels exceeding risk thresholds.						
•	Install heating and cooling services at truck stops to eliminate the need for idling during overnight stops to run onboard systems.						
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 MM AIR-2 (continued from previous page): For large distribution centers where the owner controls the vehicle fleet, provide facilities to support alternative fueled trucks powered by fuels such as natural gas or bio-diesel Utilize electric powered material handling equipment where feasible for the weight and volume of material to be moved. 	[see previous page]	[see previous page]					
MM AIR-3: Require developers proposing projects on ARB's list of projects in its Air Quality and Land Use Handbook (Handbook) warranting special consideration to prepare a cumulative health risk assessment when sensitive receptors are located within the distance screening criteria of the facility as listed in the ARB Handbook or newer regulatory criteria that may be adopted by the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD).	Prior to development project approval	DARM				×	×

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MM AIR-5: Require developers of projects with the potential to generate significant odor impacts as determined through dereview of SJVAPCD odor complaint history for similar facilities puland consultation with the SJVAPCD to prepare an odor impact assessment and to implement odor control measures recommended by the SJVAPCD or the City to the extent needed to reduce the impact to less than significant.	Prior to development project approval	DARM					

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where possible, vegetation of a proposed project should avoid, where possible, vegetation communities that provide suitable habitat for a special-status species known to occur within the Planning Area. If construction within potentially suitable habitat must occur, the presence/absence of any special-status plant or wildlife species must be determined prior to construction, to determine if the habitat supports any special-status species. If a special-status species are determined to occupy any portion of a project site, avoidance and minimization measures shall be incorporated into the construction phase of a project to avoid direct or incidental take of a listed species to the greatest extent feasible.	MM BIO-2: Direct or incidental take of any state or federally Prior to

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listed species should be avoided to the greatest extent feasible. If construction of a proposed project will result in the direct or incidental take of a listed species, consultation with the resources agencies and/or additional permitting may be required. Agency consultation through the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) 2081 and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Section 7 or Section 10 permitting processes must take place prior to any action that (continued on next page)	development project approval						

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MM BIO-2 (continued from previous page) may result in the direct or incidental take of a listed species. Specific mitigation measures for direct or incidental impacts to a listed species will be determined on a case-by-case basis through agency consultation.	[see previous page]	[see previous page]	
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avoid, where possible, special-status natural communities and vegetation communities that provide suitable habitat for special-status species. If a proposed project will result in the loss of a special-status natural community or suitable habitat for special-status species, compensatory habitat-based mitigation is required under CEQA and the California Endangered Species Act (CESA). Mitigation will consist of preserving on-site habitat, restoring similar habitat or purchasing off-site credits from an approved mitigation bank. Compensatory mitigation will be determined through consultation with the City and/or resource agencies. An appropriate mitigation strategy and ratio will be agreed upon by the developer and lead agency to reduce project impacts to special-status natural communities to a less than significant	development project approval							
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MM BIO-3 (continued from previous page): level. Agreed-upon mitigation ratios will depend on the quality of the habitat and presence/absence of a special-status species. The specific mitigation for project level impacts will be determined on a case-by-case basis.	[see previous page]	[see previous page]	
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avoid, if possible, construction within the general nesting season of February through August for avian species protected under Fish and Game Code 3500 and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA), if it is determined that suitable nesting habitat occurs on a project site. If construction cannot avoid the nesting season, a pre-construction clearance survey must be conducted to determine if any nesting birds or nesting activity is observed on or within 500-feet of a project site. If an active nest is observed during the survey, a biological monitor must be on site to ensure that no proposed project activities would impact the active nest. A suitable buffer will be established around the active nest until the nestlings have fledged and the nest is no longer active. Project activities	development project approval and during construction activities							
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may continue in the vicinity of the nest only at the discretion of	pagel	
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impact to any riparian habitat and/or a special-status natural community with potential to occur in the Planning Area, compensatory habitat-based mitigation shall be required to reduce project impacts. Compensatory mitigation must involve the preservation or restoration or the purchase of offsite mitigation credits for impacts to riparian habitat and/or a special-status natural community. Mitigation must be conducted in-kind or within an approved mitigation bank in the region. The specific mitigation ratio for habitat-based mitigation will be determined through consultation with the appropriate agency (<i>i.e.</i> , CDFW and/or USFWS) on a case-by-case basis.	development project approval						

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also result in significant impacts to streambeds or waterways protected under Section 1600 of Fish and Wildlife Code and Section 404 of the CWA. CDFW and/or consultation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), determination of mitigation strategy, and regulatory permitting to reduce impacts, shall be implemented as required for projects that remove riparian habitat and/or alter a streambed or waterway.	development project approval						
special-status natural community may result in direct or incidental impacts to special-status species associated with riparian or wetland habitats. Project impacts to special-status species associated with riparian habitat shall be mitigated through agency consultation, development of a mitigation strategy, and/or issuing incidental take permits for the specific special-status species, as determined by the CDFW and/or USFWS.	Prior to development project approval	DARM					×

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alteration or fill of a federally protected wetland, a formal wetland delineation conducted according to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) accepted methodology is required for each project to determine the extent of wetlands on a project site. The delineation shall be used to determine if federal permitting and mitigation strategy are required to reduce project impacts. Acquisition of permits from USACE for the fill of wetlands and USACE approval of a wetland mitigation plan would ensure a "no net loss" of wetland habitat within the Planning Area. Appropriate wetland mitigation/creation shall be implemented in a ratio according to the size of the impacted wetland.	development project approval						
MM BIO-9: In addition to regulatory agency permitting, Best Management Practices (BMPs) identified from a list provided by the USACE shall be incorporated into the design and construction phase of the project to ensure that no pollutants or siltation drain into a federally protected wetland. Project design features such as fencing, appropriate drainage and (continued on next page)	Prior to development project approval; but for long-term operational BMPs, prior to issuance of occupancy	DARM					

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MM BIO-9 (continued from previous page): incorporating detention basins shall assist in ensuring project- related impacts to wetland habitat are minimized to the greatest extent feasible.	[see previous page]	[see previous page]				

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the resource requires further study. The qualified historical	activities
resources specialist shall make recommendations to the City	
on the measures that shall be implemented to protect the	
discovered resources, including but not limited to excavation	
of the finds and evaluation of the finds in accordance with	
Section 15064.5 of the CEQA Guidelines and the City's	
Historic Preservation Ordinance.	
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If the resources are determined to be unique historical resources as defined under Section 15064.5 of the CEQA Guidelines, measures shall be identified by the monitor and (continued on next page)

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archaeological resources are discovered during excavation and/or construction activities, construction shall stop in the immediate vicinity of the find and a qualified archaeologist shall be consulted to determine whether the resource requires further study. The qualified archaeologist shall make recommendations to the City on the measures that shall be implemented to protect the discovered resources, including but not limited to excavation of the finds and evaluation of the finds in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.5. If the resources are determined to be unique prehistoric archaeological resources as defined under Section 15064.5 of the CEQA Guidelines, mitigation measures shall be identified by the monitor and recommended to the Lead Agency. Appropriate measures for significant resources could include avoidance or capping, incorporation of the site in green space, parks, or open space, or data recovery excavations of the finds. No further grading shall occur in the area of the discovery until the Lead Agency approves the measures to protect these resources. Any prehistoric archaeological artifacts recovered as a result of mitigation shall be provided to a City-approved institution or person who is capable of	[see previous page]	[see previous page]					

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providing long-term preservation to allow future scientific study.						
If prehistoric resources are found during the field survey or literature review, the resources shall be inventoried using						
appropriate State record forms and submit the forms to the Southern San Joaquin Valley Information Center. The						
resources shall be evaluated for significance. If the resources are found to be significant, measures shall be identified by the						
avoidance or capping, incorporation of the site in green space, parks, or open space, or data recovery excavations of the						
finds.						
In addition, appropriate mitigation for excavation and construction activities in the vicinity of the resources found during the field survey or literature review shall include an						
archaeological monitor. The monitoring period shall be determined by the qualified archaeologist. If additional						
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MM CUL-2 (further continued from previous three pages) identified above for the discovery of unknown resources shall be followed Verification comments:	[see Page 14]	[see Page 14]					
mm cul-3: Subsequent to a preliminary City review of the project grading plans, if there is evidence that a project will include excavation or construction activities within previously undisturbed soils, a field survey and literature search for unique paleontological/geological resources shall be conducted. The following procedures shall be followed: If unique paleontological/geological resources are not found during either the field survey or literature search, excavation and/or construction activities can commence. In the event that unique paleontological/geological resources are discovered during excavation and/or construction activities, construction shall stop in the immediate vicinity of the find and a qualified paleontologist shall be consulted to determine whether the resource requires further study. The qualified paleontologist shall make recommendations to the City on the (continued on next page)	Prior to commencement of, and during, construction activities	DARM	×				

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be significant, mitigation measures shall be identified by the	
monitor and recommended to the Lead Agency. Appropriate	
mitigation measures for significant resources could include	
avoidance or capping, incorporation of the site in green space,	
parks, or open space, or data recovery excavations of the	
finds. No further grading shall occur in the area of the	
discovery until the Lead Agency approves the measures to	
protect these resources. Any paleontological/geological	
resources recovered as a result of mitigation shall be provided	
to a City-approved institution or person who is capable of	
providing long-term preservation to allow future scientific	
study.	

If unique paleontological/geological resources are found during the field survey or literature review, the resources shall be inventoried and evaluated for significance. If the resources are found to be significant, mitigation measures shall be identified by the qualified paleontologist. Similar to above, appropriate mitigation measures for significant resources could include avoidance or capping, incorporation of the site in green space, parks, or open space, or data recovery

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MM CUL-4 (continued from previous page) likely descendent of the deceased Native American, who shall then serve as the consultant on how to proceed with the remains. Pursuant to PRC Section 5097.98(b), upon the discovery of Native American remains, the landowner shall ensure that the immediate vicinity, according to generally accepted cultural or archaeological standards or practices, where the Native American human remains are located is not damaged or disturbed by further development activity until the landowner has discussed and conferred with the most likely descendants regarding their recommendations, if applicable, taking into account the possibility of multiple human remains. The landowner shall discuss and confer with the descendants all reasonable options regarding the descendants' preferences for treatment.	[see previous page]	[see previous page]						

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Section 5.8 - Hazards and Hazardous Materials

MM HAZ-1: Re-designate the existing vacant land proposed for low density residential use, located northwest of the intersection of East Garland Avenue and North Dearing Avenue and within Fresno Yosemite International Airport Zone 1-RPZ, to Open Space.	Prior to development approvals	DARM	×
MM HAZ-2: Limit the proposed low density residential at (1 to 3 dwelling units per acre) located northwest of the airport, and located within Fresno Yosemite International Airport Zone 3-Inner Turning Area, to 2 dwelling units per acre or less.	Prior to development approvals	DARM	×
MM HAZ-3: Re-designate the current area located within Fresno Yosemite International Airport Zone 5-Sideline northeast of the airport to Public Facilities-Airport or Open Space.	Prior to development approvals	DARM	×

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MM HAZ-4: Re-designate the current vacant lots located at the northeast corner of Kearney Boulevard and South Thorne Avenue to Public Facilities-Airport or Open Space.	Prior to development approvals	DARM		×
MM HAZ-5: Prohibit residential uses within Safety Zone 1 northwest of the Hawes Avenue and South Thorne Avenue intersection.	Prior to development approvals	DARM		×
MM HAZ-6: Establish an alternative Emergency Operations Center in the event the current Emergency Operations Center is under redevelopment or blocked.	Prior to redevelopment of the current Emergency Operations Center	Fresno Fire Department and Mayor/ City Manager's Office	^ ×	×

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Section 5.9 - Hydrology and Water Quality:	MM HYD-1: The City shall develop and implement water conservation measures to reduce the per capita water use to 215 gallons per capita per day. Verification comments:	MM HYD-2: The City shall continue to be an active participant in the Kings Water Authority and the implementation of the Kings Basin IRWMP. Verification comments:	 MM HYD-5.1: The City and partnering agencies shall implement the following measures to reduce the impacts on the capacity of existing or planned storm drainage Master Plan collection systems to less than significant. Implement the existing Storm Drainage Master Plan (SDMP) for collection systems in drainage areas where the amount of imperviousness is unaffected by the change in land uses. (continued on next page)

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 Update the SDMP in those drainage areas where the amount of imperviousness increased due to the change in land uses to determine the changes in the collection systems that would need to occur to provide adequate capacity for the stormwater runoff from the increased imperviousness. 	lagar.	haye.					
 Implement the updated SDMP to provide stormwater collection systems that have sufficient capacity to convey the peak runoff rates from the areas of increased imperviousness. 							
Require developments that increase site imperviousness to install, operate, and maintain FMFCD approved on-site detention systems to reduce the peak runoff rates resulting from the increased imperviousness to the peak runoff rates that will not exceed the capacity of the existing stormwater collection systems.							
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Consult the SDMP to analyze the impacts to existing and planned retention basins to determine remedial measures required to reduce the impact on retention basin capacity to less than significant. Remedial measures would include:

- Increase the size of the retention basin through the purchase of more land or deepening the basin or a combination for planned retention basins.
- Increase the size of the emergency relief pump capacity required to pump excess runoff volume out of the basin and into adjacent canal that convey the stormwater to a disposal facility for existing retention basins.
- Require developments that increase runoff volume to install, operate, and maintain, Low Impact Development (LID) measures to reduce runoff volume to the runoff volume that will not exceed the capacity of the existing retention basins.

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implement the following measures to reduce the impacts on the
capacity of existing or planned storm drainage Master Plan
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Consult the SDMP to determine the impacts to the urban detention basin weir overflow rates and determine remedial measures required to reduce the impact on the detention basin capacity to less than significant. Remedial measures would include:

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- Modify overflow weir to maintain the suspended solids removal rates adopted by the FMFCD Board of Directors.
- Increase the size of the urban detention basin to increase residence time by purchasing more land. The existing detention basins are already at the adopted design depth.
- Require developments that increase runoff volume to install, operate, and maintain, Low Impact Development (LID) measures to reduce peak runoff rates and runoff volume to the runoff rates and volumes that will not exceed the weir overflow rates of the existing urban detention basins.

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to reduce the impacts on the capacity of existing or planned storm drainage Master Plan pump disposal systems to less than significant.	exceedance of capacity of existing pump	DAKM, and PW					
 Consult the SDMP to determine the extent and degree to which the capacity of the existing pump system will be exceeded. 	disposal systems						
 Require new developments to install, operate, and maintain FMFCD design standard on-site detention facilities to reduce peak stormwater runoff rates to existing planned peak runoff rates. 							
 Provide additional pump system capacity to maximum allowed by existing permitting to increase the capacity to match or exceed the peak runoff rates determined by the SDMP. 							
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MM HYD-5.5: The City shall work with FMFCD to develop and adopt an update to the SDMP for the Southeast Development Area that would be adequately designed to collect, convey and dispose of runoff at the rates and volumes which would be generated by the planned land uses in that area.	Prior to development approvals in the Southeast Development Area	FMFCD, DARM, and PW				×	
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Section 5.13 - Public Services:

department shall evaluate if specific environmental effects planning process would occur. Typical impacts from fire facilities includes: • Noise: Barriers and setbacks on the fire department sites. • Traffic: Traffic devices for circulation and a "keep clear zone" during emergency responses. • Lighting: Provision of hoods and deflectors on lighting fixtures on the fire department sites. Verification comments:	MM PS-1: As future fire facilities are planned, the fire	During the	DARM	×	×
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MM PS-2: As future police facilities are planned, the Police Department shall evaluate if specific environmental effects would occur. Typical impacts from police facilities include noise, traffic, and lighting. Typical mitigation to reduce potential impacts from police department facilities includes:	During the planning process for future Police Department facilities	DARM		_			×
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 Lighting: Provision of hoods and deflectors on lighting fixtures on the Police Department sites. 							
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MM PS-3: As future public and private school facilities are planned, school districts shall evaluate if specific environmental effects would occur with regard to public schools, and DARM shall evaluate other school facilities. Typical impacts from school facilities include noise, traffic, and lighting. Typical mitigation to reduce potential impacts from school facilities includes: (continued on next page)	During the planning process for future school facilities	DARM, local school districts, and the Division of the State Architect			×		×

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 MM PS-3 (continued from previous page) Noise: Barriers and setbacks placed on school sites. Traffic: Traffic devices for circulation. Lighting: Provision of hoods and deflectors on lighting fixtures for stadium lights. Verification comments:	[see previous page]	[see previous page]					
 MM PS-4: As future parks and recreational facilities are planned, the City shall evaluate if specific environmental effects would occur. Typical impacts from parks and recreational facilities include noise, traffic, and lighting. Typical mitigation to reduce potential impacts from these facilities includes: Noise: Barriers and setbacks placed on school sites. Traffic: Traffic devices for circulation. Lighting: Provision of hoods and deflectors on lighting fixtures for outdoor play area/field lights. Verification comments: 	During the planning process for future park and recreation facilities	DARM	×			×	

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MM PS-5: As future court, library, detention, and hospital facilities are planned, the appropriate agencies and DARM.	During the planning process	DARM, to the extent that					$\hat{\dashv}$	×
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environmental effects would occur. Typical impacts from court, library, detention, and hospital facilities include noise,	detention, court, library, and	approving/ constructing						
traffic, and lighting. Typical mitigation to reduce these	hospital facilities	these facilities						
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Noise: Barriers and setbacks placed on school sites.		City or Fresho regulation						
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Lighting: Provision of hoods and deflectors on outdoor lighting fixtures								

Section 5.15 - Utilities and Service Systems

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 MM USS-2: Prior to exceeding existing wastewater treatment capacity, the City shall evaluate the wastewater system and shall not approve additional development that contributes wastewater to the wastewater treatment facility that could exceed capacity until additional capacity is provided. By approximately the year 2025, the City shall construct the following improvements: Construct an approximately 70 MGD expansion of the Regional Wastewater Treatment and Reclamation Facility and obtain revised waste discharge permits as the generation of wastewater is increased. Construct an approximately 0.49 MGD expansion of the North Facility and obtain revised waste discharge permits as the generation of wastewater is increased. Verification comments: 	Prior to exceeding existing wastewater treatment capacity	DPU		× ×	
MM USS-3: Prior to exceeding existing wastewater treatment capacity, the City shall evaluate the wastewater system and shall not approve additional development that contributes wastewater to the wastewater treatment facility that could exceed capacity until additional capacity is provided. (continued on next page)	Prior to exceeding existing wastewater treatment capacity	DPU		×	
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After approximately the year 2025, the City shall construct the following improvements:	page]	page]			
 Construct an approximately 24 MGD wastewater treatment facility within the Southeast Development Area and obtain revised waste discharge requirements as the generation of wastewater is increased. 					
 Construct an approximately 9.6 MGD expansion of the Regional Wastewater Treatment and Reclamation Facility and obtain revised waste discharge permits as the generation of wastewater is increased. 					
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Management Plan to address traffic impacts during construction of water and sewer facilities shall be prepared and implemented, subject to approval by the City (and Fresno County, when work is being done in unincorporated area roadways). The plan shall identify hours of construction and for deliveries, haul routes, access and parking restrictions, pavement markings and signage; and it shall include the (continued on next page)	Prior to construction of water and sewer facilities	PW for work in the City; PW and Fresno County Public Works when unincorporated area roadways are involved	×		

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MM USS-4 (continued from previous page): notification plan, and coordination with emergency service providers and schools. Verification comments:	wastewater collection system facilities, the City shall evaluate the wastewater collection system and shall not approve additional development that would generate additional wastewater and exceed the capacity of a facility until additional capacity is provided. By approximately the year 2025, the following capacity improvements shall be provided.

Orange Avenue Trunk Sewer: This facility shall be improved between Dakota and Jensen Avenues. Approximately 37,240 feet of new sewer main shall be installed and approximately 5,760 feet of existing sewer main shall be rehabilitated. The size of the new sewer main shall range from 27 inches to 42 inches in diameter. The associated project designations in the 2006 Wastewater Master Plan are RS03A, RL02, C01-REP, C02-REP, C03-REP, C05-REP, C06-REL and C07-REP.

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•	Marks Avenue Trunk Sewer: This facility shall be improved between Clinton Avenue and Kearney Boulevard. Approximately 12,150 feet of new sewer main shall be installed. The size of the new sewer main shall range from 33 inches to 60 inches in diameter. The associated project designations in the 2006 Wastewater	page]	page/				
•	North Avenue Trunk Sewer: This facility shall be improved between Polk and Fruit Avenues and also between Orange and Maple Avenues. Approximately						
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•	Ashlan Avenue Trunk Sewer: This facility shall be improved between Hughes and West Avenues and also between Fruit and Blackstone Avenues. Approximately 9,260 feet of new sewer main shall be installed. The size of the new sewer main shall range from 24 inches						
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MM USS-5 (further continued from previous two pages): to 36 inches in diameter. The associated project designations in the 2006 Wastewater Master Plan are CA1-REL and CA2-REP.	[see Page 34]	[see Page 34]					
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MM USS-6: Prior to exceeding capacity within the existing 28 pipeline segments shown in Figures 1 and 2 in MEIR Appendix J-1, the City shall evaluate the wastewater collection system and shall not approve additional development that would generate additional wastewater and exceed the capacity of one of the 28 pipeline segments until additional capacity is provided.	Prior to exceeding capacity within the existing 28 pipeline segments shown in Figures 1 and 2 in Appendix J-1 of the MEIR	DPU			×	×	
MM USS-7: Prior to exceeding existing water supply capacity, the City shall evaluate the water supply system and shall not approve additional development that would demand additional water until additional capacity is provided. By approximately the year 2025, the following capacity improvements shall be provided. (continued on next page)	Prior to exceeding existing water supply capacity	DPU			×	×	

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 Construct an approximately 80 million gallon per day (MGD) surface water treatment facility near the intersection 	page/	pagej						
of Armstrong and Olive Avenues, in accordance with Chapter 9 and Figure 9-1 of the City of Fresno Metropolitan Water Resources Management Plan Update (2014 Metro								
Plan Update) Phase 2 Report, dated January 2012.								
 Construct an approximately 30 MGD expansion of the existing northeast surface water treatment facility for a total capacity of 60 MGD, in accordance with Chapter 9 and Figure 9-1 of the 2014 Metro Plan Update. 								
 Construct an approximately 20 MGD surface water treatment facility in the southwest portion of the City, in 								
accordance with Chapter 9 and Figure 9-1 of the 2014 Metro Plan Update.								
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- Construct 65 new groundwater wells, in accordance with Chapter 9 and Figure 9-1 of the 2014 Metro Plan Update.
- Construct a 2.0 million gallon potable water reservoir (Reservoir T2) near the intersection of Clovis and California Avenues, in accordance with Chapter 9 and Figure 9-1 of the 2014 Metro Plan Update.
- Construct a 3.0 million gallon potable water reservoir (Reservoir T3) near the intersection of Temperance and Dakota Avenues, in accordance with Chapter 9 and Figure 9-1 of the 2014 Metro Plan Update.

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•	Construct a 3.0 million gallon potable water reservoir (Reservoir T4) in the Downtown Planning Area, in accordance with Chapter 9 and Figure 9-1 of the 2014 Metro Plan Update.	pagej	page/					
•	Construct a 4.0 million gallon potable water reservoir (Reservoir T5) near the intersection of Ashlan and Chestnut Avenues, in accordance with Chapter 9 and Figure 9-1 of the 2014 Metro Plan Update.							
•	Construct a 4.0 million gallon potable water reservoir (Reservoir T6) near the intersection of Ashlan Avenue and Highway 99, in accordance with Chapter 9 and Figure 9-1 of the 2014 Metro Plan Update.							
•	Construct 50.3 miles of regional water transmission mains ranging in size from 24-inch to 48-inch diameter, in accordance with Chapter 9 and Figure 9-1 of the 2014 Metro Plan Update.							
•	Construct 95.9 miles of 16-inch diameter transmission grid mains, in accordance with Chapter 9 and Figure 9-1 of the 2014 Metro Plan Update.							
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MM USS-9: Prior to exceeding capacity within the existing	Prior to
water conveyance facilities, the City shall evaluate the water	exceeding
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the capacity of a facility until additional capacity is provided.	water
The following capacity improvements shall be provided after	conveyance
approximately the year 2025 and additional water conveyance	facilities
facilities shall be provided prior to exceedance of capacity	
within the water conveyance facilities to accommodate full	
buildout of the General Plan Update.	

- Construct a 4.0 million gallon potable water reservoir (SEDA Reservoir 1) within the northern part of the Southeast Development Area.
- (SEDA Reservoir 2) within the southern part of the Construct a 4.0 million gallon potable water reservoir Southeast Development Area.

to exceedance of capacity within the water conveyance facilities to accommodate full buildout of the General Plan Additional water conveyance facilities shall be provided prior Update.

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USS-10: In order to maintain Fresno Irrigation District canal operability, FMFCD shall maintain operational intermittent flows during the dry season, within defined channel capacity and downstream capture capabilities, for recharge. Verification comments:	During the dry season	Fresno Irrigation District (FID)				×	×	
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California	Regional Water Quality Control Board	(RWQCB), and USACE						
Prior to	development approvals outside of highly	urbanized areas						
USS-11: When FMFCD proposes to provide drainage service	outside of urbanized areas: (a) FMFCD shall conduct preliminary investigations on	undeveloped lands outside of highly urbanized areas. These investigations shall examine wetland hydrology,	bas	determination on whether or not more in-depth wetland	does not exhibit wetland hydrology, support a	prevalence of wetland vegetation and wetland soil types	then no further action is required.	(continued on next page)

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	areas verified by the USACE as jurisdictional wetlands		
	or waters of the U.S. (urban and rural streams, seasonal		
	wetlands, and vernal pools), FMFCD shall obtain the		
	necessary Clean Water Act, Section 404 permits for		
	activities where fill material shall be placed in a wetland,		
	obstruct the flow or circulation of waters of the United		
	States, impair or reduce the reach of such waters. (As		
	part of FMFCD's Memorandum of Understanding, with		
	CDFW, Section 404 and 401 permits would be obtained		
	from the USACE and RWQCB for any activity involving		
	filling of jurisdictional waters.) At a minimum, to meet		
	"no net loss policy," the permits shall require		
	replacement of wetland habitat at a 1:1 ratio.		

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(p)	A monitoring plan shall be developed and implemented by a qualified biologist to monitor results of any on-site wetland restoration and creation for five years. The monitoring plan shall include specific success criteria, frequency and timing of monitoring, and assessment of whether or not maintenance activities are being carried out and how these shall be adjusted if necessary. If monitoring reveals that success criteria are not being met, remedial habitat creation or restoration should be designed and implemented by a qualified biologist and subject to five years of monitoring as described above.						
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(e)	In lieu of developing a mitigation plan that outlines the avoidance, purchase, or creation of wetlands, FMFCD could purchase mitigation credits through a Corps approved Mitigation Bank.						
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MM USS-12: When FMFCD proposes to provide drainage service outside in areas that support seasonal wetlands or vernal pools:

- action is required. However, if the project site has the Rare plant surveys shall be conducted by qualified biologists in accordance with the determine the likelihood on whether or not the project site could support rare plants. If it is determined that the most current CDFW/USFWS guidelines or protocols and shall be conducted at the time of year when the plants in During facility design and prior to initiation of ground wetlands or vernal pools, FMFCD shall conduct a project site would not support rare plants, then no further potential to support rare plants; then a rare plant survey disturbing activities in areas that support seasonal preliminary rare plant assessment. The assessment will question are identifiable. shall be conducted. <u>a</u>
- (b) Based on the results of the survey, prior to design approval, FMFCD shall coordinate with CDFW and/or implement a Section 7 consultation with USFWS, shall

Wildlife Service Department of Fish & Wildlife U.S. Fish and (CDFW) and California (USFWS) support seasonal **During FMFCD** facility design vernal pools and prior to wetlands or activities in initiation of areas that disturbing ground

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determine whether the project facility would result in a	page]	page]
significant impact to any special status plant species.		
Evaluation of project impacts shall consider the		
following:		

- The status of the species in question (e.g., officially listed by the State or Federal Endangered Species Acts).
- The relative density and distribution of the on-site occurrence versus typical occurrences of the species in question.
- The habitat quality of the on-site occurrence relative to historic, current or potential distribution of the population.
- (c) Prior to design approval, and in consultation with the CDFW and/or the USFWS, FMFCD shall prepare and implement a mitigation plan, in accordance with any applicable State and/or federal statutes or laws, that reduces impacts to a less than significant level.

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(c) Prior to design approval, and in consultation with the CDFW and/or the USFWS, FMFCD shall prepare and implement a mitigation plan, in accordance with any applicable State and/or federal statutes or laws, that reduces impacts to a less than significant level.							
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MM USS-13 (continued from previous page) (b) If potential habitat (vernal pools, seasonally inundated areas) or fairy shrimp exist within areas proposed to be disturbed, FMFCD shall complete the first and second phase of fairy shrimp presence or absence surveys. If an absence finding is determined and accepted by the USFWS, then no further mitigation shall be required for fairy shrimp.	[see previous page]	[see previous page]					
(c) If fairy shrimp are found to be present within vernal pools or other areas of inundation to be impacted by the implementation of storm drainage facilities, FMFCD shall mitigate impacts on fairy shrimp habitat in accordance with the USFWS requirements of the Programmatic Biological Opinion. This shall include on-site or off-site creation and/or preservation of fairy shrimp habitat at ratios ranging from 3:1 to 5:1 depending on the habitat impacted and the choice of on-site or off-site mitigation. Or mitigation shall be the purchase of mitigation credit through an accredited mitigation bank.							
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S S	MM USS-14: When FMFCD proposes to construct drainage facilities in an area where elderberry bushes may occur:	During facility design and prior	CDFW and USFWS						×
C i i C S C C	During facility design and prior to initiation of construction activities, FMFCD shall conduct a project-specific survey for all potential Valley Elderberry Longhorn Beetle (VELB) habitats (elderberry shrubs), including a stem count and an assessment of historic or current VELB habitat.	to initiation of construction activities							
	FMFCD shall avoid and protect all potential identified VELB habitat where feasible.								
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MM USS-15: Prior to ground disturbing activities during nesting season (March through July) for a FMECD drainage	Prior to ground	CDFW and
facility project that supports bird nesting habitat, FMFCD shall	activities during)
conduct a survey of trees. If nests are found during the	nesting season	
survey, a qualified biologist shall assess the nesting activity	(March through	
on the project site. If active nests are located, no	July) for a	
construction activities shall be allowed within 250 feet of the	project that	
nest until the young have fledged. If construction activities	supports bird	
are planned during the no n-breeding period (August through	nesting habitat	
February), a nest survey is not necessary.		

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(a) FMFCD shall conduct a pre-construction breeding-	season survey (approximately February 1 through	August 31) of proposed project sites in suitable habitat	(e.g., canal berms, open grasslands with suitable	burrows) during the same calendar year that construction	is planned to begin. If phased construction procedures	are planned for the proposed project, the results of the	
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MITIGATION MEASURE	Utilities and Service Systems - Biological Resources (continued):	MM USS-16 (continued from previous page) above survey shall be valid only for the season when it is conducted	(b) During the construction stage, FMFCD shall avoid all burrowing owl nest sites potentially disturbed by project construction during the breeding season while the nest is occupied with adults and/or young. The occupied nest site shall be monitored by a qualified biologist to determine when the nest is no longer used. Avoidance shall include the establishment of a 160-foot diameter non-disturbance buffer zone around the nest site. Disturbance of any nest sites shall only occur outside of the breeding season and when the nests are unoccupied based on monitoring by a qualified biologist. The buffer zone shall be delineated by highly visible temporary construction fencing. Based on approval by CDFW, pre-construction and pre-breeding season exclusion measures may be implemented to preclude burrowing owl occupation of the project site prior to project-related disturbance. Burrowing owls can be passively excluded from potential nest sites in the construction area, either by closing the burrows or placing one-way doors in the	(continued on next page)

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	Resources (continued):		
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burrows according to current CDFW protocol. Burrows shall be examined not more than 30 days before construction to ensure that no owls have recolonized the area of construction.	ows shall uction to struction.		
For each burrow destroyed, a new burrow shall be created (by installing artificial burrows at a ratio of 2:1 on protected lands nearby).	eated (by ted lands		
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MM USS-17: When FMFCD proposes to construct drainage facilities in the San Joaquin River corridor:	drainage During instream	n National Marine	×
(a) FMFCD shall not conduct instream activities in the San		Fisheries	
Joaquin River between October 15 and April 15. If this is not feasible, FMFCD shall consult with the National			
Marine Fisheries Service and CDFW on the appropriate measures to be implemented in order to protect listed salmonids in the San Joaquin River.		Central Valley Flood	
(b) Riparian vegetation shading the main-channel that is removed or damaged shall be replaced at a ratio and	el that is ratio and	Protection Board (CVFPB)	
quantity sufficient to maintain the existing shading of the channel. The location of replacement trees on or within	ng of the within		
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MM USS-17 (continued from previous page)	FMFCD berms, detention ponds or river channels shall be approved by FMFCD and the Central Valley Flood Protection Board.	Verification comments:

Utilities and Service Systems - Recreation / Trails:

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MM USS-18: When FMFCD updates its District Service Plan:	Prior to final	DARM, PW,	
Prior to final design approval of all elements of the District $\mid \stackrel{\circ}{0}$	design approval	City of Clovis,	
Services Plan, FMFCD shall consult with Fresno County, City of	OI AII EIEITIETTS OI	Free Doubley Of	
Fresno, and City of Clovis to determine if any element would	District Service		
temporarily disrupt or permanently displace adopted existing or			
planned trails and associated recreational facilities as a result	<u> </u>		
of the proposed District Services Plan. If the proposed project			
would not temporarily disrupt or permanently displace adopted			
existing or planned trails, no further mitigation is necessary. If			
the proposed project would have an effect on the trails and			
associated facilities, FMFCD shall implement the following:			
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JEII	Utilities and Service Systems – Recreation / Trails (continued):							
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(a)	(a) If short-term disruption of adopted existing or planned trails and associated recreational facilities occur, FMFCD shall consult and coordinate with Fresno County, City of Fresno, and City of Clovis to temporarily re-route the trails and associated facilities.	page/	page/					
(Q)	(b) If permanent displacement of the adopted existing or planned trails and associated recreational facilities occur, the appropriate design modifications to prevent permanent displacement shall be implemented in the final project design or FMFCD shall replace these facilities.							

Utilities and Service Systems - Air Quality:

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Fresno X X	Metropolitan Flood Control	District and	SJVAPCD	
During storm	water drainage	construction	activities	
MM USS-19: When District drainage facilities are	constructed, FMFCD shall:	(a) Minimize idling time of construction equipment vehicles to	no more than ten minutes, or require that engines be shut	(continued on next page)

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(Q)	(b) Construction shall be curtailed as much as possible when the Air Quality Index (AQI) is above 150. AQI forecasts can be found on the SJVAPCD web site.	pagej	page)						
<u> </u>	Off-road trucks should be equipped with on-road engines if possible.								
б	Construction equipment should have engines that meet the current off-road engine emission standard (as certified by the California Air Resources Board), or be re-powered with an engine that meets this standard.								
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Utilities and Service Systems – Adequacy of Storm Water Drainage Facilities:

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storm water drainage facilities, the City shall coordinate with FMFCD to evaluate the storm water drainage system and shall	exceeding capacity within	and DAKIM		
not approve additional development that would convey	the existing storm			
additional storm water to a facility that would experience an	water drainage			
exceedance of capacity until the necessary additional capacity is	facilities			
provided.				
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Utilities and Service Systems – Adequacy of Water Supply Capacity:

USS-21: Prior to exceeding existing water supply capacity,	Prior to	DPU and
the City shall evaluate the water supply system and shall not	exceeding	DARM
approve additional development that demands additional	existing water	
water until additional capacity is provided. By approximately	supply capacity	
the year 2025, the City shall construct an approximately		
25,000 AF/year tertiary recycled water expansion to the		
Fresno-Clovis Regional Wastewater Reclamation Facility in		
accordance with the 2013 Recycled Water Master Plan and		
the 2014 City of Fresno Metropolitan Water Resources		
Management Plan update.		

Utilities and Service Systems - Adequacy of Landfill Capacity:

Implementation of Mitigation Measure USS-5 is also required

prior to approximately the year 2025.

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USS-22: Prior to exceeding landfill capacity, the City shall Prior to	Prior to	DPU and	×
evaluate additional landfill locations, and shall not approve additional development that could contribute solid waste to a landfill that is at capacity until additional capacity is provided.	exceeding landfill capacity	DAKIM	
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medium density residential. The developer may either make improvements to the existing pipeline system to provide additional

or building permits

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(SJVAPCD) / City of Fresno, Development and Resource Management Department Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District & City of Fresno Development & Resource Management Pollution Control District San Joaquin Valley Air Verified By When Implemented issuance of grading issuance of grading Prior to applying for Prior to recordation final discretionary of a Final Map or approval and/or permit for any development. phase of Implemented Applicant Applicant Control District thresholds after accounting for Rule 9510 reductions Individual projects to be developed within the limits of the proposed District Rules and Regulations, including Rule 9510 (Indirect Source (New and Modified Stationary Source Review; applying to any stationary/industrial equipment that emits regulated pollutants in amounts specified by the rule), Rule 4002 (National Emissions applying to any operation that emits or may emit air contaminants or Air Impact Assessment (AIA) application to the District no later than applying for final discretionary approval. An AIA application shall be applications or subdivision maps for the described approximately 78 acre subject property located on the north side of East Church Development projects that exceed San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution to mitigate significant criteria pollutant impacts shall enter into Voluntary Emission Reduction Agreement (VERA) contracts with the project shall mitigate the impacts of the increased runoff from the proposed use to a rate that would be expected if developed to Individual projects to be developed within the limits of the proposed project will be subject to San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control Review), Regulation VIII (Fugitive Dust Prohibitions), Rule 2201 Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants), Rule 4102 (Nuisance; other materials) and Rule 4641 (Cutback, Slow Cure and Emulsified Any applicant subject to District Rule 9510 is required to submit an filed with the District prior to formal acceptance of any entitlement SJVAPCD to purchase emission reductions obtained through projects funded under SJVAPCD grant and incentive programs. Avenue between South Sunnyside and South Fowler Avenues. Asphalt, Paving and Maintenance Operations). Mitigation Measure $\overline{\times}$ III-Air Quality and Global Climate IX-Hydrology & Water Quality Change

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13/1-6165		capacity or may use some type of permanent peak reducing facility in order to eliminate adverse impacts on the existing system. Should the developer choose to construct a permanent peak-reducing facility, such a system would be required to reduce runoff from a ten-year storm produced by the proposed land use, to a two-year discharge which would be produced by the property if developed with medium density residential. Implementation of the mitigation measures may be deferred to until time of development.	Lot coverage will be required to be provided to the FMFCD prior to submittal of improvement plans. The final drainage fee will be calculated commensurate with the lot coverage provided by the developer. If the lot coverage indicates a density higher than Master Planned, mitigation may be required. The lot coverage calculated by the FMFCD includes the front yard walkway, sidewalk walkway and the rear yard patio equaling an additional 6% of impervious area in addition to the City typical lot coverage calculation.	Individual projects to be developed within the limits of the proposed project shall mitigate the impacts of the increased runoff from the proposed use to a rate that would be expected if developed to medium density residential. The developer may either make improvements to the existing pipeline system to provide additional capacity or may use some type of permanent peak reducing facility in order to eliminate adverse impacts on the existing system. Should the developer choose to construct a permanent peak-reducing facility, such a system would be required to reduce runoff from a ten-year storm produced by the proposed land use, to a two-year discharge which would be produced by the property if developed with medium density residential. Implementation of the mitigation measures may be deferred to until time of development.	
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Date: October 21, 2016	When Implemented	any portion of the subject property.		Prior to recordation of a Final Map or issuance of grading or building permits for development on any portion of the subject property.	
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Verified By		City of Fresno, Department of Public Works, Traffic & Engineering Services Division						
When Implemented		Prior to issuance of building permit for any phase of	development.					
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Mitigation Measure	submittal of improvement plans. The final drainage fee will be calculated commensurate with the lot coverage provided by the developer. If the lot coverage indicates a density higher than Master Planned, mitigation may be required. The lot coverage calculated by the FMFCD includes the front yard walkway, sidewalk walkway and the rear yard patio equaling an additional 6% of impervious area in addition to the City typical lot coverage calculation.	XVI.1 The proposed project shall widen South Fowler Avenue to two (2) southbound through lanes from the northern project boundary to the intersection with Church Avenue prior to occupancy of Phase 1	XVI.2 The proposed project shall construct a traffic signal with protected left-turn phasing at the intersection of South Fowler and East Church Avenues prior to occupancy of any development in Phase 2 (Phase 2 being those components of the subject property comprising the approximately 13 acre portion of RM-2 Zoned/Urban Neighborhood Residential planned land approximately 7 acres of CC Zoned/Community Commercial planned land as described within the project Traffic Impact Study prepared by Yamabe & Horn Engineering, Inc.)	The intersection shall also be modified to have the following configuration:	Eastbound – one (1) left-turn lane, one (1) through lane and one (1) shared through-right turn lane.	Westbound – one (1) left-turn lane, one (1) through lane and one (1) shared through-right turn lane.	Northbound – one (1) left-turn lane, one (1) through lane and one (1) right turn lane.	Southbound – one (1) left-turn lane, one (1) through lane and one (1) shared through-right turn lane.
		XVI- Transportation / Traffic						

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	XVI.3 The proposed project shall make modifications to the traffic signal at the intersection of South Fowler and East Jensen Avenues prior to occupancy of any development in Phase 2 (as described herein above)			
	The intersection shall also be modified to have the following configuration:			
	Eastbound – one (1) left-turn lane, one (1) through lane and one (1) shared through-right turn lane.			
	Westbound – one (1) left-turn lane, one (1) through lane and one (1) shared through-right turn lane.			
	Northbound – one (1) left-turn lane and one (1) shared through-right turn lane.			
	Southbound – one (1) left-turn lane and one (1) shared through-right turn lane.			
	XVI.4 Individual projects to be developed within the limits of the proposed project shall pay the Traffic Signal Mitigation Impact (TSMI) Fee, per the Master Fee Schedule, at the time of building permit.			
	XVI.5 Individual projects to be developed within the limits of the proposed project shall pay the Fresno Major Street Impact (FMSI) Fee, which will be determined at time of building permit.			
	XVI.6 Individual projects to be developed within the limits of the proposed project shall pay the Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee (RTMF) to the Joint Powers Agency. Provide proof of payment prior to issuance of building permits.			