

#### PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA

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#### **AGENDA** June 7, 2018

#### 8:45 a.m. - CALL TO ORDER

#### INTRODUCTION

Explanation of the REGULAR AGENDA process and mandatory procedural requirements. Staff Reports are available on the table near the room entrance.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### **ROLL CALL**

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine in nature and not likely to require discussion. Prior to action by the Commission, the public will be given an opportunity to comment on any consent item. The Commission may remove any item from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

1. INITIAL STUDY NO. 6619 and UNCLASSIFIED CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 3389 -**TIME EXTENSION** filed by **DORAN HOLE**, proposing to grant a fourth one-year extension to exercise Unclassified Conditional Use Permit No. 3389, which authorizes a four-megawatt photovoltaic solar power generation facility with related improvements, including two 153 square-foot switchgear apparatus, a 40-foot-tall electrical utility pole, eight inverters ranging from 21 to 23 square feet in size, and a six-foot-tall chain-link fence on an approximately 20.82-acre portion of a 68.28-acre parcel in the M-3(c) (Heavy Industrial, Conditional) Zone District. The project site is located approximately 440 feet south of the intersection of Auberry and Frazier Roads in the unincorporated community of Auberry (32180 Auberry Road, Auberry) (SUP. DIST. 5) (APN 128-450-58).

NOTE: The sole purpose of the public hearing is to address the time extension request.

-Contact person, Ejaz Ahmad (559) 600-4204, email: eahmad@co.fresno.ca.us

-Staff Report Included -Individual Noticing

#### **REGULAR AGENDA**

1. **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS** (This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons desiring to address the Planning Commission on any matter within the Commission's jurisdiction and not on this Agenda.)

- 2. INITIAL STUDY APPLICATION NO. 7266 and CLASSIFIED CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION NO. 3569 filed by HARJIT SINGH DHUNNA, proposing to allow an existing building in the RR(nb) (Rural Residential, Neighborhood Beautification Overlay) Zone District to be used for social church gatherings. The project site is located on the north side of West Clinton Avenue, approximately 225 feet east of its intersection with North Brawley Avenue, adjacent to the city limits of the City of Fresno (3756 W. Clinton Avenue) (SUP. DIST. 1) (APN 442-060-48). Adopt the Negative Declaration prepared for Initial Study Application No. 7266, and take action on Classified Conditional Use Permit No. 3569 with Findings and Conditions.
  - -Contact person, Chrissy Monfette (559) 600-4245, email: <a href="mailto:cmonfette@co.fresno.ca.us">cmonfette@co.fresno.ca.us</a>
  - -Staff Report Included -Individual Noticing

#### 3. **INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEM:**

Report from staff on prior Agenda Items, status of upcoming Agenda, and miscellaneous matters.

-Contact person, Marianne Mollring (559) 600-4569, email: mmollring@co.fresno.ca.us

Requests for disability-related modification or accommodation reasonably necessary in order to participate in the meeting must be made to Suzie Novak, Planning Commission Clerk, by calling (559) 600-4497 or email knovak@co.fresno.ca.us, no later than the Monday preceding the meeting by 9:00 a.m.

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# County of Fresno

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING STEVEN E. WHITE, DIRECTOR

# Planning Commission Staff Report Consent Agenda Item No. 1 June 7, 2018

SUBJECT: Initial Study No. 6619 and Unclassified Conditional Use Permit

No. 3389 - Fourth Time Extension

Grant a fourth one-year time extension to exercise Unclassified Conditional Use Permit No. 3389 which authorizes a four-megawatt photovoltaic solar power generation facility with related improvements, including two 153 square-foot switchgear apparatus, a 40-foot-tall electrical utility pole, eight inverters ranging from 21 to 23 square feet in size, and a six-foot-tall chain-link fence on an approximately 20.82-acre portion of a 68.28-acre parcel in the M-3(c) (Heavy Industrial, Conditional)

**Zone District.** 

LOCATION: The project site is located approximately 440 feet south of the

intersection of Auberry and Frazier Roads in the unincorporated community of Auberry (32180 Auberry Road, Auberry) (Sup. Dist.

5) (APN 128-450-58).

OWNER: Dia and Kirk Ringgold

APPLICANT: Doran Hole

STAFF CONTACT: Ejaz Ahmad, Planner

(559) 600-4204

Marianne Mollring, Senior Planner

(559) 600-4569

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

 Approve the fourth one-year Time Extension for Unclassified Conditional Use Permit No. 3389; and

• Direct the Secretary to prepare a Resolution documenting the Commission's action.

#### **EXHIBITS:**

- 1. Location Map
- 2. Existing Zoning Map
- 3. Existing Land Use Map
- 4. Planning Commission Resolution and Staff Report dated April 25, 2013
- 5. Applicant's letter requesting the fourth one-year time extension

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:**

A Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for Initial Study Application No. 6619 was approved by the Planning Commission on April 25, 2013 in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) with approval of Unclassified Conditional Use Permit No. 3389.

Section 15162(b) of the CEQA Guidelines states that once a Mitigated Negative Declaration has been adopted for a project, no subsequent Environmental Impact Report (EIR) or Mitigated Negative Declaration shall be prepared unless: 1) substantial changes are proposed to the project; 2) substantial changes occur with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken; or 3) new information of substantial importance is presented which was not known and could not have been known at the time the previous Mitigated Negative Declaration was adopted. This Time Extension request does not propose changes to the approved project, nor is there evidence of the circumstances noted in Conditions 2 or 3 above. Therefore, a subsequent/supplemental environmental document is not required.

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE:**

Notices were sent to 69 property owners within 1,320 feet of the subject property, exceeding the minimum notification requirements prescribed by the California Government Code and County Zoning Ordinance.

#### PROCEDURAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The Fresno County Zoning Ordinance requires that a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) shall become void when substantial development has not occurred within two years after approval of the permit. However, when circumstances beyond the control of the Applicant do not permit compliance with this time limit, the Planning Commission may grant a one-year time extension as provided by the ordinance.

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Unclassified Conditional Use Permit No. 3389 was approved by the Planning Commission on April 25, 2013. The first one-year time extension was granted on April 30, 2015, the second time extension was granted on June 30, 2016, and the third time extension request was granted on June 9, 2017. Request for the fourth time extension (also the last time extension) was filed on April 20, 2018. If the time extension is granted, the Applicant will have an additional year to achieve substantial development of the subject photovoltaic solar power generation facility.

#### ANALYSIS/DISCUSSION:

Unclassified CUP No. 3389 was originally approved on April 25, 2013 concurrently with Initial Study No. 6619 based on a determination that the required findings could be made. Attached is a copy of the Planning Commission's Resolution and Staff Report (Exhibit 4) documenting Conditions imposed on the project.

It should be noted that the Planning Commission's jurisdiction in evaluating this request is limited to determining whether or not the Applicant should be granted an additional year to exercise the CUP as originally approved. According to the Applicant's letter dated April 17, 2018 (Exhibit 5), construction of the project has not been started and additional time is needed due to undertaking the process of enrolling the project into the PG&E Regional Renewable Choice program, which had delays and issues with financial feasibility. The subject time extension will allow the Applicant until April 25, 2019 to begin substantial development of the project.

The current Time Extension was routed to the same agencies that reviewed the project in October of 2012. None of those agencies identified any change in circumstances or the need for additional conditions, and did not express any concerns with the proposed extension of time.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

#### **CONCLUSION:**

Staff believes the fourth one-year time extension for CUP No. 3389 should be approved, based on factors cited in the analysis above. Approval of this Time Extension will extend the expiration date to April 25, 2019.

#### **PLANNING COMMISSION MOTIONS:**

#### **Recommended Motion** (Approval Action)

- Move to approve the fourth one-year time extension for Unclassified Conditional Use Permit No. 3389; and
- Direct the Secretary to prepare a Resolution documenting the Commission's action

#### **Alternative Motion** (Denial Action)

- Move to deny the fourth one-year time extension request for Unclassified Conditional Use Permit No. 3389 (state reasons for denial); and
- Direct the Secretary to prepare a Resolution documenting the Commission's action.

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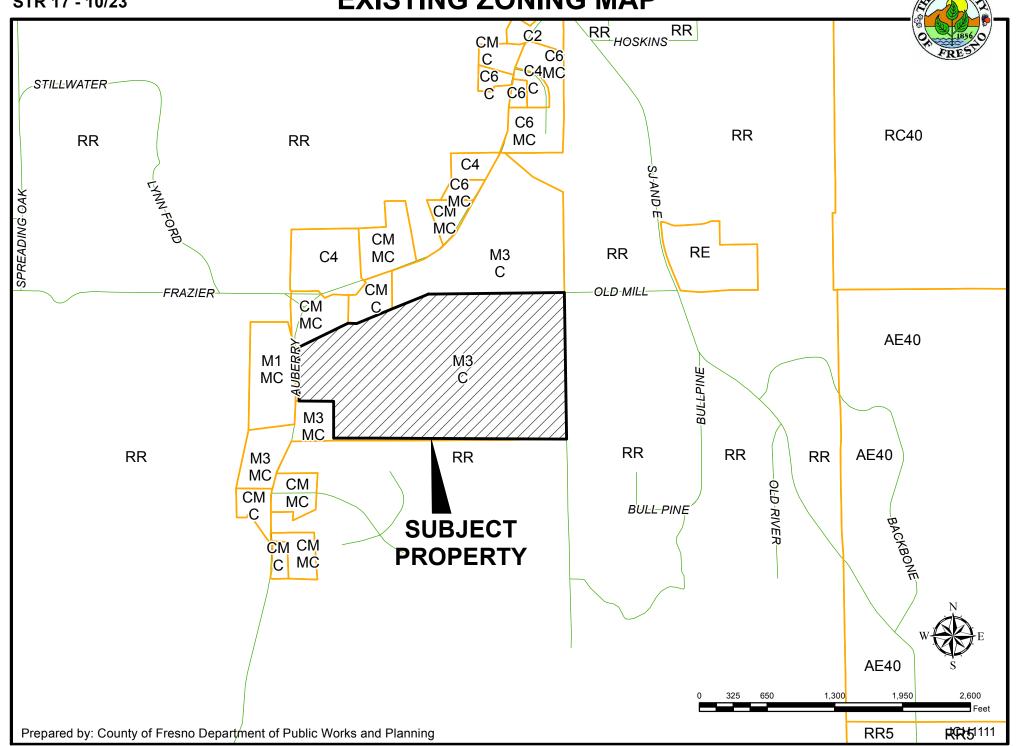
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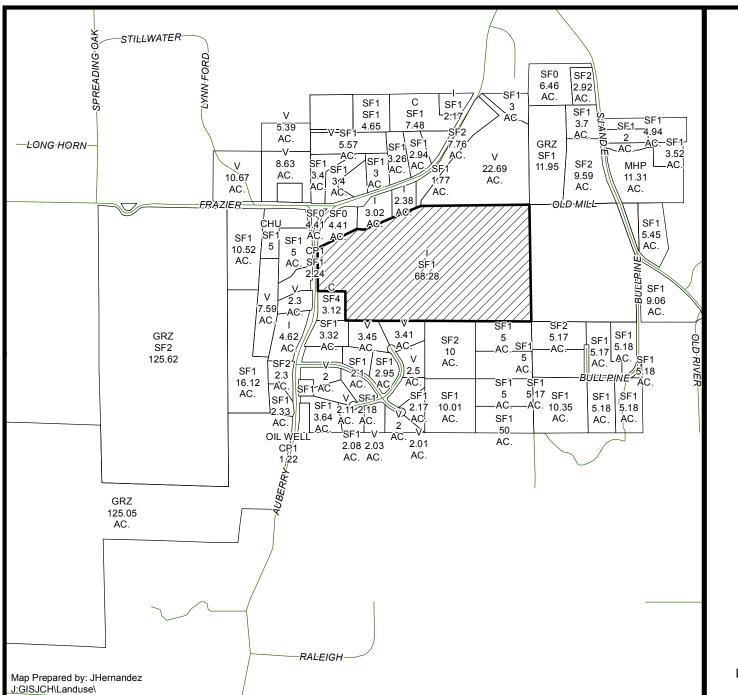
# **EXISTING ZONING MAP** C2



**EXHIBIT 2** 

### **EXISTING LAND USE MAP**





C - COMMERCIAL

CHU - CHURCH

CP# - OFFICE COMM./PROF

**GRZ - GRAZING** 

I - INDUSTRIAL

MHP - MOBILE HOME PARK

SF#- SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE

V - VACANT

#### LEGEND:

Subject Property



285 570 1,140 1,710 2,280

Department of Public Works and Planning **Development Sevices Division** 



## Inter Office Memo

DATE:

April 25, 2013

TO:

Board of Supervisors

FROM:

Planning Commission

SUBJECT:

RESOLUTION NO. 12363 - INITIAL STUDY APPLICATION NO. 6619 AND UNCLASSIFIED CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION

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NO. 3389

APPLICANT:

SH3 Solar, LLC

OWNER:

Kirk and Dia Ringgold

REQUEST:

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generation facility with related improvements, including two 153 square-foot switchgear apparatus, a 40-foot tall electrical utility pole, eight inverters ranging from 21 to 23 square feet in size, and a six-foot tall chain-link fence on an approximately 20.82-acre portion of a 68.28-acre parcel in the M-3 (c) (Heavy Industrial, conditional) Zone

District.

LOCATION:

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intersection of Auberry and Frazier Roads in the unincorporated community of Auberry (32180 Auberry Road, Auberry) (SUP. DIST.: 5) (APN: 128-450-58).

#### PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION:

At its hearing of April 25, 2013, the Commission considered the Staff Report and testimony (summarized in Exhibit "A").

A motion was made by Commissioner Mendes and seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for the project; adopt the recommended Findings of Fact in the Staff Report; and approve Unclassified Conditional Use Permit Application No. 3389, subject to the Conditions listed in Exhibit "B" (Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program) with an additional condition modifying ambiguous language in the reclamation plan removing wording that states "it is assumed" under J.2 Reclamation Schedule

EXHIBIT 4

This motion passed on the following vote:

**VOTING:** 

Yes:

Commissioners Mendes, Ferguson, Batth, Rocca, Yates,

Zadourian

No:

None

Absent:

Commissioners Borba, Lawson, Riojas

Abstain:

None

ALAN WEAVER, DIRECTOR

Department of Public Works and Planning Secretary-Fresno County Planning Commission

By:

William M. Kettler, Manager Development Services Division

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NOTES:

The approval of this project will expire two years from the date of approval unless a determination is made that substantial development has occurred. When circumstances beyond the control of the Applicant do not permit compliance with this time limit, the Commission may grant an extension not to exceed one additional year. Application for such extension must be filed with the Department of Public Works and Planning before the expiration of the Conditional Use Permit.

Attachments

**RESOLUTION NO.: 12363** 

#### EXHIBIT "A"

Initial Study Application No. 6619 Unclassified Conditional Use Permit Application No. 3389

Staff:

The Fresno County Planning Commission considered the Staff Report dated April 25, 2013, and heard a summary presentation by staff.

Applicant:

The Applicant concurred with the Staff Report and the recommended Conditions. He described the project and offered the following information to clarify the intended use:

- The project site is ideal for the proposed development.
- The solar panels will maintain certain angle to allow the snow to slide off the panels.
- We have our own team to manage project operations; our Merced office will maintain the property.

Others:

No individuals presented information in support of or in opposition to the application

Correspondence:

No letters were presented to the Planning Commission in support of or in opposition to the application.

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# Exhibit - B Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program Initial Study (IS) No. 6619 / Unclassified Conditional Use Permit (CUP) No. 3389 (Including Conditions of Approval and Project Notes)

		Mitigation Measures			
Mitigation Measure No.*	Impact	Mitigation Measure Language	Implementation Responsibility	Monitoring Responsibility	Time Span
*1.	Aesthetics	All lighting shall be hooded and directed so as not to shine toward adjacent properties and public streets.	Applicant	Applicant/Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning (PW&P)	Ongoing; until the project lasts
*2.	Agricultural and Forestry Resources	The project shall adhere to the procedures listed in the Reclamation Plan prepared for the operation, including requirements for financial estimates, bonding and facility removal when operation ceases. Prior to the issuance of any Construction Permits (Building, Electrical, Mechanical, Plumbing), the required bond amount, based on engineer's estimate, shall be deposited (or evidence of a Bank Guarantee or Irrevocable Letter of Credit) and a covenant shall be signed between the property owner and the County of Fresno and shall run with the land requiring the site to be restored as nearly as practical to its original condition at the cessation of operation.	Applicant	PW&P	Ongoing; until the project lasts
*3.	Agricultural and Forestry Resources	Prior to the issuance of any permits, a Pest Management Plan shall be submitted to the Department of Public Works and Planning and approved by the Fresno County Agricultural Commissioner's Office. The Pest Management Plan shall identify methods and frequency to manage weeds, insects, and disease and vertebrate pests that may impact adjacent properties	Applicant	PW&P/Agriculture Commissioner's Office (ACO)	Ongoing; until the project lasts
*4.	Agricultural and Forestry Resources	The applicant shall acknowledge the need to manage weeds and rodents so as not to become a nuisance which will cause economic and cultural hardship to adjacent properties. Any weed or rodent infestation that is of a nature and magnitude as to constitute a "public nuisance" (as defined in Section 5551 of the California Food and Agricultural Code; Sections 3479 and 3480 of the Civil Code; and Sections 370 to 372 of the Penal Code); and that the maintenance of such public nuisance is unlawful under California Food and Agricultural	Applicant	Applicant/PW&P/ ACO	Ongoing; until the project lasts

		Code Section 5553 and Penal Code Section 372.			
*5.	Biological Resources	If feasible and to the maximum extent possible, the three ponds located adjacent to the project site within the 68.28-acre as well as Little Sandy Creek which traverses the northern boundary of the project site, shall be avoided by at least 250 feet as measured from the top of each bank to protect western pond turtles and their nests. The 250-foot buffer shall be a no-disturbance buffer and should be clearly delineated on the ground with stakes, flagging, etc., prior to starting construction/ decommissioning activities and maintained until all construction/ decommissioning activities have been completed.	Applicant	Applicant/ PW&P/ California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)	As noted
*6.	Biological Resources	If complete avoidance of this 250 foot buffer is not feasible, a qualified biologist shall conduct intensive visual surveys to detect western pond turtles or their nests no more than 14 days prior to starting construction/decommissioning.  Additional survey shall be completed if construction/decommissioning activities cease for 30 days or more.	Applicant	Applicant/ PW&P/ CDFW	As noted
*7.	Biological Resources	Should pond turtles be found, these turtles will be relocated by the qualified biologist to the nearest suitable aquatic habitat. Should turtle nests be found these nests shall be avoided with a 50 foot no-disturbance buffer until it has been determined that the eggs have hatched and the juvenile turtles have left the nest site.	Applicant	Applicant/CDFW	As noted
*8.	Biological Resources	All special-status plant species and /or their habitats shall be avoided by at least 50 feet. The 50-foot no-disturbance buffer should be clearly delineated on the ground with stakes, flagging, etc. during construction, operation and decommissioning activities.	Applicant	Applicant/CDFW	As noted
*9.	Biological Resources	The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) shall be consulted to determine if an Incidental Take Permit (ITP) is warranted if listed plant species cannot be avoided by 50 feet.	Applicant	Applicant/CDFW	As noted
*10.	Biological Resources	Construction/decommissioning activities shall be prohibited during the normal bird breeding season defined as January 1 through September 15, when feasible.	Applicant	Applicant/CDFW	As noted
*11.	Biological Resources	A qualified biologist shall conduct intensive visual surveys to detect active bird nests no more than 14 days prior to starting	Applicant	Applicant/ PW&P/ CDFW	As noted

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		construction/decommissioning activities if these activities must occur between January 1 and September 15. Additional survey shall be completed if construction/decommissioning activities cease for 30 days or more.			
*12.	Biological Resources	Active nests birds shall be protected with a no-disturbance buffer of at least 2,640 feet for listed bird species, 500 feet for non-listed raptor species, and 250 feet for non-listed, non-raptor species. The no-disturbance buffers should be clearly delineated on the ground with stakes, flagging, etc. until after the breeding season has ended or the young have fledged and no longer dependent on the nests or the parents for survival as determined by a qualified biologist and with written consent from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) for listed species.	Applicant	Applicant/CDFW	As noted
*13.	Biological Resources	The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) shall be consulted to determine if an Incidental Take Permit (ITP) is warranted if active listed bird nests cannot be avoided by 2,640 feet during the breeding season.	Applicant	Applicant/CDFW/ / United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)	As noted
*14.	Biological Resources	To prevent bird death and injury, all vertical pipes associated with the solar mounts and fencing poles as they are installed shall be capped.	Applicant	Applicant/CDFW	As noted
*15.	Biological Resources	Use of pesticide within all non-disturbance buffers shall be prohibited.		Applicant/CDFW	
*16.	Biological Resources	Use of rodenticides that may impact non-target species and/or reduce prey sources for existing wildlife shall be prohibited. Rodents should be removed using live traps instead of rodenticides.		Applicant/CDFW	
*17.	Biological Resources	If trenching and line connection to the existing pole will result in removal of trees/shrubs/grasses within riparian corridor or roots cut that could impact the survivorship of the trees/shrubs, a Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (LSAA) Notification shall be submitted to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to mitigate such impacts through LSAA.		Applicant/CDFW	

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*18.	Cultural Resources	In the event that cultural resources are unearthed during grading activity, all work shall be halted in the area of the find, and an Archeologist shall be called to evaluate the findings and make any necessary mitigation recommendations. If human remains are unearthed during construction, no further disturbance is to occur until the Fresno County Coroner has made the necessary findings as to origin and disposition. If such remains are determined to be Native American, the Coroner must notify the Native American Commission within 24 hours.	Applicant	Applicant/PW&P	As noted				
		Conditions of Approval							
1.	Developmer the Commiss	t of the property shall be in accordance with the Site Plan, Floor sion.	Plans, Elevations	, and Operational Stater	ment approved by				
2.		is land use permit will expire upon expiration of the initial life of t s to be extended or the initial life of the project extends beyond t							
3.	in accordance addressed u	A Site Plan Review (SPR) Application shall be submitted for approval by the Director of the Department of Public Works and Planning, in accordance with Section 874 of the Fresno County Zoning Ordinance prior to the issuance of Building Permits. Items to be addressed under the SPR may include, but are not limited to, design of parking and circulation, driveway, access, grading and drainage, fire protection and lighting.							
4.		As part of the SPR submittal process, an agreement incorporating the provisions of the "Right-to-Farm" Notice (Ordinance Code Section 17.40.100) shall be entered into with Fresno County acknowledging the presence of surrounding agricultural operations and their related activities.							
5.	requiring that	Prior to issuance of a building permit, a covenant running with the land between the County and the property owner shall be recorded requiring that construction of a six foot high solid masonry wall along the easterly property line of the subject property shall be deferred until such time as deemed appropriate by the County. The Department of Public Works and Planning will prepare the Covenant upon receipt of the standard processing fee, which is currently \$243.50.							
6.	The reclama mechanism	The reclamation plan shall be revised to provide for an annual increase in costs at 3% or tied to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) or other mechanism acceptable to the Department of Public Work's and Planning.							
7.	Department	Access to the project site shall be provided to the County through an access easement or other mechanism acceptable to the Department of Public Works and Planning to ensure that legal access to the site is available in the event that reclamation activities must be initiated by the County.							
8.	The project s	The project shall comply with the information in response to Solar Facility Guidelines attached as Exhibit 8 to the Staff Report, and as approved and/or modified by the Commission.							
9.	The wording	that states "It is assumed" under J.2 Reclamation Schedule of t	ba Daalamatian D	la L . 11 1					

\*MITIGATION MEASURE – Measure specifically applied to the project to mitigate potential adverse environmental effects identified in the environmental document and Conditions of Approval reference recommended Conditions for the project,

	Notes
The following	Notes reference mandatory requirements of Fresno County or other Agencies, and are provided as information to the project Applicant.
1.	Construction Plans shall be submitted and Building Permits shall be obtained for all improvements on the project site. Construction Plans must be prepared by a licensed Design professional. Building Permits are also required for fences more than six feet in height. Contact the Building and Safety Section of the Development Services Division at (559) 600-4540 regarding permits for construction.
2.	Any additional storm water run-off generated by the project cannot be drained across property lines or into County right-of-way, and must be retained on-site, per the County Standards.
3.	An Engineered Grading and Drainage Plan is required to show how additional storm water run-off generated by the proposed development will be handled without adversely impacting adjacent properties. A Grading Permit or Voucher is required for any grading proposed with this application.
4.	Any wells that exist or that have been abandoned within the project area, not intended for use by the project, shall be properly destroyed. For those wells located in the unincorporated area of Fresno County, the applicant shall apply for and obtain a permit(s) to destroy water well(s) from the Fresno County Department of Public Health, Environmental Health Division prior to commencement of work. The destruction and construction of wells can only be completed by a licensed C-57 contractor. Contact the Water Surveillance Program at (559) 600-3047 for more information.
5.	Any septic systems that exist or have been abandoned within the project area, not intended for use by the project, shall be properly destroyed under permit and inspection by the Department of Public Works and Planning, Development Services Division.
6.	Should any underground storage tank(s) be found during the project, the applicant shall apply for and secure an Underground Storage Tank Removal Permit from the Fresno County Department of Public Health, Environmental Health Division. Contact the Certified Unified Program Agency at (559) 600-3271 for more information. Prior to occupancy, the applicant shall complete and submit a Hazardous Materials Business Plan to the Fresno County Department of Public Health, Environmental Health Division. Contact the Certified Unified Program Agency at (559) 600-3271 for more information
7.	All hazardous waste shall be handled in accordance with requirements set forth in the California Health and Safety Code, Chapter 6.5. This chapter discusses proper labeling, storage and handling of hazardous wastes
8.	Should a water well be drilled, the water well contractor selected by the applicant will be required to apply for and obtain a Permit to Construct a Water Well from the Fresno County Public Health Department, Environmental Health Division. Contact the Water Surveillance Program at (559) 600-3047 for more information
9.	Should an on-site office be proposed on the property, the operator shall at all times provide an approved water source for plumbing fixtures which is deemed acceptable by the Fresno County Department of Public Health, Environmental Health Division, and the Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning.

	Notes
10	The project shall conform to the Fresno County Noise Ordinance related to construction noise limiting noise-generating construction activities to the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.
11.	According to the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (Air District), the project must comply with all mitigation measures identified in the Monitoring and Reporting Schedule for the approved Indirect Source Review (ISR).
	According to the Regional Water Quality Control Board, construction activities disturbing more than an acre must obtain coverage under State Board's Construction General Permit Order 2009-0009-DWQ. Wash water shall be kept on site. Wash water containing cleaner waste (e.g., detergents) shall be captured and disposed of at a permitted facility.
12.	According to the Road maintenance and Operations Division:
	<ul> <li>Any gates provided off Auberry Road shall be set back a minimum of 20 feet from the right-of-way line or such greater in order to preclude any truck from extending into the right-of-way if temporarily stopped to open any gate.</li> <li>Sediment track-out from vehicles onto Auberry Road should be limited by constructing a paved minimum 35 foot wide drive approach for the site that extends a minimum of 100' into the site beyond the right-of-way line.</li> <li>No access shall be provided to the development from Old Mill Road.</li> <li>A 10'x10' corner cutoff shall be provided for any gate to promote site visibility onto Auberry Road.</li> <li>An Encroachment Permit shall be required for all improvements within the County right-of-way for Auberry Road.</li> <li>The applicant shall provide Site Access Plans pursuant to County of Fresno Improvement standards to Road Maintenance and</li> </ul>
	Operation staff for review and approval.
13.	Fresno County Fire Protection District: The project shall comply with the 2007 California Code of Regulations Title 24 – Fire Code. After county approval of the project and prior to issuance of building permit, copies of approved Site Plans shall be submitted to the District's office to receive District's Condition of Approval for the project
14.	The project shall comply with California Code of Regulations Title 24 - Fire Code after County approval of the project and prior to issuance of any Building Permits. The Applicant shall submit three Site Plans, stamped "reviewed" or "approved" from the Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning to the Fresno County Fire Department for their review and approval. The Applicant shall submit evidence that their Plan was approved by the Fire Department, and all fire protection improvements shall be installed, prior to occupancy granted to the use. The project shall comply with CalFire regulations related to Standard vegetation clearance.
15.	According to the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control, District (Air District), the project must comply with all mitigation measures identified in the Monitoring and Reporting Schedule for the approved Indirect Source Review (ISR) as well as adhere to the Air District rules: Regulation VIII – Fugitive Dust Rules, Rule 4102 (Nuisance), Rule 4601 (Architectural Coatings), Rule 4641 (Cutback, Slow Cure, and Emulsified Asphalt, Paving and Maintenance Operations) and an Authority to Construct (ATC).



## **County of Fresno**

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING

ALAN WEAVER

DIRECTOR

# Planning Commission Staff Report Agenda Item No. 2 April 25, 2013

SUBJECT:

Initial Study Application No. 6619

Unclassified Conditional Use Permit Application No. 3389

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apparatus, a 40-foot tall electrical utility pole, eight inverters ranging from 21 to 23 square feet in size,

and a six-foot tall chain-link fence on an

approximately 20.82-acre portion of a 68.28-acre parcel in the M-3 (c) (Heavy Industrial, conditional)

Zone District.

LOCATION:

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Applicant:

SH3 Solar, LLC

Owner:

Kirk and Dia Ringgold

STAFF CONTACT:

Ejaz Ahmad, Planner

(559) 600-4204

Chris Motta, Principal Planner

(559) 600-4227

#### RECOMMENDATION:

- Adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for Initial Study (IS) Application No. 6619; and
- Approve Unclassified Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Application No. 3389 with recommended Findings and Conditions; and

#### **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIVISION**

• Direct the Secretary to prepare a Resolution documenting the Commission's action

#### IMPACTS ON JOB CREATION:

The Commission's action will have a limited effect on job creation. Short-term jobs associated with construction activity could occur as the result of this proposal.

#### **EXHIBITS:**

- 1. Mitigation Monitoring, Conditions of Approval, and Project Notes
- 2. Location Map
- 3. Existing Zoning Map
- 4. Existing Land Use Map
- 5. Site Plans
- 6. Elevations
- 7. Applicant's Submitted Operational Statement
- 8. Applicant's Submitted Information in Response to Solar Facility Guidelines
- 9. Summary of Initial Study Application No. 6619

#### SITE DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATIONAL INFORMATION:

Criteria	Existing	Proposed
General Plan Designation	Mountain Urban in the Sierra-North Regional Plan	N/A
Zoning	M-3 ( c) (Heavy Industrial, conditional)	N/A
Parcel Size	68.28 acres	N/A
Project Site	7.7 megawatt power generation facility with related improvements	A four (4) megawatt photovoltaic (PV) solar power generation facility with supportive appurtenance structures on an approximately 20.82-acre portion of a 68.28-acre parcel
Structural Improvements	7.7 megawatt power generation facility with related improvements	Ground-mounted PV panels, eight inverters ranging from 21 to 23 square feet in size, two 153

Criteria	Existing	Proposed
		square-foot switchgear apparatus, and a six-foot tall chain-link perimeter fence
Nearest Residence	192 feet south of the property	No change
Surrounding Development	Commercial and industrial uses to the north and west; and single family residences, miscellaneous non-residential structures, and a public utility service center to the east and south	No change
Operational Features	N/A	See "Project Site" above
Employees	N/A	None
Customers	N/A	None
Traffic Trips	N/A	An average of four (4) to seven (7) construction vehicle trips per day during 16 weeks construction of the facility  One trip per quarter by a worker for maintenance and panel washing during operation of the facility
Lighting	N/A	Motion-activated outdoor security lighting for security purposes
Hours of Operation	N/A	24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year

#### EXISTING VIOLATION (Y/N) AND NATURE OF VIOLATION: N

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:**

An Initial Study (IS) was prepared for the project by County staff in conformance with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Based on the IS, staff has determined that a Mitigated Negative Declaration is appropriate. A summary of the Initial Study is below and included as Exhibit 9.

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration publication date: March 22, 2013.

#### PUBLIC NOTICE:

Notices were sent to 62 property owners within 1,320 feet of the subject property exceeding the minimum notification requirements prescribed by the California Government Code and County Zoning Ordinance. An additional three notices were sent to interested parties requesting notification of this project.

#### PROCEDURAL CONSIDERATIONS:

A Classified Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Application may be approved only if four Findings specified in Zoning Ordinance Section 873-F are made by the Planning Commission.

The decision of the Planning Commission on a CUP Application is final unless appealed to the Board of Supervisors within 15 days of the Commission's action.

#### BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The project site is zoned industrial and a portion of it developed with a waste wood-fired 7.7-megawatt power production facility and related improvements. The site has also been utilized for log and lumber storage incidental to a sawmill operation between 1950 and 1994. According to the county records, Conditional Use Permit No. 2136 for the existing power production facility was approved on March 28, 1985.

The proposed solar facility will utilize photovoltaic (PV) modules with a capacity of generating up to four (4) megawatts alternating current (MW-AC) and be located on an approximately 20.82-acre easterly portion of 68.28-acre subject property. The project will be constructed in two phases. Phase 1 (RGA1) will consist of two (2) MW-AC on an approximately 10.38 acres, and Phase 2 (RGA 2) will consist of two (2) MW-AC on an approximately 10.44 acres. The project would construct a series of PV module arrays mounted on fixed-tilt racking systems with an overall height up to 7.4 feet. PV modules will convert sunlight into electrical energy, which will be delivered to PG&E's existing regional transmission network with voltage transmission equipment and system safety equipment constructed on the site.

Support facilities to be constructed on the property include two 153 square-foot switchgear apparatus, a 40-foot tall electrical utility pole, eight inverters ranging from 21 to 23 square feet in size, and a six-foot tall chain-link fence. The facility (including Phase 1 and Phase 2) will connect to two existing power poles with 12-21 kilowatt distribution lines and are located on the property and within the Auberry Road right-of-way.

#### ANALYSIS/DISCUSSION:

Finding 1:

The site of the proposed use is adequate in size and shape to accommodate said use and all yards, spaces, walls and fences, parking, loading, landscaping, and other features required by this Division, to adjust said use with land and uses in the neighborhood.

Current Standard:		Proposed Operation:	Is Standard Met (y/n)
Setbacks	Front: None (15	Front (west property line	Yes

	Current Standard:	Proposed Operation:	Is Standard Met (y/n)
	feet if property abuts a residential district) Sides: None (15 feet if property abuts a residential district) Rear: None (15 feet if property abuts a residential district)	abutting Auberry Road): 1,690 feet Side (north property line abutting industrial and commercial zoned properties): 65 feet Side (south property line abutting residential zoned properties): 77 feet Rear (east property line abutting residential zoned properties): 65 feet	
Parking	One parking space for each two permanent employees, one for each company owned truck	No employees, no company owned truck	N/A
Lot Coverage	No requirement	N/A	N/A
Separation Between Buildings	No requirement	N/A	N/A
Wall Requirements	Six foot high wall between an industrial and residential zone properties	Six foot high solid masonry wall required along the easterly property line	Construction of wall will be deferred with the recordation of a covenant
Septic Replacement Area	100 percent	None required	N/A
Water Well Separation	Septic tank: 50 feet; Disposal field: 100 feet; Seepage pit: 150 feet	None required	N/A

#### Reviewing Agency/Department Comments regarding Site Adequacy:

Zoning Section, Development Services Division: The proposed improvements meet the setback requirements of the M-3 (Heavy Industrial) Zone District. Completion of a Site Plan Review (SPR) is recommended to ensure adequate setbacks and adequate area for parking and circulation.

No other comments specific to the adequacy of the site were expressed by reviewing Agencies or Departments.

#### Analysis:

Staff review of the Site Plan demonstrates that the proposed improvements satisfy the minimum building setback requirements of the M-3 (Heavy Industrial) Zone District. The proposed solar panels will be set back approximately 1,690 feet from the westerly property line abutting Auberry Road (none required), 65 feet from the northerly property line (none required), 77 feet from the southerly property line (15 feet required) and 65 feet from the easterly property line (15 feet required).

Based on the above information and with adherence to a Site Plan Review which will be required as a Condition of Approval, staff believes the site is adequate to accommodate the proposed solar power generation facility and related improvements.

#### **Recommended Conditions of Approval:**

None.

#### Conclusion:

Finding 1 can be made.

Finding 2:

The site for the proposed use relates to streets and highways adequate in width and pavement type to carry the quantity and kind of traffic generated by the proposed use.

		Existing Conditions	Proposed Operation
Private Road	No	N/A	N/A
Public Road Frontage	Yes	Auberry Road; excellent condition	No change
Direct Access to Public Road	Yes	Auberry Road; excellent	No change
Road ADT (Average Daily Traffic)		2000	Minimal traffic increase during regular operation of the facility
Road Classification		Collector Road	No change
Road Width		40 feet east of the Auberry Road section line	No change
Road Surface		Asphalt paved – pavement width 32 feet	No change
Traffic Trips		7.7 megawatt power	An average of four (4) to

		Existing Conditions	Proposed Operation
		generation facility	seven (7) construction vehicle trips per day during 16 weeks of construction of the facility
			One trip per quarter by a worker for maintenance and panel washing during operation of the facility
Traffic Impact Study (TIS) Prepared	No	Limited industrial traffic	No TIS required by County Design Division
Road Improvements Required		Excellent	None required

#### Reviewing Agency/Department Comments regarding Adequacy of Streets and Highways:

Design Division: No concern with the proposal related to vehicular traffic; no Traffic Impact Study required.

California Department of Transportation (Caltrans): No concern with the proposal related to vehicular traffic; no Traffic Impact Study required.

Road Maintenance and Operations Division: Any gates provided off Auberry Road shall be set back a minimum of 20 feet from the right-of-way line or such greater in order to preclude any truck from extending into the right-of-way if temporarily stopped to open any gate. Sediment track-out from vehicles onto Auberry Road should be limited by constructing a paved minimum 35 foot wide drive approach for the site that extends a minimum of 100' into the site beyond the right-of-way line. No access shall be provided to the development from Old Mill Road. A 10'x10' corner cutoff shall be provided for any gate to promote site visibility onto Auberry Road. An Encroachment Permit shall be required for all improvements within the County right-of-way for Auberry Road. The applicant shall provide Site Access Plans pursuant to County of Fresno Improvement standards to Road Maintenance and Operation staff for review and approval. These requirements have been included as Project Notes and shall be reviewed for approval during Site Plan Review which has been included as a Condition of Approval.

No other comments specific to the adequacy of streets and highways were expressed by reviewing Agencies or Departments.

#### Analysis:

Staff notes that vehicular traffic in the area will be increased during the time of construction using Auberry Road; however, this increase will be temporary. According to the information provided by the Applicant, the project will generate an average of four (4) to seven (7) construction vehicle trips per day during 16 weeks of construction.

scheduled maintenance required for solar panel washing and system inspection will be performed once per quarter.

Further, no concerns related to the project's impact on County roadways were expressed by the Design or Road Maintenance and Operations Divisions of the Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning. Likewise, no concerns were expressed by the California Department of Transportation.

Based on the above information and with adherence to the Project Note, staff believes that Auberry Road will remain adequate in width and condition to accommodate the construction and operational traffic generated by the proposed use.

#### **Recommended Conditions of Approval:**

None.

#### Conclusion:

Finding 2 can be made.

Finding 3: The proposed use will have r

The proposed use will have no adverse effect on abutting property and surrounding neighborhood or the permitted use thereof.

Surrou	Surrounding Parcels				
····	Size:	Use:	Zoning:	Nearest Residence:	
North	2.38 acres to 22.69 acres	Commercial and industrial	C-M & M-3	308 feet northwest	
South	3.41 acres to five acres	Single family residences	RR	192 feet south	
East	39.19 acres	Public utility service center	RR	385 southeast.	
West	2.24 acres to five acres	Commercial and industrial	M-1	None	

#### **Reviewing Agency/Department Comments:**

California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW): Protocol surveys for the property should be conducted during optimal time for identification of plants and animal activities. On-site soils types shall be identified to determine sensitive plants species it would support. Project-related activities shall be prohibited during general bird breeding seasons (January 1 through September 15) and a nesting survey shall be conducted 14 days prior to starting or restarting work within the breeding season. Buffer shall be provided around active bird nest found during survey (2,640 feet for listed species, 500 feet for non-listed raptor species; 250 feet for non-listed, non-raptor species). A Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (LSAA) Notification shall be required if laying of underground line would impact riparian corridor and survivorship of the existing trees/shrubs on the property. These requirements noted in CDFW's February 5,

2013 comment letter has been coordinated between the CDFW and the applicant and his biologist, and resulting Mitigation Measures has been included in the Exhibit 1.

Fresno County Agricultural Commissioner's Office (Ag Commissioner): The applicant shall acknowledge the need to manage weeds and rodents so as not to become a nuisance which will cause economic and cultural hardship to adjacent properties. Any weed or rodent infestation that is of a nature and magnitude as to constitute a "public nuisance" (as defined in Section 5551 of the California Food and Agricultural Code; Sections 3479 and 3480 of the Civil Code; and Sections 370 to 372 of the Penal Code) is unlawful under California Food and Agricultural Code Section 5553 and Penal Code Section 372. This requirement has been included as a Mitigation Measure.

An agreement incorporating the provisions of the "Right-to-Farm" Notice (Ordinance Code Section 17.40.100) shall be entered into with Fresno County acknowledging the presence of surrounding agricultural operations and their related activities. This requirement has been included as a Condition of Approval.

San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (Air District): The project complies with the emission reduction requirements of District Rule 9510 and as such is not subject to payment of off-site mitigation fees but must comply with all mitigation measures identified in the Monitoring and Reporting Schedule for the approved Indirect Source Review (ISR). The proposal may be subject to the District rules: Regulation VIII – Fugitive Dust Rules, Rule 4102 (Nuisance), Rule 4601 (Architectural Coatings), Rule 4641 (Cutback, Slow Cure, and Emulsified Asphalt, Paving and Maintenance Operations) and an Authority to Construct (ATC) permit.

Development Engineering Section of the Development Services Division: Any additional stormwater run-off generated by the proposed development shall be retained on-site per County Standards. An Engineered Grading and Drainage Plan shall be provided to Development Engineering staff for review and approval and a Grading Permit or Voucher shall be required for any grading activity resulting of this proposal.

Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB): Construction activities disturbing more than an acre must obtain coverage under State Board's Construction General Permit Order 2009-0009-DWQ. All wash water shall be kept on site. Wash water containing cleaner waste (e.g., detergents) shall be captured and disposed of at a permitted facility.

Fresno County Department of Public Health, Environmental Health Division (Health Department): Prior to occupancy, the applicant shall complete and submit a Hazardous Materials Business Plan form. All hazardous waste shall be handled in accordance with the requirements set forth in the California Health and Safety Code, Chapter 6.5. A Permit to Construct Water Well shall be obtained for any well to be drilled on the property. An Underground Storage Tank Removal Permit shall be obtained for any underground storage tank(s) found during the project. Prior to commencement of work, any wells that exist or that have been abandoned within the project area, not intended for use by the project, shall be properly destroyed under permit(s) from the Health Department. Should an on-site office be proposed on the property, the operator shall at all times provide an approved water source for plumbing fixtures which is deemed acceptable by the Fresno County Department of Public Health, Environmental Health Division, and the Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning. The project shall conform to the Fresno County Noise Ordinance related to construction noise limiting noise-generating construction activities to the hours of 7:00 a.m. to

6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Fresno County Fire Protection District: The project shall comply with the 2007 California Code of Regulations Title 24 – Fire Code. After county approval of the project and prior to issuance of building permits, copies of approved Site Plans shall be submitted to the District's office to receive District's Condition of Approval for the project.

Auberry Volunteer Fire Department: The project shall comply with Cal Fire regulations related to standard vegetation clearance.

Road Maintenance and Operations Division: Increased runoff associated with grading activities or covering of natural ground with solar panels should be retained on site.

Zoning and Building and Safety Sections of the Development Services Division: Construction plans shall be submitted and building permits be obtained for all proposed improvements on the property, including fences over six feet in height.

The aforementioned requirements have been included as Project Notes.

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG & E), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, California Department of Transportation, Design Division, Water/Geology/Natural Resources Section of the Development Services Division: No concerns with the proposal.

#### Analysis:

The proposed photovoltaic solar power generation facility will produce an estimated four megawatts (MW) of electricity. The facility will consist of two phases (Phase 1 and Phase 2) with 14,400 PV modules, two 153 square-foot switchgear apparatus, eight inverters ranging from 21 to 23 square feet in size, and a six-foot high chain-link perimeter fencing. The switchgear apparatus for Phase 1 (RGA1) will connect to an existing power pole located approximately 1,485 feet west of the Phase 1 improvements. Likewise, the switchgear apparatus for Phase 2 (RGA 2) will connect to an existing power pole located within Auberry Road right-of-way approximately 1,882 feet west of the Phase 2 improvements. All connections will be via underground transmission lines.

The project site is located within an area of commercial and industrial land uses. Parcels adjoining to the north and west of the project site have been developed with limited commercial and industrial uses and the parcels to the east and south of the site has been developed with single family residences, miscellaneous non-residential structures, and a public utility service center. The nearest residence is located approximately 192 feet south of the subject property. The proposed facility is approximately 1,453 feet west of the Auberry Road (State Route 168) and is outside the 200 foot scenic drive setback required for Auberry Road in the County General Plan.

Improvements related to proposed solar generation facility are low in height and as such will have low visibility from the surrounding area. Apart from the 40-foot tall electrical utility pole, the entire 20.82-acre project site will be occupied with 7.4-foot high PV module arrays, 6.9-foot high inverters, and a 9.5-foot high switchgear and be enclosed by a six-foot tall chain-link fence to provide for security, reduce the visual effects of the PV installations, and physical buffers between the proposed development and adjoining properties. The site is currently developed

with and historically used for industrial uses and is located within an established commercial and industrial area with low population density. The site was previously used for log and lumber storage incidental to a sawmill operation and a portion of it has been developed with a waste wood-fired 7.7-megawatt power production facility and related improvements. Given that, no damage to any scenic resources in the area or visual character of the site or its surroundings is expected from this proposal.

Staff notes that no impacts to farmland is expected from this proposal as none exist in the area. At the end of 30-year life of the proposed photovoltaic solar power generation facility, the project site will be restored to a pre-development condition. Restoration of the site will be based on financial assurances provided by the applicant in the form of engineer's cost estimate egual to the cost of reclaiming the land to its previous condition. Also, a Condition of Approval has been included requiring the Applicant to revise their Reclamation Plan to provide for an annual increase in costs at 3%, or an annual increase in costs tied to the Consumer Price Index (CPI), or other mechanism acceptable to the Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning. Additionally, another Condition of Approval will require access to the project site be provided to the County through an access easement or other mechanism acceptable to the Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning to ensure that legal access to the site is available in the event that reclamation activities must be initiated by the County. Furthermore. a deferment of construction agreement will be required between the applicant and the County to defer construction of a six-foot high solid masonry wall along the eastern property line of the subject property until such time as deemed appropriate by the County. Per the County Ordinance, a wall is required between the properties zoned for industrial and residential land uses.

A Biological Evaluation Letter Report was prepared for the project by Live Oak Associates, Inc. and reviewed by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW). CDFW comments on the project were evaluated and addressed by the applicant's biologist to mitigate the project's impact on sensitive biological habitat in the project area. These mitigation measures have been included in this report as Exhibit 1 (Mitigation Measures, Recommended Conditions of Approval Project Notes) and discussed in Exhibit 9 (Section IV. Biological Resources).

Based on the above information and with adherence to the Mitigation Measures related to biological resources, Site Reclamation Plan, hooded outdoor lighting, Rodent and Weed Control Plans, cultural resources, recommended Conditions of Approval; and Project Notes including but not limited to the County's Grading and Drainage Ordinance, fire protection measures from the Fresno County Fire Protection District, and handling of any hazardous waste on the property, identified in the IS prepared for this project and discussed in this Report, staff believes the project will not have an adverse effect upon surrounding properties.

#### **Recommended Conditions of Approval:**

- See Mitigation Measures and Recommended Conditions of Approval attached as Exhibit 1.

#### Conclusion:

Finding 3 can be made.

Finding 4: The proposed development is consistent with the General Plan.

Relevant Policies:	Consistency/Considerations:
Policy12.04-Industrial Policies (Mountain Urban) of the Sierra North Regional Plan states that new industrial use may be allowed on the property provided that the project: 1) will not have a detrimental effect on property and improvements in the area; 2) is located on major roadways and near existing industrial uses; and 3) serve the community.	The proposed facility is similar to the existing power generation facility on the property and is in-line with existing industrial and commercial uses in the area. The property is located along Auberry Road (State Route 168) which is a major thoroughfare in the area. Further, the electricity generated by PV solar panels will be supplied to the PG&E power grid for use by developments in the area.
General Plan Policy PF-C.17: County shall undertake a water supply evaluation, including determinations of water supply adequacy, impact on other water users in the County, and water sustainability.	Water for construction and periodic cleaning of solar panels will be provided by outside water suppliers. The County Water/Geology/ Natural Resources Section of the Development Services Division reviewed the project and expressed no concerns with the proposal as it relates to water quantity.

Policy Planning Section of the Development Services Division: The property is designated Mountain Urban in the County-adopted Sierra North Regional Plan. According to Policy 12.04-Industrial Policies (Mountain Urban) of the Sierra North Regional Plan new industrial use may be allowed on the property provided that the use will not have a detrimental effect on property and improvements in the area, be located on major roadways and near existing industrial uses, and serve the community. According to the General Plan Policy PF-C.17 adequate water supply shall be available for the project.

#### Analysis:

As discussed above, this project is consistent with the applicable General Plan Policies. The proposed facility is similar in nature to the existing power generation facility on the property and as such will not impact, visually or otherwise, the existing commercial and industrial uses in the area. Also, the proposal is located along a major thoroughfare (Auberry Road) and will supply power to improvements within the area through the PG&E's existing power grid system. Further, no impact on water resources is expected from this proposal due to the minimal use of water during construction and periodic washing of solar panels. Water will be trucked in by outside water suppliers.

Based on the above information, staff believes the proposal is consistent with the Fresno County General Plan.

#### **Recommended Conditions of Approval:**

- See Mitigation Measures and recommended Conditions of approval attached as Exhibit 1.

#### Conclusion:

Finding 4 can be made.

#### CONCLUSION:

Staff believes the required Findings for granting the Unclassified Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Application can be made based on the factors cited in the analysis, the recommended Conditions of Approval and Project Notes regarding mandatory requirements. Staff therefore recommends adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for the project and approval of Unclassified Conditional Use Permit Application No. 3389 subject to the recommended Conditions.

#### PLANNING COMMISSION MOTIONS:

#### Recommended Motion (Approval Action)

- Move to adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for Initial Study Application No. 6619; and
- Move to determine the required Findings can be made and move to approve Unclassified Conditional Use Permit Application No. 3389, subject to the Mitigation Measures, Conditions of Approval and Project Notes attached as Exhibit 1; and
- Direct the Secretary to prepare a Resolution documenting the Commission's action.

#### Alternative Motion (Denial Action)

- Move to determine that the required Findings cannot be made (state basis for not making the Findings) and move to deny Unclassified Conditional Use Permit Application No. 3389; and
- Direct the Secretary to prepare a Resolution documenting the Commission's action.

#### Mitigation Measures, Recommended Conditions of Approval and Project Notes:

See attached Exhibit 1.

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# Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program Initial Study (IS) No. 6619 / Unclassified Conditional Use Permit (CUP) No. 3389 (Including Conditions of Approval and Project Notes)

		Mitigation Measures			
Mitigation Measure No.*	Impact	Mitigation Measure Language	Implementation Responsibility	Monitoring Responsibility	Time Span
*1.	Aesthetics	All lighting shall be hooded and directed so as not to shine toward adjacent properties and public streets.	Applicant	Applicant/Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning (PW&P)	Ongoing; until the project lasts
*2.	Agricultural and Forestry Resources	The project shall adhere to the procedures listed in the Reclamation Plan prepared for the operation, including requirements for financial estimates, bonding and facility removal when operation ceases. Prior to the issuance of any Construction Permits (Building, Electrical, Mechanical, Plumbing), the required bond amount, based on engineer's estimate, shall be deposited (or evidence of a Bank Guarantee or Irrevocable Letter of Credit) and a covenant shall be signed between the property owner and the County of Fresno and shall run with the land requiring the site to be restored as nearly as practical to its original condition at the cessation of operation.	Applicant	PW&P	Ongoing; until the project lasts
*3.	Agricultural and Forestry Resources	Prior to the issuance of any permits, a Pest Management Plan shall be submitted to the Department of Public Works and Planning and approved by the Fresno County Agricultural Commissioner's Office. The Pest Management Plan shall identify methods and frequency to manage weeds, insects, and disease and vertebrate pests that may impact adjacent properties	Applicant	PW&P/Agriculture Commissioner's Office (ACO)	Ongoing; until the project lasts
*4.	Agricultural and Forestry Resources	The applicant shall acknowledge the need to manage weeds and rodents so as not to become a nuisance which will cause economic and cultural hardship to adjacent properties. Any weed or rodent infestation that is of a nature and magnitude as to constitute a "public nuisance" (as defined in Section 5551 of the California Food and Agricultural Code; Sections 3479 and 3480 of the Civil Code; and Sections 370 to 372 of the Penal Code); and that the maintenance of such public nuisance is unlawful under California Food and Agricultural Code Section 5553 and Penal Code Section 372.	Applicant	Applicant/PW&P/ ACO	Ongoing; until the project lasts

*5.	Biological Resources	If feasible and to the maximum extent possible, the three ponds located adjacent to the project site within the 68.28-acre as well as Little Sandy Creek which traverses the northern boundary of the project site, shall be avoided by at least 250 feet as measured from the top of each bank to protect western pond turtles and their nests. The 250-foot buffer shall be a no-disturbance buffer and should be clearly delineated on the ground with stakes, flagging, etc., prior to starting construction/ decommissioning activities and maintained until all construction/ decommissioning activities have been completed.	Applicant	Applicant/ PW&P/ California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)	As noted
*6.	Biological Resources	If complete avoidance of this 250 foot buffer is not feasible, a qualified biologist shall conduct intensive visual surveys to detect western pond turtles or their nests no more than 14 days prior to starting construction/decommissioning. Additional survey shall be completed if construction/decommissioning activities cease for 30 days or more.	Applicant	Applicant/ PW&P/ CDFW	As noted
*7.	Biological Resources	Should pond turtles be found, these turtles will be relocated by the qualified biologist to the nearest suitable aquatic habitat. Should turtle nests be found these nests shall be avoided with a 50 foot no-disturbance buffer until it has been determined that the eggs have hatched and the juvenile turtles have left the nest site.	Applicant	Applicant/CDFW	As noted
*8.	Biological Resources	All special-status plant species and /or their habitats shall be avoided by at least 50 feet. The 50-foot no-disturbance buffer should be clearly delineated on the ground with stakes, flagging, etc. during construction, operation and decommissioning activities.	Applicant	Applicant/CDFW	As noted
*9.	Biological Resources	The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) shall be consulted to determine if an Incidental Take Permit (ITP) is warranted if listed plant species cannot be avoided by 50 feet.	Applicant	Applicant/CDFW	As noted
*10.	Biological Resources	Construction/decommissioning activities shall be prohibited during the normal bird breeding season defined as January 1 through September 15, when feasible.	Applicant	Applicant/CDFW	As noted
*11.	Biological Resources	A qualified biologist shall conduct intensive visual surveys to detect active bird nests no more than 14 days prior to starting construction/decommissioning activities if these activities must occur between January 1 and September 15. Additional	Applicant	Applicant/ PW&P/ CDFW	As noted

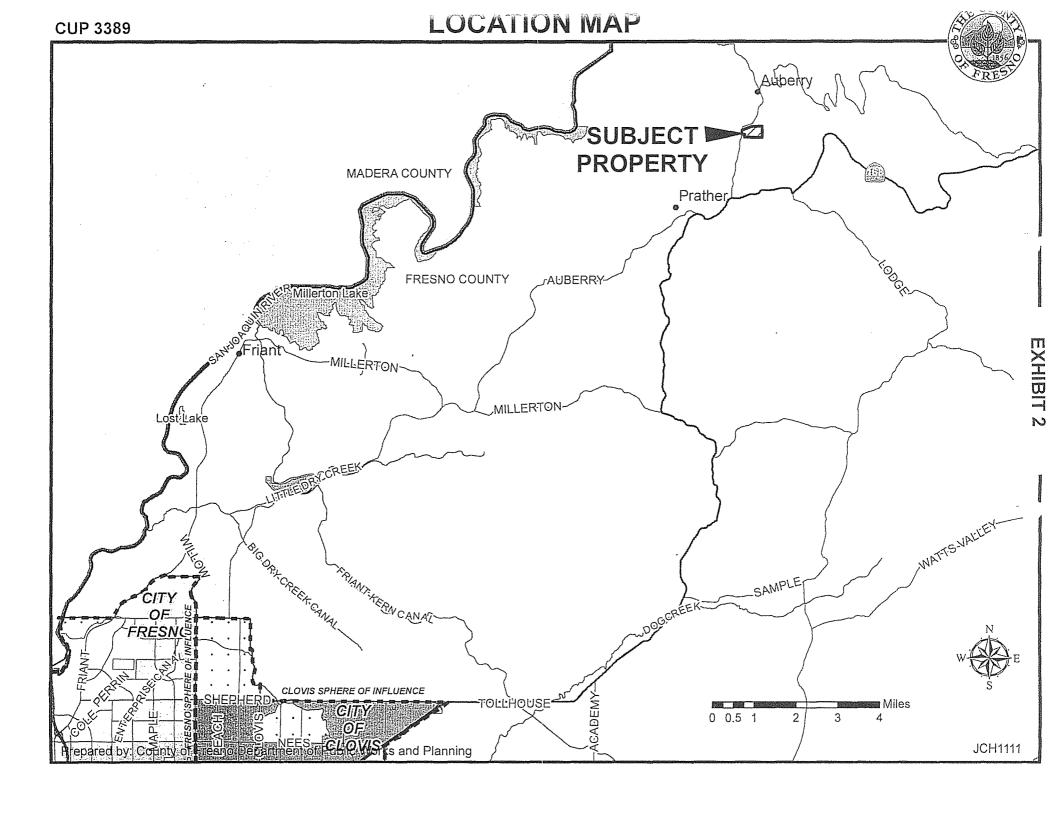
		survey shall be completed if construction/decommissioning activities cease for 30 days or more.			
*12.	Biological Resources	Active nests birds shall be protected with a no-disturbance buffer of at least 2,640 feet for listed bird species, 500 feet for non-listed raptor species, and 250 feet for non-listed, non-raptor species. The no-disturbance buffers should be clearly delineated on the ground with stakes, flagging, etc. until after the breeding season has ended or the young have fledged and no longer dependent on the nests or the parents for survival as determined by a qualified biologist and with written consent from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) for listed species.	Applicant	Applicant/CDFW	As noted
*13.	Biological Resources	The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) shall be consulted to determine if an Incidental Take Permit (ITP) is warranted if active listed bird nests cannot be avoided by 2,640 feet during the breeding season.	Applicant	Applicant/CDFW/ / United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)	As noted
*14.	Biological Resources	To prevent bird death and injury, all vertical pipes associated with the solar mounts and fencing poles as they are installed shall be capped.	Applicant	Applicant/CDFW	As noted
*15.	Biological Resources	Use of pesticide within all non-disturbance buffers shall be prohibited.		Applicant/CDFW	
*16.	Biological Resources	Use of rodenticides that may impact non-target species and/or reduce prey sources for existing wildlife shall be prohibited. Rodents should be removed using live traps instead of rodenticides.		Applicant/CDFW	
*17.	Biological Resources	If trenching and line connection to the existing pole will result in removal of trees/shrubs/grasses within riparian corridor or roots cut that could impact the survivorship of the trees/shrubs, a Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (LSAA) Notification shall be submitted to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to mitigate such impacts through LSAA.		Applicant/CDFW	
*18.	Cultural Resources	In the event that cultural resources are unearthed during grading activity, all work shall be halted in the area of the find,	Applicant	Applicant/PW&P	As noted

	and an Archeologist shall be called to evaluate the findings and make any necessary mitigation recommendations. If human remains are unearthed during construction, no further disturbance is to occur until the Fresno County Coroner has made the necessary findings as to origin and disposition. If such remains are determined to be Native American, the Coroner must notify the Native American Commission within 24 hours.			
	Conditions of Approval			
1.	Development of the property shall be in accordance with the Site Plan, Floor Plans, Elevations, and Operational Statement approved by the Commission.			
2.	The life of this land use permit will expire upon expiration of the initial life of the solar lease or the 30-year initial life of the project. If the solar lease is to be extended or the initial life of the project extends beyond this approval, approval of a new land use permit will need to be obtained.			
3.	A Site Plan Review (SPR) Application shall be submitted for approval by the Director of the Department of Public Works and Planning, in accordance with Section 874 of the Fresno County Zoning Ordinance prior to the issuance of Building Permits. Items to be addressed under the SPR may include, but are not limited to, design of parking and circulation, driveway, access, grading and drainage, fire protection and lighting.			
4.	As part of the SPR submittal process, an agreement incorporating the provisions of the "Right-to-Farm" Notice (Ordinance Code Section 17.40.100) shall be entered into with Fresno County acknowledging the presence of surrounding agricultural operations and their relate activities.			
5.	Prior to issuance of a building permit, a covenant running with the land between the County and the property owner shall be recorded requiring that construction of a six foot high solid masonry wall along the easterly property line of the subject property shall be deferred until such time as deemed appropriate by the County. The Department of Public Works and Planning will prepare the Covenant upon receipt of the standard processing fee, which is currently \$243.50.			
6.	The reclamation plan shall be revised to provide for an annual increase in costs at 3% or tied to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) or other mechanism acceptable to the Department of Public Work's and Planning.			
7.	Access to the project site shall be provided to the County through an access easement or other mechanism acceptable to the Department of Public Works and Planning to ensure that legal access to the site is available in the event that reclamation activities must be initiated by the County.			
8.	The project shall comply with the information in response to Solar Facility Guidelines attached as Exhibit 8 to the Staff Report, and as approved and/or modified by the Commission.			

<sup>\*</sup>MITIGATION MEASURE – Measure specifically applied to the project to mitigate potential adverse environmental effects identified in the environmental document and Conditions of Approval reference recommended Conditions for the project,

No.	Notes Notes
The followin	g Notes reference mandatory requirements of Fresno County or other Agencies, and are provided as information to the project Applicant.
1.	Construction Plans shall be submitted and Building Permits shall be obtained for all improvements on the project site. Construction Plans must be prepared by a licensed Design professional. Building Permits are also required for fences more than six feet in height. Contact the Building and Safety Section of the Development Services Division at (559) 600-4540 regarding permits for construction.
2.	Any additional storm water run-off generated by the project cannot be drained across property lines or into County right-of-way, and must be retained on-site, per the County Standards.
3.	An Engineered Grading and Drainage Plan is required to show how additional storm water run-off generated by the proposed development will be handled without adversely impacting adjacent properties. A Grading Permit or Voucher is required for any grading proposed with this application.
4.	Any wells that exist or that have been abandoned within the project area, not intended for use by the project, shall be properly destroyed. For those wells located in the unincorporated area of Fresno County, the applicant shall apply for and obtain a permit(s) to destroy water well(s) from the Fresno County Department of Public Health, Environmental Health Division prior to commencement of work. The destruction and construction of wells can only be completed by a licensed C-57 contractor. Contact the Water Surveillance Program at (559) 600-3047 for more information.
5.	Any septic systems that exist or have been abandoned within the project area, not intended for use by the project, shall be properly destroyed under permit and inspection by the Department of Public Works and Planning, Development Services Division.
6.	Should any underground storage tank(s) be found during the project, the applicant shall apply for and secure an Underground Storage Tank Removal Permit from the Fresno County Department of Public Health, Environmental Health Division. Contact the Certified Unified Program Agency at (559) 600-3271 for more information. Prior to occupancy, the applicant shall complete and submit a Hazardous Materials Business Plan to the Fresno County Department of Public Health, Environmental Health Division. Contact the Certified Unified Program Agency at (559) 600-3271 for more information
7.	All hazardous waste shall be handled in accordance with requirements set forth in the California Health and Safety Code, Chapter 6.5. This chapter discusses proper labeling, storage and handling of hazardous wastes
8.	Should a water well be drilled, the water well contractor selected by the applicant will be required to apply for and obtain a Permit to Construct a Water Well from the Fresno County Public Health Department, Environmental Health Division. Contact the Water Surveillance Program at (559) 600-3047 for more information
9.	Should an on-site office be proposed on the property, the operator shall at all times provide an approved water source for plumbing fixtures which is deemed acceptable by the Fresno County Department of Public Health, Environmental Health Division, and the Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning.
10	The project shall conform to the Fresno County Noise Ordinance related to construction noise limiting noise-generating construction activities to the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

	Notes Notes
11.	According to the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (Air District), the project must comply with all mitigation measures identified in the Monitoring and Reporting Schedule for the approved Indirect Source Review (ISR).
	According to the Regional Water Quality Control Board, construction activities disturbing more than an acre must obtain coverage under State Board's Construction General Permit Order 2009-0009-DWQ. Wash water shall be kept on site. Wash water containing cleaner waste (e.g., detergents) shall be captured and disposed of at a permitted facility.
12.	According to the Road maintenance and Operations Division:
	<ul> <li>Any gates provided off Auberry Road shall be set back a minimum of 20 feet from the right-of-way line or such greater in order to preclude any truck from extending into the right-of-way if temporarily stopped to open any gate.</li> <li>Sediment track-out from vehicles onto Auberry Road should be limited by constructing a paved minimum 35 foot wide drive approach for the site that extends a minimum of 100' into the site beyond the right-of-way line.</li> <li>No access shall be provided to the development from Old Mill Road.</li> <li>A 10'x10' corner cutoff shall be provided for any gate to promote site visibility onto Auberry Road.</li> <li>An Encroachment Permit shall be required for all improvements within the County right-of-way for Auberry Road.</li> <li>The applicant shall provide Site Access Plans pursuant to County of Fresno Improvement standards to Road Maintenance and Operation staff for review and approval.</li> </ul>
13.	Fresno County Fire Protection District: The project shall comply with the 2007 California Code of Regulations Title 24 – Fire Code. After county approval of the project and prior to issuance of building permit, copies of approved Site Plans shall be submitted to the District's office to receive District's Condition of Approval for the project
14.	The project shall comply with California Code of Regulations Title 24 - Fire Code after County approval of the project and prior to issuance of any Building Permits. The Applicant shall submit three Site Plans, stamped "reviewed" or "approved" from the Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning to the Fresno County Fire Department for their review and approval. The Applicant shall submit evidence that their Plan was approved by the Fire Department, and all fire protection improvements shall be installed, prior to occupancy granted to the use. The project shall comply with CalFire regulations related to Standard vegetation clearance.
15.	According to the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control, District (Air District), the project must comply with all mitigation measures identified in the Monitoring and Reporting Schedule for the approved Indirect Source Review (ISR) as well as adhere to the Air District rules: Regulation VIII – Fugitive Dust Rules, Rule 4102 (Nuisance), Rule 4601 (Architectural Coatings), Rule 4641 (Cutback, Slow Cure, and Emulsified Asphalt, Paving and Maintenance Operations) and an Authority to Construct (ATC).



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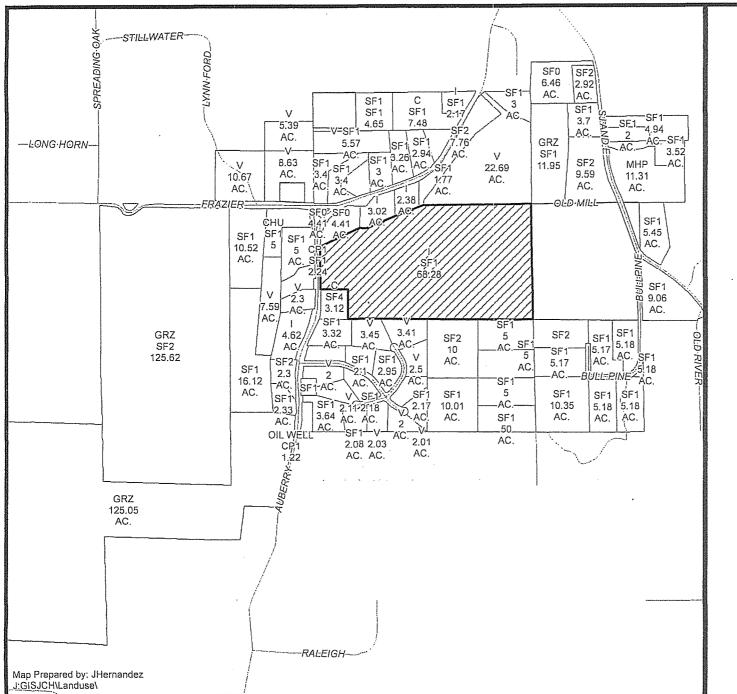
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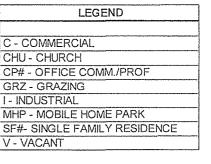
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# **EXISTING LAND USE MAP**







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Subject Property



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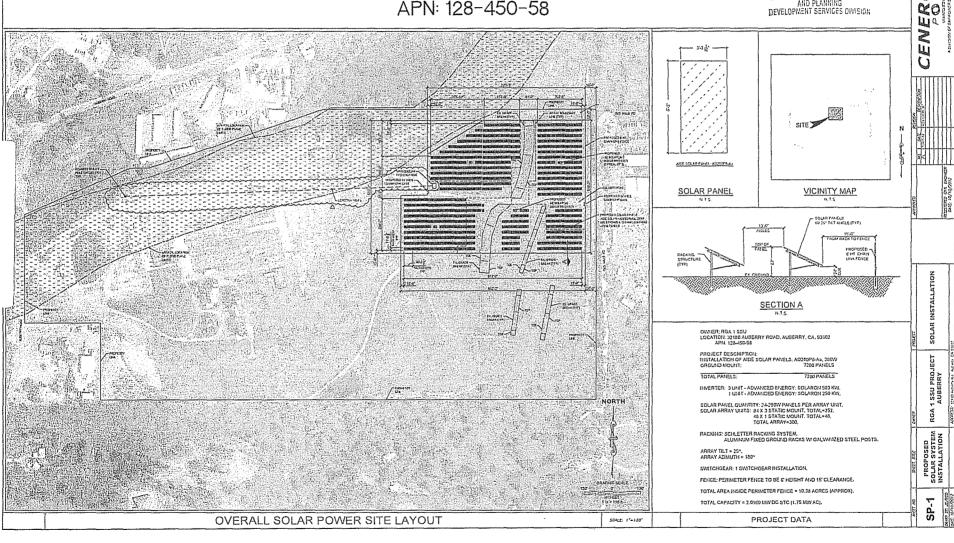
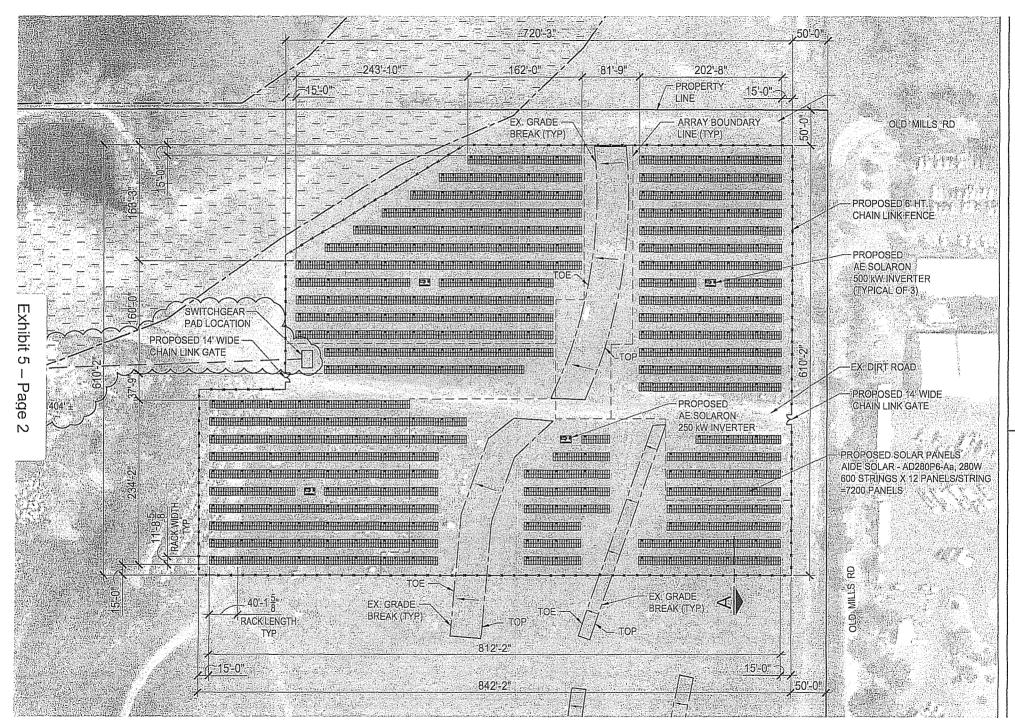


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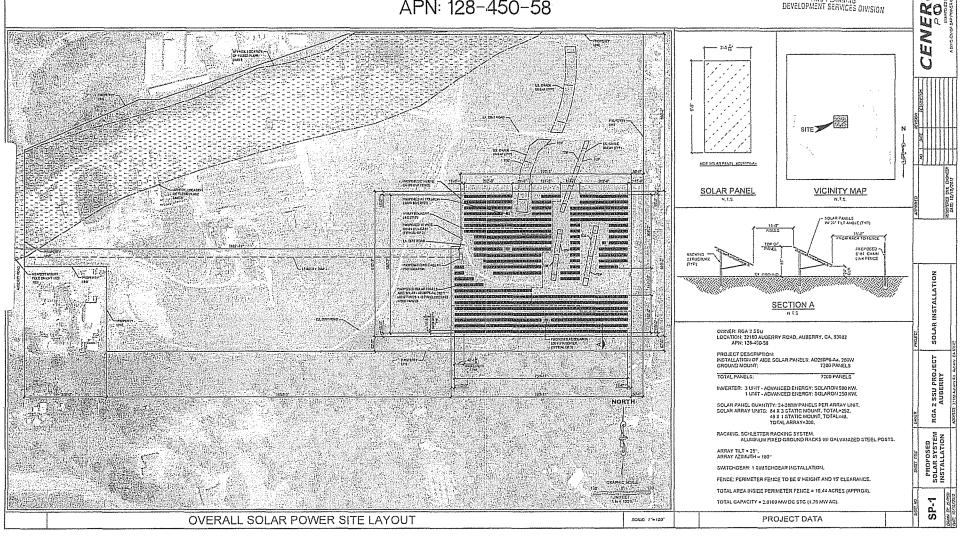
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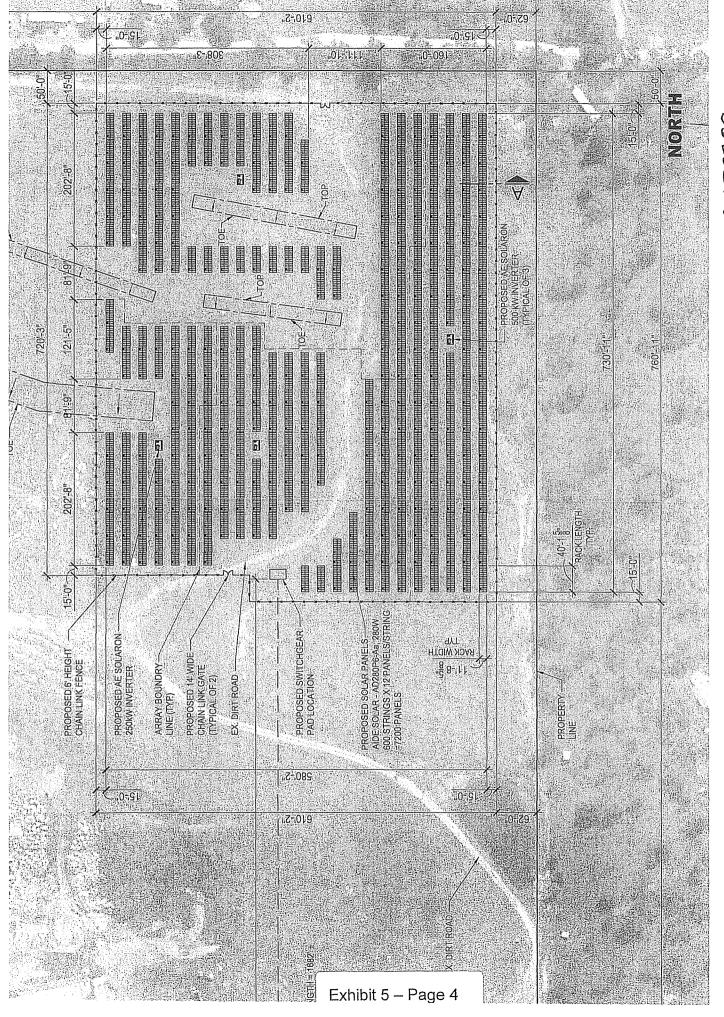
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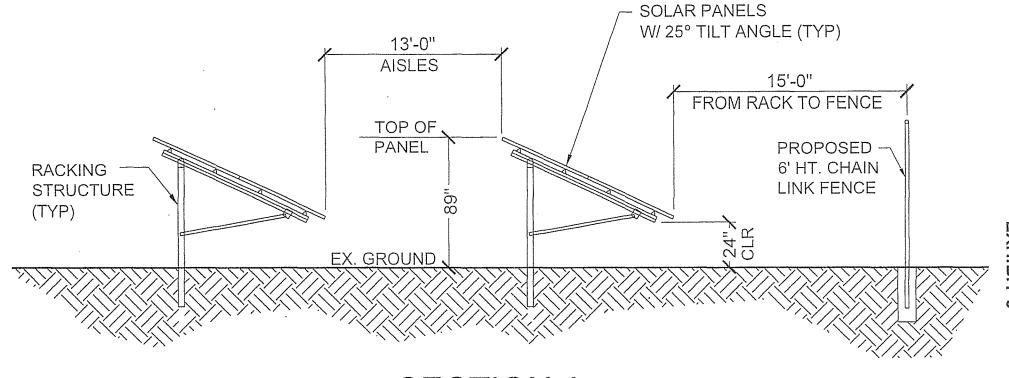


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## **EXHIBIT 7**

# **RGA1&2 Operational Statement Checklist**

## 1. Nature of the operation--what do you propose to do? Describe in detail.

The proposed solar project ("Project") is a pilot for up to 4 megawatt ("MW") alternating current ("DC") photovoltaic ("PV") ground-mounted solar systems (the "Solar System") that will be implemented in two (2) overlapping 2 MW phases known as Phase 1: RGA1 and Phase 2: RGA2. This "pilot" Project intends to demonstrate the tremendous macroeconomic benefits that could be generated from the construction of small, temporary and distributed power PV systems on less productive agricultural lands in Fresno and other Central Valley counties.

The Solar System is engineered with the following key agriculture- and environment- friendly characteristics: (i) temporary use (i.e., system can be easily removed after its 20-30 year land lease term), (ii) small modular footprint of less than 15 acres (i.e., enables even small landowners to generate value on marginal land), (iii) distributed power generation (i.e., system ties directly into a 12-21kV distribution line with minimal necessary utility upgrades), (iv) fast construction time of less than 120 days (i.e., minimal environmental impact), and (v) minimal water requirements (i.e., less than 1.0 acre feet of water is required per year for panel washing), (vi) situated on industrially zoned land.

The last characteristic is perhaps the most important in that all of the land used for the Solar System will not be taking away prime farmland from Fresno County and the Central Valley for solar power generation.

### 2. Operational time limits:

The Project's operational use will extend to the end of the land lease term agreed upon with the landowner, 25 years. The construction time of the Project is estimated to take no more than 16 weeks.

### 3. Number of customers or visitors:

**During and After Construction** 

Average number per day: 0
Maximum number per day: 0
Hours (when they will be there): 0

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## 4. Number of employees:

Current: None

Future: During 16 week construction period, an average of 25 construction workers at any given time. 0 after

Hours they work: 6:00am – 3:00pm Do any live on-site as a caretaker? No

## 5. Service and delivery vehicles:

## During Construction:

Number: 4-7

Type: Pile drivers, forklifts, excavators, trenchers, small compactors,

delivery trucks

Frequency: Most vehicles will stay on site, except a few delivery trucks

## After Construction:

Number: 1

Type: Washing and servicing truck Frequency: 1 visit per quarter

## 6. Access to the site:

Public Roads: Auberry Road and Old Mill Road

# 7. <u>Number of parking spaces for employees, customers, and service/delivery vehicles.</u>

<u>During Construction</u>: Parking areas for construction workers and staging and laydown areas for construction materials would be prepared inside the solar field area or in temporary parking areas nearby within the overall private parcels. Construction access would be via existing paved roads at project site.

After Construction: There will 0 designated parking sports located on the site.

# 8. Are any goods to be sold on-site? If so, are these goods grown or produced on-site or at some other location?

No grown or produced goods will be sold on site.

## 9. What equipment is used? If appropriate, provide pictures or brochure.

<u>During Construction</u>: Pile drivers, forklifts, excavators, trenchers, small compactors, delivery trucks

After Construction: The 4 MW - DC commercial solar PV generating facility will have equipment consisting of solar panels (Aide Solar AD280P6-Aa 280W) inverters (6 Advanced Energy Solaron 500kW and 2 Advanced Energy Solaron 250kW) and racking system (Schletter). For specifications and product brochures please refer to Appendix A.

## 10. What supplies or materials are used and how are they stored?

During the first stage of construction materials and equipment are delivered to the site. The storage area for the materials will be located to the north of the property which shall be cleared of any debris and vegetation. The materials will be in secure container vans and will access the property on the existing road on the north. The office and personnel van will be close to the Project site to minimize manpower traffic.

Materials will include wiring, boxes, switches, conduits, pipes, rebar etc.

# 11. Does the use cause an unsightly appearance? If so, explain how this will be reduced or eliminated.

Noise and air pollution from the Project is limited to the construction phase equipment being used (i.e, trucks, forklifts and excavators). Since the Project primarily consists of assembly and pre-fabricated parts, noise and air pollution will be kept to a minimum.

The solar system will have no impact in terms of glare or odor. The project has 50 foot setbacks and landscaping in compliance with CUP requirements from Fresno County to hide the solar arrays from public view.

# 12. List any solid or liquid wastes to be produced.

During construction there will be almost no waste as the components are prefabricated. At the construction site, only system assembly will be required.

The installation of all electrical wirings, boxes, switches, and inverters will allow for all the waste materials to be recycled and reused for other potential projects.

For the sewer source during construction, we will use a portable toilet facility that will be monitored.

# 13. Estimated volume of water to be used (gallons per day). Source of water?

<u>During Construction</u>: There will be a water truck onsite at all times for dust control. A water truck will also be used to wash the panels for final turnover. The minimal amounts of water used at the site would percolate into the ground.

<u>After Construction</u>: Less than 1.0 acre feet of water is required per year for panel washing and such water will be trucked into the site.

# 14. <u>Describe any proposed advertising including size, appearance, and placement.</u>

There is no proposed advertising located at the site at this time.

## 15. Will existing buildings be used or will new buildings be constructed?

No existing buildings will be used, and no new buildings will be constructed.

# 16. Explain which buildings or what portion of buildings will be used in the operation.

Not applicable

# 17. Will any outdoor lighting or an outdoor sound amplification system be used?

Pole mounted motion detection lights will be utilized around the site perimeter. Such lighting will only illuminate when movement is detected and will be pointed downward to specific security locations at the Project site.

No outdoor sound amplification system will be used.

## 18. Landscaping or fencing proposed? Describe type and location.

Landscaping will be completed along the frontage of Old Mill Road to beautify and obstruct the view of the solar arrays in accordance with the CUP conditions.

The project perimeter that includes a 50 foot buffer would be secured with at least a 6 foot tall chain link security fencing with barbed wire on top for a total height of at least 8 feet.

# 19. Any other information that will provide a clear understanding of the project or operation.

The applicant's primary purpose of the proposed pilot project is to generate approximately 4 MW DC of clean, renewable electrical power using field-proven solar PV technology and to integrate the electrical output of the project into the electrical grid. The electricity produced by the proposed project would be sold via a power purchase agreement with PG&E that would provide a set and secure rate of financial return for the project.

The applicant has identified the following objectives to meet the primary purpose of the proposed project:

- Develop a solar project designed to help meet California's renewable portfolio standard ("RPS") goal of 33% of California's power from renewable resources;
- Locate the Project on less productive agricultural land so that critical California water resources may be efficiently redistributed to more valuable prime farmland;
- Locate the Project in areas that optimize desirable solar project characteristics with minimum potential for environmental effects and maximum economic benefits. Such areas would (i) have strong annual solar insolation, (ii) be in close proximity (and require minimal upgrades to) the existing utility distribution network, (iii) be free of threatened, endangered, or listed species, and (iv) enable landowners to maximize the economic returns on otherwise less productive/ marginal land; and
- Design the Project facilities so that the Project is temporary in nature in the event the landowner wishes to return the land to agricultural use in the future. Such facilities would be engineered for easy removal at end-oflease term in 20-30 years so that the land can be reclaimed for agricultural use.
- 20. Identify all Owners, Officers and/or Board Members for each application submitted; this may be accomplished by submitting a cover letter in addition to the information provided on the signed application forms.

Property Owners: Kirk Ringgold, Dia Ringgold

Project Owner: SH3 Solar, LLC. Managing Member: Bill Pham

## **EXHIBIT 8**



# SH3 Solar LLC, RGA1&2 - Solar Facility Guidelines (Revised by BOS on 3/13/12)

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### APN 128-450-58

The need to accommodate new renewable energy technology must be balanced with the need to protect prime farmlands and minimize impacts to existing agricultural operations. The land use process for evaluating solar facilities should rely on general guidelines and policies rather than specific standards which may not be flexible enough to accommodate the evolving technology.

Applicants for solar facilities shall address the following as part of the application review process:

1. Information shall be submitted regarding the historical agricultural operation/usage of the parcel, including specific crop type and crop yield for the last ten years (if no agricultural operation in the last ten years, specify when land was last in agricultural use); and

Not applicable, the solar site is located on M3 Heavy Industrial zoned land.

2. Information shall be submitted that identifies the source of water for the subject parcel (surface water from irrigation district, individual well(s), conjunctive system). If the source of water is via district delivery, the applicant shall submit information documenting the allocations received from the irrigation district and the actual disposition of the water (i.e. utilized on-site or moved to other locations) for the last ten years. If an individual well system is used, provide production capacity of each well, water quality data and data regarding the existing water table depth; and

Property has wells located on the site but because of M3 Heavy Industrial zoning applicant believes well system information is not applicable. If Fresno County requests additional information applicant will provide it.

3. Identify the current status of the parcel (Williamson Act Contract, Conservation Easement, retired land, etc.), the purpose of any easement and limitations of the parcel. The applicant shall submit a Title Report or Lot Book Guarantee for verification.

The Solar System will be situated on 15 acres in Fresno County at 32180 Auberry Road, Auberry CA 93602, Sections 8, 17&18, Township 10 South, Range 23 East on Assessor's Parcel Number 128-450-58 (Please refer to Appendix A and Appendix B).

The parcel's current status is mostly flat, vacant land with an abandoned Lumberyard facility located on the property (for site photos please refer to Appendix C).

Please refer to Appendix D for the Title Report and Legal Description.

The Project area is located on M3 Heavy Industrial zoned land and has three easements on the property. The first easement is with Ponderosa Telephone Company on the northwest side of the property (Appendix E). The second and third easements are with

Fresno County for road right of ways in the northwest side of the property from 1889 (Appendix F) and 1950 (Appendix G).

4. Identify (with supporting data) the current soil type and mapping units of the parcel pursuant to the standards of the California State Department of Conservation and the Natural Resources Conservation Service; and

According to the California Department of Conservation's "Rural Land Mapping Edition, Fresno County Important Farmland 2008" the project site is located on a combination of "Urban and Built-Up Land" and "Nonagricultural and Natural Vegetation" (Refer to Appendix H).

5. List all proposed measures and improvements intended to create a buffer between the proposed solar facility and adjacent agricultural operations (detailed information must be shown on Site Plan) and provide factual/technical data supporting the effectiveness of said proposed buffering measures; and

Please refer to our most updated Site Plans (<u>Appendix I</u>) which complies with the 50 foot setback requirement from Fresno County. The project's proposed landscaping measures will help to obscure and beautify the view of the solar arrays.

6. Provide a Reclamation Plan detailing the lease life, timeline for removal of the improvements and specific measures to return the site to the agricultural capability prior to installation of solar improvements; and

The applicant has put forth a detailed Reclamation as can be seen in (<u>Appendix J</u>). The Landowners acknowledge and accept the Reclamation Plan as set forth in (<u>Appendix K</u>). However, at the end of the term of the lease and conditional use permit property owners would like the opportunity to negotiate with the County and applicants their desire to keep all or some of the components of the solar system for their personal use on the property (<u>Appendix L</u>).

7. Provide information documenting efforts to locate the proposed solar facility on non-agricultural lands and non-contracted parcels and detailed information explaining why the subject site was selected.

We have located vacant M-3 Heavy Industrial land to ensure no agricultural lands will be taken out of production.

8. Develop and submit a project site Pest Management Plan to identify methods and frequency to manage weeds, insects, disease and vertebrate pests that may impact adjacent sites.

The pest management plan will be implemented as part of the Project routine maintenance schedule. There will be a yearly activity calendar and an annual reassessment of the Pest Management & Weed Control Plan. The routine pest management includes the following:

Reporting:

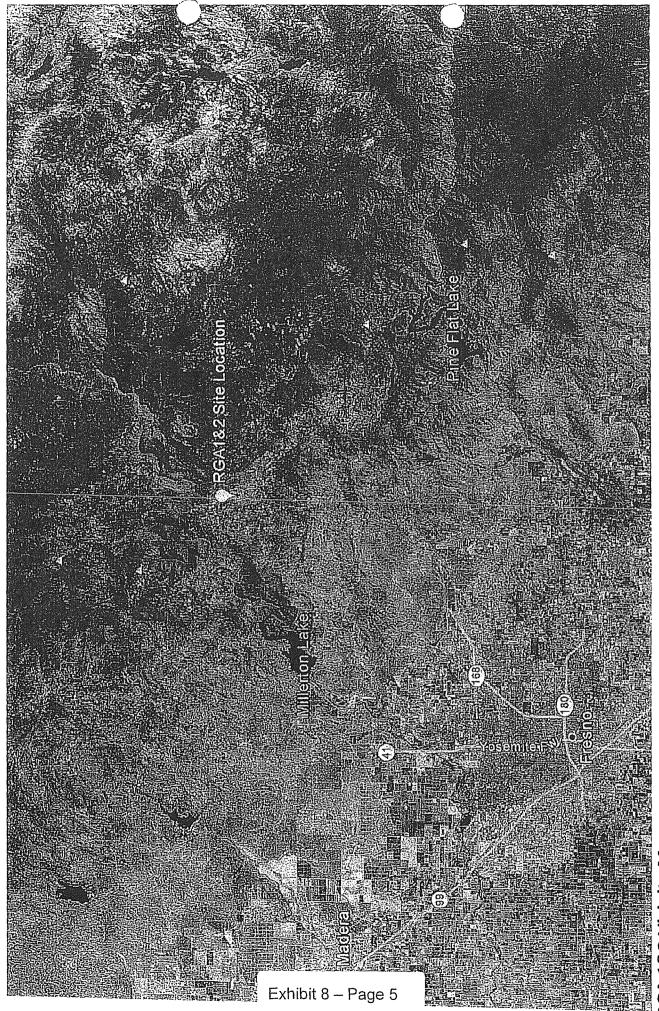
- Identify weeds, vegetation growth, insects, disease and vertebrate pests that may impact adjacent sites.
- · Identify-new threats
- · Create a log of regular reports/ record keeping
  - o Photo files
  - o Records of inspections
  - o Records of weed treatment applications
  - o Records of pest removal/treatment applications
- Control/ Management Methods
  - o Weed treatment and removal of brush or weeds.
  - o Insect/vertebrate pest treatment and removal
- 9. The applicant must acknowledge the County's Right to Farm Ordinance and shall be required to record a Right to Farm Notice prior to issuance of any permits. This shall be included as a recommended Condition of Approval of the land use entitlement.

Not Applicable, the solar site is located on M3 Heavy Industrial zone land.

10. Note: The life of the approved land use permit will expire upon expiration of the initial life of the solar lease. If the solar lease is to be extended, approval of new land use permit will need to be obtained.

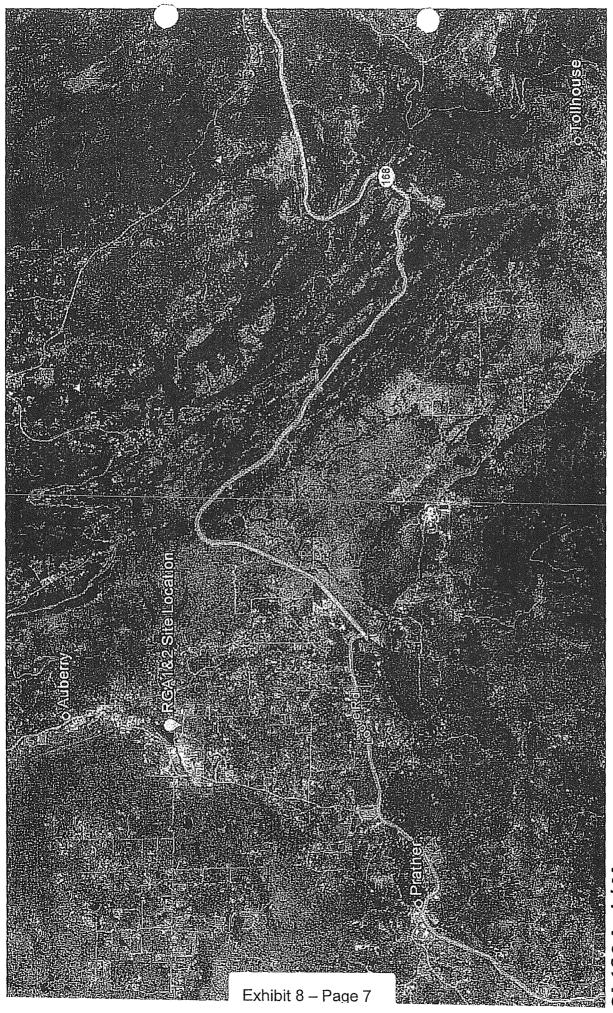
Applicant agrees to submit an updated new land use permit once the solar lease has expired.

# Appendix A



3GA 1&2 Vicinity Map

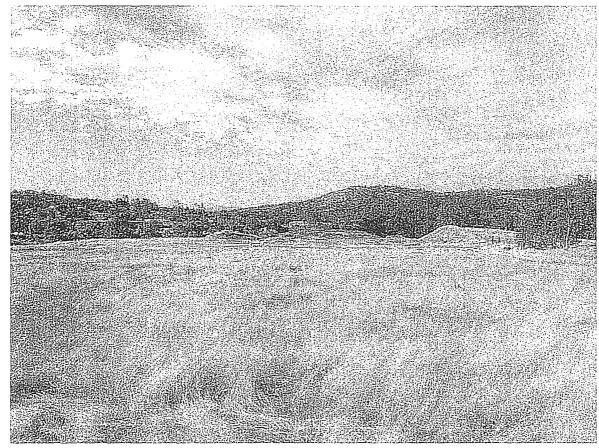
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GA 1&2 Aerial Map

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# RGA1&2 Site Photo - North



RGA1&2 Site Photo - South

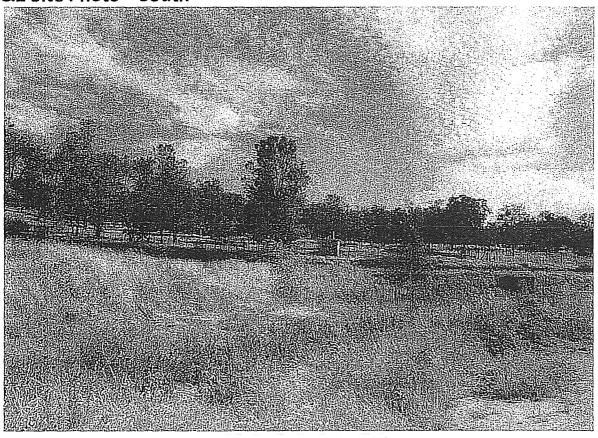
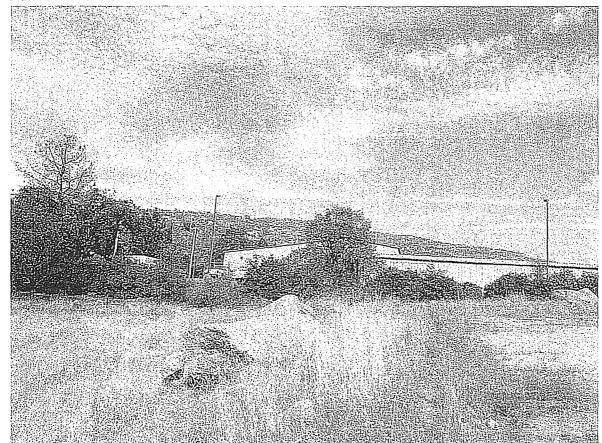


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# RGA1&2 Site Photo - East



RGA1&2 Site Photo - West

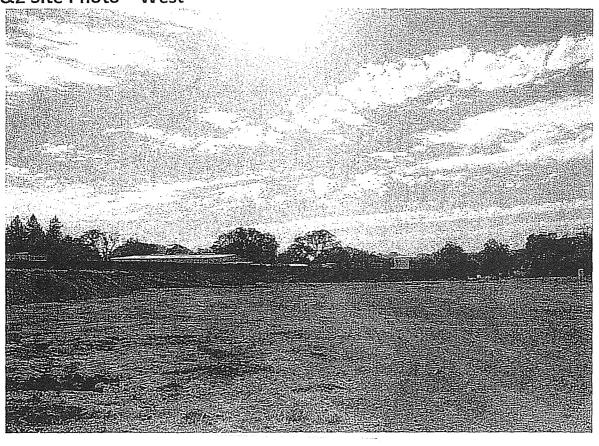


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# Appendix D



### Stewart Title of California, Inc.

7676 Hazard Center Dr., 14th Floor San Diego, CA 92108 (619) 692-1600 Phone

# PRELIMINARY REPORT

Order Number

494356

Title Unit Number

: 7034

Buyer/Borrower Name:

Seller Name:

: Kirk Ringgold

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Property Address: 32180 Auberry Road, Auberry, California

In response to the above referenced application for a Policy of Title Insurance, Stewart Title of California, Inc. hereby reports that it is prepared to issue, or cause to be issued, as of the date hereof, a Policy or Policies of Title Insurance describing the land and the estate or interest therein hereinafter set forth, insuring against loss which may be sustained by reason of any defect, lien or encumbrance not shown or referenced to as an Exception on Schedule B or not excluded from coverage pursuant to the printed Schedules, Conditions, and Stipulations of said Policy forms.

The printed Exceptions and Exclusions from the coverage and Limitations on covered Risks of said policy or policies are set forth in Exhibit A attached. The policy to be issued may contain an arbitration clause. When the Amount of Insurance is less than that set forth in the arbitration clause, all arbitrable matters shall be arbitrated at the option of either the Company or the Insured as the exclusive remedy of the parties. Limitations on Covered Risks applicable to the CLTA and ALTA Homeowner's Policies of Title Insurance which establish a Deductible Amount and a Maximum Dollar Limits of Liability for certain coverages are also set forth in Exhibit A. Copies of the policy forms should be read. They are available from the office which issued this report.

Please read the exceptions shown or referred to below and the exceptions and exclusions set forth in Exhibit A of this report carefully. The exceptions and exclusions are meant to provide you with notice of matters, which are not covered under the terms of the title insurance policy and should be carefully considered.

It is important to note that this preliminary report is not a written representation as to the condition of title and may not list all liens, defects, and encumbrances affecting title to the land.

This report, (and any supplements or amendments thereto) is issued solely for the purpose of facilitating the issuance of a policy of title insurance and no liability is assumed hereby. If it is desired that liability be assumed prior to the issuance of a policy of title insurance a binder or commitment should be requested.

Dated as of: August 31, 2012 at 7:30 a.m.

Frank Green, Title Officer

When replying, please contact Frank Green, Title Officer

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# PRELIMINARY REPORT

The form of Policy of Title Insurance contemplated by this report is:
☑ California Land Title Association Standard Coverage Policy
☐ American Land Title Association Owners Policy
☐ American Land Title Association Residential Title Insurance Policy
☑ American Land Title Association Loan Policy
□ CLTA/ALTA Homeowners Policy
☐ ALTA Short Form Residential Loan Policy (06/16/07)
□ 2006 ALTA Loan Policy
SCHEDULE A
The estate or interest in the land hereinafter described or referred to covered by this report is:
Fee
Title to said estate or interest at the date hereof is vested in:
Kirk Ringgold and Dia Michele Ringgold, husband and wife as joint tenants

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# LEGAL DESCRIPTION

The land referred to herein is situated in the State of California, County of Fresno, Unincorporated Area, and described as follows:

The North half of the Northwest quarter of Section 17, Township 10 South, Range 23 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, according to the Official Plat thereof.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM that portion described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of Section 17; thence Easterly 565 feet; thence South 276 feet; thence Southwesterly to a point on the West line of Section 17, 528 feet South of the Northwest corner thereof; thence North 528 feet to the point of commencement.

ALSO EXCEPTING THEREFROM that portion described as follows: Commencing at the Northeast corner of the Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 17; thence Westerly along the North line of the Northwest quarter 700 feet; thence at right angles South 276 feet; thence Northeasterly to the point of commencement

ALSO EXCEPTING THEREFROM that portion described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of the Northwest quarter of Section 17; thence Easterly 400 feet; thence at right angles North 377 feet; thence at right angles Westerly 400 feet to a point on the West line of Section 17 which Is 377 feet North from the Southwest corner of the Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 17; thence South 377 feet to the point of commencement.

ALSO EXCEPTING THEREFROM a strip of land 60 feet wide lying within the Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of said Section 17, as granted to the County of Fresno, by Deed recorded February 11, 1950 as Document No. 8517.

ALSO EXCEPTING THEREFROM that portion described as follows: Commencing at a point on the North line of Section 17, which point is 565 feet Easterly from the Northwest corner of Section 17, thence South 276 feet; thence Easterly to a point which is 276 feet South of a point on the North line of Section 17, which point is 700 feet Westerly from the Northeast corner of the Northwest quarter of Section 17; thence North 276 feet to a point on the North line of the Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of said Section 17, which point is 700 feet Westerly from the Northeast corner of the Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 17; thence Westerly along the North line of Section 17 to the point of commencement.

ALSO EXCEPTING THEREFROM that portion thereof described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section 17, thence South 89° 50' 00", East, along the North line of the Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of said Section 17, a distance of 1281.70 feet; thence South 00° 10' 00" West, a distance of 19.71 feet to the true point of beginning; thence South 26° 19' 06" West, a distance of 20.22 feet; thence South 33° 58' 54" West, a distance of 40.50 feet; thence South 77° 34' 50" West, a distance of 38.56 feet; thence South 83° 28' 54" West, a distance of 119.53 feet; thence North 68° 37' 49" East, a distance of 201.90 feet to the true point of beginning.

Excepting therefrom any mobile situated thereon

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# SCHEDULE B

At the date hereof, exceptions to coverage in addition to the printed exceptions and exclusions contained in said policy or policies would be as follows:

#### Taxes:

- A. Property taxes, which are a lien not yet due and payable, including any assessments collected with taxes, to be levied for the fiscal year 2012 2013.
- B. Said property has been declared tax defaulted for non-payment of delinquent taxes for the fiscal year 201 2012:

Amounts to redeem for the above stated fiscal year (and subsequent years, if any) are:

Amount:

\$11,787.16

By:

September 30, 2012

Amount:

\$11,941.25

By:

October 31, 2012

- C. The lien of supplemental taxes, if any, assessed pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 75) of the Revenue and Taxation Code of the State of California.
- D. Taxes and assessments levied by the Sierra Resource Conservation District District for the year(s) \*.

### **Exceptions:**

- 1. Water rights, claims or title to water in or under said land, whether or not shown by the public records.
- 2. Title to, and easements in, any portion of the land lying within any highways, roads, streets, or other ways.
- 3. An easement for public road and rights incidental thereto in favor of the County of Fresno as set forth in a document recorded February 15, 1889 in Book 91 of Deeds at Page 291.
- 4. An easement for public utilities and rights incidental thereto in favor of The Ponderosa Telephone Company as set forth in a document recorded February 2, 1970, as Instrument 7709, Book 5756, Page 551 of Official Records, affects as described therein.
- 5. Deed of Trust to secure an indebtedness in the amount shown below, and any other obligations secured thereby:

Amount:

\$700,000.00

Dated:

February 21, 2007

Trustor:

Kirk Ringgold and Dia Michele Ringgold, husband and wife

Trustee:

Chicago Title Company

Beneficiary:

RCY Sierra Properties, LLC, a California limited liability company and

Auberry Energy, LLC, an Idaho limited liability company

Recorded:

February 21, 2007, as Instrument 2007-0035669 of Official Records

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The beneficial interest of Auberry Energy, LLC under said deed of trust was assigned to RCY Sierra Properties, LLC, a California limited liability company, by assignment recorded October 6, 2011, as Instrument 2011-0134929 of Official Records.

- 6. Any lien, or right to a lien, for services, labor, or material heretofore or hereafter furnished, imposed by law and not shown by the Public Records
- 7. Any and all unrecorded leases.
- 8. Any facts, rights, interests or claims which are not disclosed by the public records but which could be ascertained by making inquiry of the parties in possession of the herein described land.
- 9. Any easements, liens (including but not limited to any Statutory Liens for labor or materials arising from any on-going or recently completed works of improvement), encumbrances, facts, rights, interest or claims which are not shown by the public records but which could be ascertained by an inspection of the herein described land.
- 10. Discrepancies, conflicts in boundary lines, shortages in area, encroachments or any other facts which a correct survey of the herein described land would disclose which are not shown by the public records and the requirement that said survey meets with the minimum standards for ALTA/ACSM Land title surveys.

If ALTA Survey is obtained, said ALTA survey needs to be certified to both Stewart Title of California, Inc. and to Stewart Title Guaranty Company, our Underwriter.

(End of Exceptions)

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# NOTES AND REQUIREMENTS

Property taxes, including general and special taxes, personal property taxes, if any and any assessments collected with taxes for the fiscal year shown below, For proration purposes the amounts are:

Fiscal Year: 2011-2012 1st Installment: \$5,136.32 2nd Installment: \$5,136.32 APN No.: 128-450-58

According to the public records, there has been no conveyance of the land within a period of twenty-four months prior to the date of this report, except as follows:

### None

This report is preparatory to the issuance of an ALTA loan Policy. We have no knowledge of any fact which would preclude the issuance of the policy with CLTA Endorsement Forms 100 and 116 and if applicable, 115 and 116.2 attached.

When issued, the CLTA Endorsement Form 116 or 116.2, if applicable will reference a(n) Commercial/Industrial, 32180 Auberry Road, Auberry, CA

The charge for a policy of title insurance, when issued through this title order, will be based on the basic rate.

The map attached, if any, may or may not be a survey of the land depicted hereon. Stewart Title expressly disclaims any liability for loss or damage which may result from reliance on this map except to the extent coverage for such loss or damage is expressly provided by the terms and provisions of the title insurance policy, if any, to which this map is attached.

A Preliminary Change of Ownership Report must be completed by the transferee (buyer) prior to the transfer of property in accordance with the provisions of Section 480.3 of the Revenue and Taxation Code. The Preliminary Change of Ownership Report should be submitted to the recorder concurrent with the recordation of any document effecting a change of ownership. If a document evidencing a change of ownership (i.e. Deed, Affidavit-Death Joint Tenant) is presented to the recorder for recording without a preliminary change of ownership report, the recorder may charge an additional \$20.00

If your property is in San Francisco, it is the requirement of the City and County of San Francisco that a Transfer Tax affidavit to be completed and signed by the Grantor for each deed submitted for recording. This is an addition to a Preliminary Change of Ownership Report.

In addition to County Transfer Tax, any conveyance of the herein described property may be subject to a City Transfer and/or Conveyance Tax, as follows.

Alameda	\$12.00 per thousand
Albany	\$11.50 per thousand
Berkeley	\$15.00 per thousand
Cloverdale	\$1.10 per thousand
Cotati	\$1.90 per thousand
Culver City	\$4.50 per thousand
Hayward	\$4.50 per thousand
Los Angeles	\$4.50 per thousand

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Mountain View	\$3.30 per thousand
Oakland	\$15.00 per thousand
Palo Alto	\$3.30 per thousand
Petaluma	\$2.00 per thousand
Piedmont	\$13.00 per thousand
Pomona	\$2.20 per thousand
Redondo Beach	\$2.20 per thousand
Richmond	\$7.00 per thousand
Riverside	\$1.10 per thousand
Sacramento	\$2.75 per thousand
San Leandro	\$6.00 per thousand
City and County of San	Up to \$250,000 = \$5.00 per thousand
Francisco	\$250,000 to \$1,000,000 = \$6.80 per thousand
Trancisco	\$1,000,000 to \$5,000,000 = \$7.50 per thousand
	\$5,000,000  to  \$5,000,000 = \$7.50  per thousand
	Above $$10,000,000 = $25.00$ per thousand
	(Do not add the additional \$1.10 for County Tax, it is
	included.)
San Jose	\$3.30 per thousand
San Mateo	\$5.00 per thousand
San Rafael	\$2.00 per thousand
Santa Monica	\$3.00 per thousand
Santa Rosa	\$2.00 per thousand
Sebastopol	\$2.00 per thousand
Vallejo	\$3.30 per thousand
Waterford	\$0.55 per thousand
Winters	\$1.10 per thousand
Woodland	\$1.10 per thousand

Additional Requirements for "Short Sale" Transactions in which a lender will accept less than the outstanding balance of its loan as full satisfaction of the obligation:

The Company will require, prior to the issuance of a policy of title insurance, evidence that the first-position trust deed holder has received and acknowledged all payments to be made to subordinate-position lien holders, regardless of whether such payments are to be made from proceeds or from contributions by real estate brokers and/or buyers in the subject transaction, or from other third-party sources. Evidence shall include but not be limited to: (a) a written demand from the first-position trust deed holder acknowledging and approving payments to subordinate-position lien holders from proceeds and otherwise; or (b) a supplemental letter or amended demand from the first-position lien holder acknowledging payments to be made to subordinate lien holders from sources other than proceeds (including broker commissions and additional buyer deposits).

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# CALIFORNIA "GOOD FUNDS" LAW

California Insurance Code Section 12413.1 regulates the disbursement of escrow and sub-escrow funds by title companies. The law requires that funds be deposited in the title company escrow account and available for withdrawal prior to disbursement. Funds received by Stewart Title of California, Inc. via wire transfer may be disbursed upon receipt. Funds received via cashier's checks or teller checks drawn on a California Bank may be disbursed on the next business day after the day of deposit. If funds are received by any other means, recording and/or disbursement may be delayed, and you should contact your title or escrow officer. All escrow and sub-escrow funds received will be deposited with other escrow funds in one or more non-interest bearing escrow accounts in a financial institution selected by Stewart Title of California, Inc.. Stewart Title of California, Inc. may receive certain direct or indirect benefits from the financial institution by reason of the deposit of such funds or the maintenance of such accounts with the financial institution, and Stewart Title of California, Inc. shall have no obligation to account to the depositing party in any manner for the value of, or to pay to such party, any benefit received by Stewart Title of California, Inc.. Such benefits shall be deemed additional compensation to Stewart Title of California, Inc. for its services in connection with the escrow or sub-escrow.

If any check submitted is dishonored upon presentation for payment, you are authorized to notify all principals and/or their respective agents of such nonpayment.

# Wire Instructions

If you anticipate having funds wired to Stewart Title of California, Inc., our wiring information is as follows:

Additional Note: Direct wire transfers to:

Union Bank 530 "B" Street San Diego, CA 92101

Routing Number: 122-000-496

Credit to Stewart Title of California, Inc.

Account Number: 9120054632 Reference Order Number: 494356

Title Unit Number: 7034

Title Officer Name: Frank Green

When instructing the financial institution to wire funds, it is very important that you reference Stewart Title of California, Inc.'s order number.

Should you have any questions in this regard please contact your title officer immediately.

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### WHAT DO THE STEWART TITLE COMPANIES DO WITH YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION?

Federal and applicable state law and regulations give consumers the right to limit some but not all sharing. Federal and applicable state law regulations also require us to tell you how we collect, share, and protect your personal information. Please read this notice carefully to understand how we use your personal information. This privacy notice is distributed on behalf of the Stewart Title Guaranty Company and its affiliates (the Stewart Title Companies), pursuant to Title V of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (GLBA).

The types of personal information we collect and share depend on the product or service that you have sought through us. This information can include social security numbers and driver's license number.

All financial companies, such as the Stewart Title Companies, need to share customers' personal information to run their everyday business—to process transactions and maintain customer accounts. In the section below, we list the reasons that we can share customers' personal information; the reasons that we choose to share; and whether you can limit this sharing.

Reasons we can share your personal information	Do we share?	Can you limit this sharing?
For our everyday business purposes—to process your transactions and maintain your account. This may include running the business and managing customer accounts, such as processing transactions, mailing, and auditing services, and responding to court orders and legal investigations.	Yes	No
For our marketing purposes— to offer our products and services to you.	Yes	No
For joint marketing with other financial companies	No	We don't share
For our affiliates' everyday business purposes— information about your transactions and experiences. Affiliates are companies related by common ownership or control. They can be financial and nonfinancial companies. Our Yes No affiliates may include companies with a Stewart name; financial companies, such as Stewart Title Company		No
For our affiliates' everyday business purposes— information about your creditworthiness.	No	We don't share
For our affiliates to market to you	Yes	No
For nonaffiliates to market to you. Nonaffiliates are companies not related by common ownership or control. They can be financial and nonfinancial companies.	No	We don't share

We may disclose your personal information to our affiliates or to nonaffiliates as permitted by law. If you request a transaction with a nonaffiliate, such as a third party insurance company, we will disclose your personal information to that nonaffiliate. [We do not control their subsequent use of information, and suggest you refer to their privacy notices.]

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Sharing practices		
How often do the Stewart Title Companies notify me about their practices?	We must notify you about our sharing practices when you request a transaction.	
How do the Stewart Title Companies protect my personal information?	To protect your personal information from unauthorized access and use, we use security measures that comply with federal and state law. These measures include computer, file, and building safeguards.	
How do the Stewart Title Companies collect my personal information?	We collect your personal information, for example, when you  request insurance-related services provide such information to us  We also collect your personal information from others, such as the real estate agent or lender involved in your transaction, credit reporting agencies, affiliates or other companies.	
What sharing can I limit?	Although federal and state law give you the right to limit sharing (e.g., opt out) in certain instances, we do not share your personal information in those instances.	
Contact Us:  If you have any questions about this privacy notice, please contact us at: Stewart Title Guaranty Company, 1980 Post Oak Blvd., Privacy Officer, Houston, Texas 77056		

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#### Exhibit A (Revised 06-03-11)

### CALIFORNIA LAND TITLE ASSOCIATION STANDARD COVERAGE POLICY – 1990

#### **EXCLUSIONS FROM COVERAGE**

The following matters are expressly excluded from the coverage of this policy and the Company will not pay loss or damage, costs, attorneys' fees or expenses which arise by reason of:

- (a) Any law, ordinance or governmental regulation (including but not limited to building or zoning laws, ordinances, or regulations) restricting, regulating, prohibiting or relating to (i) the occupancy, use, or enjoyment of the land; (ii) the character, dimensions or location of any improvement now or hereafter erected on the land; (iii) a separation in ownership or a change in the dimensions or area of the land or any parcel of which the land is or was a part; or (iv) environmental protection, or the effect of any violation of these laws, ordinances or governmental regulations, except to the extent that a notice of the enforcement thereof or a notice of a defect, lien, or encumbrance resulting from a violation or alleged violation affecting the land has been recorded in the public records at Date of Policy.
  - (b) Any governmental police power not excluded by (a) above, except to the extent that a notice of the exercise thereof or notice of a defect, lien or encumbrance resulting from a violation or alleged violation affecting the land has been recorded in the public records at Date of Policy.
- 2. Rights of eminent domain unless notice of the exercise thereof has been recorded in the public records at Date of Policy, but not excluding from coverage any taking which has occurred prior to Date of Policy which would be binding on the rights of a purchaser for value without knowledge.
- 3. Defects, liens, encumbrances, adverse claims or other matters:
  - (a) whether or not recorded in the public records at Date of Policy, but created, suffered, assumed or agreed to by the insured claimant:
  - (b) not known to the Company, not recorded in the public records at Date of Policy, but known to the insured claimant and not disclosed in writing to the Company by the insured claimant prior to the date the insured claimant became an insured under this policy;
  - (c) resulting in no loss or damage to the insured claimant;
  - (d) attaching or created subsequent to Date of Policy; or
  - (e) resulting in loss or damage which would not have been sustained if the insured claimant had paid value for the insured mortgage or for the estate or interest insured by this policy.
- 4. Unenforceability of the lien of the insured mortgage because of the inability or failure of the insured at Date of Policy, or the inability or failure of any subsequent owner of the indebtedness, to comply with the applicable doing business laws of the state in which the land is situated.
- 5. Invalidity or unenforceability of the lien of the insured mortgage, or claim thereof, which arises out of the transaction evidenced by the insured mortgage and is based upon usury or any consumer credit protection or truth in lending law.
- 6. Any claim, which arises out of the transaction vesting in the insured the estate of interest insured by this policy or the transaction creating the interest of the insured lender, by reason of the operation of federal bankruptcy, state insolvency or similar creditors' rights laws.

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## EXCEPTIONS FROM COVERAGE - SCHEDULE B, PART I

This policy does not insure against loss or damage (and the Company will not pay costs, attorneys' fees or expenses) which arise by reason of:

- 1. Taxes or assessments which are not shown as existing liens by the records of any taxing authority that levies taxes or assessments on real property or by the public records.
  - Proceedings by a public agency which may result in taxes or assessments, or notices of such proceedings, whether or not shown by the records of such agency or by the public records.
- 2. Any facts, rights, interests, or claims which are not shown by the public records but which could be ascertained by an inspection of the land or which may be asserted by persons in possession thereof.
- 3. Easements, liens or encumbrances, or claims thereof, not shown by the public records.
- 4. Discrepancies, conflicts in boundary lines, shortage in area, encroachments, or any other facts which a correct survey would disclose, and which are not shown by the public records.
- (a) Unpatented mining claims; (b) reservations or exceptions in patents or in Acts authorizing the issuance thereof; (c) water rights, claims or title to water, whether or not the matters excepted under (a), (b) or (c) are shown by the public records.
- 6. Any lien or right to a lien for services, labor or material not shown by the public records.

# CLTA HOMEOWNER'S POLICY OF TITLE INSURANCE (02-03-10) ALTA HOMEOWNER'S POLICY OF TITLE INSURANCE

### **EXCLUSIONS**

In addition to the Exceptions in Schedule B, You are not insured against loss, costs, attorneys' fees, and expenses resulting from:

- 1. Governmental police power, and the existence or violation of those portions of any law or government regulation concerning:
  - a. building;
  - b. zoning;
  - c. land use;
  - d. improvements on the Land;
  - e. land division; and
  - f. environmental protection.

This Exclusion does not limit the coverage described in Covered Risk 8.a., 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 23 or 27.

- 2. The failure of Your existing structures, or any part of them, to be constructed in accordance with applicable building codes. This Exclusion does not limit the coverage described in Covered Risk 14 or 15.
- 3. The right to take the Land by condemning it. This Exclusion does not limit the coverage described in Covered Risk 17.

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#### 4. Risks:

- a. that are created, allowed, or agreed to by You, whether or not they are recorded in the Public Records;
- b. that are Known to You at the Policy Date, but not to Us, unless they are recorded in the Public Records at the Policy Date;
- c. that result in no loss to You; or
- d. that first occur after the Policy Date this does not limit the coverage described in Covered Risk 7, 8.e., 25, 26, 27 or 28.
- 5. Failure to pay value for Your Title.
- 6. Lack of a right:
  - a. to any land outside the area specifically described and referred to in paragraph 3 of Schedule A; and
  - b. in streets, alleys, or waterways that touch the Land.

This Exclusion does not limit the coverage described in Covered Risk 11 or 21.

7. The transfer of the Title to You is invalid as a preferential transfer or as a fraudulent transfer or conveyance under federal bankruptcy.

#### LIMITATIONS ON COVERED RISKS

Your insurance for the following Covered Risks is limited on the Owner's Coverage Statement as follows:

 For Covered Risk 16, 18, 19, and 21 Your Deductible Amount and Our Maximum Dollar Limit of Liability shown in Schedule A.

The deductible amounts and maximum dollar limits shown on Schedule A are as follows:

	Your Deductible Amount	Our Maximum Dollar Limit of Liability			
Covered Risk 16:	1 % of Policy Amount Shown in Schedule A or \$2,500.00 (whichever is less)	\$10,000.00			
Covered Risk 18:	1 % of Policy Amount Shown in Schedule A or \$5,000,00 (whichever is less)	\$25,000.00			
Covered Risk 19:	1 % of Policy Amount Shown in Schedule A or \$5,000.00 (whichever is less)	\$25,000.00			
Covered Risk 21:	1 % of Policy Amount Shown in Schedule A or \$2,500.00 (whichever is less)	\$5,000.00			

### 2006 ALTA LOAN POLICY (06-17-06) EXCLUSIONS FROM COVERAGE

The following matters are expressly excluded from the coverage of this policy, and the Company will not pay loss or damage, costs, attorneys' fees, or expenses that arise by reason of:

- 1. (a) Any law, ordinance, permit, or governmental regulation (including those relating to building and zoning) restricting, regulating, prohibiting, or relating to
  - (i) the occupancy, use, or enjoyment of the Land;
  - (ii) the character, dimensions, or location of any improvement erected on the Land;
  - (iii) the subdivision of land; or
  - (iv) environmental protection;

or the effect of any violation of these laws, ordinances, or governmental regulations. This Exclusion 1(a) does not modify or limit the coverage provided under Covered Risk 5.

- (b) Any governmental police power. This Exclusion 1(b) does not modify or limit the coverage provided under Covered Risk 6.
- 2. Rights of eminent domain. This Exclusion does not modify or limit the coverage provided under Covered Risk 7 or 8.
- Defects, liens, encumbrances, adverse claims, or other matters
  - (a) created, suffered, assumed, or agreed to by the Insured Claimant;
  - (b) not Known to the Company, not recorded in the Public Records at Date of Policy, but Known to the Insured Claimant and not disclosed in writing to the Company by the Insured Claimant prior to the date the Insured Claimant became an Insured under this policy;
  - (c) resulting in no loss or damage to the Insured Claimant;
  - (d) attaching or created subsequent to Date of Policy (however, this does not modify or limit the coverage provided under Covered Risk 11, 13 or 14); or
  - (e) resulting in loss or damage that would not have been sustained if the Insured Claimant had paid value for the Insured Mortgage.
- 4. Unenforceability of the lien of the Insured Mortgage because of the inability or failure of an Insured to comply with applicable doing-business laws of the state where the Land is situated.
- Invalidity or unenforceability in whole or in part of the lien of the Insured Mortgage that arises out of the transaction evidenced by the Insured Mortgage and is based upon usury or any consumer credit protection or truth-in-lending law.
- 6. Any claim, by reason of the operation of federal bankruptcy, state insolvency, or similar creditors' rights laws, that the transaction creating the lien of the Insured Mortgage, is
  - (a) a fraudulent conveyance or fraudulent transfer, or
  - (b) a preferential transfer for any reason not stated in Covered Risk 13(b) of this policy.
- 7. Any lien on the Title for real estate taxes or assessments imposed by governmental authority and created or attaching between Date of Policy and the date of recording of the Insured Mortgage in the Public Records. This Exclusion does not modify or limit the coverage provided under Covered Risk 11(b).

The above policy form may be issued to afford either Standard Coverage or Extended Coverage. In addition to the above Exclusions from Coverage, the Exceptions from Coverage in a Standard Coverage policy will also include the following Exceptions from Coverage:

### **EXCEPTIONS FROM COVERAGE**

This policy does not insure against loss or damage (and the Company will not pay costs, attorneys' fees or expenses) that arise by reason of:

- (a) Taxes or assessments that are not shown as existing liens by the records of any taxing authority that levies
  taxes or assessments on real property or by the Public Records; (b) proceedings by a public agency that may
  result in taxes or assessments, or notices of such proceedings, whether or not shown by the records of such
  agency or by the Public Records.
- 2. Any facts, rights, interests, or claims that are not shown by the Public Records but that could be ascertained by an inspection of the Land or that may be asserted by persons in possession of the Land.
- 3. Easements, liens or encumbrances, or claims thereof, not shown by the Public Records.
- 4. Any encroachment, encumbrance, violation, variation, or adverse circumstance affecting the Title that would be disclosed by an accurate and complete land survey of the Land and not shown by the Public Records.
- 5. (a) Unpatented mining claims; (b) reservations or exceptions in patents or in Acts authorizing the issuance thereof; (c) water rights, claims or title to water, whether or not the matters excepted under (a), (b), or (c) are shown by the Public Records.
- Any lien or right to a lien for services, labor or material not shown by the public records.

### 2006 ALTA OWNER'S POLICY (06-17-06)

### **EXCLUSIONS FROM COVERAGE**

The following matters are expressly excluded from the coverage of this policy, and the Company will not pay loss or damage, costs, attorneys' fees, or expenses that arise by reason of:

- 1. (a) Any law, ordinance, permit, or governmental regulation (including those relating to building and zoning) restricting, regulating, prohibiting, or relating to
  - (i) the occupancy, use, or enjoyment of the Land;
  - (ii) the character, dimensions, or location of any improvement erected on the Land;
  - (iii) the subdivision of land; or
  - (iv) environmental protection;
  - or the effect of any violation of these laws, ordinances, or governmental regulations. This Exclusion 1(a) does not modify or limit the coverage provided under Covered Risk 5.
  - (b) Any governmental police power. This Exclusion 1(b) does not modify or limit the coverage provided under Covered Risk 6.
- Rights of eminent domain. This Exclusion does not modify or limit the coverage provided under Covered Risk 7 or 8.

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- 3. Defects, liens, encumbrances, adverse claims, or other matters
  - (a) created, suffered, assumed, or agreed to by the Insured Claimant;
  - (b) not Known to the Company, not recorded in the Public Records at Date of Policy, but Known to the Insured Claimant and not disclosed in writing to the Company by the Insured Claimant prior to the date the Insured Claimant became an Insured under this policy;
  - (c) resulting in no loss or damage to the Insured Claimant;
  - (d) attaching or created subsequent to Date of Policy (however, this does not modify or limit the coverage provided under Covered Risk 9 and 10); or
  - (e) resulting in loss or damage that would not have been sustained if the Insured Claimant had paid value for the Title.
- 4. Any claim, by reason of the operation of federal bankruptcy, state insolvency, or similar creditors' rights laws, that the transaction vesting the Title as shown in Schedule A, is
  - (a) a fraudulent conveyance or fraudulent transfer; or
  - (b) a preferential transfer for any reason not stated in Covered Risk 9 of this policy.
- 5. Any lien on the Title for real estate taxes or assessments imposed by governmental authority and created or attaching between Date of Policy and the date of recording of the deed or other instrument of transfer in the Public Records that vests Title as shown in Schedule A.

The above policy form may be issued to afford either Standard Coverage or Extended Coverage. In addition to the above Exclusions from Coverage, the Exceptions from Coverage in a Standard Coverage policy will also include the following Exceptions from Coverage:

#### EXCEPTIONS FROM COVERAGE

This policy does not insure against loss or damage (and the Company will not pay costs, attorneys' fees or expenses) that arise by reason of:

- 1. (a) Taxes or assessments that are not shown as existing liens by the records of any taxing authority that levies taxes or assessments on real property or by the Public Records; (b) proceedings by a public agency that may result in taxes or assessments, or notices of such proceedings, whether or not shown by the records of such agency or by the Public Records.
- 2. Any facts, rights, interests, or claims that are not shown in the Public Records but that could be ascertained by an inspection of the Land or that may be asserted by persons in possession of the Land.
- 3. Easements, liens or encumbrances, or claims thereof, not shown by the Public Records.
- 4. Any encroachment, encumbrance, violation, variation, or adverse circumstance affecting the Title that would be disclosed by an accurate and complete land survey of the Land and that are not shown by the Public Records.
- 5. (a) Unpatented mining claims; (b) reservations or exceptions in patents or in Acts authorizing the issuance thereof; (c) water rights, claims or title to water, whether or not the matters excepted under (a), (b), or (c) are shown by the Public Records.
- 6. Any lien or right to a lien for services, labor or material not shown by the public records.

### AFFILIATED BUSINESS ARRANGEMENT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Date:	September 6, 2012						
To:							
Property:	32180 Auberry Road Auberry, California						
From:	Stewart Title of California, Inc.						
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Stewart Insur	ance Settlement Service	Charge or range of charges					
Hazard Insura	nce	\$400.00 to \$6,500.00					
Home Warran	ty	\$255.00 to \$ 780.00					
Natural Hazar	d Disclosure Report	\$ 42.50 to 149.50					
	this disclosure form, and understand (	that Stewart Title is referring me/us to purchase the ve a financial or other benefit as the result of this					
		Signature					

Signature

Order No. 494356

### AVAILABLE DISCOUNTS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

This is to give you notice that Stewart Title of California, Inc. ("Stewart Title") is pleased to inform you that upon proper qualification, there are premium discounts available upon the purchase of title insurance covering improved property with a one to four family residential dwelling.

Such discounts apply to and include:

Property located within an area proclaimed a state or federal disaster area;

Property purchased from a foreclosing beneficiary or successful bidder at a foreclosure sale;

Property being refinanced.

Please talk with your escrow or title officer to determine your qualification for any of these discounts.

### EXHIBIT "A" LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Order No.: 494356 Escrow No: 494356

The land referred to herein is situated in the State of California County of Fresno, Unincorporated and described as follows:

The North half of the Northwest quarter of Section 17, Township 10 South, Range 23 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, according to the Official Plat thereof.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM that portion described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of Section 17; thence Easterly 565 feet; thence South 276 feet; thence Southwesterly to a point on the West line of Section 17, 528 feet South of the Northwest corner thereof; thence North 528 feet to the point of commencement.

ALSO EXCEPTING THEREFROM that portion described as follows: Commencing at the Northeast corner of the Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 17; thence Westerly along the North line of the Northwest quarter 700 feet; thence at right angles South 276 feet; thence Northeasterly to the point of commencement

ALSO EXCEPTING THEREFROM that portion described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of the Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 17; thence Easterly 400 feet; thence at right angles North 377 feet; thence at right angles Westerly 400 feet to a point on the West line of Section 17 which Is 377 feet North from the Southwest corner of the Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 17; thence South 377 feet to the point of commencement.

ALSO EXCEPTING THEREFROM a strip of land 60 feet wide lying within the Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of said Section 17, as granted to the County of Fresno, by Deed recorded February 11, 1950 as Document No. 8517.

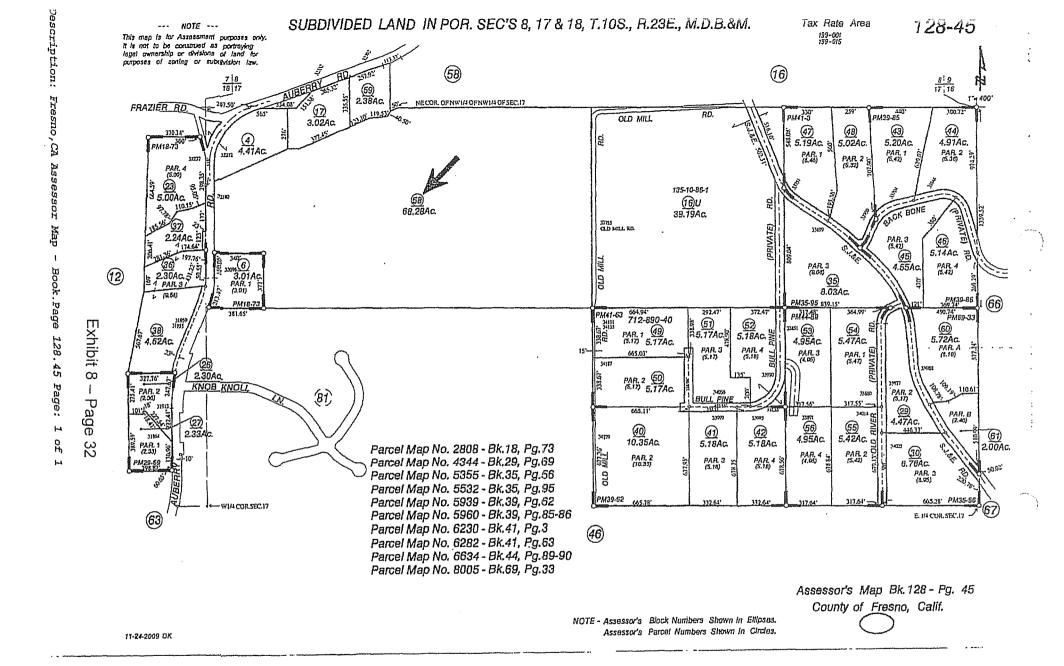
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ALSO EXCEPTING THEREFROM that portion thereof described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section 17, thence South 89° 50' 00", East, along the North line of the Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of said Section 17, a distance of 1281.70 feet; thence South 00° 10' 00" West, a distance of 19.71 feet to the true point of beginning; thence South 26° 19' 06" West, a distance of 20.22 feet; thence South 33° 58' 54" West, a distance of 40.50 feet; thence South 77° 34' 50" West, a distance of 38.56 feet; thence South 83° 28' 54" West, a distance of 119.53 feet; thence North 68° 37' 49" East, a distance of 201.90 feet to the true point of beginning.

Excepting therefrom any mobile situated thereon

APN: 128-450-58

(End of Legal Description))



# Appendix E

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# Appendix F

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### Appendix G

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WITHESS our hands this 30th day of January, 1950 DELL H. VOIGT

:State of California, ) ss. ; Coupty of Freeno

On this 30th day of January, 1950, before me, John B. Hall, a Metary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Doll H. Voigt & Zotta P. Voigt, known to me to be the persons described in and whose names are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

Witness my hand and Official Seal the day and year in this certificate first

above written.

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JOHN B. HALL Hotary Public in and for said County and State

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#### DEED-JOINT TEMANCY

Yessic Yornon Echols and Armilda E. Echols, busband and wife, in consideration of Ten and No/100 Dollars to us in band paid, the recoipt of which is hereby acknowledged, do horeby Grant to Fred A. Green and Thelma L. Green, busband and wife, As Joint Tenants all that real property situated in the County of Freeno, State of California, described

The Northeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 19, Township 13 South, Range 25 Bast, Mount Diablo Hose and Meridian.

WITHESS our bands this 9th day of January, 1950. VESSIE VERNUH ECHOLS

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On this 9th day of January, 1950, before me, John B. Hall, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Vessie Vernon Schols & Armilda E. Echols, known to me to be the persons described in and whose names are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

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(SEAL)

JOHN B. HALL Notary Public

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W.H. WATSON Deputy Recorder

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District No. 2

### RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

· OP THE COUNTY OF PERSHO

WHEREAS, the Sounty of Freeno desires to obtain a right -of-way for a road over and across that certain real property situate in the County of Presno, State of California and described as follows, to-wit:

A strip of land sixty feat in width to include all land twanty-five feet cast of and thirty five feet west of a line described as follows:

Commencing at a point in Section 17, Tornabip 10 South

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Range 23 East M.D.B. & M., which bears south 3° 57' east a distance of 608.48 feet from the northwest corner of said Section 17, thence north 1° 56' must a distance of 250.00 feet, Also a strip of land sixty feet in width the centerline of which is described as follows:

Communing at a point in Section 17, Township 10 South, Range 23 East, M.D.B. & M., which bears south 8° 01' east a distance of 360.70 feet from the northwest corner of said Section 17, thence north 1. 56, each a distance of 61.40 feat, thence curving to the right on the arc of a 325.00 foot radius circle tangent thereto. e distance of 396.29 feet, thouce north 71° 30' east a distance of 84.05 feet to a point on the north section line of Section 17, which bears south 89° 50' east a distance of 297.50 feet from the northwest corner of said Section 17;

AND, THEREAS, Shewart Armstrong and Ruth S. Armstrong tendered a deed to the said County of Fresno for such right-of-way.

NGD, THEREFORE, be it Roselved by the Board of Supervisors of the said County of Fresno that said deed be accepted and it is bereby ordered that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors be instructed to record said deed in the office of the County Recorder of

The foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno on the 7th day of February, 1950, by the unanimous vote of said Board.

State of Culifornia,) County of Presno

I, E. Dusenberry, County Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of said Presno County, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of the original Resolution of the word of Supervisors of said County and State, nex on file in my office, and of the whole of auch original.

IN WITHESS WEEREOF, I have bereunte set my hand and affixed the soal of said Board of Supervisors this 7th day of February, 1950.

(CORFORATE SEAL)

E. DUSENBERRY County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of said Board of Supervisors. By GEG. M. FURNEAUX Deputy Clerk

KHOW ALL HEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

THAT Stewart Armstrong and Ruth S, Armstrong for value received, doth hereby grant, bargain, sell, convey and confirm unto the County of Freeno, a public corporation in the State of California, the Right of Way for a Public Road, and all the incidents thereto, on, over and through the real property situate in Road District No. 2 in said County of Fresno, State of California, described as follows; to-wit:

. A strip of land sixty feet in width to include all land twenty-five feet east of and thirty five feet west of a line described as follows: Commencing at a point in Section 17, Township 10 South, Range 23 East M.D.B. & N., which bears south 3° 57' east a distance of 608,48 feet from the northwest corner of said Section 17, thence north 1° 561 east a distance of 250,00 feet,

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Signed and executed in the presence

of LAURENCE A. BOOT.

STEVART ARMSTRONG (Seul) RUTE B. AMESTRONG (Seel)

State of California, } County of Freamo

On this 6th day of Pebruary, in the year 1950, before me, B. Dusenberry, County Clerk, and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Superior Court, in and for said County and State, personally appeared Laurence A. Root known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument as a witness thereto, who being by we duly sworn, deposed and said: That be resides in the County of Freeno, State of Galifornia; that he was present and zew Stewart Armstrong and Rught S. Arkstrong, personally known to him to be the persons described in, whose numes are subscribed to and who executed the said instrument as a party thereto, sign, seal, execute and deliver the same; and that the said Stewart Arastrong and Roth S. Arastrong duly acknowledged in the presence of

arriant that they executed the same; and that he the said affiant, thereupon, then and there subscribed his name to said instrument as a witness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official scultheday and year in this contificate first doore written.

(SEAL)

E, DUSENBERRY County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Superior Court By MARIE CARMABAN Deputy.

(ENDORSED) REED Stewart Armstralg and Ruth S. Armstrong To Frasno County Dated \_ , 1949

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By J.G. CALEMAN Deputy.

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Allen L. Mertin C19 Briz Building Fresno 1, California Calephone 3-7849 Attorney for Administratrix with the Wall Annexed.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF FRESHO.

in the Matter of the Betate ) No. 22501 Dept. 4

of Cennie Alma Harris, also known DECREE BETTLING FIRST AND FIRST ACCOUNT OF ADMINISTRATRIX WITH THE WILL ANNEXED, AND

ts Jonnie A. Harris, ) HECKERING DISTRIBUTION.

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porothy E. Harrin, adminiptratrix with the will annexed of the estate of Jennie Alma Herris, also known as Jennie A. Harris, Deceased, baving on the 25th, day of January, 1950, rendered and filed berein a full account and report of her administration of said outsts, which said account was for final settlement of said estate, and having with said account filed a petition for the final distribution of said estate, and said account and potition having been duly and regularly set for hering for the 9th, day of February, 1950, and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the court that the clerk had given notice of the settlement of said account and the hearing of said potition, in the manurum and for the time required by law, the Pourt Linds:

- 1. That said account is in all respects true and correct and that it is supported by proper vouchers.
- 2. That due and legal notice to creditors of said estate has been given in the manner and for the time required by law.
- 3. That all claims and debts against said decodent and against said estate, end all personal property taxes due and psyable by said offers, and expenses and charges of administration have been fully paid and discharged; that there was no inheritance taxes due on said estate or any interest therein, and that said estate is ready for distribution and now in a condition to be chosed.
- 3 That said administratrix with the will annexed has advanced from her own funds the sum of \$1871.86 for the costs and expenses in the administration of said estate, and waives reinbursement thereof, and also waives the collection of the statutory fee payable to her for services as administratrix with the will annexed, and the statutory fee in the sum of \$170.00 payable to Allen L. Martin, attorney for said administratrix with the will annexed, has been paid.
- 5. That under the terms of the last will and teatment of said deceased, Dorothy E. Harris and Horbort A. Harris are entitled to have the whole of the property of said estate distributed to them in equal shares, together with any satate or property of the deceased not now known or discovered.

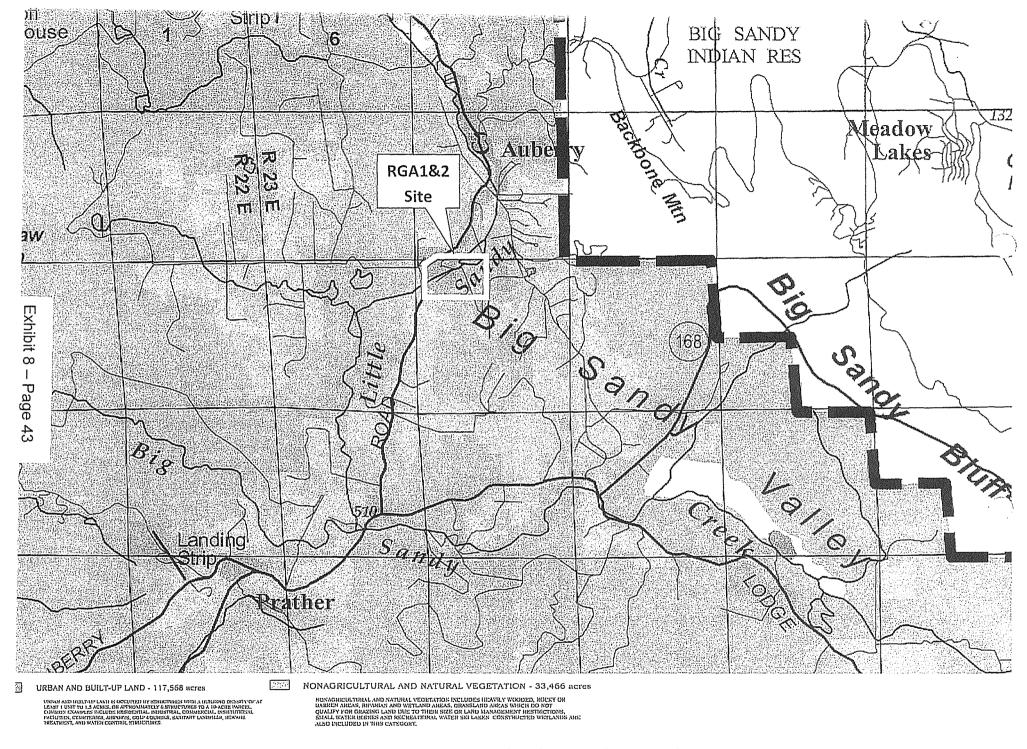
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the final account of said administratrix with the will annexed be, and the same is hereby finally settled, allowed and approved.

IT IS FURTHER OMERSD, ADJUCCED AND DECRESO that the residue of said estate hereinafter particularly described, and any other property not how known or discovered, which

Judge

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### Appendix H



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# Appendix I

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### PROPOSED SOLAR POWER INSTALLATION

SH3 SOLAR, LLC - 1.33 MW AC 32180 AUBERRY RD., AUBERRY, CA 93602 APN: 128-450-58

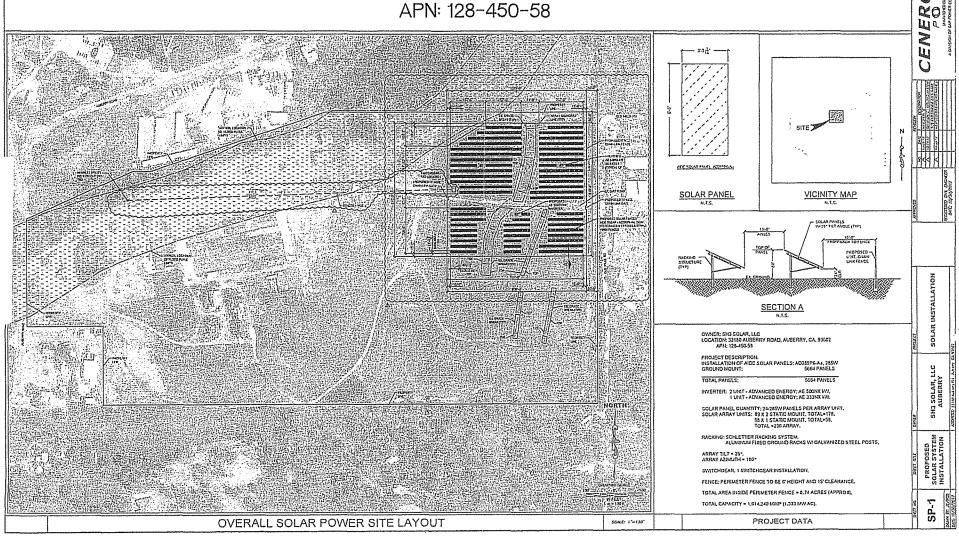
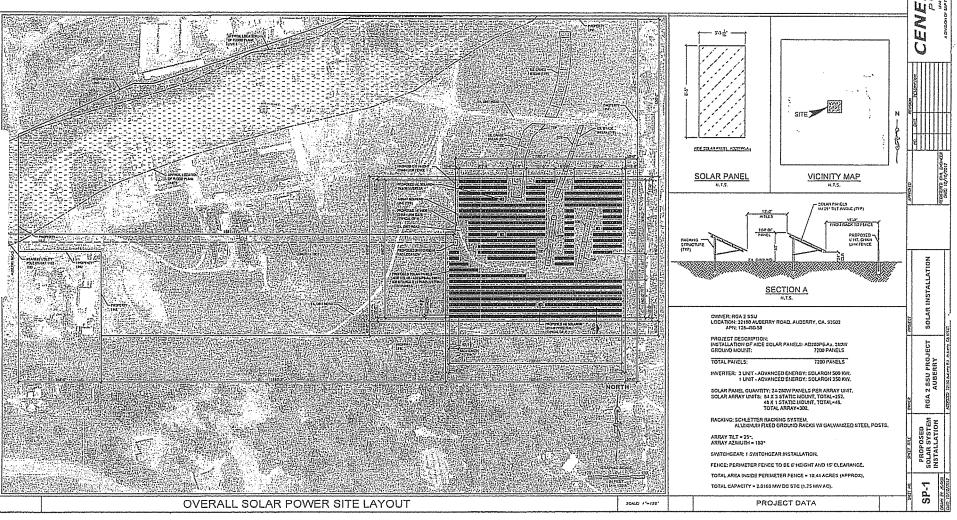


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RGA 2 SSU PROJECT - 1.75 MW AC 32180 AUBERRY RD., AUBERRY, CA 93602 APN: 128-450-58



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# Appendix J

#### J. Site Reclamation Plan

We propose the following site reclamation plan for the Project at the end of the 30 year land lease and termination of the solar facility operations.

### J.1 Reclamation Plan Criteria and Planning

The goal of our reclamation plan is to make possible the cost-effective and efficient removal of the installed power generation equipment and return the site to a condition as close to a pre-construction state as feasible. The procedures described for reclamation are designed to ensure public health and safety, environmental protection, and compliance with applicable regulations.

The major activities required for the reclamation are:

- Solar panel and racking structure removal;
- Electrical system removal;
- · Steel posts or structural foundation removal; and
- Re-grading.

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The proposed implementation strategy to achieve the goals for site reclamation would include the following:

- Use of industry standard demolition means and methods to decrease personnel and safety exposures;
- Conduct pre-reclamation activities such as restoration planning that addresses the "as-found" site conditions at the start of the project;
- Demolition of the above-ground structures (dismantling and removal of improvements and materials) in a phased approach while still using some items until close to the end of the project. For instance, some electrical power components will be modified to be used until very late in the reclamation;
- Demolition and removal of below-ground facilities (floor slabs, footings, and underground utilities) as needed to meet the reclamation goals;
- Disposal of materials in appropriate facilities for treatment / disposal or recycling;
- Recontouring of lines and grades to match the original gradient and function of the site.

#### J.2 Reclamation Schedule

The reclamation of the solar plant facility would begin 30 years after the commercial operation date of the project ("Lease Period"). The reclamation of the site will be completed approximately 1-2 months after conclusion of the Lease Period.

The reclamation process is relatively simple, and there are no hazardous chemicals/materials to be removed. Reclamation will be competed using traditional heavy construction equipment including but not limited to front end loaders, cranes, bull

dozers, and scrapers. Dismantling will proceed according to the following general staging process. The first stage consists of dismantling and demolition of above-ground structures to be removed. The second stage consists of removal/dismantling of underground utilities. The third stage involves site contouring to return the disturbed area of the site to near original conditions while disturbing as little other site areas as possible.

### J.3 Stages of Reclamation Plan

### Stage 1: Dismantle & Demolition of Above Grade Structure - 2 Weeks

Above ground demolition entails breakdown and removal of above-ground structures. Residual materials from these activities would be transported via heavy haul dump truck to one or more central recycling / staging areas where the debris will be processed for transport to an off site recycler.

The strategy for demolition consists of the use of mechanized equipment and trained personnel in the safe dismantling and removal of the following above-ground structure:

- Removal of Solar Panels, metal racking structure and related equipment using low environmental impact equipment;
- Near the very end of the project, the removal of site related fencing.

### Stage 2: Remove & Dismantle Underground Utilities - 3 Weeks

The below-ground facilities to be removed include concrete slabs, metal posts and footings. It is anticipated that any and all site related piping and utilities, below ground electric / control / communication lines would be completely removed, regardless of the depth below final grade. These materials would be excavated and transported to the recycling area(s) for processing and ultimate recycling. The resulting trenches would be backfilled with suitable material of similar consistency and permeability as the surrounding native soils and compacted to 85 percent relative compaction.

### Stage 3: Final Site Contour – 1 Week

Recontouring of the site would be conducted using standard grading equipment to return the land to a substantially similar condition of the previously existing surface and surrounding grade and function. Grading activities would be limited to previously disturbed areas that require recontouring. Efforts would be made to disturb as little of the natural drainage as possible. Fills would be compacted to approximately 85 percent relative compaction by wheel or track rolling to avoid over-compaction of the soils. To the extent feasible, efforts would be made to place a layer of coarser materials at the ground surface to add stability.

#### J.4 Reclamation Plan Financial Assurance

Financial assurance can be provided to ensure implementation of the reclamation plan. An engineering cost estimate of reclaiming the site to its previous condition in <u>Appendix M</u>. Pursuant to <u>Appendix M</u>, the reclamation plan costs are expected to be about \$108,410 while the salvage value of the solar facility assets are estimated to be \$405,714. Hence, the owner of the solar facility will be economically incentivized to complete the reclamation plan, and any costly financial assurance would be unwarranted

at this time. The form of financial assurance will comply with Section 66499 of the California Government Code, et. seq. The property owners have been notified of the Reclamation Plan (see <u>Appendix K</u>).

Recent examples of reclamation plan financial assurances include:

- Tulare County 20MW Atwell Solar Project \$60,000 in financial assurance
- Kings County 20MW Sun City Solar Project \$87,600 in financial assurance
- Kings County 19MW Sand Drag Solar Project \$83,430 in financial assurance
- Kings County 9MW Avenal Park Solar Project \$39,550 in financial assurance

Based on such precedent and our reclamation cost estimates at Appendix M, we propose posting an acceptable form of financial assurance in an amount not to exceed \$108,410.

### Appendix K

### Acknowledgement of Reclamation Plan for RGA1&2 Solar Project

The undersigned hereby acknowledges receipt of a copy of this reclamation plan, has fully read and understands its contents, and agrees with all terms and conditions contained herein.

[PROPERTY OWNER! - Dia Ringgold

[PROPERTY OWNER] - Kirk Ringgold

# Appendix L

### Certification of RGA1 & RGA2 Property Owners

The undersigned hereby certifies they are the property owners for the proposed solar sites "RGA1" and "RGA2" located on APN 128-450-58. The undersigned further certifies that at the end of the term of lease and conditional use permit, property owners would like the opportunity to negotiate with the County and applicants their desire to keep all or some of the components of the solar system for their personal use on the property.

[PROPERTY OWNER] / Dia Ringgold

DATE:

[PROPERTY OWNER] - Kirk Ringgold

DATE: 01-28-13

### Appendix M

	RECLAMATION C	OSTS FOR RING	GOLD	AUBE	RRY	1&2 (	RGA	1&2) S	OLA	R PRO	DJECT C	UP APF	LICAT	ION	
Site Name: RGA1&2 (4MW on 20 Acres)		Project Data			Labor Costs				Equipment Costs						
					per MW block								Total		
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1	Remove fence, gates, misc. equipment and any other loose items on site	Remove fence and poles and gates and stockpile for recycler and one dump fee	ton	n/a	n/a	4	3	96	\$47	\$4,512	backhoe	24	\$100	\$2,400	\$6,912
2	Detach modules from supporting structures and transport to disposal/recycle facility	Disconnect all solar modules	12,864	4,288	4	4	10	320	\$47	\$15,040	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$0	\$15,040
3	Pull electrical conduit out of ground. Consolidate conduit for off site pick up by recycler	Pull conduit out, 1 per 12 modules @ 350 feet each	1,072	357	4	4	6	192	\$47	\$9,024	backhoe	48	\$100	\$4,800	\$13,824
	Pull H beams from ground (2 per 12 module rack). Consolidate H beams for off site pickup by recycler	Pull each pier with backhoe	2,144	715	4	6	10	480	\$47	\$22,560	backhoe	80	\$100	\$8,000	\$30,560
5	Remove substation/ wiring/switchgear	1 time action	n/a	n/a	n/a	6	4	192	\$47	\$9,024	crane/ backhoe	32	\$300	\$9,600	\$18,624
	Transport/ disposal costs	1 time action	n/a	n/a	n/a	by contractor		n/a	n/a	n/a	\$7,500	\$7,500			
6	Grade, disc and seed site	On a per acre basis	15	5 acres	3	by contractor			n/a	n/a	n/a	\$15,950	\$15,950		

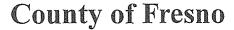
TOTAL: \$108,410



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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING
ALAN WEAVER
DIRECTOR

### **EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS**

APPLICANT: SH3 Solar, LLC

APPLICATION NOS.: Initial Study Application No. 6619 and Unclassified Conditional Use

Permit Application No. 3389

DESCRIPTION: Allow a four megawatt photovoltaic solar power generation facility with related

improvements, including two 153 square-foot switchgears apparatus, a 40-foot tall electrical utility pole, eight inverters ranging from 21 to 23 square feet in size, and a six-foot tall chain-link fence on an approximately 20.82-acre portion of a 68.28-acre parcel in the M-3 (c) (Heavy Industrial, conditional)

Zone District.

LOCATION: The project is located approximately 440 feet south of the intersection of

Auberry and Frazier Roads in the unincorporated community of Auberry

(32180 Auberry Road, Auberry) (SUP. DIST.: 5) (APN: 128-450-58).

### I. AESTHETICS

A. Would the project have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista; or

B. Would the project substantially damage scenic resources, including but not limited to trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway; or

C. Would the project substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The proposed solar generation facility will consist of approximately 14,400 photovoltaic (PV) modules with a capacity of generating four (4) megawatts alternating current (MW-AC) and be located on a 20.82-acre portion of a 68.28-acre parcel. PV module will convert sunlight into electrical energy which will be delivered to PG&E's existing regional transmission network with voltage transmission equipment and system safety equipment constructed on the site.

The project would construct a series of PV module arrays mounted on racking systems supported by cylindrical steel pipes/piles driven into the ground. The racking system will be a fixed-tilt PV array configuration. Overall height of the system will be 7.4 feet.

Support facilities to be constructed on the site include two 153 square-foot switchgears apparatus with a 40-foot tall electrical utility pole, eight inverters ranging from 21 to 23 square feet in size, and a six-foot tall chain-link perimeter fence.

Although, the project area is somewhat scenic in nature due to vegetation and rolling landscape, no scenic vistas or scenic resources have been identified in the vicinity of the project site. Parcels adjoining to the north and west of the site have been developed with limited commercial and industrial uses and the parcels to the east and south of the project site has been developed with single family residences, miscellaneous non-residential structures, and a public utility service center. The nearest residence is located approximately 192 feet south of the subject property. Auberry Road (State Route 168) is identified as a Scenic Drive in the Fresno County General Plan which requires that all development proposals shall maintain a natural open space area 200 feet in depth parallel to the road right-of-way. The proposed development is approximately 1,453 feet east of the Auberry Road right-of-way line.

The proposal will have low visibility from the surrounding area due to low height of the proposed improvements. Apart from the 40-foot tall electrical utility pole, the entire 20.82-acre project site will be occupied with 7.4-foot high PV module arrays, 6.9-foot high inverters, and 9.5-foot high switchgears apparatus and be enclosed by a six-foot high chain-link fence. In compliance of Solar Facilities Guidelines approved by the Fresno County Board of Supervisors which require measures to create a buffer between proposed solar facilities and adjacent agricultural operations, the fencing will secure the proposed facility, reduce the visual effects of the PV installations, and create physical buffers between the proposed development and adjoining properties.

D. Would the project create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT WITH MITIGATION INCORPORATED:

The proposal will utilize motion-activated outdoor security lights around the project area. As outdoor light fixtures have the potential of generating new sources of light and glare in the area, all outdoor lighting shall be required to be hooded and directed as to not shine towards adjacent properties and public streets. This requirement will be included as a Mitigation Measure.

### \*Mitigation Measure:

1. All lighting shall be hooded and directed so as not to shine towards adjacent properties and public streets.

### II. AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY RESOURCES

- A. Would the project convert prime or unique farmlands or farmland of statewide importance to non-agricultural use; or
- B. Would the project conflict with existing agricultural zoning or Williamson Act Contracts; or
- C. Would the project conflict with existing zoning for or cause rezoning of forest land, timberland, or timberland zoned Timberland Production; or

- D. Would the project result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use; or
- E. Would the project involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural uses or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT WITH MITIGATION INCORPORATED:

The project is located on an industrially zoned property and is allowed with discretionary land use approval and adherence to the applicable General Plan Policies. The site is classified as Urban and Built-Up Land on the 2008 Fresno County Important Farmland Map and is not subject to a Williamson Act Land Conservation Contract.

The applicant prepared a Solar Facility Guidelines Report in accordance with the ten-point Solar Facilities Guidelines approved by the Fresno County Board of Supervisors on May 3, 2011 and amended on March 13, 2012. This report addresses all ten-point information required of the project from the applicant and has been reviewed by various agencies/departments.

As noted in Items 1 and 2 of the applicant's Solar Facility Guidelines Report related to Agricultural History and Water Supply, the project site is not a farmland and currently is developed with a waste wood-fired 7.7-megawatt power production facility with related improvements and was previously utilized for log and lumber storage incidental to a sawmill operation. The site is provided with on-site wells. As noted by the applicant, water needed for construction and operation of the facility will come from outside water resources.

As noted in Item 4 of the applicant's Solar Facility Guidelines Report related to Soil Type, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Soils Report indicates that the soils of the subject parcel is Auberry coarse sandy loam with nine to 15 percent slope. The California Department of Conservation (CDC) soil survey classifies the subject parcel as Urban and Built-Up Land suited for non-residential uses and public facilities improvements.

According to Item 6 of the applicant's Solar Facility Guidelines Report related to Reclamation Plan and corresponding information contained in the specifics of the Reclamation Plan, at the termination of solar facility operations, all above-ground structures, equipment including roads and all below-ground facilities including concrete slabs, metal posts, footing and utilities will be removed from the site and disposed of in appropriate facilities for treatment/disposal or recycling. Re-contouring of the site will be conducted to return the land to match the preconstruction surface conditions. As part of the Site Reclamation Plan, an engineering cost estimate of reclaiming the site to its previous condition was required and has been provided by the Applicant.

The site restoration requirements will be included as a Mitigation Measure and be stipulated in a covenant between the applicant/property owner and the County of Fresno. Another Mitigation Measure which pertains to Item 8 of the Reclamation Plan would require that prior to issuance of Building Permits, financial assurances equal to the cost of reclaiming the land to its previous condition as nearly as possible based on an engineering cost estimate prepared for

the project by SH3 Solar, LLC, shall be submitted to ensure that the reclamation is performed according to the approved Plan.

The Fresno County Agricultural Commissioner's Office (Ag Commissioner) reviewed the project and expressed no concerns with the proposal except that County's Right-to-Farm Ordinance notice shall be required.

The Fresno County Agricultural Commissioners' Office (Ag Commissioner) has consistently stated that solar generation facilities could create habitat for weed and rodents. Rodents could cause damage to above and underground equipment and an uncontrolled population growth could cause damage to neighboring farmland. Likewise, unchecked weeds can become a fire hazard and can provide for food and cover for rodents. Therefore, a mitigation measures would require the applicant to acknowledge the need to manage weeds and rodents so as not to become a nuisance which will cause economic and cultural hardship to adjacent properties as mandated by the California Food and Agricultural, Civil, and Penal Codes. Further, a mitigation measure will require the applicant to develop a detailed Pest Management Plan, have the Plan approved by Fresno County Agricultural Commissioners' Office, and keep the site free of weeds and rodents during the life of the project.

## \*Mitigation Measures:

- 1. The project shall adhere to the procedures listed in the Reclamation Plan prepared for the operation, including requirements for financial estimates, bonding and facility removal when operation ceases. Prior to the issuance of any Construction Permits (Building, Electrical, Mechanical, Plumbing), the required bond amount, based on engineer's estimate, shall be deposited (or evidence of a Bank Guarantee or Irrevocable Letter of Credit) and a covenant shall be signed between the property owner and the County of Fresno and shall run with the land requiring the site to be restored as nearly as practical to its original condition at the cessation of operation.
- 2. Prior to the issuance of any permits, a Pest Management Plan shall be submitted to the Department of Public Works and Planning and approved by the Fresno County Agricultural Commissioner's Office. The Pest Management Plan shall identify methods and frequency to manage weeds, insects, and disease and vertebrate pests that may impact adjacent properties.
- 3. The applicant shall acknowledge the need to manage weeds and rodents so as not to become a nuisance which will cause economic and cultural hardship to adjacent properties. Any weed or rodent infestation that is of a nature and magnitude as to constitute a "public nuisance" (as defined in Section 5551 of the California Food and Agricultural Code; Sections 3479 and 3480 of the Civil Code; and Sections 370 to 372 of the Penal Code); and that the maintenance of such public nuisance is unlawful under California Food and Agricultural Code Section 5553 and Penal Code Section 372.

As discussed earlier, the project site is not a farmland and for that reason is not subject to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (LESA). The Fresno County Agricultural Commissioners' Office (Ag Commissioner) review of the proposal did not identify any concerns with the proposal.

## III. AIR QUALITY

- A. Would the project conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable Air Quality Plan; or
- B. Would the project isolate any air quality standard or contribute to an existing or projected air quality violation; or
- C. Would the project result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under a Federal or State ambient air quality standard; or
- D. Would the project expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (Air District) reviewed this proposal and indicated that the project would be subject to District Rule 9510 (Indirect Source Review) as it meets the applicability threshold within District Rule 9510 (Indirect Source Review) of 9,000 square feet of other land uses. All projects subject to Rule 9510 require submittal of an Air Impact Assessment (AIA) Application no later than applying for the final discretionary approval and pay applicable off-site Mitigation Fees prior to issuance of the first Grading/Building Permit.

An Air Impact Assessment (AIA) Application (ISR Project Number: C-20120249) was submitted to and approved by the by the Air District on January 30, 21013 with the determination made that: 1) the mitigated baseline emissions for construction and operation will be less than two tons NOx and two tons PM10; 2) the project is exempt from the requirements of Section 6.0 (General Mitigation Requirements) and Section 7.0 (Off-site Emission Reduction Fee Calculations and Fee Schedules) of the Rule 9510; 3) project complies with the emission reduction requirements of District Rule 9510 and as such is not subject to payment of off-site mitigation fees. However, in order to maintain this exception, the project must comply with all mitigation measures identified in the Monitoring and Reporting Schedule for the approved ISR. This requirement has been included as a Project Note.

No impacts on air quality resulting from decommissioning of the project were expressed by the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (Air District). A condition would require that prior to decommissioning of the proposed facility, the project operator shall consult with the Air District for any requirement that would apply to the project.

E. Would the project create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project would not create objectionable odors that affect sensitive receptors near the project area.

IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

- A. Would the project have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any candidate, sensitive, or special-status species; or
- B. Would the project 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 (CDFG) or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS); or

## FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT WITH MITIGATION INCORPORATED:

The project is located on a heavily disturbed land currently improved with a co-generation plant with related improvements and had been utilized previously for a log and lumber storage incidental to a sawmill operation. Neighboring properties have also been historically utilized for commercial and industrial uses and have been previously disturbed.

The proposal was routed to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWLS) for review and comments. No concerns with the proposal were expressed by FWLS. However, DFW October 25, 2012 comments on the project required biological surveys of the property to evaluate potential Project-related impacts to biological resources in accordance with the Department's 2009 "Protocols for Surveying and Evaluating Impacts to Special Status Native Plant Populations and Natural Communities."

A Biological Evaluation Letter Report to assess potentially significant project impacts as defined by CEQA to sensitive biotic resources, significant biotic habitats, and regional fish and wildlife movement corridors was prepared by Live Oak Associates, Inc. and dated December 12, 2012. DFWL reviewed the Report and in the comments provided on February 5, 2013 indicated that: 1) protocol surveys were not conducted during optimal time for identification of plants and animal activities; 2) on-site soils types needs to be identified to determine sensitive plants species it would support; 3) project-related activities shall be prohibited during general bird breeding seasons (January 1 through September 15) and a nesting survey shall be conducted 14 days prior to starting or restarting work within the breeding season; 4) buffer shall be provided around active bird nest found during survey (2,640 feet for listed species, 500 feet for non-listed raptor species; 250 feet for non-listed, non-raptor species); and 5) a Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (LSAA) Notification shall be required if laying of underground line would impact riparian corridor and survivorship of the existing trees/shrubs on the property.

In response, the applicant's biologist February 25, 2013 letter to CDFW concluded that; 1) historic lumber mill and related grading and compaction activities, have significantly altered native characteristics of historical soils and destroyed native habitats once occurring on the site; 2) suitable habitat for special status plant species is absent from the project site due to the absence of granitic soils or granite outcrops; 3) project will adhere to nesting bird survey 14-days prior to the project commencement; 4) CDFW will be consulted to establish proper buffers around the nests; and 5) the underground distribution line to the utility pole will not impact riparian corridor of Little Sandy Creek as all trenching will occur in an area currently occupied with large cement pad. No further concerns with the proposal were expressed by CDFW.

Recommendations made in the DFW's October 25, 2012 and February 15, 2013 comments and included as mitigation measures to mitigate the impacts on biological resources are as follows:

## \*Mitigation Measures:

- \*1. If feasible and to the maximum extent possible, the three ponds located adjacent to the project site within the 68.28-acre as well as Little Sandy Creek which traverses the northern boundary of the project site, shall be avoided by at least 250 feet as measured from the top of each bank to protect western pond turtles and their nests. The 250-foot buffer shall be a no-disturbance buffer and should be clearly delineated on the ground with stakes, flagging, etc., prior to starting construction/ decommissioning activities and maintained until all construction/ decommissioning activities have been completed.
- \*2. If complete avoidance of this 250 foot buffer is not feasible, a qualified biologist shall conduct intensive visual surveys to detect western pond turtles or their nests no more than 14 days prior to starting construction/decommissioning. Additional survey shall be completed if construction/decommissioning activities cease for 30 days or more.
- \*3. Should pond turtles be found, these turtles will be relocated by the qualified biologist to the nearest suitable aquatic habitat. Should turtle nests be found these nests shall be avoided with a 50 foot no-disturbance buffer until it has been determined that the eggs have hatched and the juvenile turtles have left the nest site.
- \*4. All special-status plant species and /or their habitats shall be avoided by at least 50 feet. The 50-foot no-disturbance buffer should be clearly delineated on the ground with stakes, flagging, etc. during construction, operation and decommissioning activities.
- \*5. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) shall be consulted to determine if an Incidental Take Permit (ITP) is warranted if listed plant species cannot be avoided by 50 feet.
- \*6. Construction/decommissioning activities shall be prohibited during the normal bird breeding season defined as January 1 through September 15, when feasible.
- \*7. A qualified biologist shall conduct intensive visual surveys to detect active bird nests no more than 14 days prior to starting construction/decommissioning activities if these activities must occur between January 1 and September 15. Additional survey shall be completed if construction/decommissioning activities cease for 30 days or more.
- \*8. Active nests birds shall be protected with a no-disturbance buffer of at least 2,640 feet for listed bird species, 500 feet for non-listed raptor species, and 250 feet for non-listed, non-raptor species. The no-disturbance buffers should be clearly delineated on the ground with stakes, flagging, etc. until after the breeding season has ended or the young have fledged and no longer dependent on the nests or the parents for survival as determined by a qualified biologist and with written consent from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) for listed species.

- \*9. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) shall be consulted to determine if an Incidental Take Permit (ITP) is warranted if active listed bird nests cannot be avoided by 2,640 feet during the breeding season.
- \*10. To prevent bird death and injury, all vertical pipes associated with the solar mounts and fencing poles as they are installed shall be capped.
- \*11. Use of pesticide within all non-disturbance buffers shall be prohibited.
- \*12. Use of rodenticides that may impact non-target species and/or reduce prey sources for existing wildlife shall be prohibited. Rodents should be removed using live traps instead of rodenticides.
- \*13. If trenching and line connection to the existing pole will result in removal of trees/shrubs/grasses within riparian corridor or roots cut that could impact the survivorship of the trees/shrubs, a Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (LSAA) Notification shall be submitted to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to mitigate such impacts through LSAA.
- C. Would the project have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption or other means; or
- D. Would the project 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; or

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

According to the Biological Evaluation Letter Report, federally regulated waters or fish or wildlife movement corridors are absent the site. As such, the proposed development will have no impact on federally regulated waters or fish and wildlife movement corridors. Further, the fenced boundaries of the PV installation will be over 100 feet from the edge of the riparian zone of Little Sandy Creek and associated pond on the property. The Mitigation Measure included in Section IV A. B. which requires filing of a LSAA Notification will reduce the impacts on riparian vegetation resulting from laying of underground transmission line to less than significant.

- E. Would the project conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance; or
- F. Would the project conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local regional, or state Habitat Conservation Plan?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project will not conflict with any local plans, policies and ordinances protecting biological resources or any provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan.

## V. CULTURAL RESOURCES

- A. Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in Section 15064.5; or
- B. Would the project cause of substantial adverse change in the significance of an archeological resource pursuant to Section 15064.5; or
- C. Would the project directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature; or
- D. Would the project disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?

#### FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT WITH MITIGATION INCORPORATED:

The project is not located within an area designated to be highly sensitive for archeological resources. The project site has been disturbed with the activities related to current cogeneration plant and past sawmills operations. Although, no impacts to cultural resources are expected from this proposal, a mitigation measure would require that in the event, cultural resources are unearthed during grading or construction activities, all work shall be halted in the area of the find, and an archeologist shall be called to evaluate the findings and make any necessary mitigation recommendations.

## \*Mitigation Measure:

1. In the event that cultural resources are unearthed during grading activity, all work shall be halted in the area of the find, and an Archeologist shall be called to evaluate the findings and make any necessary mitigation recommendations. If human remains are unearthed during construction, no further disturbance is to occur until the Fresno County Coroner has made the necessary findings as to origin and disposition. If such remains are determined to be Native American, the Coroner must notify the Native American Commission within 24 hours.

#### VI. GEOLOGY AND SOILS

- A. Would the project expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including risk of loss, injury or death involving:
  - 1. Rupture of a known earthquake?
    - (a.) Strong seismic ground shaking?
    - (b.) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?
    - (c.) Landslides?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The area is designated as Seismic Design Category C in the California Geological Survey. No agency expressed concerns or complaints related to ground shaking, ground failure, liquefaction or landslides. Construction of the project will be subject to the Seismic Design Category C Standards.

B. Would the project result in substantial erosion or loss of topsoil?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

No significant grading activities are expected of this proposal to result in substantial loss of topsoil. The photovoltaic (PV) module array require a moderately flat surface for installation, Some earthwork, including grading, fill, compaction, and erosion control cultivation may be required to accommodate the placement of PV arrays, foundations or footings, access roads and drainage features. Upon decommissioning of the project, grading of the site will be conducted as necessary to return the site to pre-construction surface condition.

- C. Would the project result in on-site or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse; or
- D. Would the project be located on expansive soils creating substantial risks to life or property?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project site is not located within an area of known risk of landslides, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquifaction, or collapse, or within an area of known expansive soils.

E. Would the project have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative disposal systems where sewers are not available for wastewater disposal?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The project involves no new building that would require a restroom facility with an on-site sewage disposal system. No sewage disposal system is required for portable toilets which will be used during construction of the facility.

The Fresno County Department of Public Health, Environmental Health Division reviewed the project and expressed no concerns with the proposal except any septic systems that exist or have been abandoned within the project area, not intended for use by the project, shall be properly destroyed under permit and inspection by the Department of Public Works and Planning, Development Services Division. This will be included as a Project Note.

#### VII. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

A. Would the project generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment; or

B. Would the project conflict with applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (Air District) has reviewed this proposal and expressed no concerns with greenhouse gas emissions. Additionally, compliance with Air District Rules discussed in Section III. A. B. C. D. of this analysis will reduce air quality impacts of the subject proposal to a less than significant level. Further, the proposed use is a relatively passive use and project implementation will provide a relatively emission-free mechanism for generating electricity to be placed on an existing power grid.

#### VIII. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

- A. Would the project create a significant public hazard through routine transport, use or disposal of hazardous materials; or
- B. Would the project create a significant public hazard involving accidental release of hazardous materials into the environment?
- C. Would the project emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous materials, substances or waste within one-quarter mile of a school; or

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The project site has been contaminated with petroleum products as noted by the Fresno County Department of Public Health, Environmental Health Division. The site has been restored with the removal of the underground fuel storage tank and excavation of contaminated soils. The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) who has jurisdiction over contaminated sites, reviewed the project and expressed no concerns with the prior site conditions except that: 1) construction activities disturbing more than an acre must obtain coverage under State Board's Construction General Permit Order 2009-0009-DWQ; 2) wash water shall be kept on site; and 3) wash water containing cleaner waste (e.g., detergents) shall be captured and disposed of at a permitted facility. These requirements will be included as Project Notes.

Fresno County Department of Public Health, Environmental Health Division (Health Department) review of the project requires that: 1) prior to occupancy, the applicant shall complete and submit a Hazardous Materials Business Plan form; 2) all hazardous waste shall be handled in accordance with the requirements set forth in the California Health and Safety Code, Chapter 6.5; 3) a Permit to Construct Water Well shall be obtained for any well to be drilled on the property; and 4) the applicant shall obtain an Underground Storage Tank Removal Permit for any underground storage tank(s) found during the project; 5) and prior to commencement of work, any wells that exist or that have been abandoned within the project area, not intended for use by the project, shall be properly destroyed under permit(s) from the Health Department. These requirements will be included as Project Notes.

Staff notes that project is not within one-quarter mile of a school.

D. Would the project be located on a hazardous materials site?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The project sits on a restored land previously contaminated with petroleum. The California Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) reviewed the proposal and expressed no concerns with prior site conditions.

- E. Would a project be located within an airport land use plan or, absent such a plan, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area; or
- F. Would a project located within the vicinity of a private airstrip result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project site is not within two miles of a public airport, or public use airport, or within the vicinity of a private use airstrip.

G. Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted Emergency Response Plan or Emergency Evacuation Plan?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project will not impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted Emergency Response Plan.

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?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The project is located within a wildland fire area. Fresno County Fire Protection District (CalFire) reviewed the project and identified no concerns with the proposal. The project will comply with California Code of Regulations Title 24 — Fire Code and County approved site plans will be required to be approved by the Fire District prior to issuance of building permits. The Auberry Volunteer Fire Department also reviewed the project and expressed no concerns with the proposal except that the project shall comply with CalFire regulations related to standard vegetation clearance. These requirements will be included as a Project Note and be addressed through Site Plan Review recommended as a Condition of Approval.

#### IX. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY

A. Would the project violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements or otherwise degrade water quality; or

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

See discussion in Section VI. E. Geology and Soils above

B. Would the project substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge so that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The project will not use groundwater resources. According to the applicant, water needed for construction and washing of photovoltaic (PV) modules will be trucked in by local water suppliers. Water usage for panel washing is estimated to be less than on-acre (1.0) feet per year.

The Fresno County Water-Geology Natural-Resources Section (WGNR) of the Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning, reviewed the proposal and expressed no concerns with the project or required Water Supply Assessment (WSA) for the project.

The Fresno County Department of Public Health, Environmental Health Division has indicated for other solar facility proposals that in cases where an on-site office is proposed on the project site, the operator shall at all times provide an approved water source for plumbing fixtures which is deemed acceptable by the Fresno County Department of Public Health, Environmental Health Division, and the Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning. As such, this requirement will be included as a Project Note.

- C. Would the project substantially alter existing drainage patterns, including alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on or off-site: or
- D. Would the project substantially alter existing drainage patterns, including alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in flooding on or off-site?
- E. Would the project create or contribute run-off which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted run-off?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

No stream or river exists within 20.82-acre portion of the property to be used for this proposal. The fenced boundary of the PV installation will be over 100 feet from the Little Sandy Creek and associated pond located along northern boundary of the property.

Construction of the project may cause changes in absorption rates, drainage patterns, or an increase in the rate and amount of surface run-off due to some earthwork, including grading, fill, compaction, and erosion control cultivation to accommodate the placement of photovoltaic (PV) module arrays, foundations or footings, access road and drainage features. Potential

run-off, flooding, erosion, and siltation effects are not considered significant because the proposed development would require adherence to mandatory construction practices contained in the Grading and Drainage Sections of the County Ordinance Code.

This would require: 1) an Engineered Grading and Drainage Plan to show how additional stormwater run-off generated by the proposal development will be handled without adversely impacting adjacent properties; 2) a Grading Permit or Voucher for any grading proposed with this application; and 3) any additional stormwater run-off generated by the proposed development to be retained on-site per County Standards. These requirements will be included as Project Notes.

F. Would the project otherwise substantially degrade water quality?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

See discussion in Section VI. E., Geology and Soils.

- G. Would the project place housing within a 100-year floodplain; or
- H. Would the project place structures within a 100-year flood hazard area that would impede or redirect flood flows?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

No housing is proposed with this application. Any improvement within flood hazard area will be subject to the provisions of the Fresno County Ordinance Code Title 15.

- I. Would the project expose persons or structures to levee or dam failure; or
- J. Would the project inundation by seiche, tsunami or mudflow?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The subject site is not prone to a seiche, tsunami or mudflow, nor is the project exposed to potential levee or dam failure.

#### X. LAND USE AND PLANNING

A. Will the project physically divide an established community?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project is outside the boundaries of any city or unincorporated community. No impact is expected on any established community.

B. Will the project conflict with any Land Use Plan, policy or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The project site is designated Mountain Urban in the County-adopted Sierra North Regional Plan and is zoned for M-3 (Heavy Industrial) uses. The proposed solar power generation facility is a permitted use in the M-3 zone district with a discretionary land use approval and adherence to the applicable general plan policies.

Policy12.04-Industrial Policies (Mountain Urban) of the Sierra North Regional Plan states that new industrial use may be allowed on the property provided that the project: 1) will not have a detrimental effect on property and improvements in the area; 2) is located on major roadways and near existing industrial uses; and 3) serve the community.

In this instance, the proposed facility is a similar but less intensive use than the existing cogeneration facility on the subject property and other commercial and industrial uses on the adjoining properties. Also, the property is located State Route 168 (Auberry Road) which is the major thoroughfare in the area. Further, the electricity generated by PV solar panels will be supplied to the PG & E power grid for use by the existing and future developments in the area.

C. Will the project conflict with any applicable Habitat Conservation Plan or Natural Community Conservation Plan?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project will not conflict with the provisions of any adopted Habitat Conservation Plan or Natural Community Conservation Plan.

#### XI. MINERAL RESOURCES

- A. Would the project result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource; or
- B. Would the project result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site designated on a General Plan?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

No mineral resource impacts were identified in the analysis. The site is not located in an identified mineral resource area identified in Policy OS-C.2 of the General Plan.

## XII. NOISE

- A. Would the project result in exposure of people to severe noise levels; or
- B. Would the project result in exposure of people to or generate excessive ground-borne vibration or ground-borne noise level; or
- C. Would the project cause a substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity; or

D. Would the project result in a substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The sensitive receptors for noise are the existing residential development in the area. The nearest single family residence is approximately 192 feet south of the proposed facility. Potential source of noise will be trucks, forklifts and excavators to be used during construction and decommissioning of the facility.

The Fresno County Department of Public Health, Environmental Health Division reviewed the project and did not identify any potential noise-related impacts. The project will conform to the Fresno County Noise Ordinance related to construction noise limiting noise-generating construction activities to the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. This will be included as a Project Note.

- E. Would the project expose people to excessive noise levels associated with a location near an airport, or a private airstrip; or
- 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?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

See discussion in Section VIII. E. F. Hazard and Hazardous Materials above

#### XIII. POPULATION AND HOUSING

- A. Would the project induce substantial population growth either directly or indirectly; or
- B. Would the project displace substantial numbers of existing housing; or
- C. Would the project displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of housing elsewhere?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project will not construct or displace housing and will not otherwise induce population growth.

## XIV. PUBLIC SERVICES

- A. Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered public facilities in the following areas:
  - 1. Fire protection?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

See discussion in Section VIII. H. Hazards and Hazardous Materials above

- 2. Police protection; or
- 3. Schools: or
- 4. Parks?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project will not result in the need for additional public services related to police, schools and parks.

5. Other public facilities?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

For Phase-1 of the project, an underground transmission line will run from the proposed switchgear to an existing power pole on the property located approximately 1,485 feet west of the Phase 1 improvements. Likewise, for Phase-2, an underground transmission line will run from the proposed switchgear to an existing power pole located within the Auberry Road right-of-way approximately 1,485 feet west of the Phase 2. The Pacific Gas & Electric (PG & E) company reviewed the project and expressed no concerns with the proposal.

#### XV. RECREATION

- A. Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks; or
- B. Would the project require the construction of or expansion of recreational facilities?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

No impacts on recreational resources were identified in the analysis.

#### XVI. TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC

- A. Would the project conflict with any applicable plan, ordinance or policy establishing measures of effectiveness for the performance of the circulation system taking into account all modes of transportation; or
- B. Would the project conflict with an applicable congestion management program, including, but not limited to level of service standards and travel demands measures?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

According to the applicant's Operational Statement, construction of the project, including system testing and commissioning, will take approximately 16 weeks. Construction trips were estimated at an average of four (4) to seven (7) vehicle trips per day during construction of the

facility. Operational trips are estimated one trip per quarter by a worker for panel washing and general maintenance of the facility.

The County Design Division of the Department of Public Works and Planning reviewed the project and expressed no concerns regarding the carrying capacities of the adjacent roadways and did not require a Traffic Impact Study.

C. Would the project result in a change in air traffic patterns?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project will not result in a change in air traffic patterns.

- D. Would the project substantially increase traffic hazards due to design features; or
- E. Would the project result in inadequate emergency access?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The proposed facility will utilize the existing entrance on the west side of the property off Auberry Avenue.

Review of the project by Road Maintenance and Operations Division of the Department of Public Works and Planning requires that: 1) any gates provided off Auberry Road shall be set back a minimum of 20 feet from the right-of-way line or such greater; distance as required to preclude any truck from extending into the right-of-way if temporarily stopped to open any gate; 2) and sediment track-out from vehicles onto Auberry Road should be limited by constructing a paved minimum 35 foot wide drive approach for the site that extends a minimum of 100' into the site beyond the right-of-way line. These requirements will be included as Project Notes and be addressed through Site Plan Review recommended as a Condition of Approval.

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) also reviewed the project and identified no concerns related to increased traffic hazards or emergency access for this proposal.

F. Would the project conflict with adopted plans, policies or programs regarding public transit, bicycle or pedestrian facilities or otherwise decrease the performance or safety of such facilities?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project will not conflict with any adopted alternative transportation plans.

## XVII. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS

A. Would the project exceed wastewater treatment requirements; or

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

See discussion in Section VI. E. Geology and Soils.

B. Would the project require construction of or the expansion of a new water or wastewater treatment facilities?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

See discussion in Section IX. B. Geology and Soils.

C. Would the project require or result in the construction or expansion of new stormwater drainage facilities?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

See discussion above in Section IX. E. The project will adhere to the Grading and Drainage Section of the County Ordinance Code.

D. Would the project have sufficient water supplies available from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed; or

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

See discussion in Section IX. B., Hydrology and Water Quality

E. Would the project result in a determination of inadequate wastewater treatment capacity to serve project demand?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

See discussion in Section VI. E., Geology and Soils

- F. Would the project be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity; or
- G. Would the project comply with federal, state and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The facility operations will not impact area landfills. Non-hazardous solid waste associated with maintenance of the facility will be hauled off to local area landfills.

## 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 prehistory or history?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

Impacts on Biological and Cultural Resources will be minimized with the Mitigation Measures discussed in Section IV. A. B. and Section V. A.B.C.D.

B. Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICATION IMPACT:

The project will adhere to the permitting requirements and rules and regulations set forth by the Fresno County Grading and Drainage Ordinance, San Joaquin Air Pollution Control District, and California Code of Regulations Fire Code. No cumulatively considerable impacts were identified in the analysis other than Aesthetics, Agricultural and Forestry Resources, Biological Resources, and Cultural Resources which will be addressed with the mitigation measures discussed in Section I. D., Section II. A. B. C. D. E. Section IV. A. B., and Section V. A. B. C. D.

C. Does the project have environmental impacts which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

No substantial adverse impacts on human beings were identified in the analysis.

#### CONCLUSION/SUMMARY

Based upon the Initial Study prepared for Unclassified Conditional Use Permit Application No. 3389 staff has concluded that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment. It has been determined that there will be no impacts to mineral resources, population and housing, and recreation.

Potential impacts related to air quality, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, noise, public services, transportation/traffic, utilities and service systems and mandatory findings of significance have been determined to be less than significant.

Potential impacts to aesthetics, agricultural and forestry resources, biological resources and cultural resources have been determined to be less than significant with the identified Mitigation Measures.

A Mitigated Negative Declaration is recommended and is subject to approval by the decision-making body. The Initial Study is available for review at 2220 Tulare Street, Suite A, Street Level, located on the southeast corner of Tulare and "M" Street, Fresno, California.

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April 17, 2018

Mr. Ejaz Ahmad, Planner County of Fresno 2220 Tulare Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Fresno, 93721 Development Services Division

RE: CUP #3389 Fourth and Final One Year Extension Request

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FRESNO COUNTY
DEPT. OF
PUBLIC WORKS & PLANNING

Dear Mr. Ahmad:

We would like to request the fourth and final one year extension available to us for our Conditional Use Permit #3389 which currently expires on 4/25/2018. We were unable to start construction on this project during the previous extension term, because we were unable to enrolling our project in to the PG&E Regional Renewable Choice Program, which had delays and issues with financial feasibility. We are working hard on meeting all of the requirements of the CUP and to identify viable programs for this project and are undertaking discussions with various parties in the Fresno County area who are interested in serving as our energy off-takers.

We have included the required extension request form and the required extension fee along with this letter.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Regards,

Doran Hole

President

Pristine Sun Fund 6, LLC



# County of Fresno

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING STEVEN E. WHITE, DIRECTOR

## Planning Commission Staff Report Agenda Item No. 2 June 7, 2018

SUBJECT: Initial Study Application No. 7266 and Classified Conditional Use

Permit Application No. 3569

Allow an existing building in the RR(nb) (Rural Residential,

Neighborhood Beautification Overlay) Zone District to be used for

social church gatherings.

LOCATION: The project site is located on the north side of West Clinton

Avenue, approximately 225 feet east of its intersection with North Brawley Avenue, adjacent to the city limits of the City of Fresno (3756 West Clinton Avenue) (SUP. DIST. 1) (APN 442-060-48).

OWNER: Harjit Singh Dhunna

**APPLICANT:** Luis Bravo

**STAFF CONTACT:** Chrissy Monfette, Planner

(559) 600-4245

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#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt the Negative Declaration prepared for Initial Study (IS) Application No. 7266 and

- Approve Classified Conditional Use Permit Application No. 3569 with recommended Findings and Conditions; and
- Direct the Secretary to prepare a Resolution documenting the Commission's action.

## **EXHIBITS**:

- 1. Conditions of Approval and Project Notes
- 2. Location Map
- 3. Existing Zoning Map
- 4. Existing Land Use Map
- 5. Site Plans and Detail Drawings
- 6. Elevations
- 7. Applicant's Operational Statement
- 8. Summary of Initial Study Application No. 7266
- 9. Draft Negative Declaration

## SITE DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATIONAL INFORMATION:

Criteria	Existing	Proposed
General Plan Designation	Rural Residential	No Change
Zoning	Rural Residential, Neighborhood Beautification Overlay	No Change
Parcel Size	1.56 acres	No Change
Project Site	The use is proposed on the southern third of the subject parcel	No Change
Structural Improvements	Existing Residence, existing 2,160 square-foot building, existing 3,500 square-foot sanctuary building	No Change
Nearest Residence	30 feet east of eastern property line	No Change
Surrounding Development	Residential uses to the east and north, public park to the south, commercial to the west	No Change
Operational Features	None (prior use permit expired)	Existing buildings will be used for sanctuary and multi-function rooms (nursery, fellowship meetings, classroom)
Employees	None	No Change

Criteria	Existing	Proposed
Customers	None	Up to 50 attendees
Traffic Trips	None	20 round trips, up to three times each week
Lighting	None	No change
Hours of Operation	None	10 AM to 11 PM three days of the week, primarily on weekends

## EXISTING VIOLATION (Y/N) AND NATURE OF VIOLATION: N

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:**

An Initial Study was prepared for the project by County staff in conformance with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Based on the Initial Study, staff has determined that a Negative Declaration is appropriate. A summary of the Initial Study is included as Exhibit 8.

Notice of Intent to adopt a Negative Declaration publication date: April 30, 2018.

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE:**

Notices were sent to 151 property owners within 600 feet of the subject parcel, exceeding the minimum notification requirements prescribed by the California Government Code and County Zoning Ordinance.

#### PROCEDURAL CONSIDERATIONS:

A Classified Conditional Use Permit Application may be approved only if four Findings specified in the Fresno County Zoning Ordinance, Section 873-F are made by the Planning Commission.

The decision of the Planning Commission on a Classified CUP Application is final, unless appealed to the Board of Supervisors within 15 days of the Commission's action.

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The subject parcel was zoned R-A (Single-Family Residential Agricultural) via Ordinance No. 490-A-122, which was approved by the Board of Supervisors on September 5, 1961. Amendment Application No. 3138 was approved on April 7, 1980, which rezoned the parcel to its current RR (Rural Residential) Zone District designation.

The use of this parcel as a church facility was first approved through Director Review and Approval No. 58-061, which was approved in 1958. Conditional Use Permit No. 529 was approved by the Planning Commission in 1963 to allow a 900 square-foot sanctuary and allow a 1,105 square-foot multi-purpose building. A previous expansion proposal, Conditional Use Permit No. 1776, was approved in 1980 to allow additions, but that permit expired in 1982 due to a failure to develop.

Conditional Use Permit No. 2175 was approved on August 8, 1985, which allowed the development of a 2,160 square-foot sanctuary and a parsonage to serve as a residence for the pastor. Since that time, the use of the parcel as a church facility ceased for at least two years, resulting in the expiration of that Use Permit. This application is being processed to allow the use on the parcel once more.

<u>Finding 1</u>: That the site of the proposed use is adequate in size and shape to accommodate said use and all yards, spaces, walls and fences, parking, loading, landscaping, and other features required by this Division, to adjust said use with land and uses in the neighborhood

	Current Standard:	Proposed Operation:	Is Standard Met (y/n)
Setbacks	Front (south): 35 feet Side: 20 feet Rear (north): 20 feet	Front: 51 ft. 8 in. Side east: 13 ft. 7 in. Side west: 12 ft. 7 in. Rear: <250 ft.	Y N* N* Y
Parking	One space for every 40 square feet (52 and 2 ADA stalls required)	20 spaces, 2 ADA stalls	N*
Lot Coverage	No Requirements	~9.5%	Υ
Space Between Buildings	No Requirements	N/A	Y
Wall Requirements	None	N/A	Υ
Septic Replacement Area	N/A	N/A	Y
Water Well Separation	N/A	N/A	Υ

<sup>\*</sup>See discussion under "Finding One"

#### Reviewing Agency/Department Comments Regarding Site Adequacy:

Building/Safety and Plan Check Sections of the Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning: Plans, permits and inspections will be required for all on-site improvements. A church facility providing services and public access would be required to provide accessible elements and facilities for persons with disabilities, including, but not limited to:

- a. Accessible routes from the site arrival point to all areas of public accommodation per California Building Code (CBC) 11B-206.
- b. Accessible parking per CBC 11B-208.
- c. Accessible toilet facilities per CBC 11B-213.

There is an expired permit for an addition to the existing building. This permit shall be reinstated and inspections will also be required. At present, the occupancy of the building would be illegal.

Fresno City Fire Department: Change of occupancy may be required for this use. Public hydrants may need to be installed. Fire sprinklers are required for this building.

City of Fresno: Off-street parking facilities and geometrics shall conform to the City of Fresno Public Works Department *Parking Manual and Standard Drawings P-21, P-22, P-23.* Install a 30-inch state standard "STOP" sign. The sign shall be mounted on a 2-inch galvanized post with the bottom of the sign seven feet above ground, located behind the curb and immediately behind a major street sidewalk. Provide parking space needs, circulation, access, directional signs (e.g., "Entrance," "Exit," "Right Turn Only," "One Way", etc.). Restripe the existing parking stalls to angled parking, per the City of Fresno *Parking Manual,* with respect to the direction of traffic flow (based on the assignment of the driveways).

City of Fresno Department of Public Utilities: Connection to the City of Fresno water system shall be required. The Applicant shall abandon all existing on-site private and sanitary sewer systems in accordance with City standards, specifications, and policies.

Site Plan Review Section of the Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning: Required parking:

- 1. Per Section 855-I(2)b of the Zoning Ordinance, there shall be one (1) parking space for every forty (40) square feet of area within the main auditorium or meeting hall. The open area (meeting hall) listed in the floor plan for this facility is approximately 2,088.45 square feet. Divided by 40 square feet, that would equal 52 parking stalls required.
- 2. A minimum of two (2) ADA accessible parking stalls are required, one (1) of which shall be designated van accessible. All ADA accessible stalls shall be located as close as possible to the main entrance.

#### 3. Section 855-E.3:

- a) Side and rear yards may be used for required off-street parking. If the parking area abuts property classified as a Residential District, then a solid masonry wall not less than five (5) feet nor more than six (6) feet in height shall be erected on the property line abutting the area used for off-street parking. For regulations, the provisions of Section 855-H and Section 855-I.3 shall apply.
- b) The required front yard shall be landscaped. Where such areas adjoin a residential district, there shall be a border of appropriate landscaping not less than ten (10) feet in depth along the residential street frontage to protect the character of the adjoining residential property. Such landscaping shall be maintained.
  - Any proposed landscape area 500 square feet or more shall meet the requirements of the State of California's Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELO) guidelines for water conservation.
- 4. Asphalt concrete driveway approaches shall be required. Two-way driveways are to be 24 to 35 feet in width. Driveway widths greater than 35 feet in width must be approved by the Road Maintenance and Operations Division.

- 5. If only the driveways are to be paved, the driveways should be concrete or asphalt concrete paved a minimum width of 24 feet for the first 100 feet off of the edge of the road right-of-way.
- 6. All parking and circulation areas not concrete or asphalt concrete paved should be treated with a dust palliative to prevent the creation of dust.
- 7. Outdoor lighting should be hooded and directed away from adjoining streets and properties.
- 8. Any existing or proposed gates providing initial access to the site should be set back a minimum of 20 feet or the length of the longest vehicle that will enter the site.

No other comments specific to the adequacy of the site were expressed by reviewing Agencies or Departments.

## Analysis:

The multi-purpose building does not meet the required setbacks for this zone district; however, the building had been built and permitted prior to the submittal of CUP No. 2175. Review of this application by the Zoning Section determined that with the prior approval, they would not require the submission and approval of a variance to allow the reduced setbacks.

The City of Fresno and the County's Site Plan Review Section identified ways in which the proposed site plan does not meet development standards, including a failure to show a sufficient number of parking spaces. Based on the designs approved for previous iterations of this project, there is sufficient space on the parcel to provide the required amount of parking. The Applicant will be required to submit a Site Plan Review application, at which time compliance to development standards will be required.

The Applicant has provided proof of connection to the City of Fresno for sewer and water services. There are no wells or septic systems shown on the site plan, and a Project Note will be included to encourage the Applicant to remove any redundant systems which may be in place.

The scope of this application includes the existing buildings on site, with the exception of the residence in the rear of the parcel. There are no new buildings or development proposed.

Staff finds that the project site is adequate in size and shape to accommodate the proposed use.

#### **Recommended Conditions of Approval:**

See recommended Conditions of Approval attached as Exhibit 1.

#### Conclusion:

Finding 1 can be made.

<u>Finding 2</u>: That the site for the proposed use relates to streets and highways adequate in width and pavement type to carry the quantity and kind of traffic generated by the proposed use

		Existing Conditions	Proposed Operation
Private Road No		West Clinton Avenue: County- maintained West Harvard Avenue: City- maintained	No change
Public Road Frontage	Yes	West Clinton Avenue and West Harvard Avenue	No change
Direct Access to Public Road	Yes	West Clinton Avenue	No change
Road ADT		West Clinton Avenue: 2,500 vehicles per day	No change
Road Classification		West Clinton Avenue: Collector	No change
Road Width		West Clinton Avenue: 51.9 feet	No change
Road Surface		West Clinton Avenue: Asphalt Concrete	No change
Traffic Trips		Residential	~20 round trips 3 days/week
Traffic Impact Study (TIS) Prepared	No	N/A	N/A
Road Improvements Required		Sidewalk, overhead utilities	Align sidewalk with neighboring property, underground utilities

## Reviewing Agency/Department Comments Regarding Adequacy of Streets and Highways:

City of Fresno: For any property roadway frontage that is within the City of Fresno Sphere of Influence, the property shall dedicate the necessary right-of-way per the City of Fresno standards for the roadway classification. Building setbacks should also be calculated based on the City of Fresno standards from the future roadway alignment so that the City of Fresno can grow into the Sphere of Influence and have sufficient capacity in the roadway circulation element.

Identify all street furniture within the public right-of-way. Also, identify the required 4-foot minimum path of travel along the public sidewalk directly in front of the property, as required by the California Administration Code (Title 24). A pedestrian easement may be required if Title 24 requirements cannot be met. Deed documents for the required dedications shall be prepared by the Applicant's engineer and submitted to the County of Fresno prior to issuance of building permits.

The construction of any overhead, surface or sub-surface structures and appurtenances in the public rights-of-way is prohibited unless an encroachment permit is approved by the City/County of Fresno. Encroachment permits must be approved prior to issuance of building permits.

Design Division of the Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning: Based on the limited uses proposed by the operational statement, a traffic impact study will not be necessary; however ingress and egress of the project's traffic may be limited to right-in and right-out based on the close proximity of the driveways to the intersection of Clinton and Brawley.

Development Engineering Section of the Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning: Clinton Avenue is a County-maintained road classified as a Collector road with an existing 30 feet of right-of-way north of the centerline along the parcel frontage, per Plat Book. The minimum width for a Collector road right-of-way north of the centerline is 42 feet. Records indicate this section of Clinton Avenue, from 0.186 miles west of Valentine Avenue to 0.051 miles east of Brawley Avenue, has an Average Daily Traffic (ADT) of 2,500 vehicles per day, pavement width of 51.9 feet, structural section of 0.17 feet asphalt concrete and 0.35 feet asphalt base, and is in poor condition. Harvard Avenue is not a County-maintained road at the subject parcel.

Any work done within the right-of-way to construct a new driveway or improve an existing driveway will require an Encroachment Permit from the Road Maintenance and Operations Division. Typically, with access for any new development along Collector roads, turnaround facilities shall be provided on parcels having direct access to Collector roads so that vehicles do not back out onto the roadway. If not already present, ten-foot by ten-foot corner cutoffs should be improved for sight distance purposes at any exiting driveways.

Road Maintenance and Operations Division of the Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning: Clinton Avenue is designated as a Collector road in the General Plan. Within the Fresno City urban area, right-of-way for a 4-lane Collector road with no parking requires 92 feet of road right-of-way: 46 feet each side of the section line. The Applicant shall dedicate an additional 10 feet (or such other amount as determined in a title search) to provide the half right-of-way width across his parcel frontage.

Clinton Avenue shall be improved across the Applicant's frontage to City standards. Alignment for curb and gutter should match up with existing improvements located westerly of the subject parcel. Existing overhead utilities across the Applicant's frontage shall be placed underground.

The property is currently served with two drive approaches. The easterly drive approach may have to be eliminated unless the Applicant can provide an adequate line of sight for egress movements. Drive approaches should be located at least five feet from the property line.

On- and off-site drainage shall be directed into facilities operated by the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District. The Applicant shall be required to pay appropriate drainage fees to the District at the rates in effect at the time of payment. Work within the County road right-of-way requires that an encroachment permit first be obtained from the Road Maintenance and Operations Division. The Applicant's engineer will be required to submit engineered drawings for the street improvements for review and approval by this Division.

The following agencies or departments had no comments or no concerns with the subject application: Caltrans and the Water and Natural Resources Division of the Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning.

No other comments specific to the adequacy of streets and highways were expressed by reviewing Agencies or Departments.

## Analysis:

The subject parcel has frontage on two public roads: West Clinton Avenue and West Harvard Avenue. West Harvard Avenue is a City street and provides access to a residential area within the City limits north of the property. The frontage across West Harvard Avenue is improved with a wooden fence. There is no access proposed or approved off West Harvard Avenue.

Visitors to the site would use West Clinton Avenue to gain access to the site, via an existing 30-foot drive approach on the eastern side of the parcel. There currently exists a second access road on the western side of the parcel which also provides access to West Clinton Avenue.

The Applicant intends to make improvements at the frontage of the property to align with the existing sidewalk with the adjacent properties and to place the existing overhead utilities underground. Further, dedication of right-of-way shall be offered to meet the City's eventual growth in this area. The Applicant proposes an average of 50 attendees to the site three times each week, primarily on weekends. This amount of traffic during non-peak times will not significantly impact traffic flow in this area.

Review of this project by the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District (FMFCD) identified that the project could direct runoff into the existing systems. This project is not subject to additional FMFCD development fees.

Based on the above information, and with the Conditions of Approval requiring a dedication of road right-of-way and development of road improvements, staff believes West Clinton Avenue is of sufficient width and pavement to accommodate the proposed use.

## **Recommended Conditions of Approval:**

See recommended Conditions of Approval attached as Exhibit 1.

#### **Conclusion:**

Finding 2 can be made.

<u>Finding 3</u>: That the proposed use will have no adverse effect on abutting property and surrounding neighborhood or the permitted use thereof

Surrou	Surrounding Parcels				
	Size:	Use:	Zoning:	Nearest Residence*:	
North	0.15 acres	Residential	Residential Single-Family, Medium-Low Density (City)	65 feet north	
South	9 acres	Park	Park and Recreation (City)	None	
East	2.51 acres	Residential	RR	30 feet east	
West	1.46 acres 1.1 acres	Commercial	Commercial Community (City)	None	

<sup>\*</sup>As measured from the nearest property line of the subject parcel to the nearest point of the residence

## **Reviewing Agency/Department Comments:**

Fresno County Department of Public Health, Environmental Health Division: The facility shall connect to the City of Fresno for sewer and water services. Existing water well(s) and septic system(s) on the parcel shall be properly destroyed under permit and inspection by the County of Fresno.

Churches currently do not meet the definition of a retail food facility in the California Retail Food Code [CalCode 113789(c)(3)], provided that the church gives or sells food to its members and guests, and not to the general public, at an event that occurs not more than three (3) days in any ninety-day period. However, it is recommended that the Applicant consider constructing the kitchen to commercial standards. This would allow future use of the facility for approved community events.

Development Engineering Section of the Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning: According to FEMA FIRM Panel 1565H, the site is not subject to flooding from the 1%-chance storm. According to U.S.G.S. Quad Maps, there are no existing natural drainage channels adjacent to or running though the parcel. Any additional runoff generated by development cannot be drained across property lines.

An Engineered Grading and Drainage Plan may be required to show how additional storm water runoff generated by the proposed development will be handled without adversely impacting adjacent properties. A grading permit or voucher may be required for any grading proposed with this application.

Fresno Irrigation District (FID): FID does not own, operate or maintain any facilities located within the subject property. For informational purposes, FID's active Victoria Colony-W. Br. No. 43 runs southerly and crosses Clinton Avenue approximately 1,800 feet east of the subject property. Should this project include any street and/or utility improvements along Clinton Avenue or in the vicinity of this facility, FID will require it review and approve all plans.

North Central Fire Protection District: The Fire Department has completed a review. The following requirements and conditions are to be placed on this plan as a condition of approval by the Fire Department:

- Approval of this plan does not authorize or approve any omission or deviation from applicable adopted codes and adopted standards. Final approval is subject to field inspection. At this time, Fire does not require access to drive on the property, as we can meet hose pull requirements from the street. If at any time in the future additional buildings are proposed on site, additional site access requirements will apply, including minimum 20-foot fire access lanes.
- 2. If any gates are proposed not shown on this plan there will be requirements for police/fire access locks.
- 3. This project was reviewed by the Fire Department only for requirements related to water supply, fire hydrants, and fire apparatus access to the building(s) on site. Review for compliance with fire and life safety requirements for the building interior and its intended use are reviewed by both the Fire Department and the Building and Safety Section of Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning when a

submittal for building plan review is made, as required by the California Building Code, by the architect or engineer of record for the building.

Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District: No on-site retention of storm water will be required provided the developer can verify to the County of Fresno that runoff can be safely conveyed to the Master Plan inlets. Drainage from this site shall be directed to Clinton Avenue.

In an effort to improve storm runoff quality, outdoor storage areas shall be constructed and maintained such that material that may generate contaminants will be prevented from contact with rainfall and runoff and thereby prevent the conveyance of contaminants in runoff into the storm drain system.

The District encourages, but does not require, that roof drains from non-residential development be constructed such that they are directed onto and through a landscape grassy swale area to filter out pollutants from roof runoff.

State Water Resources Control Board: Under the authority of the California Health and Safety Code Section 116540, and recently enacted SB 1263, the Division of Drinking Water will not grant a domestic water supply permit to this system. It will be required to use the City of Fresno water system.

The following agencies or departments had no comments or no concerns with the subject application: San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services, and State Water Resources Control Board. No other comments specific to land use compatibility were expressed by reviewing Agencies or Departments.

## Analysis:

The subject parcel is located in an area of mixed uses. To the west is a small commercial development, to the south is a large park, and to the north and east are residential developments. Previous conditions of approval required the construction of block walls along the eastern and western property lines. The western wall was required because at the time that CUP No. 2175 was approved, there had been several residences where there is now commercial development. These walls extend partway down the eastern and western property lines to mitigate noise and headlight glare from vehicles using the proposed parking area. If additional parking areas are required, the Applicant would need to extend the walls to run the entire length of the parking area. At the rear of the property there is a wooden fence with metal posts that provides visual screening from residences on West Harvard Avenue. It is not likely that noise would impact these residents, as the majority of events will occur indoors and the nearest residence is 575 feet north of the nearest building associated with this application.

Requirements relating to storm water runoff retention and fire standards will be addressed during the Site Plan Review process. The drive approach and parking area are paved, which will reduce impacts to neighboring properties due to fugitive dust, and the non-peak hours of traffic generation will preclude adverse impacts on neighboring properties due to increased road congestion. There is no amplified sound or outdoor lighting proposed as part of the operation.

Based on the above information and compliance with the operational statement, staff believes the proposal will not have an adverse effect upon surrounding properties.

## **Recommended Conditions of Approval:**

See recommended Conditions of Approval attached as Exhibit 1.

#### Conclusion:

Finding 3 can be made.

<u>Finding 4</u>: That the proposed development is consistent with the General Plan

Relevant Policies:	Consistency/Considerations:
Policy PF-C.17: The County shall, prior to consideration of any discretionary project related to land use, undertake a water supply evaluation.	The project is consistent with this policy because it does not propose to use groundwater and will be served by the City of Fresno for water and sewer services.
Policy PF-D.6: The County shall permit individual on-site sewage disposal systems on parcels that have the area, soils, and other characteristics that permit installation of such disposal facilities without threatening surface or groundwater quality or posing any other health hazards and where community sewer service is not available and cannot be provided.	This project is consistent with this policy because community sewer service is available and has been provided. No individual, on-site sewage disposal systems are proposed.

## **Reviewing Agency Comments:**

Policy Planning Section of the Department of Public Works and Planning: The project site is designated as Rural Residential in the Fresno High-Roeding Community Plan and is not restricted under an Agricultural Land Conservation (Williamson Act) Contract (ALCC).

No other comments specific to General Plan Policy were expressed by reviewing Agencies or Departments.

#### **Analysis:**

Those policies identified by the Policy Planning Section relate to the requirements necessary for a project to utilize private water and sewage disposal systems. As this project is already connected to the City of Fresno for such services, there are no conflicts with the General Plan. There are no policies which relate specifically to the approval of religious facilities in areas designated for residential use.

Based on these factors, the project is consistent with the General Plan.

#### **Recommended Conditions of Approval:**

None

None	
PUBLIC COMMENT:	
Finding 4 can be made.	
Conclusion.	

#### CONCLUSION:

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Based on the factors cited in the analysis, staff believes the required Findings for granting the Classified Conditional Use Permit can be made. Staff therefore recommends approval of Classified Conditional Use Permit No. 3569, subject to the recommended Conditions.

#### PLANNING COMMISSION MOTIONS:

## **Recommended Motion** (Approval Action)

- Move to adopt the Negative Declaration prepared for Initial Study Application No. 7266; and
- Move to determine the required Findings can be made and move to approve Classified Conditional Use Permit No. 3569; subject to the Conditions of Approval and Project Notes listed in Exhibit 1; and
- Direct the Secretary to prepare a Resolution documenting the Commission's action.

## **<u>Alternative Motion</u>** (Denial Action)

- Move to determine that the required Findings cannot be made (state basis for not making the Findings) and move to deny Classified Conditional Use Permit No. 3569; and
- Direct the Secretary to prepare a Resolution documenting the Commission's action.

## **Recommended Conditions of Approval and Project Notes:**

See attached Exhibit 1.

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# Conditions of Approval and Project Notes Conditional Use Permit Application No. 3569 and Initial Study Application No. 7266

	Conditions of Approval
1.	Development of the property shall be in accordance with the Site Plan and Operational Statement approved by the Commission.
2.	Prior to issuance of Building Permits, a Site Plan Review (SPR) shall be submitted to and approved by the Department of Public Works and Planning in accordance with Section 874 of the Fresno County Zoning Ordinance. Conditions of the Site Plan Review may include: design of parking and circulation areas, access, on-site grading and drainage, fire protection, landscaping, signage, and lighting.
3.	The Applicant shall obtain inspections to reinstate the expired permit for the addition to the existing building.
4.	Prior to the issuance of building permits, the property shall dedicate the necessary right-of-way per the City of Fresno standards for the roadway classification.
5.	Clinton Avenue shall be improved across the Applicant's frontage to City standards. Alignment for curb and gutter should match up with existing improvements located westerly of the subject parcel. Existing overhead utilities across the Applicant's frontage shall be placed underground.

Conditions of Approval reference recommended Conditions for the project.

	Notes
The follow	ring Notes reference mandatory requirements of Fresno County or other Agencies and are provided as information to the project Applicant.
1.	This Use Permit will become void unless there has been substantial development within two years of the effective date of approval.
2.	A church facility providing services and public access would be required to provide accessible elements and facilities for persons with disabilities, as listed below, but may not be limited to:
	<ol> <li>Accessible routes from the site arrival point to all areas of public accommodation per CBC 11B-206.</li> <li>Accessible Parking per CBC 11B-208.</li> <li>Accessible toilet facilities per CBC 11B-213.</li> </ol>
3.	Any work done within the right-of-way to construct a new driveway or improve an existing driveway will require an Encroachment Permit from the Road Maintenance and Operations Division.
4.	With access for any new development along Collectors roads, turnarounds facilities shall be provided on parcels having direct access to Collector roads so that vehicles do not back out onto the roadway.
5.	If not already present, ten-foot by ten-foot corner cutoffs should be improved for sight distance purposes at any exiting driveways.

	Notes
6.	On- and off-site drainage shall be directed into facilities operated by the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District. No on-site retention of storm water will be required, provided the developer can verify to the County of Fresno that runoff can be safely conveyed to the Master Plan inlets. Drainage from this site shall be directed to Clinton Avenue.
7.	Off-Street parking facilities and geometrics shall conform to the City of Fresno Public Works Department <i>Parking Manual and Standard Drawings P-21, P-22, P-23.</i> Install a 30-inch state standard "STOP" sign. The sign shall be mounted on a 2-inch galvanized post with the bottom of the sign seven feet above ground, located behind the curb and immediately behind a major street sidewalk. Provide parking space needs, circulation, access, directional signs ( <i>e.g.</i> , "Entrance," "Exit," "Right Turn Only," "One Way", etc.). Restripe the existing parking stalls to angled parking, per the City of Fresno <i>Parking Manual</i> , with respect to the direction of traffic flow (based on the assignment of the driveways).
8.	The following comments were received by our Site Plan Review Section. This list is not inclusive of all the items that will be reviewed during the Site Plan Review process:
	<ol> <li>Per Section 855-I(2)b of the Zoning Ordinance, there shall be one (1) parking space for every forty (40) square feet of area within the main auditorium or meeting hall. The open area (meeting hall) listed in the floor plan for this facility is approximately 2,088.45 square feet. Divided by 40 square feet, that would equal 52 parking stalls required.</li> </ol>
	<ol><li>A minimum of two (2) ADA accessible parking stalls are required, one (1) of which shall be designated van accessible. All ADA accessible stalls shall be located as close as possible to the main entrance.</li></ol>
	3. Section 855-E.3:
	a) Side and rear yards may be used for required off-street parking. If the parking area abuts property classified as a Residential District, then a solid masonry wall not less than five (5) feet nor more than six (6) feet in height shall be erected on the property line abutting the area used for off-street parking. For regulations, the provisions of Section 855-H and Section 855-I.3 shall apply.
	b) The required front yard shall be landscaped; where such areas adjoin a residential district, there shall be a border of appropriate landscaping not less than ten (10) feet in depth along the residential street frontage to protect the character of the adjoining residential property. Such landscaping shall be maintained.
	<ul> <li>Any proposed landscape area 500 square feet or more shall meet the requirements of the State of California's Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELO) guidelines for water conservation.</li> </ul>
	<ol> <li>Asphalt concrete driveway approaches shall be required. Two-way driveways are to be 24 to 35 feet in width. Driveway widths greater than 35 feet in width must be approved by the Road Maintenance and Operations Division.</li> </ol>
	<ol><li>If only the driveways are to be paved, the driveways should be concrete or asphalt concrete paved a minimum width of 24 feet for the first 100 feet off the edge of the road right-of-way.</li></ol>
	<ol><li>All parking and circulation areas not concrete or asphalt concrete paved should be treated with a dust palliative to prevent the creation of dust.</li></ol>
	7. Outdoor lighting should be hooded and directed away from adjoining streets and properties.
	<ol><li>Any existing or proposed gates providing initial access to the site should be set back a minimum of 20 feet or the length of the longest vehicle that will enter the site.</li></ol>

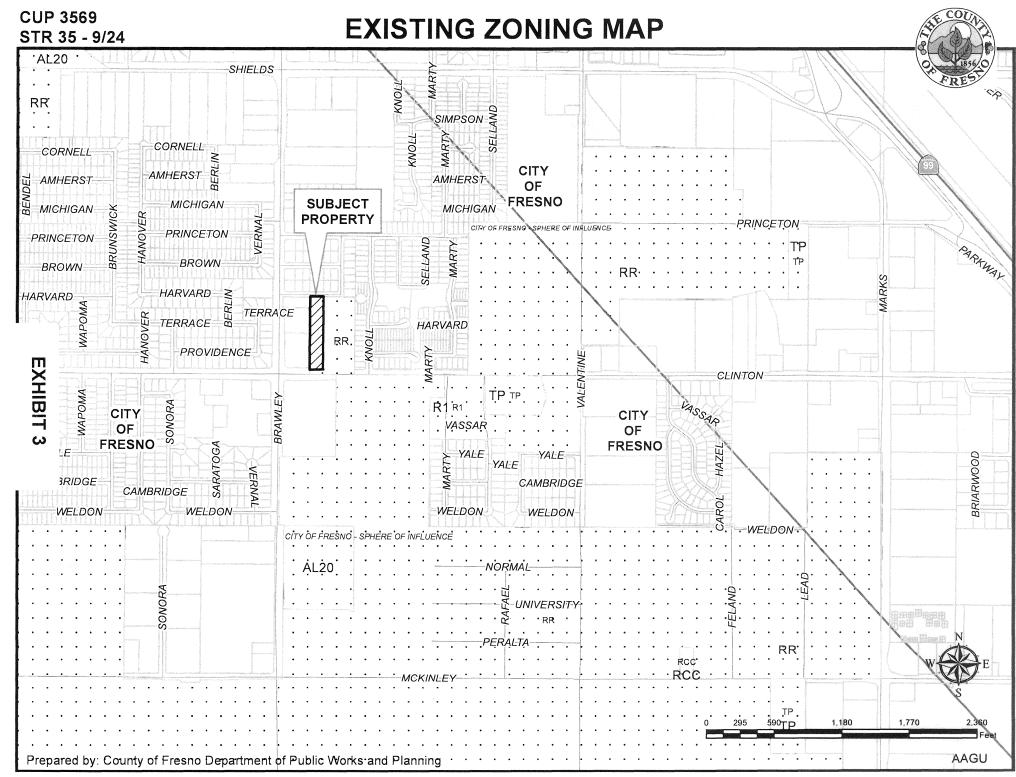
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9.	The following comments were provided by the City of Fresno and should be addressed prior to submission of the Site Plan Review:  - Identify all street furniture within the public right-of-way - Identify the required 4-foot minimum path of travel along the public sidewalk directly in front of property, as required by the California Administration Code (Title 24) - A pedestrian easement may be required if Title 24 requirements cannot be met - The construction of any overhead, surface or sub-surface structures and appurtenances in the public rights-of-way is prohibited unless an encroachment permit is approved by the City/County of Fresno
10.	<ol> <li>The following comments were provided by the North Central Fire Department as conditions of approval to their site plan approval process. This list is not inclusive of all items that may be necessary to obtain approval:</li> <li>Approval of this plan does not authorize or approve any omission or deviation from applicable adopted codes and adopted standards. Final approval is subject to field inspection. At this time, Fire does not require access to drive on property, as we can meet hose pull requirements from the street. If at any time in the future if additional buildings are proposed on site, additional site access requirements will apply, including minimum 20-foot fire access lanes.</li> <li>If any gates are proposed not shown on this plan, there will be requirements for police/fire access locks.</li> <li>This project was reviewed by the Fire Department only for requirements related to water supply, fire hydrants, and fire apparatus access to the building(s) on site. Review for compliance with fire and life safety requirements for the building interior and its intended use are reviewed by both the Fire Department and the Building/Safety Section of Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning when a submittal for building plan review is made, as required by the California Building Code, by the architect or engineer of record for the building.</li> </ol>
11.	The Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District encourages, but does not require, that roof drains from non-residential development be constructed such that they are directed onto and through a landscape grassy swale area to filter out pollutants from roof runoff.
12.	Outdoor storage areas shall be constructed and maintained such that material that may generate contaminants will be prevented from contact with rainfall and runoff and thereby prevent the conveyance of contaminants in runoff into the storm drain system.
13.	FID's active Victoria Colony-W. Br. No. 43 runs southerly and crosses Clinton Avenue approximately 1,800 feet east of the subject property. Should this project include any street and/or utility improvements along Clinton Avenue or in the vicinity of this facility, FID will require it review and approve all plans.
14.	Existing water well(s) and septic system(s) on the parcel shall be properly destroyed under permit and inspection by the County of Fresno. For water well destruction, please contact the Environmental Health Division at (559) 600-3357. For septic system destruction, please contact the Building/Safety Section at (559) 600-4540.

	Notes
15.	Churches currently do not meet the definition of a retail food facility in the California Retail Food Code [CalCode 113789(c)(3)], provided that the church gives or sells food to its members and guests, and not to the general public, at an event that occurs not more than three (3) days in any ninety-day period. However, it is recommended that the Applicant consider constructing the kitchen to commercial standards. This would allow future use of the facility for approved community events. The Applicant may contact the Consumer Food Protection Program at (559) 600-3357 for more information.

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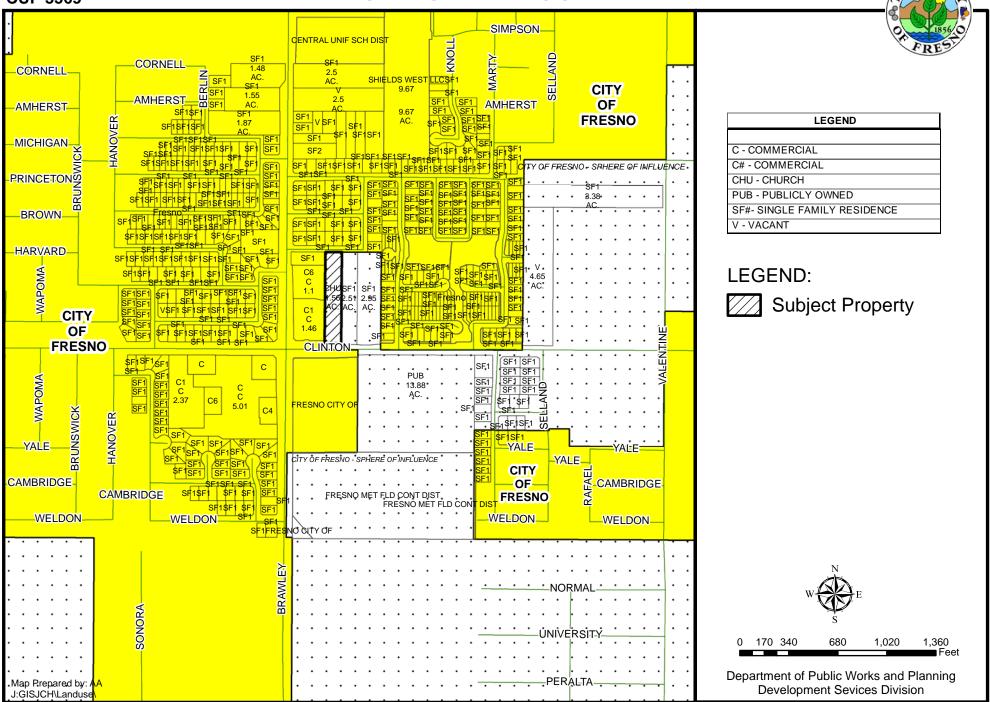
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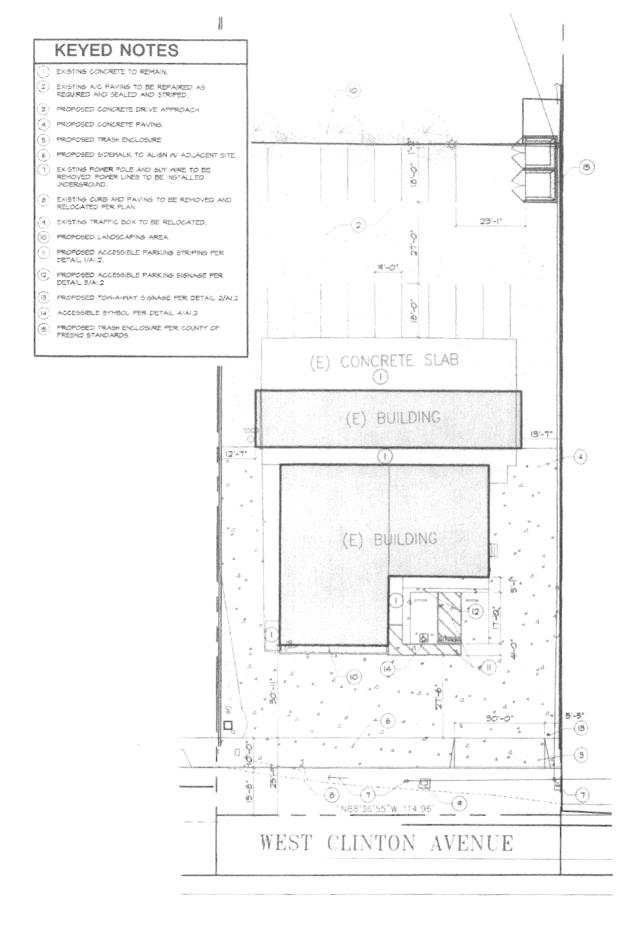
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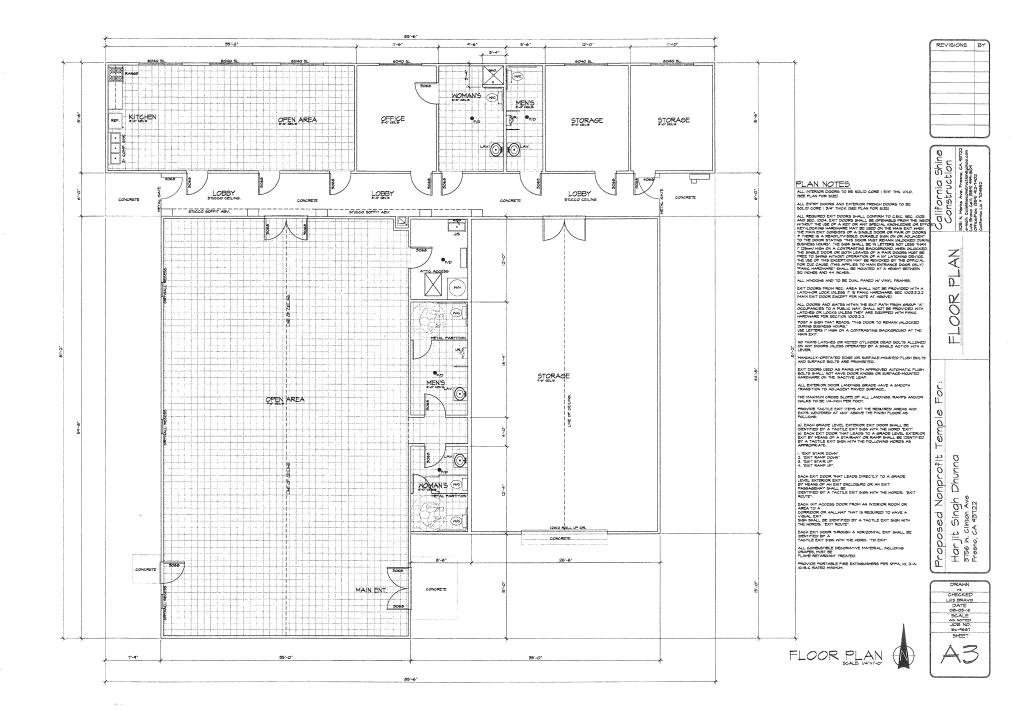
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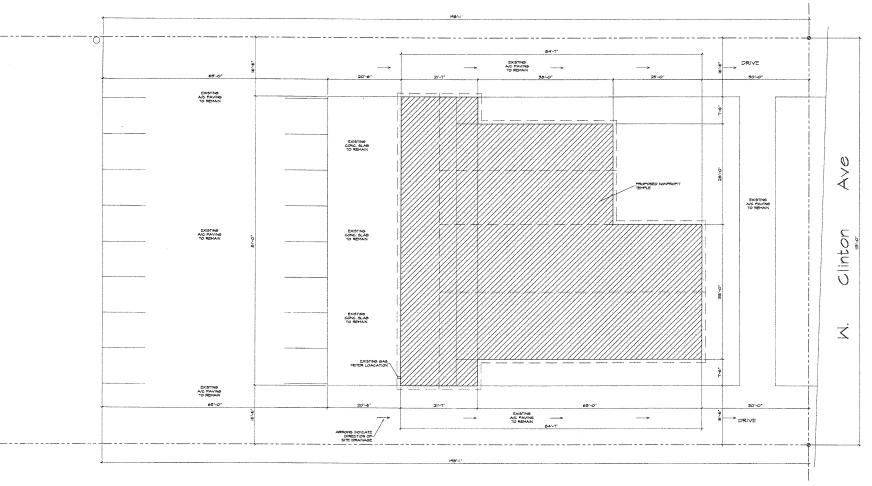
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# **EXHIBIT 5**







#### SITE NOTES

- I. ALL HORK TO COMPLY W LATEST EDITION UBG, UPG, KEG, CAG, TITLE 244 ALL APPLICABLE 12. ALL CONSTRUCTION WASTE PRODUCTS WITHIN 50' OF STRUCTURE SHALL BE REMOVED.

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- 2. STRUCTURE MUST COMPILY NITH SECURITY CODE ORDINANCE:
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  B) STEEL FALTE AT DEAD BOLT STRIKER
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- GRADE DIFFERENTIALS GREATER THAN 30' SHALL BE SUPPORTED AT AN APPROVED ENGINEERED RETAINING HALL.
- II. CHEMICAL TOILET IS REQUIRE ON-SITE DURING CONSTRUCTION.

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- ROOF COVERING SHALL CONFORM WITH THE UBC BOT AS WELL AS FLASHING AND COUNTER-FLASHING OF CHIMNEY ROOF TO WALL AND PARAPET WALLS.
- FOST STREET ADDRESS NIMERALS AT LEAST 5" HIGH WITH A MINIMUM 5/6" STROKE MOUNTED ON A CONTRASTING BACKGROUND CLEARLY VISIBLE FROM THE STREET.
- 18. GENERAL CONTRACTOR TO PROVIDE NECESSARY CUT-OUTS, BACKING, ACCESS FANELS, ETC. REQUIRED FOR HORK BY OWNERS SUB-CONTRACTORS AND FOR ALL ACCESSORIES.
- . PROVIDE GLU-LAM BEAM CERTIFICATION PRIOR TO BUILDING FINAL INSPECTION
- 29. 2x FIRE BLOCK AT FLOOR, CEILING COVES AND SOFFITS, AND STUDS 10"-0" OR STEATER IN HEIGHT. CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE 108-2
- 2). FROVIDE NON-COMBUSTIBLE LINTEL AND SUPPORT OVER ALL MASONRY OPENINGS, USE VENEER TIES AT 16" O.G. EACH WAY.
- 22. OFENINGS AROUND GAS VENTS, DUCTS, PIPES, CHIMNEYS, AND FIREPLACES AT CEILING AND FLOOR LEVELS SHALL HAVE FIREBLOCKING, USC 108.21, BUS' TYTE 'X' SYTED.)
- 23, FIREBLOCKING IS REGURED AT THE OPENING BETWEEN THE ATTIC SPACE AND THE CHAMEY CHASE FOR THE PACTORY-BULLT CHIMEY, UBC 106.21, (9/6) TYPE 'X' GYPBOJ
- FIRE STOPS SHALL BE FROVIDED AROAD THE CHIMEY AND FIREPLACE OPENINGS AT CREINS AND FLOOR LEVELS WITH NON-COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS, USC 109-2,14, (9/8) TYPE V: 67/PED.)

- 25. INVERE PROJECT IS SUBJECT TO SHOW LOADS PROVIDE SHOW AND ICE SPLITTERS AT ALL ROOF PENETRATIONS.
- 26. ALL STUDS TO ALIGN WITH RAFTERS FROM ROOF TO FOLKDATION
- 21. ALL FRAMING LIMBER TO BE D.F. \$2 OR BETTER, (UN.O.)
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- 45. INTERIOR HALL FINISH TO BE FLAME SPREAD CLASS III.

SITE PLAN



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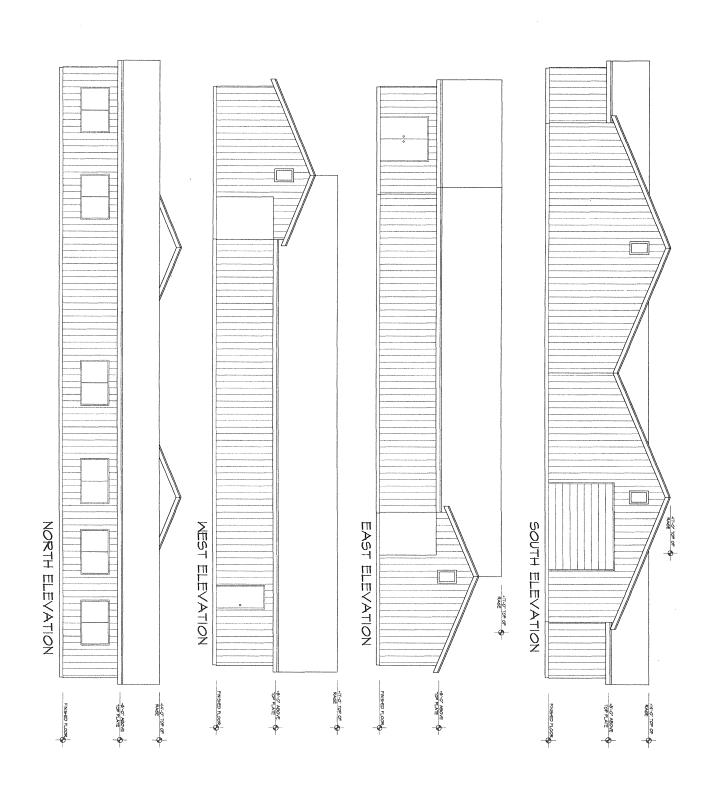
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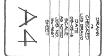
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Operational Statement

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3756 W. Clinton Ave.

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIVISION

CUP 3569

The intention of writing this letter is to occupy my existing building at 3756 W. Clinton Ave. under a nonprofit organization for small social church gatherings. The operational times will consist of 10 AM to 11PM three days out of the week. There will be no special activities. We will be frequently meeting every weekend 3 days out of the week 13 total hours per day, 39 hours weekly. Some of these events will be held mostly indoors. In average we will have visitors up to 50 per day. The number of employees will be NONE. There will be no caretakers living on site. There will be 20 vehicles, mainly cars and will be frequently visiting on the weekends. There is a private road with private parking that has existing pavement. There is a total of 20 parking stalls. No goods will be sold at this site. Only chairs and tables that will be used for meetings. No supplies or materials will be stored at the property. There is no noise, no glare, no dust, or odor at this site. There is an existing garbage can to haul away garbage every weekend. Roughly 20 gallons per day will be used for water. There will be no advertisements. The existing front building will be used for our social gatherings. No outdoor lighting or indoor sound with amplification systems will be used. No landscaping or fencing are proposed at this property.

Respectfully,

x Harjit Sigh Dhu

Mr. Dhunna



# County of Fresno

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING STEVEN E. WHITE, DIRECTOR

# **EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS**

APPLICANT: Luis Bravo, Calshine Construction

APPLICATION NOS.: Initial Study Application No. 7266 and Conditional Use

Permit Application No. 3569

DESCRIPTION: Allow an existing building in the R 1-C (NB) (Single-family

Residential, Neighborhood Beautification Overlay) Zone

District to be used for social church gatherings

LOCATION: The subject parcel is located on the north side of Clinton

Avenue, approximately 225 feet east of its intersection with

North Brawley Avenue, adjacent to the City of Fresno, addressed as 3756 W. Clinton Avenue (SUP. DIST. 1)

(APN 442-060-48)

#### I. AESTHETICS

- A. Would the project have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista; or
- B. Would the project substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a State scenic highway; or
- C. Would the project substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings; or
- D. Would the project create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

There is no new development proposed with this application. The building and parking lot were approved by CUP 2175.

#### II. AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY RESOURCES

A. Would the project convert prime or unique farmlands or farmland of state-wide importance to non-agricultural use?

# FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The Fresno County Important Farmlands Map designates land on the subject parcel as "Urban and Built-up Land." Surrounding parcels generally share that designation; however, some land has been designated as vacant or residential. One parcel, approximately 1,400 feet southeast from the subject parcel, has been designated as farmland of Local Importance. Therefore, due to the distance between the project and the nearest designated lands, no impacts to prime farmland, farmland of state-wide importance, or unique farmlands will occur as a result of this project.

- B. Would the project conflict with existing agricultural zoning or Williamson Act Contracts; or
- C. Would the project conflict with existing zoning for or cause rezoning of forest land, timberland, or timberland zoned Timberland Production?

#### FINDING: NO IMPACT:

There are no parcels restricted by Williamson Act in the vicinity of the project site. There are similarly no parcels zoned for or engaged in timberland production; zoning in the area is R 1-C (NB) (Single-family Residential, Neighborhood Beautification Overlay). Therefore, the project will not conflict with agricultural zoning, forest land, or timberland production.

- D. Would the project result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?
- E. Would the project involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland to non-agricultural uses or conversion of forest land to non-forest use; or

#### FINDING: NO IMPACT:

Due to its distance from lands zoned or used for forestland, timberland production, and agricultural uses, the project will not result in the net loss of such lands or the conversion of those uses to other uses.

#### III. AIR QUALITY

- A. Would the project conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable Air Quality Plan; or
- B. Would the project violate any air quality standard or contribute to an existing or projected air quality violation; or
- C. Would the project result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under a Federal or State ambient air quality standard; or

- D. Would the project expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations; or
- E. Would the project create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

Review of this project by the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD) determined that the project would not conflict with the State Implementation Plan. As the buildings are pre-existing, there will be no impacts from construction. Operation of the church facility will not release objectionable odors or produce air pollution in excess of typical building functions and the local increase in traffic (up to 20 vehicles arriving and departing the site three times per week) will not produce considerable contributions to existing air quality violations.

# IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

- A. Would the project have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any candidate, sensitive, or special-status species; or
- B. Would the project 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 Wildlife (CDFW) or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS); or
- C. Would the project have a substantial adverse effect on federally-protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption or other means; or
- D. Would the project 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; or
- E. Would the project conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance; or
- F. Would the project conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

No construction is proposed by this application. Further, there are no wetlands or other habitat that would support special-status species on the parcel. The lack of rivers or wetlands on the parcel also precludes adverse impacts on migratory fish and riparian habitat. There are no Habitat Conservation Plans or Natural Community Conservation Plans which apply to the project.

# V. CULTURAL RESOURCES

- A. Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in Section 15064.5; or
- B. Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archeological resource pursuant to Section 15064.5; or
- C. Would the project directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature; or
- D. Would the project disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries; or
- E. Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource as defined in Public Resources Code Section 21074?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The lack of development associated with this proposal generally precludes the possibility that historical resources would be impacted. In accordance with the provisions of AB 52, notice was sent to the following tribes to invite them to consult regarding known Tribal Cultural Resources on the parcel: Table Mountain Rancheria, Picayune Rancheria of the Chukchansi Indians, Santa Rosa Tachi Yokut Tribe, and the Dumna Wo Wah Tribal Government. Table Mountain responded within 30 days and declined consultation, Santa Rosa Tachi Yokut Tribe and the Picayune Rancheria failed to respond within 30 days and therefore declined consultation. The Dumna Wo Wah Tribal Government responded within 30 days requesting consultation, but failed to identify known Tribal Cultural Resources on the parcel. Lack of known resources does not demonstrate that no resources are present; however the lack of development will ensure that construction does not adversely affect any currently unknown resources.

# VI. GEOLOGY AND SOILS

- A. Would the project expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including risk of loss, injury or death involving:
  - 1. Rupture of a known earthquake?
  - 2. Strong seismic ground shaking?
  - 3. Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?
  - 4. Landslides?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project is not located in an area at risk of loss, injury, or death due to the rupture of a known earthquake fault according to the Alquist-Priolo Fault Map. The nearest fault is the Clovis Fault, which is characterized as 'pre-quaternary' or older than 1.6 million years. Figure 9-5 of the Fresno County General Plan Background Report (FCGPBR) shows the project site in an area of 0-20% probabilistic seismic hazards, which is the lowest category of risk. Figure 9-6 (FCGPBR) shows that the project site is not in an area at moderate or high risk of landslides and review of site photographs indicates the topography is fairly flat which precludes the possibility of site-specific landslide risk.

B. Would the project result in substantial erosion or loss of topsoil?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

No development is proposed as part of this application. Further, the project site is located within the boundaries of the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District. Any development may also require the construction and installation of new or improved drainage facilities in accordance with the District's Master Plan. Further, the applicant will be required to file a grade and drainage plan, which will prevent substantial erosion or loss of topsoil.

- C. Would the project result in on-site or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse; or
- D. Would the project be located on expansive soils, creating substantial risks to life or property?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

Figure 9-6 indicates that the subject parcel is not located in an area at moderate to high risk of landslide nor in an area of shallow or deep subsidence. According to Figure 7-1 (FCGPBR), the subject parcel is not located in an area where soils exhibit moderately high or higher expansion potential. The Department of Conservation's Web Soil Survey indicates that the subject parcel consists of entirely San Joaquin sandy loam, which is very well-drained. Further, sandy soils do not typically exhibit shrink-swell potential.

E. Would the project have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative disposal systems where sewers are not available for wastewater disposal?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project site is connected to the City of Fresno for sewer and water services; therefore the adequacy of the site to support the use of septic tanks is not relevant to the environmental review.

#### VII. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

- A. Would the project generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment; or
- B. Would the project conflict with any applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

As there is no development proposed with this application, there will be no impacts to the emissions of greenhouse gases associated with construction. Up to 20 cars will drive to and from the site up to three days per week, according to the Applicant's operational statement. This increase in traffic will not conflict with a plan, policy, or regulation adopted for reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases. Such plans are maintained by the SJVAPCD, who provided no comments on this application.

# VIII. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

- A. Would the project create a significant public hazard through routine transport, use or disposal of hazardous materials; or
- B. Would the project create a significant public hazard involving accidental release of hazardous materials into the environment; or
- C. Would the project create hazardous emissions or utilize hazardous materials, substances or waste within one quarter-mile of a school?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The proposed use of this parcel to allow religious worship and social church gatherings does not involve the routine use or transport of hazardous materials. Further, the nearest school to the project site is the Central Adult Learning Site, which is approximately 1,500 feet north of the nearest property line to the main building.

D. Would the project be located on a hazardous materials site?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The project site and surrounding properties were reviewed to determine if they were present on any of the following lists, as provided by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's NEPAssist web program, accessed April 24, 2018: Hazardous Waste Sites (Resource Conservation and Recovery Act [RCRA]), Air Pollution (Integrated Compliance Information System for Air), Water Dischargers (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System), Toxic Releases (Toxic Release Inventory), Superfund (National Priorities List), Brownfields (Assessment, Cleanup and Redevelopment Exchange System), and the Toxic Substances Control Act. Three hazardous waste sites were identified within one half-mile of the project site.

The nearest hazardous waste site is the Walgreens adjacent to the project site, which operates as a conditionally exempt small quantity hazardous waste generator with no current violations. The next nearest site is the CVS Pharmacy approximately 1,000 feet west of the project site. The CVS is a large quantity generator which is operating without violation. The next-nearest site is located 1,900 feet north of the northern property line; the Rite Aid is a large quantity generator with no current violations. As these facilities are operating within RCRA regulations, there will be no impact on the use of hazardous materials at this site on the project.

A brownfield site is located approximately 2,450 feet southeast of the project site and was identified as Valentine Elementary School.

- E. Would a project located within an airport land use plan or, absent such a plan, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area; or
- F. Would a project located within the vicinity of a private airstrip result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project site is not located within two miles of a public or private airstrip or airport. Therefore, approval of the project will not result in safety hazards for people on site or working in the area.

- G. Would the project impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted Emergency Response Plan or Emergency Evacuation Plan; or
- H. Would the project 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?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

Approval of this project will not impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted Emergency Response Plan or Emergency Evacuation Plan. There are no impacts to the local circulation system and visitors to the site will maintain their level of involvement in the State Emergency Plan as they would outside of the site. The location is within a County Island of the City of Fresno and any evacuation or emergency response at the site would be likely to require the evacuation of the numerous residential properties in the vicinity. A local increase of up to 50 persons at this site up to three times a week will not impact the overall effectiveness of the system.

#### IX. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY

A. Would the project violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements or otherwise degrade water quality; or

B. Would the project substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge so that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The subject property is connect to the City of Fresno for sewer and water services and is not reliant upon groundwater or septic feasibility.

- C. Would the project substantially alter existing drainage patterns, including alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on or off site; or
- D. Would the project substantially alter existing drainage patterns, including alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in flooding on or off site; or
- E. Would the project create or contribute run-off which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned storm water drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted run-off?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

There is no construction associated with this application. Minor grading and road improvements may be required, but all work will be conducted in compliance with existing Fresno County regulations which require that all runoff is diverted into the existing drainage system maintained by the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District.

- F. Would the project otherwise substantially degrade water quality; or
- G. Would the project place housing within a 100-year floodplain; or
- H. Would the project place structures within a 100-year flood hazard area that would impede or redirect flood flows?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

There are no specific factors associated with this project that would otherwise substantially degrade water quality. There is similarly no new housing or structures proposed and thus no impacts to the floodzone. The parcel is considered to be an area of minimal Flood Hazard.

- I. Would the project expose persons or structures to levee or dam failure; or
- J. Would the project cause inundation by seiche, tsunami or mudflow?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

Figure 9-8 (FCGPBR) shows that the project site is not in an area that is at risk of inundation due to dam failure. The project's distance from large bodies of water such as lakes and the ocean preclude the possibility of inundation due to seiche or tsunami and its flat topography precludes the risk of inundation by mudflow.

#### X. LAND USE AND PLANNING

A. Will the project physically divide an established community?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The scope of this project is limited to the property lines of the subject parcel, with some potential work along the frontage and within the County right-of-way. This will not divide the community.

B. Will the project conflict with any Land Use Plan, policy or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The proposed use is allowed in the Rural Residential Zone district with approval of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application, which is being processed concurrently with this Initial Study. The Fresno County Planning Commission will determine at a public hearing if the required findings for the granting of a Conditional Use Permit can be made, and if they can, they will approve the Application and adopt the Negative Declaration prepared for this application. If it is determined that the required findings cannot be made, then the Commission will move to deny the application.

C. Will the project conflict with any applicable Habitat Conservation Plan or Natural Community Conservation Plan?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

There are no applicable Habitat Conservation Plans or Natural Community Conservation Plans in the vicinity of the project site.

#### XI. MINERAL RESOURCES

- A. Would the project result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource; or
- B. Would the project result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site designated on a General Plan?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

Figure 7-7 (FCGPBR) shows that the project site is not in an area that has been designated for Mineral Resource Recovery. Further, the use of the existing building as a place of worship and social gatherings is not a type of project that requires the use of significant mineral resources.

#### XII. NOISE

- A. Would the project result in exposure of people to severe noise levels; or
- B. Would the project result in exposure of people to or generate excessive ground-borne vibration or ground-borne noise levels?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

This project does not propose to use equipment that would generate severe noise levels or excessive ground-borne vibration or ground-borne noise levels. Noise will be limited to what is generated by a group of up to 50 persons within a building. Persons at the site or at surrounding properties will not be exposed to severe noise levels.

C. Would the project cause a substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

Use of the parcel as a place to hold social church gatherings would be permitted with the approval of the CUP associated with this application. Such permits are restricted by the operational statement that is provided to the Planning Commission at the time of the public hearing. That statement currently restricts the operation of this site to three nights each week, primarily on weekends, up to 13 hours each day. The limited hours of operation preclude this project from causing a substantial permanent increase in ambient noise in the project vicinity.

D. Would the project result in a substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

With up to 50 persons on site, there is the possibility that there will be substantial temporary increases in ambient noise levels. However, the operational statement indicates that the social gatherings will not have amplified sound nor will any special events be held. Attendees will use existing tables and chairs for their meetings. It is anticipated that this use will comply with the Fresno County Noise Ordinance and any violations can be handled on a per-incident basis.

E. Would the project expose people to excessive noise levels associated with a location near an airport or a private airstrip; or

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?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project site is not located near a public or private air strip.

#### XIII. POPULATION AND HOUSING

- A. Would the project induce substantial population growth either directly or indirectly; or
- B. Would the project displace substantial numbers of existing housing; or
- C. Would the project displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of housing elsewhere?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The use of this parcel for social church gatherings is not a type of use that is reasonably expected to induce substantial population growth; there are no new sources of jobs or new facilities that would encourage relocation to this area. Attendance will generally consist of existing members of the church.

#### XIV. PUBLIC SERVICES

- A. Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically-altered public facilities in the following areas:
  - 1. Fire protection;
  - 2. Police protection;
  - 3. Schools;
  - 4. Parks; or
  - 5. Other public facilities?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

If this project is approved, the site plans will be subject to review by the North Central Fire Protection District, which may place additional conditions for development in order to meet current fire standards. Adherence to the North Central Fire Protection District's regulations will reduce adverse impacts associated with fire protection services to less than significant. Persons who visit the project site in accordance with the Operational Statement are not likely to utilize local parks or other public facilities and will not have any impact on the use of schools in the area.

#### XV. RECREATION

- A. Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks; or
- B. Would the project require the construction of or expansion of recreational facilities?

#### FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

It is anticipated that attendees of the social church meetings will not travel away from the project site to use neighborhood parks. However, the Victoria West Community Park is located across from Clinton Avenue. This park provides several sports fields, a walking path, and several sitting areas which could be attractive to visitors, especially those who arrive in advance of a scheduled meeting. This park is large enough to accommodate additional sporadic attendance without the need to expand its facilities.

#### XVI. TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC

- A. Would the project conflict with any applicable plan, ordinance or policy establishing measures of effectiveness for the performance of the circulation system, taking into account all modes of transportation; or
- B. Would the project conflict with an applicable congestion management program, including, but not limited to, level of service standards and travel demands measures; or
- C. Would the project result in a change in air traffic patterns; or
- D. Would the project substantially increase traffic hazards due to design features; or
- E. Would the project result in inadequate emergency access; or
- F. Would the project conflict with adopted plans, policies or programs regarding public transit, bicycle or pedestrian facilities or otherwise decrease the performance or safety of such facilities?

#### FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The project anticipates generating up to twenty round trips three times each week through the use of the project site for social church gatherings, generally on weekends. Due to the non-peak hours of this increase and the limited number of vehicles, impacts to the congestion system will be less than significant. Prior to occupancy, the applicant will submit plans to the Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning, Road Maintenance and Operations Division to determine if additional construction or revisions to the site design will be necessary to ensure consistency with County Ordinances. With compliance to this existing regulation, impacts will be less than significant.

#### XVII. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS

A. Would the project exceed wastewater treatment requirements; or

- B. Would the project require construction of or the expansion of new water or wastewater treatment facilities; or
- C. Would the project require or result in the construction or expansion of new storm water drainage facilities; or
- D. Would the project have sufficient water supplies available from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed; or
- E. Would the project result in a determination of inadequate wastewater treatment capacity to serve project demand; or
- F. Would the project be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity; or
- G. Would the project comply with federal, state and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

CUP No. 2175 approved the use of this parcel for church activities in 1985. Since that time, the Applicant failed to exercise the use permit continuously and the use was abandoned for an excess of two years therefore the permit expired. Due the parcel's location adjacent to the city limits, it is served by municipal sewer and water services and City of Fresno hauling services. The limited number of attendees three days each week is less than the attendance that was permitted by CUP 2175 (typical attendance of 100 persons). Therefore, the existing facilities will be sufficient to support the water usage, sewage waste, and landfill waste produced by this application.

# 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 prehistory or history?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

All parts of the project have been developed prior to the application to allow this use. The lack of construction precludes impacts to special-status species and native habitats, even if such habitats were present. Outside of two buildings and a paved lot and driveways, the parcel is vacant, packed earth.

B. Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable; or

C. Does the project have environmental impacts which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

No cumulatively considerable impacts were identified as part of this application. There are no impacts to air quality from construction as there is none proposed. No adverse impacts to human beings were identified. The majority of functions will occur within the existing building.

#### CONCLUSION/SUMMARY

Based upon the Initial Study prepared for Classified Conditional Use Permit Application No. 3569, staff has concluded that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment. It has been determined that there would be no impacts to Aesthetics, Agricultural and Forestry Resources, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Land Use and Planning, Mineral Resources, Population and Housing, Public Services, and Utilities and Service Systems.

Potential impacts related to Air Quality, Hydrology and Water Quality, Recreation and Transportation/Traffic have been determined to be less than significant.

A Negative Declaration is recommended and is subject to approval by the decision-making body. The Initial Study is available for review at 2220 Tulare Street, Suite A, Street Level, located on the southeast corner of Tulare and "M" Street, Fresno, California.

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