

# County of Fresno

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

DATE: June 12, 2020

TO:

Department of Public Works and Planning, Attn: Steven E. White, Director Development Services and Capital Projects, Attn: William M. Kettler, Division Manager Development Services and Capital Projects, Attn: Chris Motta, Principal Planner Development Services and Capital Projects, Current Planning, Attn: David A. Randall, Senior Planner/Marianne Mollring, Senior Planner Development Services and Capital Projects, Policy Planning, ALCC, Attn: Mohammad Khorsand Development Services and Capital Projects, Zoning & Permit Review, Attn: Daniel Gutierrez, Senior Planner/ James Anders, Senior Planner Development Services and Capital Projects, Building & Safety/Plan Check, Attn: Dan Mather, Arnulfo Valdivia Development Engineering, Attn: Laurie Kennedy, Grading/Mapping Design Division, Special Projects/Road Projects, Attn: Mohammad Alimi/Dale Siemer/Brian Spaunhurst/ Gloria Hensley Road Maintenance and Operations, Attn: John Thompson/ Wendy Nakagawa/Martin Querin/Nadia Lopez Water and Natural Resources Division, Attn: Glenn Allen, Roy Jimenez Department of Public Health, Environmental Health Division, Attn: Kevin Tsuda/Deep Sidhu/Steven Rhodes County Counsel, Attn: Alison Samarin, Deputy County Counsel Fresno County Agricultural Commissioner, Attn: Melissa Cregan Fresno County Fire Protection District, Attn: Jim McDougald, Division Chief San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, Attn: ceqa@valleyair.org Sheriff's Office, Attn: Captain Mark Padilla, Captain Greg Gularte, Captain Ryan Hushaw, Lt. Brent Stalker, Lt. Ron Hayes, Lt. Robert Salazar, Lt. Kathy Curtice California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Attn: Jim Vang, Environmental Scientist CALTRANS, District 6, Attn: Dave Padilla California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Attn: Dale Harvey State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water, Attn: Jose Robledo, Caitlin Juarez Jeremy Shaw, Planner  $\mathcal{I}$ FROM: **Development Services and Capital Projects Division** SUBJECT: Initial Study No. 7486 prepared for Director Review and Approval Application No.

APPLICANT: Mangal S. Pabla

4556

DUE DATE: June 25, 2020

The Department of Public Works and Planning, Development Services and Capital Projects Division has prepared an Initial Study for the subject application, which is proposing to allow the maintenance and storage of trucks and trailers to be utilized exclusively for the transportation of agricultural products, supplies and equipment on a 2.06-acre parcel in the AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) Zone District (SUP. DIST. 1) (334-350-60) (5437 South Cedar Avenue, Fresno, CA 93725).

Based upon the Initial Study prepared for Director Review and Approval Application No. 4556, staff has determined that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

A copy of the Initial Study is attached to this memo. Please review the Initial Study as it relates to your area of expertise.

We must have your comments by <u>June 25, 2020</u>. Any comments received after this date may not be used.

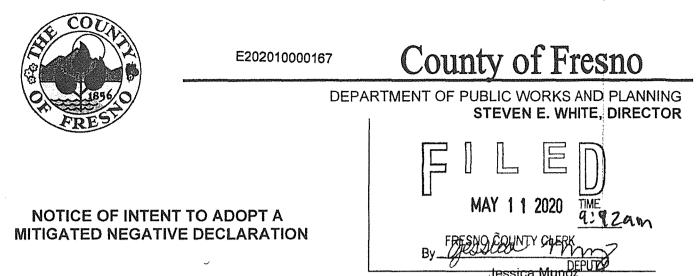
# NOTE - THIS WILL BE OUR ONLY REQUEST FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS. If you do not have comments, please provide a "NO COMMENT" response to our office by the above deadline (e-mail is also acceptable; see email address below).

Please address any correspondence or questions related to environmental and/or policy/design issues to me, Jeremy Shaw, Planner, Development Services and Capital Projects Division, Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning, 2220 Tulare Street, Sixth Floor, Fresno, CA 93721, or call (559) 600-4207 or email <u>ishaw@</u>fresnocountyca.gov

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Activity Code (Internal Review): 2395

Enclosures



For County Clerk's Stamp

Notice is hereby given that the County of Fresno has prepared Initial Study Application (IS) No. 7486 pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act for the following proposed project:

**INITIAL STUDY APPLICATION NO. 7486** and **DIRECTOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL APPLICATION NO. 4556** filed by **MANGAL S. PABLA**, proposing to allow the maintenance and storage of trucks and trailers, to be used exclusively for the transportation of agriculturally related products, supplies and equipment, on a 2.06acre parcel in the AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) Zone District. The project site is located at the northwest corner of the intersection of South Cedar Avenue and East Jefferson Avenue, , approximately one mile south of the nearest city limits of the City of Fresno (APN 334-350-60) (SUP. DIST. 4) (5437 S. Cedar). Adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for Initial Study Application No. 7486 and take action on Director Review and Approval Application No. 4556 with Findings and Conditions.

(hereafter, the "Proposed Project")

The County of Fresno has determined that it is appropriate to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Proposed Project. The purpose of this Notice is to (1) provide notice of the availability of IS Application No. 7486 and the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration and request written comments thereon; and (2) provide notice of the public hearing regarding the Proposed Project.

# Public Comment Period

The County of Fresno will receive written comments on the Proposed Project and Mitigated Negative Declaration from May 15, 2020 through June 15, 2020.

Email written comments to jshaw@fresnocountyca.gov, or mail comments to:

Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning Development Services and Capital Projects Division Attn: Jeremy Shaw 2220 Tulare Street, Suite A Fresno, CA 93721

IS Application No. 7486 and the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration may be viewed at the above address Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AND CAPITAL PROJECTS DIVISION

12:30 p.m. (except holidays), or at <u>www.co.fresno.ca.us/initialstudies</u> An electronic copy of the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Proposed Project may be obtained from Jeremy Shaw at the addresses above.

For questions please call Jeremy Shaw (559) 600-4207.

Published: May 15, 2020.

	Print Form Appendix C						
Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal							
Mail to: State Clearinghouse, P.O. Box 3044, Sacramento For Hand Delivery/Street Address: 1400 Tenth Street, Sa							
Project Title: Initial Study Application No. 7486 and Dir							
Lead Agency: Fresno County Department of Public Work	······································						
Mailing Address: 2220 Tulare Street, 6th Floor	Phone: (559)-600-4207						
City: Fresno	Zip: <u>93721</u> County: Fresno						
Project Location: County: Fresno	City/Nearest Community: Fresno						
Cross Streets: South Cedar and East Jefferson	Zip Code: 93725						
Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds):°	N /° W Total Acres: 2.06						
Assessor's Parcel No.: 334-350-60	Section: 2 Twp.: <u>15S</u> Range: <u>20E</u> Base: <u>MDBM</u>						
Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: 41 & 99							
Airports: N/A	Railways: BNSF & Union Pacific Schools: Washington Colony						
Document Type:							
CEQA: NOP Draft EIR Early Cons Supplement/Subsequent H Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.)							
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Community Plan Site Plan	Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)						
Development Type:							
Residential: Units       Acres         Office:       Sq.ft.       Acres         Employees							
Commercial:Sq.ft. Acres Employees Industrial: Sq.ft. Acres Employees							
Industrial: Sq.ft Acres Employees	Power: Type MW     Waste Treatment: Type MGD						
Recreational:	Hazardous Waste: Type						
Water Facilities: Type MGD	Other:						
Project Issues Discussed in Document:							
<ul> <li>Aesthetic/Visual</li> <li>Fiscal</li> <li>Agricultural Land</li> <li>Flood Plain/Flooding</li> <li>Air Quality</li> <li>Forest Land/Fire Hazard</li> <li>Archeological/Historical</li> <li>Geologic/Seismic</li> <li>Biological Resources</li> <li>Minerals</li> <li>Coastal Zone</li> <li>Noise</li> <li>Drainage/Absorption</li> <li>Population/Housing Bal</li> <li>Economic/Jobs</li> <li>Public Services/Facilitie</li> </ul>	X       Sewer Capacity       Wetland/Riparian         X       Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading       Growth Inducement         X       Solid Waste       X Land Use         ance       Toxic/Hazardous       X Cumulative Effects						
Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation: Residential with existing trucking operation/ AE-20/ Ag							

Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary) Allow the maintenance and storage of trucks and trailers, to be used exclusively for the transportation of agriculturally related products, supplies and equipment, on a 2.06-acre parcel in the AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) Zone District.

## **Reviewing Agencies Checklist**

Lead Agencies may recommend State Clearinghouse distribution by marking agencies below with and "X". If you have already sent your document to the agency please denote that with an "S".

x	Air Resources Board	Office of Historic Preservation				
	Boating & Waterways, Department of	Office of Public School Construction				
	California Emergency Management Agency	Parks & Recreation, Department of				
	California Highway Patrol	Pesticide Regulation, Department of				
x	Caltrans District #6	Public Utilities Commission				
	Caltrans Division of Aeronautics	Regional WQCB #				
	Caltrans Planning	Resources Agency				
	Central Valley Flood Protection Board	Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of				
	Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy	S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm.				
	Coastal Commission	San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy				
	Colorado River Board	San Joaquin River Conservancy				
	Conservation, Department of	Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy				
	Corrections, Department of	State Lands Commission				
	Delta Protection Commission	SWRCB: Clean Water Grants				
	Education, Department of	SWRCB: Water Quality				
	Energy Commission	SWRCB: Water Rights				
x	Fish & Game Region #	Tahoe Regional Planning Agency				
<u></u>	Food & Agriculture, Department of	Toxic Substances Control, Department of				
	Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of	Water Resources, Department of				
	General Services, Department of					
	Health Services, Department of	Other:				
	Housing & Community Development	Other:				
	Native American Heritage Commission					
	al Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead age ing Date May 15, 2020	Ending Date June 15, 2020				
Lead	Agency (Complete if applicable):					
Consulting Firm:Address: City/State/Zip: Contact:		Applicant: Mangal S. Pabla Address: 1209 Burdett Way City/State/Zip: Milpitas, CA 95035 Phone: (408) 799-1090				
				Phor	ne:	
						Date: 5-11-20
				Sign	ature of Lead Agency Representative:	

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.



# County of Fresno

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

## INITIAL STUDY ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST FORM

## 1. Project title:

Initial Study Application No. 7486 and Director Review and Approval Application No. 4556

### 2. Lead agency name and address:

Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning Development Services and Capital Projects Division 2220 Tulare Street, 6th Floor Fresno, CA 93721

3. Contact person and phone number: Jeremy Shaw, Planner, (559) 600-4207

## 4. Project location:

The project site is located at the northwest corner of South Cedar Avenue and East Jefferson Avenue (5437 South Cedar Avenue).

## 5. Project sponsor's name and address:

Mangal Pabla 1209 Burdett Way Milpitas, CA 95305

6. General Plan designation: Agriculture

## 7. Zoning:

AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) Zone District

8. Description of project: (Describe the whole action involved, including, but not limited to, later phases of the project, and any secondary, support, or off-site features necessary for its implementation. Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

Allow the maintenance and storage of trucks and trailers, to be used exclusively for the transportation of agriculturally related products, supplies and equipment, on a 2.06-acre parcel in the AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) Zone District.

## 9. Surrounding land uses and setting: Briefly describe the project's surroundings:

The project site is an approximately 2.06-acre parcel, improved with a single-family dwelling, detached garage, barn and detached storage building. The surrounding area consists primarily of agricultural operations and agricultural support operations with sparse residential development.

# 10. Other public agencies whose approval is required (*e.g.*, permits, financing approval, or participation agreement.

None

11. Have California Native American tribes traditionally and culturally affiliated with the project area requested consultation pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.3.1? If so, is there a plan for consultation that includes, for example, the determination of significance of impacts to tribal cultural resources, procedures regarding confidentiality, etc.?

Staff provided notices to the Picayune Rancheria of the Chukchansi Indians, Table Mountain Rancheria, Dumna Wo Wah, and Santa Rosa Rancheria Tachi Yokut tribes. None of the Native American Tribes requested consultation on this project.

NOTE: Conducting consultation early in the CEQA process allows tribal governments, lead agencies, and project proponents to discuss the level of environmental review, identify and address potential adverse impacts to tribal cultural resources, and reduce the potential for delay and conflict in the environmental review process. (See Public Resources Code Section 21080.3.2.) Information may also be available from the California Native American Heritage Commission's Sacred Lands File per Public Resources Code Section 5097.96 and the California Historical Resources Information System administered by the California Office of Historic Preservation. Please also note that Public Resources Code Section 21082.3(c) contains provisions specific to confidentiality.

### ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:

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

Aesthetics	Agriculture and Forestry Resources				
Air Quality	Biological Resources				
Cultural Resources	Energy				
Geology/Soils	Greenhouse Gas Emissions				
Hazards & Hazardous Materials	Hydrology/Water Quality				
Land Use/Planning	Mineral Resources				
Noise	Population/Housing				
Public Services	Recreation				
Transportation	Tribal Cultural Resources				
Utilities/Service Systems	Wildfire				
Mandatory Findings of Significance					
DETERMINATION OF REQUIRED ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT:					

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Jere	my Shaw, Planner	Marianne Mollring, Senior Planner	
PER	FORMED BY:	REVIEWED BY:	
	I find that as a result of the proposed project, no new effects could occur, or new Mitigation Measures woul be required that have not been addressed within the scope of a previous Environmental Impact Report.		
	I find the proposed project <b>MAY</b> have a significant ef <b>IMPACT REPORT</b> is required	fect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMEN	TAL
	I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect in this case because the Mitigation added to the project. <b>A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DE</b>	n Measures described on the attached sheet hav	
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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## INITIAL STUDY ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST FORM (Initial Study Application No. 7486 and Director Review and Approval Application No. 4556)

The following checklist is used to determine if the proposed project could potentially have a significant effect on the environment. Explanations and information regarding each question follow the checklist.

- 1 = No Impact
- 2 = Less Than Significant Impact
- 3 = Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated
- 4 = Potentially Significant Impact

#### I. AESTHETICS

Except as provided in Public Resources Code Section 21099, would the project:

- 1 a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?
- b) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?
- <u>2</u> c) In non-urbanized areas, substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of public views of the site and its surroundings? (Public views are those that are experienced from a publicly accessible vantage point.) If the project is in an urbanized area, would the project conflict with applicable zoning and other regulations governing scenic quality?
- <u>3</u> d) Create a new source of substantial light or glare that would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?

#### II. AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY RESOURCES

In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Dept. of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. In determining whether impacts to forest resources, including timberland, are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to information compiled by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection regarding the state's inventory of forest land, including the Forest and Range Assessment Project and the Forest Legacy Assessment project; and forest carbon measurement methodology in Forest Protocols adopted by the California Air Resources Board. Would the project:

- \_2 a) Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance, as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?
- \_\_\_\_\_b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act Contract?
- \_\_\_\_\_d) Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?
- e) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?

#### III. AIR QUALITY

Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management district or air pollution control district may be relied upon to make the following determinations. Would the project:

- \_2 a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable Air Quality Plan?
- b) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard?
- <u>2</u> c) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?
- <u>2</u> d) Result in other emissions (such as those leading to odors) adversely affecting a substantial number of people?

#### IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

Would the project:

- a) Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special-status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?
- b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?
- c) Have a substantial adverse effect on state or federally protected wetlands (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?
- \_1 d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?
- 1 e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?
- 1 f) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state Habitat Conservation Plan?

#### V. CULTURAL RESOURCES

#### Would the project:

- <u>1</u> a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource pursuant to Section 15064.5?
- <u>1</u> b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to Section 15064.5?
- 1 c) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?

#### VI. ENERGY

Would the project:

- a) Result in potentially significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources during project construction or operation?
- <u>1</u> b) Conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency?

#### VII. GEOLOGY AND SOILS

Would the project:

- a) Directly or indirectly cause potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:
- i) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault?
- 1 ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?
- 1 iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?
- 1 iv) Landslides?
- 1 b) Result in substantial soil erosion or loss of topsoil?
- c) Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction, or collapse?
- d) Be located on expansive soil as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial direct or indirect risks to life or property?
- e) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of wastewater?
- \_\_\_\_\_f) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?

#### VIII. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

#### Would the project:

- 2 a) Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?
- <u>b</u>) Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?

#### IX. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Would the project:

- 2 a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?
- b) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?
- c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within onequarter mile of an existing or proposed school?
- d) Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?
- e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, result in a safety hazard or excessive noise for people residing or working in the project area?
- \_\_\_\_\_f) Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?
- \_1 g) Expose people or structures, either directly or indirectly, to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires?

#### X. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY

#### Would the project:

- a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade surface or groundwater quality?
- b) Substantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that the project may impede sustainable groundwater management of the basin?
- c) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river or through the addition of impervious surfaces, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on or off site?
  - i) Result in substantial erosion or siltation on or off site;
- ii) Substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on or off site;
- iii) Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned storm water drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff; or
- 1 iv) Impede or redirect flood flows?
- 1 d) In flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zones, risk release of pollutants due to project inundation?
- \_\_\_\_\_ e) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan?

#### XI. LAND USE AND PLANNING

Would the project:

- 1 a) Physically divide an established community?
- b) Cause a significant environmental impact due to a conflict with any land use plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?

#### XII. MINERAL RESOURCES

#### Would the project:

- a) Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?
- b) Result in the loss of availability of a locally important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local General Plan, Specific Plan or other land use plan?

#### XIII. NOISE

#### Would the project result in:

- 3 a) Generation of a substantial temporary or permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the vicinity of the project in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?
- <u>2</u> b) Generation of excessive ground-borne vibration or groundborne noise levels?
- c) For a project located within the vicinity of a private airstrip or an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, exposing people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?

#### XIV. POPULATION AND HOUSING

Would the project:

\_\_\_\_\_a) Induce substantial unplanned population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?

b) Displace substantial numbers of existing people or housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?

#### XV. PUBLIC SERVICES

Would the project:

- \_1 a) Result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically-altered governmental facilities, or the need for new or physically-altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:
- <u>1</u> i) Fire protection?
- 1 ii) Police protection?
- 1 iii) Schools?
- 1 iv) Parks?
- 1 v) Other public facilities?

### XVI. RECREATION

#### Would the project:

- a) Increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?
- b) Include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities, which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?

#### XVII. TRANSPORTATION

Would the project:

- a) Conflict with a program, plan, ordinance or policy addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadway, bicycle and pedestrian facilities?
- \_\_\_\_\_b) Would the project conflict or be inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines section 15064.3, subdivision (b)?
- c) Substantially increase hazards due to a geometric design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?
- 1 d) Result in inadequate emergency access?

#### XVIII. TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES

#### Would the project:

- \_1 a) Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource, defined in Public Resources Code Section 21074 as either a site, feature, place, cultural landscape that is geographically defined in terms of the size and scope of the landscape, sacred place, or object with cultural value to a California Native American tribe, and that is:
- i) Listed or eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources, or in a local register of historical resources as defined in Public Resources Code Section 5020.1(k), or
- ii) A resource determined by the lead agency, in its discretion and supported by substantial evidence, to be significant pursuant to criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code Section 5024.1? In applying the criteria set

forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resource Code Section 5024.1, the lead agency shall consider the significance of the resource to a California Native American tribe.)

#### XIX. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS

#### Would the project:

- a) Require or result in the relocation or construction of new or expanded water, wastewater treatment or storm water drainage, electric power, natural gas, or telecommunications facilities, the construction or relocation of which could cause significant environmental effects?
- b) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project and reasonably foreseeable future development during normal, dry and multiple dry years?
- c) Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?
- d) Generate solid waste in excess of State or local standards, or in excess of the capacity of local infrastructure, or otherwise impair the attainment of solid waste reduction goals?
- \_\_\_\_\_e) Comply with federal, state, and local management and reduction statutes and regulations related to solid waste?

#### XX. WILDFIRE

If located in or near state responsibility areas or lands classified as very high fire hazard severity zones, would the project:

- <u>1</u> a) Substantially impair an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?
- b) Due to slope, prevailing winds, and other factors, exacerbate wildfire risks, and thereby expose project occupants to pollutant concentrations from a wildfire or the uncontrolled spread of a wildfire?
- c) Require the installation or maintenance of associated infrastructure (such as roads, fuel breaks, emergency water sources, power lines or other utilities) that may exacerbate fire risk or that may result in temporary or ongoing impacts to the environment?
- d) Expose people or structures to significant risks, including downslope or downstream flooding or landslides, as a result of runoff, post-fire slope instability, or drainage changes?

#### XXI. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

Would the project:

- 1 a) Have the potential to substantially degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, substantially reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?
- b) Have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects.)
- \_1 c) Have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?

### **Documents Referenced:**

This Initial Study is referenced by the documents listed below. These documents are available for public review at the County of Fresno, Department of Public Works and Planning, Development Services and Capital Projects Division, 2220 Tulare Street, Suite A, Fresno, California (corner of M & Tulare Streets).

Fresno County General Plan, Policy Document and Final EIR, and Background Report Fresno County Zoning Ordinance Important Farmland 2010 Map, State Department of Conservation San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD): Guidance for Valley Land Use Agencies in Addressing GHG Emission Impacts for New Projects under CEQA, December 17, 2009 SJVAPCD: Guidance for Assessing and Mitigating Air Quality Impacts, March 19, 2015 Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Analysis Report: Kaur Truck Parking Project (DRA 4556 and IS 7486) County of Fresno, CA by: Mitchell Air Quality Consulting, April 14, 2020

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**County of Fresno** 

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

# **EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS**

- APPLICANT: Mangal S. Pabla
- APPLICATION NOS.: Initial Study Application No. 7486 and Director Review and Approval Application No. 4556
- DESCRIPTION: Allow the maintenance and storage of trucks and trailers, to be used exclusively for the transportation of agriculturally related products, supplies and equipment, on a 2.06-acre parcel in the AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) Zone District.
- LOCATION: The subject parcel is located on the northwest corner of S. Cedar Avenue and E. Jefferson Avenue, approximately one mile south of the nearest city limits of the City of Fresno (APN: 334-350-60) (SUP DIST. 4) (5437 South Cedar Avenue).

# I. AESTHETICS

Except as provided in Public Resources Code Section 21099, would the project:

- A. Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista; or
- B. Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

No scenic vistas, other scenic resources, or topographic features were identified in the analysis. The surrounding area is predominately flat open farmland and the subject parcel does not contain any historic buildings. According to Fresno County General Plan Figure OS-2, the site is not located near a State Scenic Highway.

C. In non-urbanized areas, substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of public views of the site and its surroundings? (Public views are those that are experienced from publicly accessible vantage point.) If the project is in an urbanized area, would the project conflict with applicable zoning and other regulations governing scenic quality?

# FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The subject parcel is located in an area characterized by a mix of large agricultural parcels and few residential uses. The site has been improved with a single-family residence, a detached garage, carport, an approximately, 1,156 square-foot barn, and an approximately 750 square-foot detached storage building. The proposed operation would be limited to the boundaries of the 2.06-acre parcel and would not have a significant aesthetic impact on the surrounding area.

D. 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 proposed operation will be limited daytime hours, between 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM; according to the applicant's operational statement. There are existing pole mounted mercury vapor lights which operate dawn to dusk. No additional outdoor lighting is proposed with this operation. However, any additional outdoor lighting will be subject to the following Mitigation Measure.

# \* Mitigation Measure(s)

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

# II. AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY RESOURCES

In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Dept. of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. In determining whether impacts to forest resources, including timberland, are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to information compiled by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection regarding the state's inventory of forest land, including the Forest and Range Assessment Project and the Forest Legacy Assessment project; and forest carbon measurement methodology in Forest Protocols adopted by the California Air Resources Board. Would the project:

A. Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance, as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?

# FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The subject parcel is not currently being used as farmland and is improved with a single-family residence and several accessory buildings. The subject parcel, at

approximately 2.06-acres, is smaller than many others in the vicinity. Based on review of available aerial imagery, the site does not appear to have been farmed recently.

According to the 2016 Fresno Count Important Farmland Map, the subject parcel is located on land classified as Prime Farmland, based on its soil characteristics, however, for a land to remain classified as Prime Farmland, the property must also have been used for irrigated agriculture production at some time during the four years prior to the mapping date which in this case is 2016. Available aerial imagery shows that a small portion of the subject parcel may have last been under cultivation in about 2004. As such, it would not qualify to remain classified as Prime Farmland. However, approval of this project will result in the conversion of approximately 2.06-acres of land currently classified as prime farmland to non-agricultural uses. However, given the small size of the subject parcel, impacts related to conversion of farmland to non-agricultural use would be less than significant.

B. Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act Contract?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The proposed operation will be dedicated to the maintenance and storage of trucks and trailers used exclusively for the transportation of agricultural and agriculturally related products; therefore, it should be considered an agricultural support operation, which is consistent with the agricultural zoning and land use designation. The property is not restricted under Williamson Act contract.

- C. Conflict with existing zoning for forest land, timberland or timberland zoned Timberland Production; or
- D. Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use; or
- E. Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The subject parcel does not contain forest land or timberland; however, as discussed under Section II.A above will involve small-scale changes to the existing environment, which are anticipated to result in the conversion of approximately 2 acres of Farmland to non-agricultural uses.

III. AIR QUALITY

Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management district or air pollution control district may be relied upon to make the following determinations. Would the project:

A. Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable Air Quality Plan?

# FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD) is responsible for controlling emissions primarily from stationary sources. The District, along with other transportation agencies, is also responsible for developing, updating, and implementing air quality attainment plans for the Air Basin. The District also has responsibility for regulating air pollutants in the San Joaquin Valley Air Basin under the State of California Implementation Plan (SIP) which is a document prepared by each state describing existing air quality conditions and measures that will be followed to attain and maintain federal ambient air quality standards.

The San Joaquin Valley Air Basin is in non-attainment status for one-hour Ozone, eighthour Ozone, PM10 and PM2.5. State Implementation Plan is administered by the State Air Resources Board (ARB). The most recent federally approved attainment plans for the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District are the 8-hour Ozone Attainment Plan (2007) and the PM2.5 Plan (2012). Areas designated nonattainment must develop air qualify plans and regulations to achieve standards by specified dates. The ARB has adopted standards for emissions from various types of ne on-road heavy duty vehicles which are contained Section 1956.8, Title 13 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR).

Existing air quality conditions, in terms of levels of criteria pollutants and particulate matter (PM) obtained from several local monitoring stations in the vicinity of the project site were utilized in the evaluation of this project. The evaluation determined that during the three years 2016, 2017 and 2018 the project area has exceeded Federal and State standards for Ozone and Particulate Matter (PM10) and (PM 2.5).

The ARB has also adopted emissions reduction programs for in-use (existing) heavy duty vehicles including the Heavy-Duty Diesel Vehicle Idling Reduction Program, and the Heavy-Duty Diesel In-Use Compliance Program, which apply to almost all privately and federally owned diesel-fueled trucks and buses. Recent amendments to these regulations require diesel trucks that operate in California to be upgraded to reduce emissions by meeting Particulate Matter (PM) filter requirements. The ARB's Diesel Risk Reduction Plan has led to the adoption of state regulatory standards for all new onroad, off-road, and stationary diesel-fueled engines and vehicles to reduce Diesel Particulate Matter (DPM) emissions by about 90 percent overall from year 2000 levels.

Based on the conclusions of the Air Quality and GHG analysis, the project would not conflict with or obstruct implementation of any applicable air quality plan, including the above referenced Ozone and PM Plans because the proposed operation is not anticipated to result in an increase in the frequency or severity of existing air quality violations or cause or contribute to new violations, or delay timely attainment of air quality standards or emissions reduction goals of applicable air quality plans. The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD) has published guidance for Land Use Agencies in Addressing GHG Emission Impacts for New Projects under CEQA (December 17, 2009). The guidance includes thresholds based on whether a project will reduce or mitigate GHG levels by 29 percent from business as usual (BAU) levels when compared with 2005 levels, which is based on the Air Resources Board

AB32 Scoping Plan (2008). According to the guidance, GHG emission are considered cumulative, and unless reduced or mitigated their incremental contribution to global climatic change could be considered significant.

The project is also not anticipated to result in carbon monoxide (CO) hot spots that would violate CO standards, nor contribute to any air quality violations. Additionally, the project will be subject to applicable Air District Rules which act as control measures for the air quality plans. For this application, the Air Quality and GHG Analysis modeled construction and operational emissions based on emission assumptions input to the CalEEMod 2016.3.2 Emissions Modeling software, using emissions projections for 2020 and 2030, in place of a 2005 baseline year, for BAU conditions. Based on these modeling projections, the project would achieve a reduction of 24.5 percent from BAU by the year 2020 with regulations incorporated, which is above the average reduction of all sources of GHG's required to achieve AB32 emissions reduction goals. Most of the GHG emissions from the project will be generated by heavy-duty trucks, which generally have higher emissions rates because they haul heavy loads and travel long distances and are more difficult to convert into using alternative fuels and electrical vehicle technology advances. The conclusions of the AQ/GHG Analysis were that the project would achieve reductions of 2.8 percent above the Air Resources Board reduction from BAU targets and achieve a reduction of 18.4 percent beyond the 2020 target through 2030 through compliance with existing regulations.

B. Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard; or

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

This project proposal was reviewed by the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (Air District) which indicated that project specific annual emissions are not expected to exceed any of the District thresholds for criterial pollutants and would therefore have a less than significant impact on air quality when compared with those thresholds.

The findings of the Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Emissions analysis prepared for this project stated the proposed trucking operation would not result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is in nonattainment status under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard. The analysis considered the regional effects of the project's criterial pollutant emissions as compared to Air District thresholds of significance for short-term construction and long-term project operation. Neither construction nor operational emissions of were projected to exceed significance thresholds of significance for reactive organic gases (ROG), nitrogen oxides (NOx), Carbon Monoxide (CO) and Particulate Matter (PM) 10 and 2.5.

C. Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?

# FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

Based on review of available aerial imagery, residential development in the vicinity of the subject parcel is sparse; there are approximately ten single-family residences within one-quarter mile, and two schools and three churches located within approximately two miles of the subject property. It is therefore possible that sensitive receptors could be exposed to pollutants and odors from diesel exhaust fumes and dust generated by the trucking operation. However, based on the limited scale of the operation, it is not anticipated to create significant localized impacts or generate substantial pollutant concentrations in excess of any Air District thresholds for criteria pollutant concentrations.

D. Result in other emissions (such as those leading to odors) adversely affecting a substantial number of people?

# FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

Emissions occurring at the project site have the potential to create a localized impact or air pollutant hotspots. Localized emissions are considered significant if when combined with background emissions they would result in exceedance of any health-based air quality standards.

Toxic Air Contaminants (TACs) are air pollutants that may cause or contribute to an increase in mortality or serious illness, or that may pose a hazard to human health . TAC's are usually present in ambient air; however, their high toxicity or heath risk may pose a threat to public heath even at low concentrations.

According to the Air Quality analysis, Diesel Particulate Matter (DPM) is considered a Toxic Air Contaminant (TAC), however DPM differs from other Toxic Air Contaminants in that it is not a single substance, but a complex mixture of hundreds of substances, and no ambient air monitoring data are available for DPM because no routine measurement method currently exists. DPM differs from other TACs in that it is not a single substance, but a mixture of hundreds of substances. Although DPM is emitted by diesel-fueled, internal combustion engines the composition of the emissions varies, depending on engine type, operating conditions, fuel composition, lubricating oil, and whether an emission control system is present.

The Air District's threshold of significance for TAC emissions is an increased risk of cancer for the maximally exposed individual of 20 in a million. The Air District's guidelines for assessing project air quality impacts recommends that operational emission which would expose sensitive receptors be analyzed. To facilitate this the Air District recommends the preparation of a screening analysis using its health risk prioritization tool to estimate the impacts of TAC emissions on sensitive receptors for projects having substantial number of diesel truck trips. The proposed operation will involve the maintenance and storage of trucks and trailers used for transport agricultural commodities, related supplies and equipment, and will have up to 10 employees, including two on-site workers and eight drivers. According to the Applicant's operational

statement, and a trip generation memo prepared for the project, the proposed facility will store up to nine trucks and ten trailers and generate up to 36 daily trips, which includes 20 employee trips and 16 truck trips. The operational statement indicates that the majority of the trucks involve long haul trips and may be away from the site for more than a day at a time, therefore the number of actual truck trips leaving or returning to the site may be less than 16 per day. Trucks are assumed to have two 15-minute idle periods per day and to make one round trip per day. Trucks with refrigeration units are assumed to operate for 12 hours per day, however most of the trucks will be away from the site for several days at a time. The screening analysis completed for this project resulted in a prioritization risk score of 4.53 which is below the Air District's threshold of 10, for requiring a more refined Health Risk Assessment (HRA). The risk score assumes that all emissions sources are within 100 meters from receptors even though in this case a portion of the emissions are expected to occur at a greater distance from the project site.

The project is not anticipated to exceed Air District screening thresholds for localized criteria pollutant impacts, or create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people. Therefore, the project impacts would be less than significant.

IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

Would the project:

- A. Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special-status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; or
- B. Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

No suitable habitat for candidate, sensitive or special status species was identified on the subject parcel. The approximately 2.0-acre subject parcel is developed with a single-family dwelling and several detached accessory buildings. The property is currently used for an agriculturally related trucking operation, and as previously discussed, has also been farmed historically. The site is mostly paved gravel and utilized for truck and trailer parking. No riparian habitat or sensitive natural communities identified in local or regional plans, policies or regulations were identified in the analysis. According to a search of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDB), there were no occurrences of any such species on or within one mile of the subject property boundaries.

C. Have a substantial adverse effect on state or federally protected wetlands (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

No wetlands of any type, on or in the vicinity of the subject property, were identified in the analysis.

- D. Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites; or
- E. Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance; or
- F. Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state Habitat Conservation Plan?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

No habitat or potential habitat supporting migratory fish or other wildlife species were identified in the analysis. The project will not conflict with any adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local ordinances, regional or state habitat conservation plans.

V. CULTURAL RESOURCES

Would the project:

- A. Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource pursuant to Section 15064.5; or
- B. Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to Section 15064.5; or
- C. Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The subject parcel is developed with a single-family dwelling and several detached accessory structures and is surrounded by larger actively farmed parcels. It is not in an area considered to be archaeologically sensitive. No cultural or historical resources were identified in the analysis. This project proposal was routed to local tribal governments who had previously requested to be notified of such projects under Assembly Bill (AB) 52. None of the tribal governments who were notified of this proposal responded or requested consultation on this project.

The proposed operation will involve minimal or no ground disturbance, be confined to the approximately 2.06-acre subject parcel and use existing public roadways. The subject parcel has been historically cultivated, and according to available aerial images

was last farmed in 2004. The subject parcel was also part of a larger farming parcel prior to 1994, when it was divided by Parcel Map 7577. The project may involve the removal of an existing 2,924 square-foot barn and the construction of a new 4,000 square-foot building to be used for the storage of trucks and equipment at a future time not specified with this application. This application seeks to authorize an existing unpermitted agriculturally related, truck and trailer maintenance and storage operation.

# VI. ENERGY

Would the project:

A. Result in potentially significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources, during project construction or operation?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

Because this application proposes to allow an agriculturally related trucking operation, it is likely that trucks with refrigeration units will idle on site during normal business. However, the proposed operation would be limited to the hours between 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM, Monday through Friday, and a Condition of Approval will be included, limiting the idling of trucks to those proposed hours of operation. While there is no construction proposed with this application, the applicant's operational statement, and site plan indicate their intention is to build an additional 4,000 square-foot accessory storage structure and remove and replace an existing barn at a future time to be used in conjunction with the proposed trucking operation. Any construction or demolition will be subject to applicable San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Rules. A project note will be included requiring the applicant to contact the Air District's Small Business Assistance Office, to determine if an Authority to Construct (ATC) permit is needed.

B. Conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

No conflicts with state or local plans for renewable energy or energy efficiency relating to this application were identified during staff's analysis or by any reviewing agencies.

VII. GEOLOGY AND SOILS

Would the project:

- A. Directly or indirectly cause potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:
  - 1. Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault?

- 2. Strong seismic ground shaking?
- 3. Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?
- 4. Landslides?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The subject property is not located in an area of prone to seismic activity, liquefaction, or landslide as identified by Figures 9-5 and 9-6 and discussed in Chapter 9-3 through 9-8 of the Fresno County General Plan Background Report (FCGPBR).

B. Result in substantial soil erosion or loss of topsoil?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The subject property is not located in an area of generalized erosion hazards as identified by Figures 7-3 and 7-4 of the Fresno County General Plan Background Report (FCGPBR).

C. Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction, or collapse?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The subject property is not located in a landslide area identified by Figure 9-6 of the Fresno County General Plan Background Report (FCGPBR) or an area prone to lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse, as identified by Figure 9-5 and discussed in Chapter 9.

D. Be located on expansive soil as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial direct or indirect risks to life or property?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The subject property is not located in an area of expansive soils as identified by Figure 7-1 of the Fresno County General Plan Background Report (FCGPBR).

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

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project was reviewed by the Fresno County Department of Public Health, Environmental Health Division, which indicated that the subject parcel was able to accommodate the existing sewage and disposal systems and expansion areas meeting the mandatory setbacks and policy requirements of the Fresno County Tier 2 Local Area Management Program (LAMP), onsite wastewater treatment systems (OWTS) policy and California Plumbing Code.

F. Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The subject property is located in an area that has historically been utilized for farming, and no unique geologic features or paleontological resources were identified by any reviewing agencies, or by staff during the analysis.

VIII. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

Would the project:

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

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The effects of project specific GHG emissions are cumulative, and unless appropriately reduced or mitigated, their incremental contribution to global warming could be considered significant. Valley land use agencies adopting this guidance as policy for addressing GHG impacts, and acting as lead agency under CEQA, will require all new projects with increased GHG emissions to implement performance based standards, or otherwise demonstrate that project specific GHG emissions have been reduced or mitigated by at least 29 percent, including GHG emission reductions achieved since the 2002-2004 baseline period. Projects achieving at least a 29 percent emissions reduction compared to BAU, would be determined to have a less than significant individual and cumulative impact. Projects complying with an approved GHG emission reduction plan or GHG mitigation program which avoids or substantially reduces GHG emissions with the geographic area in which the project is located would be determined to have a less than significant individual and cumulative impact for GHG emissions. Projects implementing Best Performance Standards (BPS) would not require quantification of project specific quantification of project specific GHG emissions. Project not implementing BPS would require quantification of project specific GHG emissions and demonstration that project specific GHG emissions would be reduced or mitigated by at least 29 percent compared to Business as Usual (BAU).

An Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Analysis (AG/GHG) prepared for this project, by Mitchell Air Quality Consulting, dated April 14, 2020, sought to determine if greenhouse gas emissions (GHG's) generated by the operation of the project facility would result in significant impacts to and whether it would be consistent with State mandated

greenhouse gas reduction goals. The GHG's analyzed are those defined by California Assembly Bill (AB) 32. The following paragraphs summarize the background data and findings of the AQ/GHG.

The analysis concluded that the project's impacts would be less than significant as they pertain to the relevant questions under this Section of the CEQA checklist. The analysis determined that the project would not generate direct or indirect greenhouse gas emissions that would result in a significant impact on the environment, nor conflict with any applicable plan, policy or regulation of an agency adopted to reduce the emissions of greenhouse gases.

## VIII. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Would the project:

- A. Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials; or
- B. Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The project was reviewed by the Fresno County Department of Public Health, Environmental Health Division, which indicated that the proposed operation will be subject to the following requirements: Facilities proposing to use and or store hazardous wastes shall meet the requirements set forth in the California Health and Safety Code (HSC), and the California Code of Regulations (CCR). Any business that handles a hazardous material or hazardous waste may be required to submit a Hazardous Materials Business Plan pursuant to the Health and Safety Code.

C. Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The subject property is not located on or near a hazardous materials site as identified by the EPA NEPAssist Enviro-Mapper tool, nor located within one-quarter mile of an existing school. No data regarding proposed school sites in the project vicinity was available.

D. Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The subject property is not located on or near a hazardous materials site nor located within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school. The proposed operation is not anticipated to generate hazardous emissions or involve the handling of acutely hazardous materials substances or waste; nor is it anticipated to create a significant hazard to the public or the environment.

E. For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard or excessive noise for people residing or working in the project area?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The subject property is not located within an airport land use plan area or within two miles of a public airport or private airstrip, and therefore will not result in a safety hazard or excessive noise for people residing or working in the project area.

- F. Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan; or
- G. Expose people or structures, either directly or indirectly, to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The proposed operation is not anticipated to impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan. Additionally, the subject property is not located within a Wildland Fire Area and will therefore not expose people or structures to wildland fire risk.

X. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY

Would the project:

A. Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade surface or ground water quality?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The proposed operation is not anticipated to violate any waste discharge requirements, violate any water quality standards or otherwise degrade surface or ground water. Water use for the proposed operation will be provided by an on-site domestic water well.

B. Substantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that the project may impede sustainable groundwater management of the basin?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The proposed operation is not anticipated to substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere with groundwater recharge or impeded sustainable groundwater management of the basin. This application was reviewed by the Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning, Water and Natural Resources Division, which did not express any concerns related to water use. According to the Applicant's operational statement, the proposed operation will use an estimated 15,000 gallons per month, or approximately 500 gallons per day, including residential use, which will be provided by an existing domestic well on the subject property.

- C. Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river or through the addition of impervious surfaces, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on or off site?
  - 1. Result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site;
  - 2. Substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or offsite?
  - Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned storm water drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff; or
  - 4. Impede or redirect flood flows?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

According to U.S.G.S Quad maps, there are no existing natural drainage channels adjacent to or running through the parcel. There are no proposed improvements with this application, which would require grading, however, a grading permit or grading voucher will be required for any proposed grading, or any grading that has been done without a permit. Due to the limited size of the subject parcel and absence of any streams or waterways traversing the property, no impacts to drainage patterns, alteration of watercourses, substantial erosion, or siltation is anticipated. Additionally, because there is no development proposed with this application, no impacts to runoff are anticipated. However, any additional storm runoff created by the proposed operation or future development of the site cannot be drained across property boundaries and must be retained on site or disposed of per County standards.

D. In flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zones, risk release of pollutants due to project inundation?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The subject property is not in a flood hazard area, or area prone to tsunami, seiche or flood inundation.

E. Conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The proposed operation is not anticipated to obstruct implementation of any water quality control plan or sustainable ground water management plan.

XI. LAND USE AND PLANNING

Would the project:

- A. Physically divide an established community; or
- B. Cause a significant environmental impact due to a conflict with any land use plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project proposes to authorize an existing operation consisting of the maintenance and storage of trucks and trailers exclusively dedicated to the transportation of agriculturally related products and equipment. The subject property is located in an agricultural area dominated by large farming parcels and sparse residential development. The proposed operational will not divide and established community, or conflict with any land use plan, policy, or regulation, nor conflict with any applicable habitat conservation or natural community conservation plan.

## XII. MINERAL RESOURCES

Would the project:

- A. Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state; or
- B. Result in the loss of availability of a locally important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local General Plan, Specific Plan or other land use plan?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The subject parcel is not located in an area of know mineral resources per Figures 7-7 through 7-11 of the Fresno County General Plan Background Report.

# XIII. NOISE

Would the project result in:

A. Generation of a substantial temporary or permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the vicinity of the project in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT WITH MITIGATION INCORPORATED:

The proposed operation would include the use of refrigerated trailers and thus have the potential for ambient noise generation. The proposed operation will be subject to Chapter 8.40 of the Fresno County Ordinance Code. In order to address noise impacts from the proposed operation, the following mitigation measure will be included.

## \* <u>Mitigation Measure(s)</u>

- 1. For the duration of the approved operation, all trailers with refrigeration units, shall be stored/parked toward the middle of the trailer parking area with non-refrigeration trailers parked in outer parking areas, to aid in buffering noise from the refrigeration units from neighboring properties.
- B. Generation of excessive ground-borne vibration or ground-borne noise levels?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The proposed operation would include up to 16 heavy-duty truck trips per day leaving from and returning to the site. The truck trips have the potential to generate some ground-borne vibration; however, given the limited number of trips anticipated, the operation will not generate an excessive amount of ground-borne vibration or noise. The proposed operation will be subject to Chapter 8.40 of the Fresno County Ordinance Code.

C. For a project located within the vicinity of a private airstrip or an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project site is not located within two miles of a private airstrip or airport or within the vicinity of an airport land use plan.

## XIV. POPULATION AND HOUSING

Would the project:

- A. Induce substantial unplanned population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure); or
- B. Displace substantial numbers of existing people or housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

Due to the limited size of the subject property and small scale of the operation, this proposal is not anticipated to create substantial job growth in the area and is unlikely to induce substantial population growth. No people or existing housing will be displaced as a result of the proposed operation.

XV. PUBLIC SERVICES

Would the project:

- A. Result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically-altered governmental facilities, or the need for new or physically-altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services?
  - 1. Fire protection;
  - 2. Police protection;
  - 3. Schools;
  - 4. Parks; or
  - 5. Other public facilities?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

No adverse impacts to the provision of new or physically altered public facilities are anticipated with this application. This application was reviewed by the Fresno County Sheriff's Department and the Fresno County Fire Protection District/CALFIRE. Neither agency expressed any concerns with the proposed operation.

# XVI. RECREATION

Would the project:

A. Increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated; or

B. Include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities, which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The subject proposal is not anticipated to increase the use of any existing parks or other recreational facilities, nor require the construction or expansion of any recreational facilities.

XVI. TRANSPORTATION

Would the project:

A. Conflict with a program, plan, ordinance or policy addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadway, bicycle and pedestrian facilities?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The proposed operation will not conflict with any existing program, plan or policy addressing the circulation system including transit, roadway, bicycle, and pedestrian facilities.

B. Would the project conflict or be inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines section 15064.3, subdivision (b)?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

This proposal was reviewed by the Design Division of the Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning, which determined the proposed operation would generate approximately 11 peak hour trips per day at an intersection, which would typically warrant a Traffic Impact Study. However, with the inclusion of a Condition of Approval limiting the number of trucks on site, to be used in the proposed operation to ten (10), a Traffic Impact Study would not be required at this time. However, any increase in the number of trucks would necessitate that a Traffic Impact Study be completed. A Trip Generation Analysis was required for this project by the Design Division of the Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning.

According to the trip generation analysis completed for this project, the proposed operation would generate approximately 18 daily round trips (traffic trips) per day. The Trip Generation Analysis cites guidance published by the State of California Office of Planning and Research (OPR), which indicates that, absent any substantial evidence indicating that a project would generate a potentially significant level of Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT), inconsistency with a Sustainable Communities strategy (SCS) or general plan; projects generating fewer than 110 trips per day, generally may be presumed to cause a less than significant transportation impact. As such, this operation will have a less than significant impact on VMT.

C. Substantially increase hazards due to a geometric design feature (*e.g.*, sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (*e.g.*, farm equipment)?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

This application proposes to allow an agriculturally related trucking operation on the subject property, which is located at the intersection of two County-maintained roads; East Jefferson Avenue and South Cedar Avenue. There are currently two improved driveways, one on Cedar and one on Jefferson providing ingress and egress for the property. No other points of ingress and egress will be authorized with this application. There are no modifications to the existing roadways nor the addition of any new structures or incompatible uses proposed with this application that would increase hazards to traffic on the abutting roadways.

The existing operation proposed to be authorized with this application consists of the maintenance and storage of trucks and trailers exclusive to the transportation of agriculturally related products, supplies and equipment, leaving from the site and returning to the site. The trucks would take access via two improved driveways, one along Jefferson Avenue, on the south side of the property and one along Cedar Avenue on the east side of the property. Based on the Trip Generation analysis prepared for this project, the number of daily trips including employees vehicle trips and truck trips is estimated to be 30, with less than ten during peak hours. According to State of California OPR guidelines pertaining to the evaluation of transportation impacts under CEQA, projects that generate fewer than 110 trips per day may generally be presumed to have a less than significant impact.

D. Result in inadequate emergency access?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The proposed operation will be subject to California Code of Regulations Title 24-Fire Code, which will address emergency access requirements.

# XVIII. TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES

Would the project:

- A. Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource, defined in Public Resources Code Section 21074 as either a site, feature, place, cultural landscape that is geographically defined in terms of the size and scope of the landscape, sacred place, or object with cultural value to a California Native American tribe, and that is:
  - Listed or eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources, or in a local register of historical resources as defined in Public Resources Code Section 5020.1(k); or

 A resource determined by the lead agency, in its discretion and supported by substantial evidence, to be significant pursuant to criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code Section 5024.1? (In applying the criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resource Code Section 5024.1, the lead agency shall consider the significance of the resource to a California Native American tribe.)

# FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The subject parcel is surrounded by larger actively farmed parcels and not in an area considered to be archaeologically sensitive. None of the local tribal governments who were notified of this project, expressed interest in consultation on this project or identified any cultural or tribal cultural resources on the subject parcel or in the vicinity of the subject parcel. Additionally, the proposed operation will be confined to the approximately 2.06-acre site, which has been previously developed with a single-family residence and has been historically cultivated thus the land has been previously disturbed. The proposed operation will utilize County maintained roads serving the subject property and surrounding area. There is no ground disturbance proposed with this application, as such, no impacts to historical, archaeological or tribal cultural resources is anticipated.

XIX. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS

Would the project:

A. Require or result in the relocation or construction of new or expanded water, wastewater treatment or storm water drainage, electric power, natural gas, or telecommunications facilities, the construction or relocation of which could cause significant environmental effects?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The subject property contains a residential septic system to serve the existing singlefamily dwelling. The proposed operation will not require or result in the relocation or construction of new or expanded water, wastewater treatment or storm water drainage, electric power, natural gas, or telecommunications facilities.

B. Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project and reasonably foreseeable future development during normal, dry and multiple dry years?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

According to the Applicant's operational statement, the project will use approximately 15,000 gallons of water per month, or 500 gallons per day, including domestic use, supplied by the existing on site well. The project was reviewed by the Water and Natural Resources Division which did not express any concerns with water supply. The subject parcel is not located in an area of the County, identified as being water short.

 C. Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?
 FINDING: NO IMPACT:

According to the Applicant's operational statement and comments from the Fresno County Department of Public Health, Environmental Health Division, the existing septic systems have adequate capacity to serve the proposed use. Per the Applicant's operational statement, use of the on-site restroom facilities, which are contained in the unoccupied single-family dwelling and in the detached garage, will be commensurate with typical household use.

- D. Generate solid waste in excess of State or local standards, or in excess of the capacity of local infrastructure, or otherwise impair the attainment of solid waste reduction goals; or
- E. Comply with federal, state, and local management and reduction statutes and regulations related to solid waste?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

According to the Applicant's operational statement, the proposed operation will not generate a substantial quantity of solid waste; the amount of solid waste is anticipated to be approximately one-half cubic yard per month. Waste tires are picked up by an outside hauler on an as-needed basis.

XX. WILDFIRE

If located in or near state responsibility areas or lands classified as very high fire hazard severity zones, would the project:

- A. Substantially impair an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan, or telecommunications facilities, the construction or relocation of which could cause significant environmental effects; or
- B. Due to slope, prevailing winds, and other factors, exacerbate wildfire risks, and thereby expose project occupants to pollutant concentrations from a wildfire or the uncontrolled spread of a wildfire; or
- C. Require the installation or maintenance of associated infrastructure (such as roads, fuel breaks, emergency water sources, power lines or other utilities) that may exacerbate fire risk or that may result in temporary or ongoing impacts to the environment; or
- D. Expose people or structures to significant risks, including downslope or downstream flooding or landslides, as a result of runoff, post-fire slope instability, or drainage changes?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The subject parcel is not located in a wildland fire area or State Responsibility Area classified as a high fire hazard severity zone.

XXI. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

Would the project:

A. Have the potential to substantially degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, substantially reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

No impacts to biological or historical resources were identified in the analysis or by any reviewing agencies or departments.

B. Have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable ("cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT WITH MITIGATION INCORPORATED:

No cumulatively considerable impacts were identified in the analysis or by any reviewing agencies or departments. However, potentially significant impacts to Aesthetics and Noise were found to be less than significant with the included Mitigation Measures.

- \* Mitigation Measure(s)
  - 1. See I. Aesthetics, Section D.
  - 2. <u>See XIII Noise, Section C</u>
- C. Have environmental effects, which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

No environmental effects, which would cause substantial adverse effects on human beings were identified in the analysis.

## CONCLUSION/SUMMARY

Based upon the analysis for Initial Study Application No. 7486, prepared for Director's Review and Approval Application No. 4556, 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, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, mineral resources, population and housing, public services, recreation, utilities and service systems, wildfire, and tribal cultural resources.

Potential impacts to air quality, agriculture and forestry resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, transportation/traffic have been determined to be less than significant.

Potential impacts to aesthetics and noise have been determined to be less than significant with the identified Mitigation Measures.

A Mitigated Negative Declaration/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 southwest corner of Tulare and "M" Street, Fresno, California.

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

DATE: September 4, 2018

TO: Development Services and Capital Projects, Attn: William M. Kettler, Division Manager Development Services and Capital Projects, Attn: Chris Motta, Principal Planner Development Services and Capital Projects, Current Planning, Attn: Marianne Mollring, Senior Planner Development Services and Capital Projects, Policy Planning, ALCC, Attn: Mohammad Khorsand Development Services and Capital Projects, Zoning & Permit Review, Attn: Tawanda Mtunga Development Services and Capital Projects, Building & Safety/Plan Check, Attn: Chuck Jonas Development Engineering, Attn: Laurie Kennedy, Grading/Mapping Design Division, Special Projects/Road Projects, Attn: Mohammad Alimi/Dale Siemer Road Maintenance and Operations, Attn: Frank Daniele/Nadia Lopez Water and Natural Resources Division, Attn: Glenn Allen, Division Manager Department of Public Health, Environmental Health Division, Attn: Kevin Tsuda/Deep Sidhu/Steven Rhodes Fresno County Fire Protection District, Attn: Chris Christopherson Fresno Irrigation District, Attn: Engr-Review@fresnoirrigation.com Jeremy Shaw, Planner  $\mathcal{JS}$ FROM: **Development Services Division** 

- SUBJECT: Director Review and Approval Application No. 4556
- APPLICANT: Mangal S. Pabla

DUE DATE: September 17, 2018

The Department of Public Works and Planning, Development Services and Capital Projects Division is reviewing the subject application is proposing to allow the maintenance and storage of trucks and trailers to be utilized exclusively for the transportation of agricultural products, supplies and equipment (334-350-60)(5437 South Cedar Avenue, Fresno, CA 93725).

Based upon this review, a determination will be made regarding conditions to be imposed on the project, including necessary on-site and off-site improvements.

We must have your comments by **September 17, 2018**. Any comments received after this date may not be used.

NOTE - THIS WILL BE OUR ONLY REQUEST FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS. If you do not have comments, please provide a "NO COMMENT" response to our office by the above deadline (e-mail is also acceptable; see email address below).

Please address any correspondence or questions related to environmental and/or policy/design issues to me, Jeremy Shaw, Planner, Development Services and Capital Projects Division, Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning, 2220 Tulare Street, Sixth Floor, Fresno, CA 93721, or call (559) 600-4207 or email jshaw@co.fresno.ca.us

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	Date Received: 7/2/18 DRA 4556		
Fresno County Department of Publi	Works and Planning		
MAILING ADDRESS:	LOCATION:		
Department of Public Works and Planning Development Services and Capital Projects Division	Southwest corner of Tulare & "M" Streets, Suite A		
<b>TRES</b> 2220 Tulare St., 6 <sup>th</sup> Floor Fresno, Ca. 93721	Street Level Fresno Phone: (559) 600-4497		
APPLICATION FOR:	DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED USE OR REQUEST:		
Pre-Application (Type)	Maintenance and Stocage of truckey and Trailers, when Such Vehicles		
Amendment Application Director Review and Approval	and Trailey use & used is		
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Conditional Use Permit Determination of Merger	are devoted exclusively to		
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General Plan Amendment/Specific Plan/SP Amendment)	somers, supplies and chipment		
Time Extension for			
CEQA DOCUMENTATION: Initial Study PER N/A			
PLEASE USE FILL-IN FORM OR PRINT IN BLACK INK. Answer all questions comp	pletely. Attach required site plans, forms, statements,		
and deeds as specified on the Pre-Application Review. Attach Copy of Deed,	including Legal Description.		
LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Front side of S. Cedar A	VC		
between Amanican an			
Street address: 5437 S. Ceder	r Ave Fresho, cA93725		
APN: 334-350-60 Parcel size: 2-02	Section(s)-Twp/Rg: S <u>2</u> - T <u>15</u> S/R <u>20</u> E		
ADDITIONAL APN(s):			
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Parcel Size:	Over		

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## County of Fresno

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

### **INITIAL STUDY APPLICATION**

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

Answer all questions completely. An incomplete form may delay processing of your application. Use additional paper if necessary and attach any supplemental information to this form. Attach an operational statement if appropriate. This application will be distributed to several agencies and persons to determine the potential environmental effects of your proposal. Please complete the form in a legible and reproducible manner (i.e., USE BLACK INK OR TYPE).



### GENERAL INFORMATION

1.	Property Owner: Mangal Pabla Phone/Fax 510 6779666
	Property Owner: <u>Manjal Pabla</u> Phone/Fax 510 6779666 Mailing Address: <u>5437 S, Cedar Avc Fresno ca</u> 93725 Street City State/Zip
2.	Applicant: Mancial SINGH Phone/Fax: 4087991090
,	Mailing Address: <u>5437</u> Si Cedar Ane Fresno CA <u>93725</u> Street City State/Zip
3.	
	Mailing Address: 209 Byrdeltway Milpites ch 95035- Street Street
4.	Proposed Project: Storage trucks and Reynperation filer Unit and miner Repair and Maintence use your Anni- Cultured product from fresh to dry commodily, Project Location: 5437 S. Cedar the Fresho CA 93725
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5.	Project Location: 5437 S. Ledar Aue Fresno CA 93725
6.	Project Address: <u>5437</u> S. Cedar fue Fresno CA 93725
7.	Section/Township/Range: / / 8. Parcel Size: 2.06
9.	Assessor's Parcel No. 334-350-60 OVER

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AND CAPITAL PROJECTS DIVISION 2220 Tulare Street, Sixth Floor / Fresno, California 93721 / Phone (559) 600-4497 / 600-4022 / 600-4540 / FAX 600-4200 The County of Fresno is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer

- 10. Land Conservation Contract No. (If applicable):
- 11. What other agencies will you need to get permits or authorization from:

	LAFCo (annexation or extension of services)	SJVUAPCD (Air Pollution Control District)
	CALTRANS	 Reclamation Board
	Division of Aeronautics	Department of Energy
	Water Quality Control Board	Airport Land Use Commission
Mary and	Other	

12. Will the project utilize Federal funds or require other Federal authorization subject to the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

If so, please provide a copy of all related grant and/or funding documents, related information and environmental review requirements.

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- 13. Existing Zone District<sup>1</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_
- 14. Existing General Plan Land Use Designation<sup>1</sup>:

#### ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION

15. Present land use: <u>Alaricul fuke</u> Describe existing physical improvements including buildings, water (wells) and sewage facilities, roads, and lighting. Include a site plan or map showing these improvements: <u>Snile Fanily Hone</u>, <u>Crarg</u>, <u>Storage</u>, <u>Barn</u> Shelter.

Describe the major vegetative cover: NA

Any perennial or intermittent water courses? If so, show on map:\_\_\_\_

Is property in a flood-prone area? Describe:

Area & Minimal flood Mazard

16. Describe surrounding land uses (e.g., commercial, agricultural, residential, school, etc.):

North: Aun'cutture + Residential South: Anniceture East: Honicellure West: Acricelture

17.	7. What land use(s) in the area may be impacted by your Project?: <u>N</u> A				
18.	8. What land use(s) in the area may impact your project?:				
19.	9. Transportation: NOTE: The information below will be used in determining traffic impacts from this project. The data may also show the need for a Traffic Impact Study (TIS) for the project.				
	A. Will additional driveways from the proposed project site be necessary to access public roads? Yes No				
	B. Daily traffic generation:				
	I. Residential - Number of Units Lot Size Single Family Apartments				
	II. Commercial - Number of Employees Number of Salesmen Number of Delivery Trucks Total Square Footage of Building				
	III. Describe and quantify other traffic generation activities:				
20.	Describe any source(s) of noise from your project that may affect the surrounding area: <b>Trucks</b>				
21.	Describe any source(s) of noise in the area that may affect your project:				
22.	Describe the probable source(s) of air pollution from your project:				
23.	Proposed source of water: (+) private well ( ) community system <sup>3</sup> name: OVER				

24.	Anticipated volume of water to be used (gallons per day) <sup>2</sup> :	HouseHold	
25.	Proposed method of liquid waste disposal: ()/septic system/individual ( ) community system <sup>3</sup> -name		
26.	Estimated volume of liquid waste (gallons per day) <sup>2</sup> :	Mouse Hold	
27.	Anticipated type(s) of liquid waste:	NLA	
28.	Anticipated type(s) of hazardous wastes <sup>2</sup> :	NIA	
29.	Anticipated volume of hazardous wastes <sup>2</sup> :	MA	
30.	Proposed method of hazardous waste disposal <sup>2</sup> :	MA	
31.	Anticipated type(s) of solid waste:		
32.	Anticipated amount of solid waste (tons or cubic yards per de	ay): Mouse Mold	
33	Anticipated amount of waste that will be recycled (tons or cub	ic yards per day): <u>Hon e</u>	
34.	Proposed method of solid waste disposal:	None	
35.	Fire protection district(s) serving this area:	FPD	
36.	Has a previous application been processed on this site? If so	o, list title and date: N.G	
37.	Do you have any underground storage tanks (except septic to	anks)? Yes No	
38.	If yes, are they currently in use? Yes No		
То	THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, THE FOREGOING INFORMATION IS	TRUE.	
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<sup>1</sup>Refer to Development Services and Capital Projects Conference Checklist <sup>2</sup>For assistance, contact Environmental Health System, (559) 600-3357 <sup>3</sup>For County Service Areas or Waterworks Districts, contact the Resources Division, (559) 600-4259

(Revised 12/1/17)

### NOTICE AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

### **INDEMNIFICATION AND DEFENSE**

The Board of Supervisors has adopted a policy that applicants should be made aware that they may be responsible for participating in the defense of the County in the event a lawsuit is filed resulting from the County's action on your project. You may be required to enter into an agreement to indemnify and defend the County if it appears likely that litigation could result from the County's action. The agreement would require that you deposit an appropriate security upon notice that a lawsuit has been filed. In the event that you fail to comply with the provisions of the agreement, the County may rescind its approval of the project.

### <u>STATE FISH AND WILDLIFE FEE</u>

State law requires that specified fees (effective January 1, 2018: \$3,168.00 for an EIR; \$2,280.75 for a Mitigated/Negative Declaration) be paid to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) for projects which must be reviewed for potential adverse effect on wildlife resources. The County is required to collect the fees on behalf of CDFW. A \$50.00 handling fee will also be charged, as provided for in the legislation, to defray a portion of the County's costs for collecting the fees.

The following projects are exempt from the fees:

- 1. All projects statutorily exempt from the provisions of CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act).
- 2. All projects categorically exempt by regulations of the Secretary of Resources (State of California) from the requirement to prepare environmental documents.

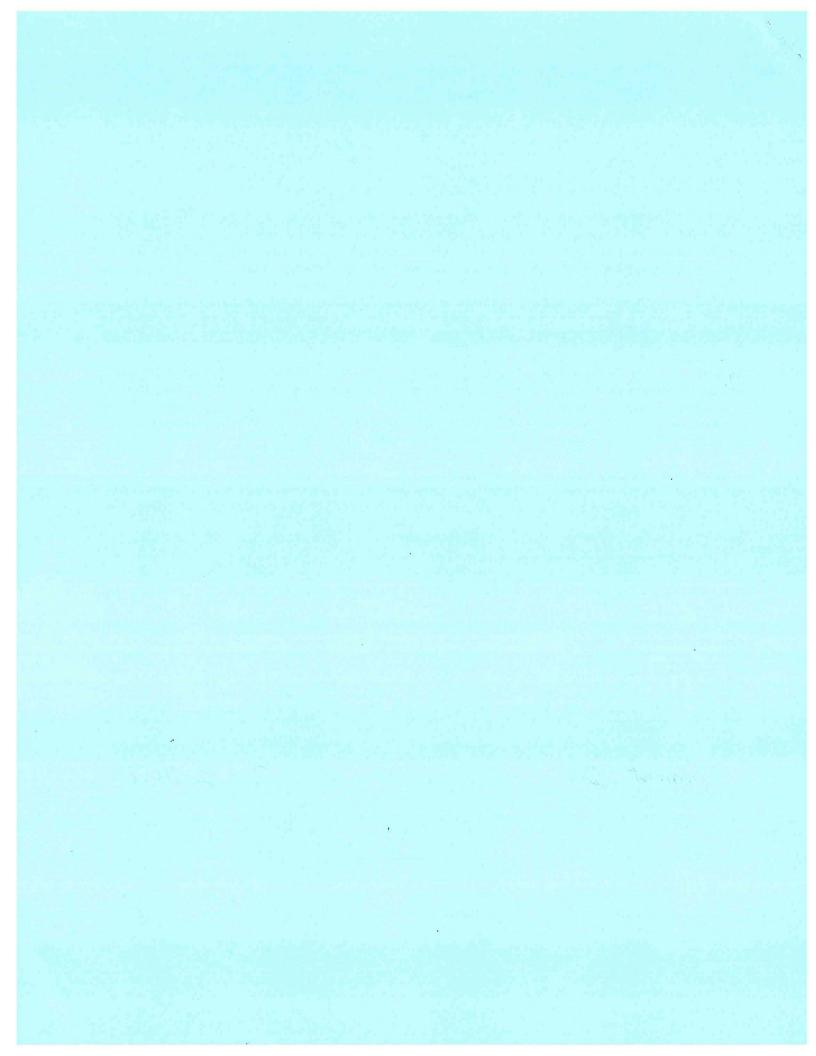
A fee exemption may be issued by CDFW for eligible projects determined by that agency to have "no effect on wildlife." That determination must be provided in advance from CDFG to the County at the request of the applicant. You may wish to call the local office of CDFG at (559) 222-3761 if you need more information.

Upon completion of the Initial Study you will be notified of the applicable fee. Payment of the fee will be required before your project will be forwarded to the project analyst for scheduling of any required hearings and final processing. The fee will be refunded if the project should be denied by the County.

Applicant's Signature

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### OPERATIONAL STATEMENT CHECKLIST FOR 5437 S CEDAR AVE FRESNO CA 93725

CELL 510-677-9666

1. Storage and park trucks and refrigeration trailer unit & minor repair maintenance

use for agricultural product from fresh to dry commodity, 7 days of week.

2. Hours of operation from 8AM to 6PM YEAR AROUND 7 DAYS OF WEEK 10 HOURS PER DAY

3. UP TO 5

4. 8 EMPLOYEE . Does have home but separate from designated parking , area. FAMILY MEMBER LIVES THERE ! NOT ASSOCIATED WITH BUSINESS.

5. Leave empty return empty APPROXIMATELY 30 TRIP PER DAY. INTEND TO USE CEDAR AVE AND JEFFERSON AVE BOTH ROAD. CURRENTLY WE ARE USING JEFFERSON AVE.

6. Public Road.

7. 6 parking space for trucks.

8. NO

9. Forklift,pallet jack

10.tires,oil,tools,truck trailer parts.

11. Possibly Refrigeration unit make some noise we have next neighbor approximately 240 ft away I don't think noise is the problem.

12. Normal Household.

13. Normal Household.

14.NA

15. Existing building used its wooden barn building some tools and parts storage for

repair most of it open parking lot used.

16. Cedar and jefferson corner parking lot, Parking area barn shop South East.

17. We have old light fixture or light pole exits using at night, its fixed light fixture. THEY ON ALL NIGHT MERCURY LIGHT DUSK TO DOWN AND MOUNT DOWN ON UTILITY POLE.

18. Existing fenced.

19. We have trucking business hauling produce , trucks and trailer when they back

after delivery need to parks and minor maintenance like oil change tire change

which can be done very quickly while driver on their break.

20. Owner : Mangal Singh Pabla

Mangal S Pabla Mongol Pobla

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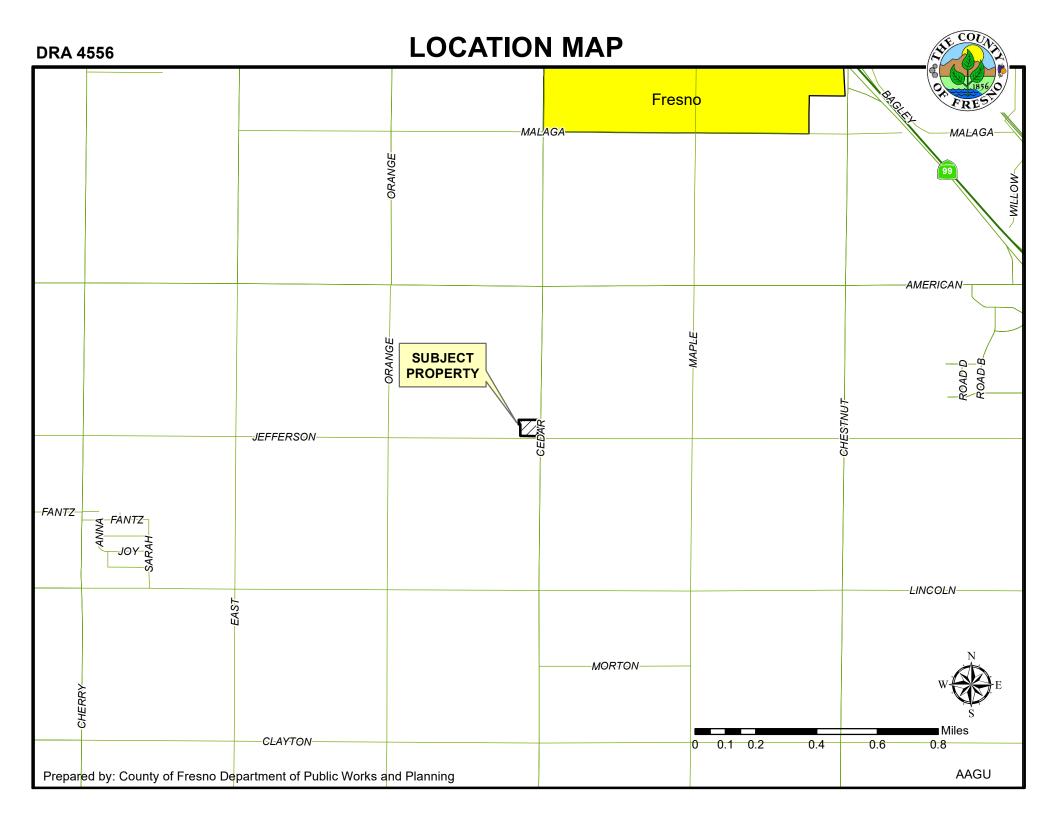
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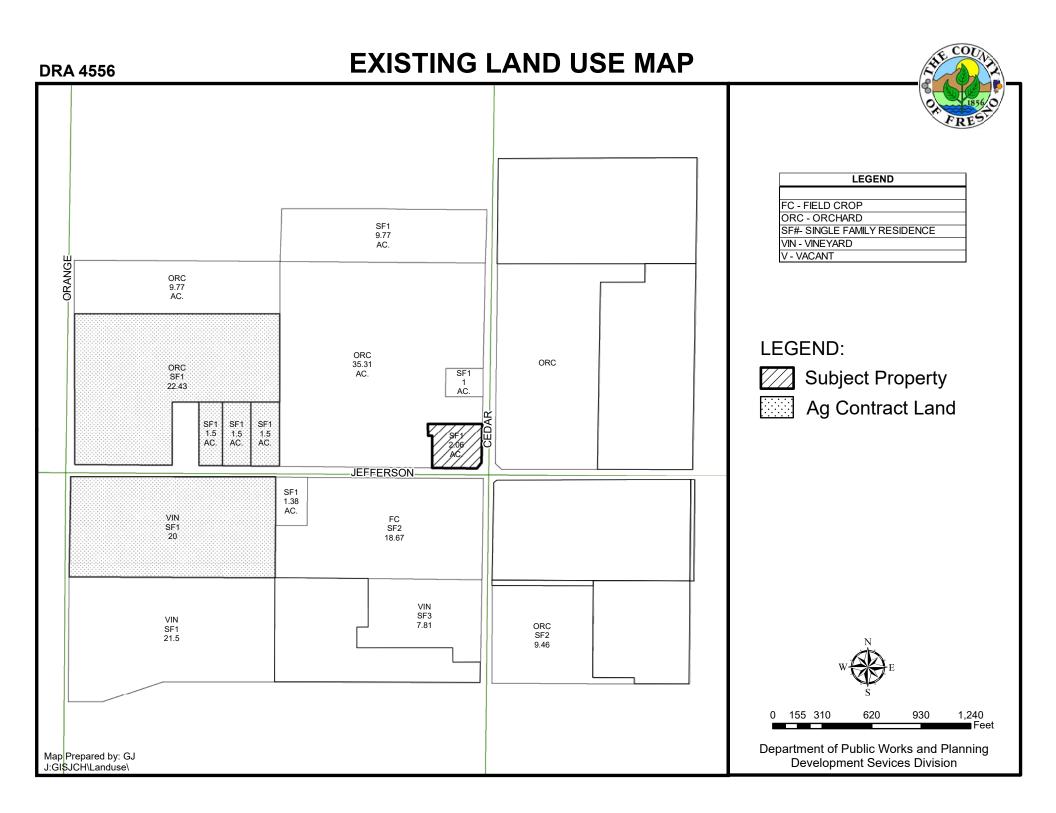
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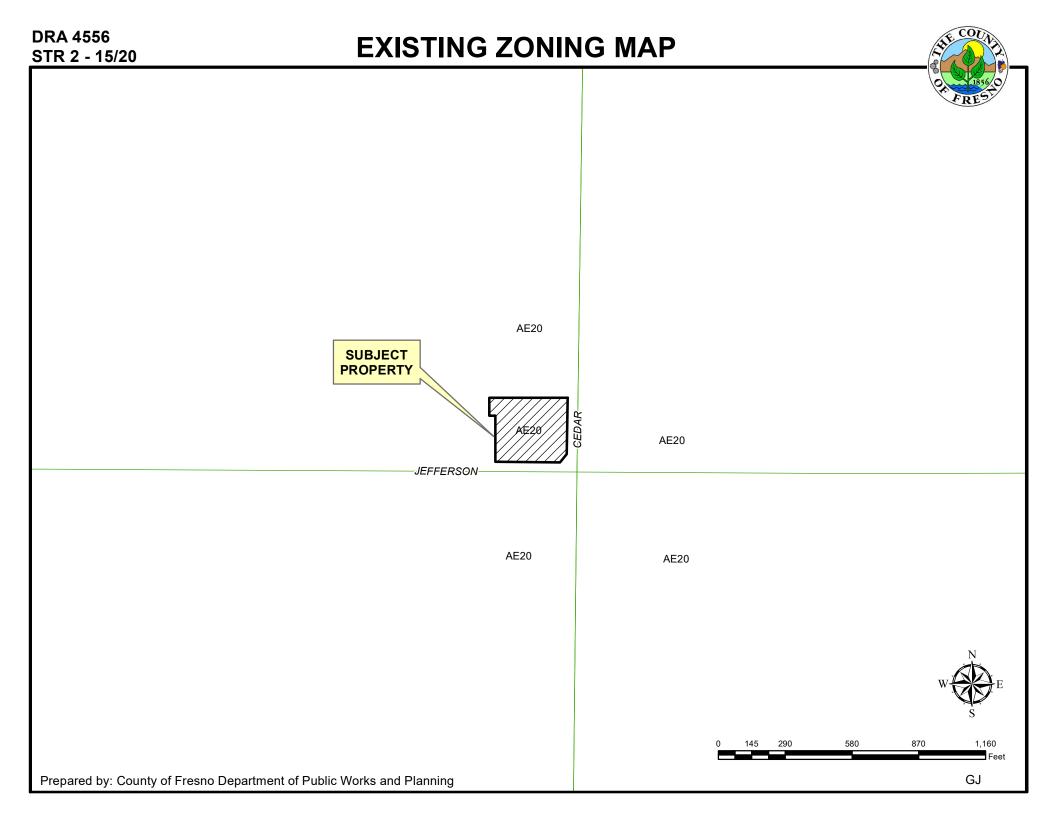
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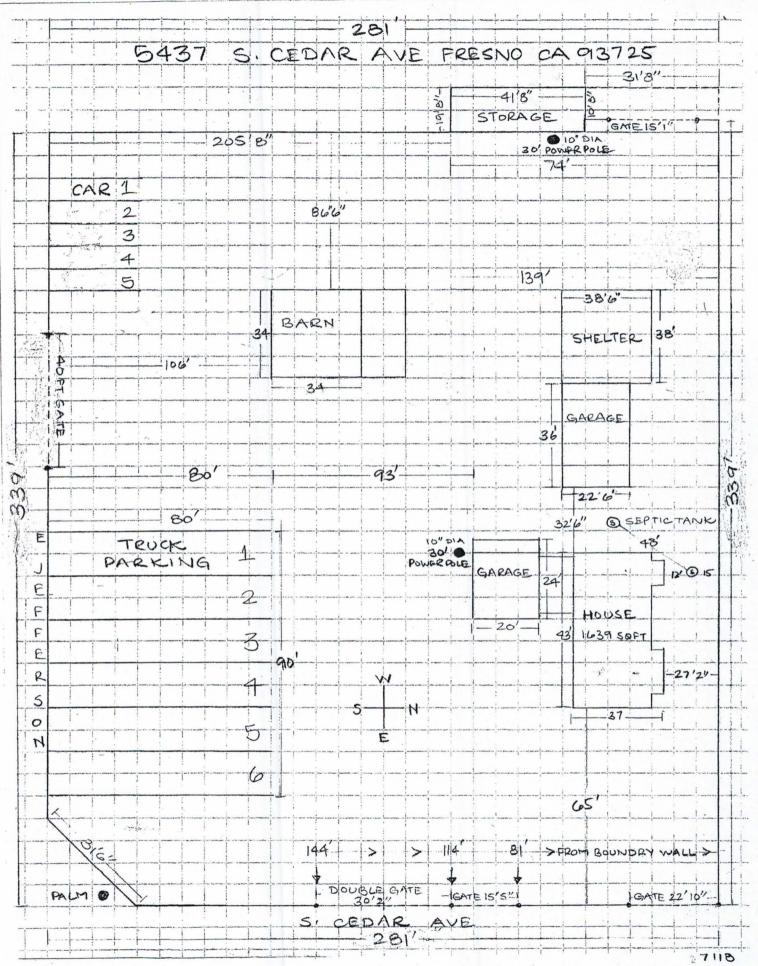
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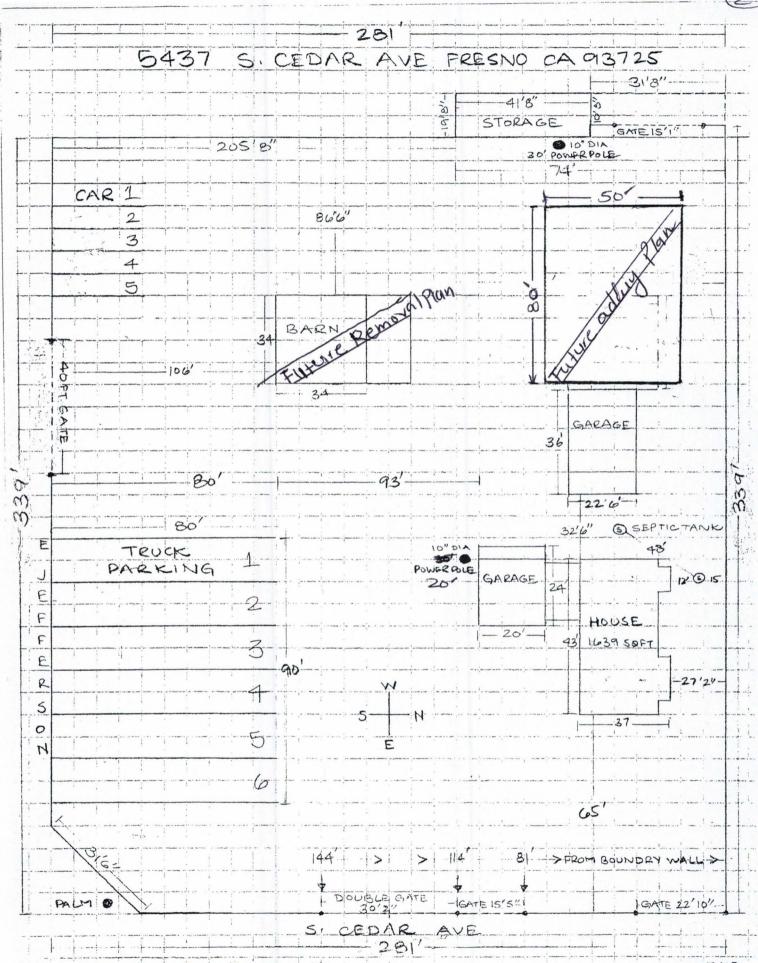








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### **GRANT DEED**

The Undersigned Grantor(s) Declare(s): DOCUMENTARY TRANSFER TAX \$214.50; CITY TRANSFER TAX \$; SURVEY MONUMENT FEE \$

] computed on the consideration or full value of property conveyed, OR x

] computed on the consideration or full value less value of liens and/or encumbrances remaining at time of sale,

] unincorporated area; [ ] City of Fresno, and x

FOR A VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Maria De La Torre, an unmarried woman

hereby GRANTS to Mangal Pabla and Simrat Pabla, husband and wife, as joint tenants

the following described property in the City of Fresno, County of Fresno, State of California:

PARCEL 2 OF PARCEL MAP NO. 7577, ACCORDING TO THE MAP THEREOF RECORDED IN BOOK 54 PAGE 97 OF PARCEL MAPS, FRESNO COUNTY RECORDS.

#### Mail Tax Statements To: SAME AS ABOVE

Grant Deed - continued

Date: 12/09/2016

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Dated: December 09, 2016

Maria De La Torre

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who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person( $\Rightarrow$ ) whose name( $\Rightarrow$ ) d are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/d (they executed the same in his/d) their authorized capacity(i), and that by his/d (their signature(s) on the instrument the person( $\Rightarrow$ ), or the entity upon behalf of which the person( $\Rightarrow$ ) acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature



This area for official notarial seal.















