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#### **Document Details**

## **Lead Agency**

Fresno County

## **Document Type**

Mitigated Negative Declaration

#### **Document Status**

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#### Title

Initial Study No. 7664; Classified Conditional Use Permit Application No. 3655

#### **Present Land Use**

None (undeveloped land)

## **Document Description**

Allow a Rural Commercial Center consisting of a convenience store/fast-food restaurant and a gasoline fueling facility (fuel island canopy with gasoline pumps) and related improvements on an approximately 1.78-acre portion of a 4.99-acre parcel in the RR (Rural Residential, two-acre minimum parcel size) Zone District. The project site is located on the northwest corner of W. Belmont and N. Cornelia Avenues approximately 2,190 feet south of the nearest city limits of the City of Fresno (5064 W. Belmont Avenue) (APN 312-390-13).

Attachments	
CUP 3655 Enviromantl Checklist.pdf	
CUP 3655 Initail Study.pdf	
CUP 3655 Mitigation Monitoring.pdf	
CUP 3655 MND (proposed).pdf	
CUP 3655 NOC (signed).pdf	
CUP 3655 NOI (Recorded).pdf	
CUP 3655 Routing Pkg.pdf	
CUP 3655 Summary Form.pdf	
Contacts	

## **Contacts**

Planner - Ejaz Ahmad

2220 Tulare Street, Suite A, Street Level Fresno, CA 93721 Phone: (559) 600-4204 eahmad@fresnocountyca.gov

## Regions

**Counties** 

Fresno

## Cities

## **Location Details**

## **Cross Streets**

Northwest corner of W. Belmont and N. Cornelia Avenues, Fresno

Total Acres - 4.99 | Parcel Number - 31239013 | Township - 13S | Range - 19E | Section - 34 | Base - Mt. Diab

## **Local Action Types**

Use Permit

## **Development Types**

Commercial (Rural Commercial Center)(Sq. Ft. 5452, Acres 4.99, Employees 3)

## **Project Issues**

Aesthetics | Agriculture and Forestry Resources | Air Quality | Biological Resources | Cultural Resources | Drainage/Absorption | Energy | Geology/Soils | Greenhouse Gas Emissions | Hazards & Hazardous Materials | Hydrology/Water Quality | Land Use/Planning | Mineral Resources | Noise | Population/Housing | Public Services | Recreation | Septic System | Sewer Capacity | Transportation | Tribal Cultural Resources | Utilities/Service Systems | Wildfire

## **Review Agencies**

Air Resources Board | Caltrans, District 6 - Fresno/Bakersfield | Conservation, Department of | Fish and Wildlife, Region 4 - Central, Fresno | Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of | Regional Water Quality Control Board, Region 5 - Fresno | SWRCB, Division of Drinking Water, District 23

## **Review Period**

#### **Review Started**

11/5/2021

#### **Review Ended**

12/6/2021

## **Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal**

Form F

Lead agencies may include 15 hardcopies of this document when submitting electronic copies of Environmental Impact Reports, Negative Declarations, Mitigated Negative Declarations, or Notices of Preparation to the State Clearinghouse (SCH). The SCH also accepts other summaries, such as EIR Executive Summaries prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15123. Please include one copy of the Notice of Completion Form (NOC) with your submission and attach the summary to each electronic copy of the document.

SCH #:		
Project Title: Initial S	Study No. 7664; Classified Conditiona	I Use Permit No. 3655
Lead Agency: County	of Fresno	
Contact Name: Ejaz	Ahmad	
Email: <u>eahmad@fres</u>	nocountyca.gov	Phone Number: 559-600-4204
Project Location:	Fresno	Fresno
,	City	County
Project Description (P	roposed actions, location, and/or con	sequences).
(fuel island canopy w parcel in the RR (Rur northwest corner of V	th gasoline pumps) and related impro al Residential, two-acre minimum par	nce store/fast-food restaurant and a gasoline fueling facility ovements on an approximately 1.78-acre portion of a 4.99-acre cel size) Zone District. The project site is located on the approximately 2,190 feet south of the nearest city limits of the 12-390-13).

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

AESTHETICS: D. The proposed uses may result in the creation of new sources of light and glare in the area. The proposed mitigation to hood and direct lighting away from adjacent properties and public right-of-ways would reduce impacts to a less than significant level.

CULTURAL RESOURCES A. B. C: The project site is not in a cultural resources area. The proposed mitigation measure requiring that if cultural resources are discovered all work shall be stopped and an archeologist shall evaluate the fondings would reduce the impacts to less than significant.

ENERGY A. B: The project is unlikely to result in potentially significant environmental impacts due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources. The proposed mitigation measure requiring idling of on-site vehicles and equipment be avoided to the most extent possible would reduce impacts to a less than significant.

TRANSPORTATION: A. The project is responsible for an equitable share of the cost of installing traffic signals on four intersections. The implementation of this proposed mitigation measure would reduce impacts to a less than significant.

No known controversie	S		:
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Provide a list of the resr	oonsible or trustee agencies for the	ne project	
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## **Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal**

Mail to: State Clearinghouse, P.O. Box 3044, Sacramento, For Hand Delivery/Street Address: 1400 Tenth Street, Sacr			
Project Title: Initial Study No. 7664 (Daulat Sandhue)			
Lead Agency: County of Fresno	Contact Person: Ejaz Ahmad		
Mailing Address: 2220 Tulare Street, 6th Floor	Phone: (559) 600-4204		
City: Fresno			
Project Location: County: Fresno	City/Nearest Community: Fresno		
Cross Streets: Northwest corner of W. Belmont and N. Cornelia Ave	•		
Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds):°			
Assessor's Parcel No.: 312-390-13	Section: 34 Twp.: 13S Range: 19E Base: Mt. Diablo		
Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #:			
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Local Action Type:			
General Plan Update Specific Plan	☐ Rezone ☐ Annexation		
☐ General Plan Amendment ☐ Master Plan	Prezone Redevelopment		
☐ General Plan Element ☐ Planned Unit Developme	ent Use Permit Coastal Permit		
☐ Community Plan ☐ Site Plan	☐ Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) ☐ Other:		
Development Type:			
Residential: Units Acres			
	Transportation: Type		
Commercial:Sq.ft. Acres 4.99 Employees	Mining: Mineral		
Industrial: Sq.ft. Acres Employees_	Power: Type MW		
☐ Educational:	Waste Treatment: Type MGD		
☐ Recreational:	Hazardous Waste: Type		
Water Facilities: Type MGD	Other:		
Project Issues Discussed in Document:			
Aesthetic/Visual Fiscal	■ Recreation/Parks □ Vegetation		
■ Agricultural Land ■ Flood Plain/Flooding	Schools/Universities Water Quality		
Air Quality Forest Land/Fire Hazard	Septic Systems Water Supply/Groundwater		
Archeological/Historical Geologic/Seismic	Sewer Capacity  Wetland/Riparian  Crowth Indiagram		
■ Biological Resources ■ Minerals □ Coastal Zone ■ Noise	■ Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading		
☐ Drainage/Absorption ☐ Population/Housing Balan			
Economic/Jobs Public Services/Facilities			
Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:	I		
Undeveloped/RR (Rural Residential)/Rural Residential			
Project Description: (please use a separate page if nece	essary)		

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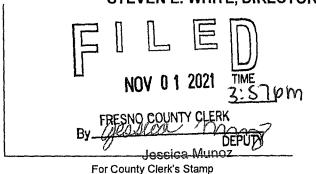
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х	Air Resources Board	Office of Historic Preservation	
	Boating & Waterways, Department of	Office of Public School Construction	
	California Emergency Management Agency	Parks & Recreation, Department of	
	California Highway Patrol	Pesticide Regulation, Department of	
X	Caltrans District # 6	Public Utilities Commission	
	Caltrans Division of Aeronautics	X Regional WQCB # 5	
	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	
X		Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy	
	Corrections, Department of	State Lands Commission	
	Delta Protection Commission	SWRCB: Clean Water Grants	
	Education, Department of	X SWRCB: Water Quality	
	Energy Commission	SWRCB: Water Rights	
×	Fish & Game Region #	Tahoe Regional Planning Agency	
	Food & Agriculture, Department of	Toxic Substances Control, Department of	
×	Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of	X Water Resources, Department of	
	General Services, Department of	The resources, Department of	
×	Health Services, Department of	X Other: US Fish & Wildlife	
	Housing & Community Development	X Other: San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District	
	Native American Heritage Commission	Outer.	
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Starti	ing Date November 5, 2021	Ending Date December 6, 2021	
Lead	Agency (Complete if applicable):		
Consulting Firm: County of Fresno		Applicant: Daulat Sandhue Address: P. O. Box 15010	
Address: 2220 Tulare Street, 6th Floor			
-	State/Zip: Fresno, CA 93721	City/State/Zip: Fresno, CA 93702	
Contact: Ejaz Ahmad, Project Planner		Phone: (559) 347-4241	
Phon	e: <u>559-600-4204</u>		
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Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.



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



# NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Notice is hereby given that the County of Fresno has prepared Initial Study Application (IS) No. 7664 pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act for the following proposed project:

INITIAL STUDY NO. 7664 for CLASSIFIED CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION NO. 3655 filed by DAULAT SANDHUE, proposing to allow a Rural Commercial Center consisting of a convenience store/fast-food restaurant and a gasoline fueling facility (fuel island canopy with gasoline pumps) and related improvements on an approximately 1.78-acre portion of a 4.99-acre parcel in the RR (Rural Residential, two-acre minimum parcel size) Zone District. The project site is located on the northwest corner of W. Belmont and N. Cornelia Avenues approximately 2,190 feet south of the nearest city limits of the City of Fresno (5064 W. Belmont Avenue, Fresno) (APN 312-390-13) (Sup. Dist. 1). Adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for Initial Study No. 7664 and take action on Classified Conditional Use Permit Application No. 3655 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 No. 7664 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 November 5, 2021 through December 6, 2021.

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

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

IS No. 7664 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 12:30 p.m. (except

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holidays). An electronic copy of the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Proposed Project may be obtained from Ejaz Ahmad at the addresses above.

PROGRAM ACCESSIBILITY AND ACCOMMODATIONS: The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Title II covers the programs, services, activities and facilities owned or operated by state and local governments like the County of Fresno ("County"). Further, the County promotes equality of opportunity and full participation by all persons, including persons with disabilities. Towards this end, the County works to ensure that it provides meaningful access to people with disabilities to every program, service, benefit, and activity, when viewed in its entirety. Similarly, the County also works to ensure that its operated or owned facilities that are open to the public provide meaningful access to people with disabilities.

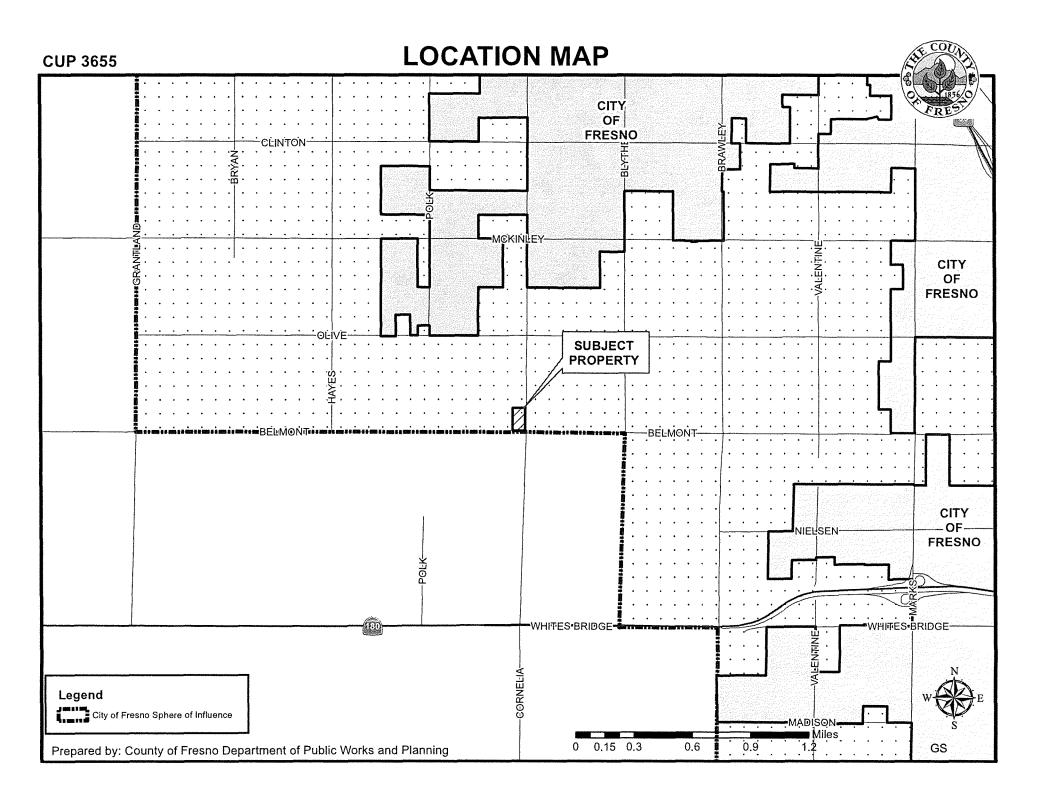
To help ensure this meaningful access, the County will reasonably modify policies/ procedures and provide auxiliary aids/services to persons with disabilities. If, as an attendee or participant at the meeting, you need additional accommodations such as an American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter, an assistive listening device, large print material, electronic materials, Braille materials, or taped materials, please contact the Current Planning staff as soon as possible during office hours at (559) 600-4497 or at <a href="mailto:imoreno@fresnocountyca.gov">imoreno@fresnocountyca.gov</a>. Reasonable requests made at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting will help to ensure accessibility to this meeting. Later requests will be accommodated to the extent reasonably feasible.

## **Public Hearing**

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider approving the Proposed Project and the Mitigated Negative Declaration on December 16, 2021, at 8:45 a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, in Room 301, Hall of Records, 2281 Tulare Street, Fresno, California 93721. Interested persons are invited to appear at the hearing and comment on the Proposed Project and draft Mitigated Negative Declaration.

For questions, please call Eiaz Ahmad at (559) 600-4204

Published: November 5, 2021





# County of Fresno

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

## INITIAL STUDY ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST FORM

1. Project title:

Initial Study No. 7664 and Classified Conditional Use Permit Application No. 3655

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 93721-2104

3. Contact person and phone number:

Ejaz Ahmad, Planner, (559) 600-4204

4. Project location:

The project site is located on the northwest corner of W. Belmont and N. Cornelia Avenues approximately 2,190 feet south of the nearest city limits of the City of Fresno (5064 W. Belmont Avenue) (APN 312-390-13) (Sup. Dist. 1).

5. Project sponsor's name and address:

Daulat Sandhue P. O. Box 15010 Fresno. CA 93702

6. General Plan designation:

Rural Residential

7. Zoning:

Rural Residential (Rural Residential, two-acre minimum parcel size)

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.)

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

The project site is to the west of and near the City of Fresno urban development. Limited active farming exists in the vicinity of the proposal; otherwise the area is mostly developed with single-family homes and related improvements.

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.?

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.

The project site is not in an area determined to be highly or moderately sensitive to archeological resources. Pursuant to Assembly Bill (AB) 52, project information was routed to the Picayune Rancheria of the Chukchansi Indians, Dumna Wo Wah Tribal Government, Table Mountain Rancheria and Santa Rosa Rancheria Tachi Yokut Tribe offering them an opportunity to consult under Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 21080.3(b) with a 30-day window to formally respond to the County letter. No tribe requested for consultation, resulting in no further action on the part of the County. However, Table Mountain Rancheria (TMR) requested that in the unlikely event that cultural resources are identified on the property, the Tribe should be informed. As such, the Mitigation Measure included in the CULTURAL ANALYSIS section of this report will reduce impact to tribal cultural resources to less than significant.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:**

The environmental factors checked below would be potentially a "Potentially Significant Impact" as indicated by the checklist		
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:		
I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment. A NEGATIVE DECLARATION WILL BE PREPARED.		
I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because the Mitigation Measures described on the attached sheet have been added to the project. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION WILL BE PREPARED.		
I find the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required		
I find that as a result of the proposed project, no new effect be required that have not been addressed within the scope		
PERFORMED BY:	REVIEWED BY:	
Ejaz Ahmad, Planner	David Randall, Senior Planner	
Date:	Date:	
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# INITIAL STUDY ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST FORM

(Initial Study Application No. 7664 and Classified Conditional Use Permit Application No. 3655)

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?
- \_2 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?
- \_3 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:

- 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?
- \_1 b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act Contract?
- 1 c) Conflict with existing zoning for forest land, timberland or timberland zoned Timberland Production?
- 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?
- \_2 b) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is nonattainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard?
- \_2 c) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?
- \_2 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?
- \_1\_ 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?
- \_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?
- 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:

- a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource pursuant to Section 15064.5?
- b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to Section 15064.5?
- \_3 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?
- 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?
- 2 ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?
- 2 iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?
- 1 iv) Landslides?
- 2 b) Result in substantial soil erosion or loss of topsoil?
- \_1 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 waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water?
- \_2 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:

- 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?
- \_1 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?
- \_1 f) Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?
- 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:

- \_2 a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade surface or groundwater quality?
- \_2 b) Substantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that the project may impede sustainable groundwater management of the basin?
- \_2 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;
- \_2 ii) Substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on or off site:
- \_2 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
- 2 iv) Impede or redirect flood flows?
- 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?
- 2 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:

- 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?
- \_2 b) Generation of excessive ground-borne vibration or ground-borne noise levels?
- \_1 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)? 1 b) Displace substantial numbers of existing people or housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere? PUBLIC SERVICES Would the project: 2 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:

Fire protection?

ii) Police protection?

iii) Schools?

iv) Parks?

v) Other public facilities?

XVI. RECREATION

Would the project:

1 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?

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

Substantially increase hazards due to a geometric design \_1\_\_c) feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?

Result in inadequate emergency access?

XVIII. TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES

Would the project:

2 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

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

2 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:

2 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?

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

2 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?

1 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?

WILDFIRE XX.

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?

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?

1 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?

1 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:

2 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?

2 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
Fresno County Zoning Ordinance
Important Farmland 2010 Map, State Department of Conservation
Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Analysis Report prepared by Mitchell Air Quality Consulting, dated August 2, 2019.
Traffic Impact Study by Peters Engineering Group, dated March 23, 2021.

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### **EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS**

APPLICANT: Daulat Sandhue

APPLICATION NOS.: Initial Study No. 7664 and Classified Conditional Use Permit

Application No. 3655.

DESCRIPTION: Allow a Rural Commercial Center consisting of a

convenience store/fast-food restaurant and a gasoline fueling facility (fuel island canopy with gasoline pumps) and related improvements on an approximately 1.78-acre portion of a 4.99-acre parcel in the RR (Rural Residential, two-acre

minimum parcel size) Zone District.

LOCATION: The project site is located on the northwest corner of W.

Belmont and N. Cornelia Avenues approximately 2,190 feet south of the nearest city limits of the City of Fresno (5064 W.

Belmont Avenue) (APN 312-390-13) (Sup. Dist. 1).

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:

The project site is developed with a single-family residence and related improvements. The site borders with Belmont and Cornelia Avenues which are not identified as scenic drives in the County General Plan. No scenic vistas or scenic resources including trees, rock outcroppings, or historic buildings were identified on or near the site that could potentially be impacted by the project. No impact on scenic resources would occur.

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 points.) 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 proposed improvements include a 3,476 square-foot building to house a convenience store/fast-food restaurant, a 1,976 square foot gasoline fueling facility with fuel dispensing pumps, paved parking and circulation area with ingress/egress from Belmont and Cornelia Avenues, onsite well and septic system, and a ponding basin.

The project site is to the west of and near the City of Fresno urban development. Limited active farming exists in the vicinity of the proposal; otherwise the area is mostly developed with single-family homes and related improvements.

Upon development of the property, the most visible structure from the site to surrounding areas will be the proposed single story 33 foot-tall building accommodating a convenience store /fast-food restaurant and a 19-foot-tall fuel canopy located within approximately 1.78-acre portion of a 4.99-acre project site. The proposed development will be compatible in height, design and construction with the similar commercial development in the area. The project will have a less than significant impact on the visual character of the site or its surroundings.

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 project will require outdoor lighting around the building, underneath fuel canopy and within parking and circulation areas. To minimize any light and glare impact resulting from this proposal, the project will adhere to the following Mitigation Measure.

## \* Mitigation Measure

1. All outdoor lighting shall be hooded and directed downward as to not shine toward 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 Department 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; or
- B. Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act Contract?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project site is not prime farmland and is not enrolled in a Williamson Act Land Conservation Contract. The site is classified as Rural Residential Land on 2016 Fresno County Important Farmland Map. The subject proposal is not in conflict with Rural Residential zoning on the property and is an allowed use with discretionary land use approval and adherence to the applicable General Plan Policies.

- 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 forestland to non-forest use?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The project site is not farmland or forest land. The project is appropriately allowed for RR zone district with the approval of subject conditional use permit and will not bring any significant physical changes to the area.

Given the active farming south and northeast of the project site, the Fresno County Agricultural Commissioner's Office requires that a "Right-to-Farm notice shall be recorded informing the occupants of the project site to accept the inconveniences and discomfort associated with normal farm activities. This requirement will be included as a Condition of Approval.

## 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:

An Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Analysis Report, was prepared for the project by Mitchell Air Quality Consulting, dated August 2, 2019 and was provided to the San

Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (District) for comments. No concerns were received from SJVAPCD.

Construction and operation of the project would contribute the following criteria pollutant emissions: reactive organic gases (ROG), carbon monoxide (CO), nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>), sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>), and particulate matter (PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub>).

As discussed in II. B below, emissions of ROG, NO<sub>X</sub>, PM<sub>10</sub>, and PM<sub>2.5</sub> associated with the construction and operation of the project would not exceed the District's significance thresholds. Furthermore, as discussed in III. C below, the project would not result in CO hotspot that would violate CO standards. The project is consistent with the current AQP (Air Quality Plan) and the impact would be less than significant.

According to the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, the project specific annual emissions of criteria pollutants are not expected to exceed any of the following District significance thresholds: 100 tons per year of carbon monoxide (CO), 10 tons per year of oxides of nitrogen (NOx), 10 tons per year of reactive organic gases (ROG), 27 tons per year of oxides of sulfur (SO<sub>x</sub>), 15 tons per year of particulate matter of 10 microns or less in size (PM<sub>10</sub>), or 15 tons per year of particulate matter of 2.5 microns or less in size (PM<sub>2.5</sub>). The project will comply with all applicable rules and regulations (e.g. Regulation VIII Fugitive PM<sub>10</sub> Prohibitions, Rule 2010 (Permits Required), Rule 2201 (New and Modified Stationary Source Review) Rule 9510 (Indirect Source Review), Rule 4692 (Commercial Charbroiling, Rule 4002 (National emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants), Rule 4102 (Nuisance), Rule 4601 (Architectural Coatings) and Rule 4641 (Cutback, Slow Cure, and Emulsified Asphalt, Paving and Maintenance Operations).

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?

## FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The primary pollutants of concern during project construction and operation are ROG, NOx, CO, PM<sub>10</sub>, and PM<sub>2.5</sub>. The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD) Guidance for Assessing, and Monitoring Air Quality Impacts (GAMAQI) adopted in 2015 contains threshold for CO, NOx, ROG, SOx PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub>. The SJVAPCD's annual emission significance thresholds used for the project define the substantial contribution for both operational and construction emissions are 10 tons per year ROG, 10 tons per year NOx 100 tons per year CO, 27 tons per year SOx, 15 tons per year PM<sub>10</sub> and 15 tons per year PM<sub>2.5</sub>. The project does not contain sources that would produce substantial quantities of SO<sub>2</sub> emissions during construction and operation.

Per the Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Analysis Report, the 2020 construction emissions (ton per year) associated with the project would be 0.03 for ROG, 0.19 for NOx, 0.15 for CO, and 0.01 for PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> which are less than the threshold of significance. Likewise, the operational emission over the life of the project, primarily

from mobile sources, would be 0.35 for ROG, 0.66 for NOx, 2.00 for CO, 0.26 for  $PM_{10}$  and 0.07 for  $PM_{2.5}$  which are also less than the threshold of significance.

As discussed above, the regional analysis of the construction and operational emissions indicates that the project would not exceed the District's significance thresholds and is consistent with the applicable Air Quality Attainment Plan. Therefore, the project would not result in significant cumulative health impacts.

C. Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

Sensitive receptors are defined as hospitals, residences, convalescent facilities, and schools. The closest sensitive receptor, a single-family residence, is located approximately 186 feet south of the proposed gasoline fueling facility across Belmont Avenue.

Per the Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Analysis Report, an analysis of maximum daily emissions during construction and operation of the project was conducted to determine if emissions would exceed 100 pounds per day for any pollutant of concern which include NO<sub>X</sub>, CO, PM<sub>10</sub> or PM<sub>2.5</sub>. The maximum daily construction emissions (pound per day) would be 23.42 for NO<sub>X</sub>, 8.56 for CO, 1.62 for PM<sub>10</sub> and 0.74 for PM<sub>2.5</sub> and would not exceed SJVAPCD screening thresholds for any pollutant.

Operational emissions are generated on-site by area sources such as consumer products, landscape maintenance, energy use, and onsite motor vehicle operation at the project site. Most motor vehicle emissions would occur distant from the site and would not contribute to a violation of ambient air quality standards, making the analysis highly conservative. Maximum daily air pollutant Emissions (pound per day) during operations (2020) would be 3.73 for NOx, 12.26 for CO, 1.47 for PM<sub>10</sub> and 0.41 for PM<sub>2.5</sub> and would not exceed SJVAPCD screening thresholds for any pollutant.

Localized high levels of CO are associated with traffic congestion and idling or slow-moving vehicles. Given the average daily project related trips generated, modeling to demonstrate that a CO hotspot is possible was not required for the project.

Project construction would involve the use of diesel-fueled vehicles and equipment that emit DPM (diesel particulate matter), which is considered a Toxic Air Contaminants (TAC). The SJVAPCD's latest threshold of significance for TAC emissions is an increase in cancer risk for the maximally exposed individual of 20 in a million.

The California Air Resources Board (ARB) recommends a 50-foot separation for typical gas dispensing facilities. The proposed fueling station (gas pumps) is located more than 96 feet from the nearest sensitive receptor (a residence). An analysis prepared using the SJVAPCD Health Risk Prioritization Screening Tool to determine if a health risk assessment would be required showed that the project cancer risk score result was 0.11 compared to the screening threshold of 10 and chronic and acute risk scores

were 0.0055 and 0.033 respectively compared to the screening threshold of 1. Health risk would be further minimized by the implementation of SJVAPCD Rule 4622 which limit emissions of gasoline vapors from storage tanks and from the transfer of gasoline into motor vehicle fuel tanks primarily through the installation of vapor recovery systems.

In conclusion, localized impacts from criteria pollutant emissions would not exceed SJVAPCD screening thresholds and that the project does not include substantial amounts of diesel equipment and truck trips that would result in a significant increase in cancer risk, chronic risk, and acute risk due to TAC emissions. The impacts would be less than significant.

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

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

Odor impacts on residential areas and other sensitive receptors, such as hospitals, day-care centers, and schools. The project is located near residences in an agricultural/rural residential area where similar odors are common.

Per the SJVAPCD, gasoline fueling station is not a common land use type that is known to produce odors in the Air Basin. The common odor producing land uses are landfills, transfer stations, sewage treatment plants, wastewater pump stations, composting facilities, feed lots, coffee roasters, asphalt batch plants, and rendering plants. The project would not engage in any of these activities. Therefore, the project would not be considered a generator of objectionable odors during operations.

During construction, the various diesel-powered vehicles and equipment in use onsite would create localized odors. These odors would be temporary and would not likely be noticeable for extended periods of time beyond the project's site boundaries. The potential for diesel odor impacts would therefore 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; or
- C. Has 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:

The project site is located on the outskirt of the City of Fresno and is surrounded by rural residential development. The site is fallow and disturbed with prior farming operations and improvements related to a single-family residence. The neighboring parcel are also pre-disturbed with residential development and farming, and as such does not provide habitat for state or federally listed species. Further, the site contains no riparian features or wetlands or waters under the jurisdiction of the United States.

The project was routed to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for review and comments. Neither agency commented on the project.

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?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

No wildlife or fish movement features (e.g., waterways, arroyos, ridgelines) or any wildlife nursery sites are present on the property. No impact to these resources would occur.

E. Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project will not conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources and is not subject to the County tree preservation policy or ordinance.

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:

The project site is within an area covered by the PG&E San Joaquin Valley Operation and Maintenance Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) which applies only to PG&E's activities and not the subject proposal.

#### 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 project site is not in an area determined to be highly or moderately sensitive to archeological resources. The Native Americans Heritage Commission conducted a Sacred Lands Search for the project site and reported negative results in its search for any sacred sites. However, given the discussion in TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES in Section XVIII of this report, in the unlikely event cultural resources are discovered during ground disturbance, the following Mitigation Measure, when implemented, will reduce the impacts on cultural resources to less than significant.

## \* Mitigation Measure

1. In the event that cultural resources are unearthed during ground-disturbing activities, all work shall be halted in the area of the find. An Archeologist shall be called to evaluate the findings and make any necessary mitigation recommendations. If human remains are unearthed during ground disturbing activities, no further disturbance is to occur until the Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner has made the necessary findings as to origin and disposition. All normal evidence procedures shall be followed by photos, reports, video, and etc. If such remains are determined to be Native American, the Sheriff-Coroner must notify the Native American Commission within 24 hours.

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

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT WITH MITIGATION INCORPORATED:

The project is unlikely to result in potentially significant environmental impacts due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources. To minimize the potential for wasteful or inefficient consumption of energy resources, the project will require adherence to the following Mitigation Measure.

## \* Mitigation Measure

 The idling of on-site vehicles and equipment will be avoided to the most extent possible to avoid wasteful or inefficient energy consumption during project construction.

#### 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?
  - Strong seismic ground shaking?
  - 3. Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

Per Figure 9-5 of the Fresno County General Plan Background Report, the project site is in an area which has 10 percent probability of seismic hazard in 50 years with peak horizontal ground acceleration of zero to 20 percent. The project development would be subject to building standards, which include specific regulations to protect improvements against damage caused by earthquake and/or ground acceleration.

#### 4. Landslides?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

Per Figure 9-6 of the Fresno County General Plan Background Report, the project site is not in an area of landslide hazards. The site is flat with no topographical variations, which precludes the possibility of landslides.

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

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

Per Figure 7-3 of the Fresno County General Plan Background Report, the project site is not in an area of erosion hazards. Grading activities resulting from this proposal may result in loss of some topsoil due to compaction and overcovering of soil to prepare for the foundation for building and parking. However, the impact would be less than significant with Project Notes requiring approval of an Engineered Grading and Drainage Plan and securing a Grading Permit prior to the site grading.

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:

As noted above, the project site is flat with no topographical variations. The site bears no potential for on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction, or collapse due to the project-related improvements. As a standard requirement, a soil compaction report may be required prior to the issuance of building permits to ensure the weight-bearing capacity of the soils for the proposed building and fueling facility.

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: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

Per Figure 7-1 of the Fresno County General Plan Background Report, the project site is not in an area of expansive soils. However, the project construction will implement all applicable requirements of the most recent California Building Standards Code and will consider hazards associated with shrinking and swelling of expansive soils.

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: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

According to the City of Fresno, Department of Public Utilities, the nearest sanitary sewer main to serve the proposed project is a 45-inch sewer trunk located approximately 2,640-feet to the west of the site at the intersection of N. Polk and West Belmont Avenues.

The City of Fresno did not express any concerns regarding the use of an individual septic system for the project. The project will utilize onsite sewage disposal system.

Per the comments provided by the Fresno County Department of Public Health, Environmental Health Division (Health Department), the project will be subject to the following requirements included as Project Notes: 1) the applicant shall submit a sewage feasibility analysis/engineered septic system for the Health Department for review and approval and install the system under permit and inspection by the Department of Public Works and Planning Building and Safety Section; 2) the location of the onsite sewage disposal area shall be identified and cordoned off to prevent vehicle traffic from driving over, causing damage and possible failure of the septic system; and 3) the sewage disposal system serving the abandoned residence shall be properly destroyed under permit and inspection.

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

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

See discussion in Section V. CULTURAL RESOURCES above.

### 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?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

An Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Analysis Report completed by Mitchell Air Quality Consulting, dated August 2, 2019, estimated project GHG emissions for construction and operation using the California Emissions Estimator Model (CalEEMod) version 2016.3.2 [California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA) 2017], which is the most current version of the model approved for use by SJVAPCD.

The total GHG emission generated during all phases of construction for 2020 is 26.24 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> per year. However, in order to account for the construction emissions, amortization of the total emission generated during construction based on 30-year life of the development amounts to 0.87 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> per year which is less than significant.

The total GHG emission generated during operation of the project would be approximately 373.94 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>e under Business As Usual (BAU) and 274.86 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> for year 2020. The project would achieve a reduction of 26.5 percent from BAU which is 4.8 percent beyond the 21.7 percent average reduction required by Assembly Bill (AB) 32 targets (AB 32 requires GHGs emitted in California be reduced to 1990 levels by the year 2020). Likewise, the total GHG emission generated during operation of the project would be approximately 373.94 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>e under Business As Usual (BAU) and 199.04 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> for year 2030. The project would achieve a reduction of 48.6 percent from BAU which is 21.5 percent beyond the 21.7 percent average reduction required by AB 32 targets. The project is consistent with the 2017 Scoping Plan and will contribute a reasonable fair-share contribution (through compliance of Title 24 and CALGreen; regulations on energy production, fuels, and voluntary actions to improve energy efficiency in existing development) to achieving 2030 target.

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:

Adopted in 2006, Assembly Bill (AB) 32 focuses on reducing Greenhouse Gases to 1990 levels by the year 2020. Pursuant to the requirements in AB 32, the Air Resources Board (ARB) adopted the Climate Change Scoping Plan in 2008, which outlines actions recommended to obtain that goal. The Scoping Plan calls for reduction in California's GHG emissions, cutting approximately 30 percent (currently 21.7 percent) from BAU emission levels projected for 2020 to achieve AB 32 targets. The Scoping Plan contains a variety of strategies to reduce the State's emissions. The project is consistent with most of the strategies contained in the Scoping Plan while others are not applicable to the project.

#### IX. 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; or
- 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: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

As noted above, the project entails construction of a convenience store/fast-food restaurant and a gasoline fueling facility on an approximately 1.78-acre portion of a 4.99-acre parcel.

The Fresno County Department of Public Health, Environmental Health Division (Health Department) reviewed the proposal and requires the following as Project Notes: 1) Prior to the operation of the fuel facility, a spill prevention control and countermeasure plan (SPCC) shall be required for aboveground petroleum storage tanks with greater than or equal to 1320-gallons of storage capacity; 2) facilities proposing to use and/or store hazardous materials and/or hazardous wastes shall meet the requirements set forth in the California Health and Safety Code (HSC), Division 20, Chapter 6.95, and the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 22, Division 4.5; 3) any business that handles a hazardous material or hazardous waste may be required to submit a Hazardous Materials Business Plan electronically pursuant to the HSC, Division 20, Chapter 6.95; 4) All hazardous waste shall be handled in accordance with requirements set forth in the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 22, Division 4.5; and 5) Waste Tire Haulers may require to obtain a permit from the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery.

Furthermore, demolition of existing residence and/or any other structures on the property shall be subject to the following requirements: 1) should the structure have an active rodent or insect infestation, the infestation shall be abated prior to remodel of the structure in order to prevent the spread of vectors to adjacent properties; 2) if asbestos-containing materials are encountered, the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District shall be contacted; 3) if a structure was constructed prior to 1979 or if lead-based paint is suspected to have been used in these structures, then prior to remodel work the California Department of Public Health, Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, State of California, Industrial Relations Department, Division of Occupational Safety and Health, Consultation Service (CAL-OSHA) shall be contacted; and 4) any construction materials deemed hazardous as identified in the demolition process must be characterized and disposed of in accordance with current federal, state, and local requirements.

The project is not within one-quarter mile of an existing school. The nearest school, McKinley Elementary School, is approximately 0.9 miles northeast southeast of the project site.

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:

According to the search results of the U.S. EPA's NEPAssist Tool, the project site is not listed as a hazardous materials site. The project will not create hazards 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?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

Per the Fresno County *Airport Land Use Compatibility* Plan Update adopted by the Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) on December 3, 2018, the nearest public airport, Fresno Chandler Executive Airport, is approximately 3.1 miles southeast of the project site. At that distance, the airport will not result in a safety hazard or excessive noise for people visiting the project site.

F. Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project site is in an area where existing emergency response times for fire protection, emergency medical services, and sheriff protection meet adopted standards. The project does not include any characteristics (e.g., permanent road closures) that

would physically impair or otherwise interfere with emergency response or evacuation in the project vicinity. These conditions preclude the possibility of the proposed project conflicting with an emergency response or evacuation plan. No impacts would occur.

G. Expose people or structures, either directly or indirectly, to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

Per Figure 9-9 of the Fresno County General Plan Background Report, the project site is outside of the State Responsibility area for wildland fire protection. The project will not expose persons or structures to wildland fire hazards.

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?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

See discussion in Section VII. E. GEOLOGY AND SOILS regarding wastewater discharge.

The Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region reviewed the proposal and expressed no concerns related to 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?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

According to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), Division of Drinking Water (DDW), the project will meet the definition of transient non-community public water system, shall comply with Senate Bill 1263 (SB 1263), and be permitted by SWRCB-DDW as a public water system. As part of SB 1263, the applicant has provided technical report to SWRCB-DDW satisfaction making the case that there is no nearby public water system the project could connect to. The project will require drilling of a new well on the property to provide 1200 gallons of water per day to meet the project demand and will also obtain a public water system permit form SWRCB-DDW to operate it.

According to the City of Fresno, Department of Public Utilities, Planning, and Engineering, the project is in Growth Area 2 of the City of Fresno formally named South East Growth Area (SEGA) service zone. According to the Ground Water Sustainability Act (GWSA) of 2014, SEGA was split in Growth Area 1 and Growth Area 2 to promote

inner city development and to limit the expansion growth in outer city limits thus reducing ground water pumping. The Growth Area 2, within which the project site is located, is not allowed new development until the year 2035. Furthermore, presently there are no water main line in the immediate area the project could connect to.

According to the Water and Natural Resources Division (WNRD) of the Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning the project will use limited water, is not within an area of the County defined as being a water short area, and expressed no concerns with the availability/sustainability of water for the project. To conserve water, a Condition of Approval will require that all new landscaping for the property shall comply with MWELO (Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance) standards to conserve water.

- 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:
  - 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 off site; or
  - 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: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

No natural drainage channels run through the project site. Fresno Irrigation District (FID) open canal (Houghton No. 78) runs westerly approximately 2,700 feet east of the project site and crosses the intersection of Belmont and Cornelia Avenues. Likewise, FID's Tracy No. 44 runs southerly traversing the east side of the subject property and crosses Belmont Avenue approximately 30 feet south of the subject property. A Project Note would require that; 1) any street and/or utility improvement plans along Blythe Avenue, Cornelia Avenue, Belmont Avenue, or in the vicinity of this pipeline/canal, shall require FID's review and approval; and 2) a Grading and Drainage Plan shall be provided to ensure that the proposed development will not endanger the structural integrity of the pipeline/canal.

As noted in Section VII. B. Geology and Soils above, any changes to the existing drainage pattern resulting from this proposal will require review and approval of an Engineered Grading and Drainage Plan by and a Grading Permit from the Development Engineering Section of the Development Services Division. Additionally, any run-off generated by the site development will be required to be retained on site per County Standards.

The project site lies within the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District (FMFCD) drainage area "CK"" and shall be subject to the following requirements included as Project Notes: 1) the project shall pay drainage fees at the time of development based on the fee rates in effect at that time; 2) storm drainage patterns for the development shall conform to the District Master Plan; 3) all improvement plans for any proposed construction of curb and gutter or storm drainage facilities shall be reviewed and approved by FMFCD for conformance to the District Master Plan within the project area; 3) site development shall not interfere with the operation and maintenance of the existing canal/pipeline on the property; 4) temporary storm drainage facility be provided on the property until permanent service becomes available; and 5) construction activity shall secure a storm water discharge permit.

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

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FIRM) Panel 1545H, the project site is not subject to flooding from the 100-year storm.

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

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

Reviewing agencies and departments did not express concern with the application to indicate that the project will conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable management plan.

#### XI. LAND USE AND PLANNING

Would the project:

A. Physically divide an established community?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project will not divide the established communities of Fresno. The project site is outside the City boundaries.

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: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The subject property is designated Rural Residential in the Fresno County General Plan and is within the City of Fresno Sphere of Influence (SOI). The project was referred to

the City for possible annexation, but the City elected to not pursue annexation at this time. The City of Fresno General Plan designates the site as Medium Density Residential planned land use and is not consistent with the County General Plan.

The Fresno County General Plan allows non-agricultural uses on Rural Residential land provided applicable General Plan policies are met.

General Plan Policy LU-E.1, criteria a. b. e. g. h. is met in that the project is a cluster of uses (convenience store with a and gasoline fueling facility; fast-food restaurant) at one location; will provide fueling and retail services for the surrounding area comprised of rural residential development; will have a combined frontage of the development on Belmont and Cornelia Avenues less than 660 feet (1/8 of a mile) and consist of two separate commercial uses (convenience store with fueling facility and a restaurant); is located at the intersection of one of the two streets (Belmont Avenue) classified as Arterial in the County General Plan. Criteria c. d. and f. of the Policy is not met in that the project is not within or adjacent to an existing commercial facility and is located one-mile (more than two miles required) west of an existing approved commercial center – a minimarket.

Policy LU-G. 14 is met in that the project site is in the City of Fresno Sphere of Influence, was referred to the city for consideration of possible annexation, the City elected to not annex the property and released it to be processed in the County of Fresno.

#### 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:

Per Figure 7-8 of the Fresno County General Plan Background Report, the project site is outside of a mineral-producing area of the County.

## 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; or
- B. Generation of excessive ground-borne vibration or ground-borne noise levels; or

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The project has the potential to expose nearby residents to elevated noise levels during construction. A Project Note would require that all construction related noise shall adhere to the Fresno County Noise Ordinance.

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:

See discussion in Section IX, E. above.

#### 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:

The project will not indue population growth in the area. No housing is proposed by this application.

#### 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 following public services:
  - 1. Fire protection?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

According to the North Central Fire Protection District (NCFPD), the project shall comply with California Code of Regulations Title 24 – Fire Code and California Code of Regulations Title 19 and construction plans shall be submitted to the County prior to

receiving NCFPD conditions of approval for the project. This requirement will be included as a Project Note.

- 1. Police protection?
- 3. Schools; or
- 4. Parks; or
- 5. Other public facilities?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project will not impact the existing public services or result in the need for additional public services related to police protection, schools, or parks.

#### 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 proposed project will not induce population growth which may require construction of new or expanded recreational facilities in the area.

## 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?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT WITH MITIGATION INCORPORATED:

The project will not conflict with any policy addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadway, bicycle and pedestrian facilities. The project area is rural in nature and is not planned for any transit, bikeways, or pedestrian facilities per the Transportation and Circulation Element of the Fresno County General Plan.

The Design Division of the Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning reviewed the project and required that a Traffic Impact Study (TIS) shall be prepared to assess the project's potential impacts to County and State roadways.

Peters Engineering Group prepared a Traffic Impact Study (TIS), dated March 23, 2021 which determined the following:

The proposed project is a local-serving use and will not be a regional retail destination drawing trips from distant areas. The study intersections are currently operating at acceptable LOS (Level of Service) during the weekday peak hours with acceptable calculated 95th -percentile queues. With construction of the project and other pending projects, the study intersections are expected to continue to operate at acceptable LOS during the weekday peak hours with acceptable calculated 95th -percentile queues. Therefore, the project will not cause or contribute to the need for construction of improvements.

Furthermore, all four of the study intersections (included in the City of Fresno TSMI fee program) are expected to operate at LOS F during the weekday peak hours by the year 2040 (with or without the Project) and will require signalization to operate at acceptable LOS. The project may be required to contribute to the City of Fresno TSMI fee program or otherwise contribute a fair share of the cost of the future construction to account for its share of the cumulative traffic issue. A left-turn lane at the site access driveway on Cornelia Avenue is not warranted based on the year 2040 volumes; however, a left-turn lane at the site access driveway on Belmont Avenue is warranted based on the year 2040 volumes. Considering the Arterial designation of Belmont Avenue and the proximity of the driveway to Cornelia Avenue, it is likely that future construction of a median would not accommodate a left-turn lane from Belmont Avenue.

The Design Division and the Road Maintenance and Operations Division of the Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) reviewed and identified no concerns with TIS. The project will pay its fair share as identified in the TIS for offsite improvements and has been included as Mitigation Measures below:

### \* Mitigation Measures:

- 1. At the time of application for a Site Plan Review for the proposed use, the applicant shall enter into an agreement with the County of Fresno to participate on a pro-rata basis per acreage developed in the funding of future off-site traffic improvement defined in items a, b, c, d below. The traffic improvement and the project's maximum pro-rata share is as follows:
  - a. Install a traffic signal (one) at Olive and Cornelia Avenues. The project's fair share construction cost is \$7,676.00 (or 1.9%) of a total construction cost estimate of \$404,000.

- b. Install a traffic signal (one) at Belmont and Hayes Avenues. The project's fair share construction cost is \$14,136.00 (or 3.8%) of a total construction cost of \$372,000.
- c. Install a traffic signal (one) at Belmont and Cornelia Avenues. The project's fair share construction cost is \$16,968.00 (or 4.2%) for a total construction cost of \$404,000.
- d. Install a traffic signal (one) at Belmont and Blythe Avenues. The project's fair share construction cost is \$10,100.00 (or 2.5%) for a total construction cost of \$404,000.

The County shall update cost estimates for the above specified improvements prior to execution of the agreement. The Board of Supervisors pursuant to Ordinance Code Section 17.88 shall annually adopt a Public Facilities Fee addressing the updated pro-rata costs. The Public Facilities Fee shall be related to off-site road improvements, plus costs required for inflation based on the Engineering New Record (ENR) 20 Cities Construction Cost Index.

The subject proposal is within City of Fresno Sphere of Influence. The City of Fresno Public Works Department, Traffic Operations & Planning Division, also commented on the TIS with regards to traffic impact on City roadways/intersections and requires the following as a Conditions of Approval: 1) the project shall pay Traffic Signal Mitigation Impact (TSMI) Fee per the City's Master Plan Schedule, Fresno Major Street Impact (FMSI) Fee and Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee (RTMF) prior to issuance of building permits

Per the Development Engineering comments on the project, Belmont Avenue is classified as Arterial and Cornelia Avenue is classified as Collector in the County's General Plan and requires additional road right-of-way according to Precise Plan Line Serial No. 91. Currently, Belmont Avenue has an existing right-of-way of 30 feet north of section line and Cornelia Avenues has an existing right-of-way of 40 feet west of section line. A Condition of Approval would require that additional right-of-way shall be provided along parcel frontage to meet the ultimate right-of-way for these streets.

B. Be in conflict or be inconsistent with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15064.3, subdivision (b)?

### FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The State of California Governor's Office of Planning and Research document entitled *Technical Advisory on Evaluating Transportation Impacts* in CEQA dated December 2018 (OPR Technical Advisory) indicates that projects that generate or attract fewer than 110 trips per day generally may be presumed to cause a less-than-significant transportation impact. The OPR Technical Advisory states: "By adding retail

opportunities into the urban fabric and thereby improving retail destination proximity, local-serving retail development tends to shorten trips and reduce VMT.

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) stated that the project is a locally serving retail business. Such business typically reduces vehicle travel by providing a more proximate retail destination and is presumed to have a less than significant impact on vehicle miles traveled. As such, the project would create a less than-significant transportation impact.

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:

The project site borders with Cornelia and Belmont Avenues. The design of the proposed facility includes no sharpe curves. The site sits at the corner of Belmont and Cornelia Avenues will gain access off these streets without creating any traffic hazards. As noted above, the project will be subject to providing additional right-of-way for Brawley Avenue.

D. Result in inadequate emergency access?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project design provides for adequate number of access for general and emergency use. The proposed facility will sue access drives off Cornelia Avenue and off Belmont Avenue for ingress and egress.

The Fresno County Fire Protection District (District) expressed no concerns related to the site emergency access. The District will conduct additional review prior to the issuance of building permits.

#### 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:
  - 1. 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
  - 2. 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: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The project site is not in an area determined to be highly or moderately sensitive to archeological resources. Pursuant to Assembly Bill (AB) 52, project information was routed to the Picayune Rancheria of the Chukchansi Indians, Dumna Wo Wah Tribal Government, Table Mountain Rancheria and Santa Rosa Rancheria Tachi Yokut Tribe offering them an opportunity to consult under Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 21080.3(b) with a 30-day window to formally respond to the County letter. No tribe requested for consultation, resulting in no further action on the part of the County. However, Table Mountain Rancheria (TMR) requested that in the unlikely event that cultural resources are identified on the property, the Tribe should be informed. As such, the Mitigation Measure included in the CULTURAL ANALYSIS section of this report will reduce impact to tribal cultural resources to less than significant.

#### 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: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

See discussion in Section VII. E. GEOLOGY AND SOILS above. The project will not result in the relocation or construction of new 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: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

See discussion in Section X. B. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY above.

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: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

See discussion in Section VII. E. GEOLOGY AND SOILS above.

- 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:

The project development will not generate solid waste more than the capacity of local landfill sites.

All solid wastes produced by the proposed facility will be collected for the local landfill through regular trash collection service and will adhere to local and state standards for disposal of solid wastes.

#### 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 project site is not in or near state responsibility area or land classified as very high fire hazard severity zones. The North Central Fire Protection District expressed no concerns related to fire hazard.

#### 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: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The project will have no impact on biological resources. Impacts on cultural resources have been reduced to a less than significant level with the incorporation of a Mitigation Measure discussed in Section V. CULTURAL RESOURCES above.

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:

Each of the projects located within Fresno County has been or would be analyzed for potential impacts, and appropriate project-specific Mitigation Measures are developed to reduce that project's impacts to less than significant levels. Projects are required to comply with applicable County policies and ordinances. The incremental contribution by the proposed project to overall development in the area is less than significant

The project will adhere to the permitting requirements and rules and regulations set forth by the Fresno County Grading and Drainage Ordinance, San Joaquin Air Pollution Control District, and California Code of Regulations Fire Code at the time development occurs on the property. No cumulatively considerable impacts relating to Agricultural and Forestry Resources, Air quality, Greenhouse Gas Emission or Transportation were identified in the project analysis. Impacts identified for Aesthetics, Cultural Resources, Energy and Transportation will be mitigated by compliance with the Mitigation Measures listed in Sections I., Section V, Section VI and Section XVII of this report.

C. Have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings either directly or indirectly?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

No substantial impacts on human beings, either directly or indirectly, were identified in the analysis.

#### CONCLUSION/SUMMARY

Based upon Initial Study No. 7664 prepared for Classified Conditional Use Permit Application No. 3655, staff has concluded that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

It has been determined that there would be no impacts to biological resources, mineral resources, population and housing, recreation, or wildfire.

Potential impacts related to agriculture and forestry resources, air quality, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, noise, public services, tribal cultural resources and utilities and service systems have been determined to be less than significant.

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

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

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# LOCAL AGENCY MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

## Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program Initial Study Application No. 7664 Classified Conditional Use Permit Application No. 3655

		Mitigation Measures			
Mitigation Measure No.*	Impact	Mitigation Measure Language	Implementation Responsibility	Monitoring Responsibility	Time Span
*1.	Aesthetics	All outdoor lighting shall be hooded and directed downward as to not shine toward adjacent properties and public streets.	Applicant	Applicant/Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning (PWP)	On-going; for duration of the project
*2.	Cultural Resources	In the event that cultural resources are unearthed during ground-disturbing activities, all work shall be halted in the area of the find. An Archeologist shall be called to evaluate the findings and make any necessary mitigation recommendations. If human remains are unearthed during ground disturbing activities, no further disturbance is to occur until the Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner has made the necessary findings as to origin and disposition. All normal evidence procedures shall be followed by photos, reports, video, etc. If such remains are determined to be Native American, the Sheriff-Coroner must notify the Native American Commission within 24 hours.	Applicant	Applicant/PWP	During construction of the construction
*3.	Energy	The idling of on-site vehicles and equipment will be avoided to the most extent possible to avoid wasteful or inefficient energy consumption during project construction.	Applicant	Applicant/PWP	During construction of the construction
*4.	Transportation	At the time of application for a Site Plan Review for the proposed use, the applicant shall enter into an agreement with the County of Fresno to participate on a pro-rata basis per acreage developed in the funding of future off-site traffic improvement defined in items a, b, c, d below. The traffic improvement and the project's maximum pro-rata share is as follows:  a. Install a traffic signal (one) at Olive and Cornelia Avenues. The project's fair share construction cost is	Applicant	Applicant/PWP	Prior to issuance of Building Permit

\$7,676.00 (or 1.9%) of a total construction cost estimate of \$404,000.		
b. Install a traffic signal (one) at Belmont and Hayes Avenues. The project's fair share construction cost is \$14,136.00 (or 3.8%) of a total construction cost of \$372,000.		
c. Install a traffic signal (one) at Belmont and Cornelia Avenues. The project's fair share construction cost is \$16,968.00 (or 4.2%) for a total construction cost of \$404,000.		
d. Install a traffic signal (one) at Belmont and Blythe Avenues. The project's fair share construction cost is \$10,100.00 (or 2.5%) for a total construction cost of \$404,000.		
The County shall update cost estimates for the above specified improvements prior to execution of the agreement. The Board of Supervisors pursuant to Ordinance Code Section 17.88 shall annually adopt a Public Facilities Fee addressing the updated pro-rata costs. The Public Facilities Fee shall be related to offsite road improvements, plus costs required for inflation based on the Engineering New Record (ENR) 20 Cities Construction Cost Index.		

<sup>\*</sup>MITIGATION MEASURE – Measure specifically applied to the project to mitigate potential adverse environmental effects identified in the environmental document.

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## County of Fresno

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

DATE: September 20, 2019

TO: Development Services and Capital Projects, Attn: William M. Kettler, Division

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Attn: Mohammad Khorsand, Senior Planner

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Attn: Chuck Jonas

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Deep Sidhu

City of Fresno, Public Utilities Department, Attn: Scott Mozier, Director

City of Fresno, Public Utilities Dept., Division of Water, Attn: Lon Martin, Manager

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fresnofloodcontrol.org

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.ca.gov

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Dumna Wo Wah Tribal Government, Attn: Robert Ledger, Tribal Chairman/Eric

Smith, Cultural Resources Manager/Chris Acree, Cultural Resources Analyst

Picayune Rancheria of the Chuckchansi Indians, Attn: Tara C. Estes-Harter,

THPO/Cultural Resources Director

Santa Rosa Rancheria Tachi Yokut Tribe, Attn: Ruben Barrios, Tribal Chairman/

Hector Franco, Director/Shana Powers, Cultural Specialist II

Table Mountain Rancheria, Attn: Robert Pennell, Cultural Resources Director/Kim

Taylor, Cultural Resources Department/Sara Barnett, Cultural Resources

Department

San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District (PIC-CEQA Division),

Attn: PIC Supervisor

North Central Fire Protection District, Attn: George D. Mavrikis, Fire Marshal

FROM:

Ejaz Ahmad, Planner

Development Services and Capital Projects Division

SUBJECT:

Initial Study Application No. 7664 and Classified Conditional Use Permit Application

No. 3655

APPLICANT: Daulat Sandhue

DUE DATE: October 4, 2019

The Department of Public Works and Planning, Development Services and Capital Projects Division is reviewing the subject applications proposing to allow a Rural Commercial Center for an automobile service station and a restaurant with related improvements on a 4.99-acre parcel in the RR (Rural Residential, two-acre minimum parcel size) Zone District.

The Department is also reviewing for environmental effects, as mandated by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and for conformity with plans and policies of the County.

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 <u>October 4, 2019</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, Ejaz Ahmad, 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) 600-4204, or email eahmad@fresnocountyca.gov.

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Activity Code (Internal Review): 2381

**Enclosures** 



## Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning

Date Received:

(Application No.)

#### **MAILING ADDRESS:**

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

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Southwest corner of Tulare & "M" Streets, Suite A

Street Level

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Applicant (Print or Type)	<del></del>	Address		City		Zip	Phone
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Representative (Print or Type)		Address		City		Zip	Phone
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## Mail To:

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Email:

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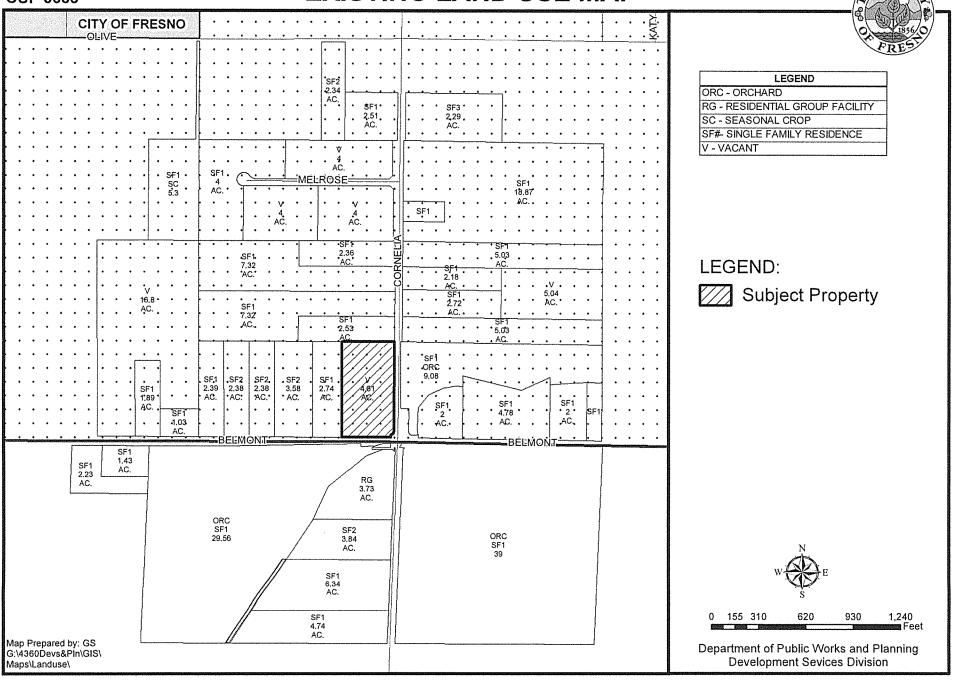
## Pre-Application Review

Department of Public Works and Planning

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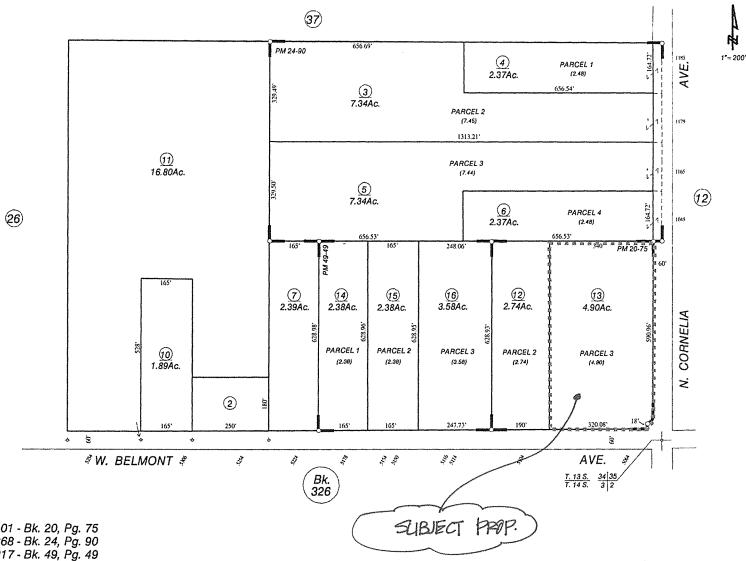


SUBDIVIDED LAND IN POR. SEC. 34, T. 13 S., R. 19 E., M. D. B. & M.

Tax Rate Area

312-39

This map is for Assessment purposes only. It is not to be construed as portraying legal ownership or divisions of land for purposes of zoning or subdivision law.



Parcel Map No. 3101 - Bk. 20, Pg. 75 Parcel Map No. 3868 - Bk. 24, Pg. 90 Parcel Map No. 7317 - Bk. 49, Pg. 49

> NOTE - Assessor's Block Numbers Shown in Ellipses. Assessor's Parcel Numbers Shown in Circles.

Assessor's Map Bk. 312 - Pg. 39 County of Fresno, Calif.

## OPERATIONAL STATEMENT FOR PROPOSED FOOD & FUELING 4 MPD'S GAS STATION, FOODSTORE, SUBWAY APN: 312-039-13. CORNELIA & BELMONT NWC, FRESNO

Proposed 1,976 sf gas canopy with 4MPD's (multi pump dispenser), 38 MG Above ground fuel storage tanks (AST) 3,474 sf Food store including subway. Development to occupy 1.78 Ac while remaining portion of the 4.9 Acre property to remain unimproved.

- 1. <u>Nature of the operation</u>: customers in the area drive to store, buy fuel, pay at the pump or inside store, groceries, soda, milk, cigarettes, lotto, food.
- 2. Operation Time Limits: open your round, 7 days/week, 2 shifts per day, 5:00am to Midnight. No special activities.
- 3. <u>Number of Customers</u>: 200 customers /day as average. 300 maximum during busy Holidays, may drop in anytime, mostly early morning and afternoon.
- 4. Number of Employees: 3 persons per shift, total 6/day...
- 5. Service & Delivery Vehicles: 8 deliveries /week by vendor trucks.
- 6. Access to Site: <P> driveway off Cornelia & <P> driveway off Belmont.
- 7. <u>Parking</u>: <P> paved site 24 Parking stalls plus 8 under gas island canopy (32 total). Type of surfacing proposed Asphalteous concrete.
- 8. <u>Goods Sales</u>: Groceries, gas, beverages, beer, wine, dairy products, hot Mexican meals and Subway sandwiches.
- 9. <u>Equipments used</u>: WIF/WIC, cash register, soda machine, coffee maker... sandwich shop and serving equipments...
- 10. <u>Supplies</u>: Canned & frozen food, oil cans, groceries...stored on Gondolas accessible from aisles. Dairy products stored in WIC, frozen food in WIF. Dry storage on racks.
- 11. <u>Unsightly appearance of use</u>: no noise or odors anticipated. No glare or dust to be produced.
- 12. <u>Solid Wastes</u>: 150 LB/day of domestic garbage, 140 pounds of paper/card box, will be stored in a container and hauled by solid waste management twice/week.
- 13. <u>Liquid waste</u>: anticipated 800 gal/day of domestic liquid waste to proposed Public sewer line extension from existing line on Polk Ave.

  <u>Water use</u>: Estimated consumption 1,200 gal/day. Source proposed new water well replacing existing with onsite water storage tanks.
- 14. <u>Advertising</u>: site sign with fuel prices at street intersection corner. Building sign displaying business name/franchise brands.
- 15. Existing buildings: Existing 1,744 s.f. single family residence and existing 160 s.f. water tower on the site caught on fire and to be removed.
- 16. <u>Building operation</u>: Proposed food store for gas sales, Food & groceries. Subway sandwiches.
- 17. <u>Outdoor lighting:</u> <P> lighting fixtures mounted on building walls, canopy ceiling, and parking light poles, all hooded. No sound amplification systems to be used.
- 18. Landscaping: Proposed along streets and parking lot.
- 19. <u>Fences:</u> Proposed 6' high Chain link Fence around ponding basin and line of maximum area of development.

Owner: Daulat Sandhu 12/31/2019 (559) 347-4241



# County of Fresno

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

Phone/Fau (559) 347-4241

## 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).

OFFICE USE ONLY
IS No. 7664
Project No(s). 3655
Application Rec'd.:  July 2, 2019

### GENERAL INFORMATION

1.	Property Owner: DAULAT SANDHUE		Phone/Fax_ (559) 347-4241
	Mailing P.O. BOX 15010	FRESNO	CA, 93702
	Street	City	State/Zip
2.	Applicant: DAULAT SANDHUE		Phone/Fax:_(559) 347-4241
	Mailing P.O. BOX 15010	FRESNO	CA, 93702
	Street	City	State/Zip
<i>3</i> .	Representative: ELIAS SALIBA, ARCHITI	ECT	Phone/Fax: (559) 276-0479
	Mailing Address: 4668 W. PINE AVE.	FRESNO	CA, 93722
	Street	City	State/Zip
4.	Proposed Project: PROPOSED 1,976 s.t	f. GAS CANOPY W	ITH 4 MULTI-PUMP DISPENSERS,38
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<i>5</i> .	Project Location: 5064 W. BELMONT AV	/E. FRESNO, CA	93723
6.	Project Address: 5064 W. BELMONT AVE	. FRESNO, CA 93	723
<i>7</i> .	Section/Township/Range: 34 / T.13	S /R.19E 8.	Parcel Size: 4.9 Acres
9.	Assessor's Parcel No. 312-390-13		OVER

0. Land Conservation Contract No. (If applicable):						
What other agencies will you need to get permits or authorization from:						
LAFCo (annexation or extension of services) X SJVUAPCD (Air Pollution Control District)  CALTRANS Reclamation Board Division of Aeronautics Department of Energy  X Water Quality Control Board Airport Land Use Commission Other FMFCD, NCFPD						
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 $\_\times$ No						
If so, please provide a copy of all related grant and/or funding documents, related information and environmental review requirements.						
Existing Zone District <sup>1</sup> : RURAL RESIDENTIAL (RR)						
Existing General Plan Land Use Designation <sup>1</sup> : RURAL RESIDENTIAL (RR)						
VIRONMENTAL INFORMATION						
Present land use: RESIDENTIAL  Describe existing physical improvements including buildings, water (wells) and sewage facilities, roads, and lighting. Include a site plan or map showing these improvements:  EXISTING RESIDENCE BURNED DOWN FROM FIRE. EXISTING WATER TOWER TO REMAIN.						
Describe the major vegetative cover: DESERT						
Any perennial or intermittent water courses? If so, show on map: NO						
Is property in a flood-prone area? Describe:  ZONE X MINIMAL FLOOD HAZARD						
Describe surrounding land uses (e.g., commercial, agricultural, residential, school, etc.):  North: RURAL RESIDENTIAL						
South: AE-20 EXCLUSIVE AGRICULTURE						
East: RURAL RESIDENTIAL						
West: RURAL RESIDENTIAL						

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	II.	Commercial - Number of Employees Number of Salesmen Number of Delivery Trucks Total Square Footage of Building	3/Shift, 6/Day N/A 8/Week 3,474 s.f.
	III.	Describe and quantify other traffic gene	ration activities:
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24.	Anticipated volume of water to be used (gallons per day) <sup>2</sup> : 1,200 GPD
<i>25</i> .	
26.	Estimated volume of liquid waste (gallons per day) <sup>2</sup> : 800 GPD
	Anticipated type(s) of liquid waste: PLUMBING FIXTURES FROM FOOD STORE/RESTAURANT
	Anticipated type(s) of hazardous wastes <sup>2</sup> : GAS LEAKS/SPILLS
	Anticipated volume of hazardous wastes <sup>2</sup> : NONE
	Proposed method of hazardous waste disposal <sup>2</sup> : COLLECT AND REMOVE THE DISCHARGE
	Anticipated type(s) of solid waste: PAPER/CARD BOX & DOMESTIC GARBAGE
	Anticipated amount of solid waste (tons or cubic yards per day): 0.15 TONS/DAY
	Anticipated amount of waste that will be recycled (tons or cubic yards per day): 0.14 TONS/DAY
	Proposed method of solid waste disposal: HAULED BY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT
	Fire protection district(s) serving this area: NORTH CENTRAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
	Has a previous application been processed on this site? If so, list title and date: PRE APP#: 39570
<i>37</i> .	Do you have any underground storage tanks (except septic tanks)? Yes No_X
38.	If yes, are they currently in use? Yes No N/A
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(Revised 12/14/18)

<sup>&</sup>lt;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

## <u>NOTICE AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT</u>

## 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.

## STATE FISH AND WILDLIFE FEE

State law requires that specified fees (effective January 1, 2019: \$3,271.00 for an EIR; \$2,354.75 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 CDFW to the County at the request of the applicant. You may wish to call the local office of CDFW 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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Date

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**Development and Resource Management Department** 

Jennifer K. Clark Director

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FRESNO COUNTY
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PUBLIC WORKS & PLANNING

Dear Mr. Ahmad:

SUBJECT: FRESNO COUNTY REFERRAL NO. 1014 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF WEST BELMONT AND NORTH CORNELIA AVENUES AT 5064 WEST BELMONT AVENUE COVERING 4.90 ACRES (APN: 312-390-13)

County Referral No. 1014 relates to an approximately 4.90 acre property located on the northwest corner of West Belmont and north Cornelia Avenues in Fresno County and located on the boundary of the City's Sphere of Influence. The applicants are proposing to file a Classified Conditional Use Permit to allow development as a rural commercial center. The site is presently zoned R-R (rural residential) in the County of Fresno. The applicant is proposing an automobile service station/restaurant.

The City of Fresno General Plan designates the site as Medium Density Residential planned land use. The City's current land use designation would not permit the proposed commercial operation and would necessitate a general plan amendment and rezone process with the City of Fresno. Moreover, the project site is located with Growth Area 2 of the General Plan. This location mandates that additional environmental analysis be performed, specifically a complete water assessment analysis. There are presently no water mains or sewer lines in the immediate area for the project to easily connect with. In addition, given the proposed uses a Traffic Impact Study will be required to determine the impacts and prospective mitigations on area roads including Freeway 180.

Pursuant to Section 4.1 of the MOU between the City of Fresno and County of Fresno an application that is within one mile of the city limits of the City of Fresno and within the City's Sphere of Influence shall first be referred to the City for possible annexation. The City of Fresno elects to **NOT** pursue annexation of the subject property and strongly recommends against a release to the County.

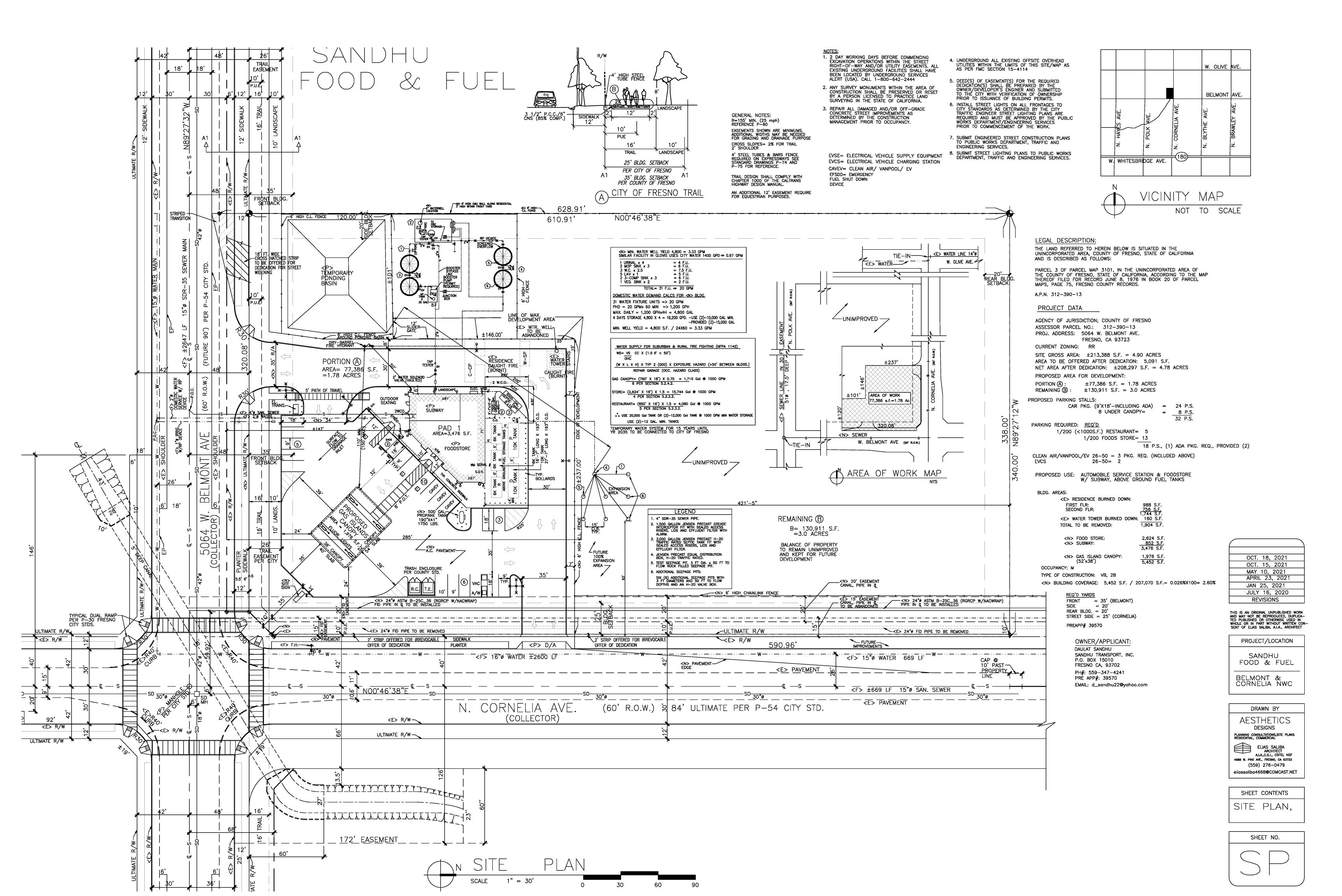
As noted above, the subject site is located within Growth Area 2 of the Fresno General Plan which mandates additional environmental analysis prior to any development commencing within the area. The City is also strongly recommending denial of the proposed CUP. Should the applicant decide to move forward, the City of Fresno respectfully requests the opportunity to review and comment on subsequent submittals on the subject site including any technical studies that are performed.

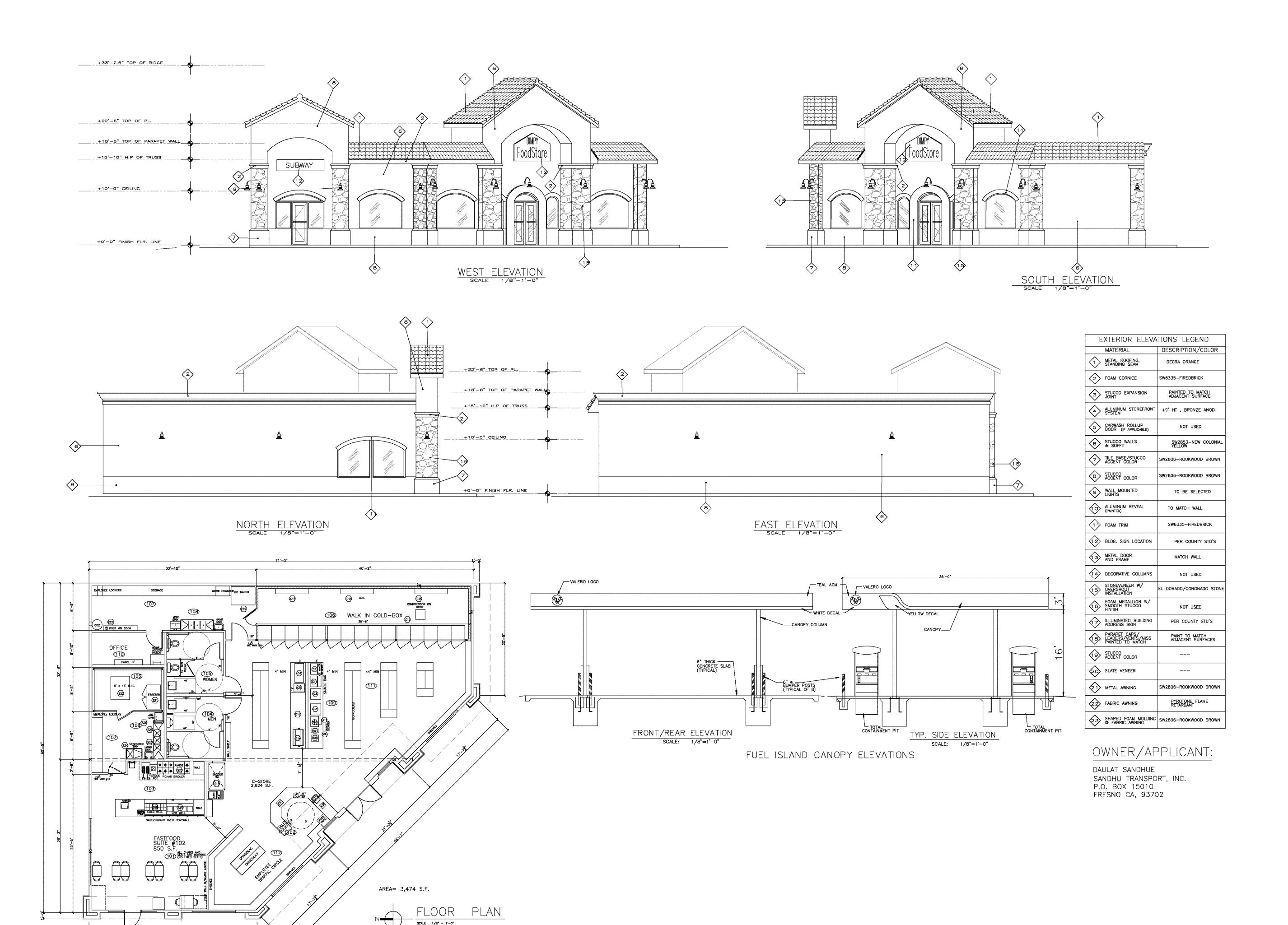
Please contact this office at (559) 621-8040, if you have any further questions regarding this document.

Sincerely,

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**Assistant Director** 





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