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**LAKE OROVILLE AREA PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
ENVIRONMENTAL INITIAL STUDY**

- 1. Project Title:** 3520 Spencer Avenue Property Acquisition
- 2. Lead Agency Name and Address:**
Lake Oroville Area Public Utility District
1960 Elgin Street
Oroville, CA 95966
- 3. Contact Person and Phone Number:**
David Goyer, General Manager
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- 4. Project Location:**
3520 Spencer Avenue
Oroville, Butte County, CA
Butte County Assessor's Parcel Number: 035-106-005
Section 17, Township 19 North, Range 4 East, MDM
See Figure 1: "3520 Spencer Avenue Property Acquisition, Project Vicinity Map."
- 5. Project Sponsor's Name and Address:**
Lake Oroville Area Public Utility District
1960 Elgin Street
Oroville, CA 95966
- 6. General Plan Land Use Designation:**
MLDR - Medium Low Density Residential
- 7. Zoning Designation:**
R-1 - Single Family Residential
- 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.)

Project Purpose

The project will involve the purchase of a single parcel of land adjacent to property already owned by the Lake Oroville Area Public Utility District (District, LOAPUD). The District intends to remove any structures, equipment, or other facilities located on the property following the acquisition. The parcel is intended to be used as an extension of the adjacent parcel as an equipment and materials storage yard.



Figure 1: 3520 Spencer Avenue Property Acquisition, Project Vicinity Map

Background

The Lake Oroville Area Public Utility District provides sanitary sewer collection services for mostly unincorporated areas east and south of the City of Oroville in Butte County, California. The District's boundary encompasses approximately 8,457 acres (13.2 square miles) ranging in elevation between approximately 250 feet and 1,200 feet above sea level.

The District is located primarily in unincorporated Butte County, with some portions located within the city limits of the City of Oroville including the parcel that is the subject of this Initial Study. For the unincorporated areas, land uses are governed by the Butte County General Plan 2030 adopted 2010. For areas within the City of Oroville city limits, land uses are governed by the City of Oroville 2030 General Plan adopted in 2009. The majority of the LOAPUD service area within the city limits is the Southside or South Oroville area, long served by LOAPUD but recently annexed for services other than sewer by the City of Oroville.

In June, 2023, LOAPUD acquired three parcels from the former El Medio Fire Protection District as surplus property. The El Medio FPD dissolved earlier in 2023 and offered their property at 3515 Meyers Street, consisting of three parcels, to LOAPUD as a surplus property acquisition between two public agencies. The property included the fire station building, offices, residential quarters for fire fighters, kitchen facilities, equipment storage, outdoor storage, and firefighter training structures. LOAPUD intends to continue with similar uses on the property including secured vehicle storage

and maintenance facilities, offices, and outdoor equipment and material storage. See "Figure 2, Project Site Map."

In July, 2023, LOAPUD was approached by the owners of 3520 Spencer Avenue as to the District's interest in purchasing the property. At their July 11, 2023 Regular Board Meeting, the LOAPUD Board of Directors authorized District staff to begin negotiations with the property owners.

Project Characteristics

The parcel proposed to be acquired by the District is located on the southwest corner of Spencer Avenue and D Street in South Oroville. The parcel is approximately 0.16 acres. The parcel currently includes an aluminum sided single wide mobile home and two aluminum carports, and is being occupied as a single family residence.

The District is proposing to clear the property of all structures and include it as an extension of their existing property located directly to the west. The District is not proposing any type of lot line adjustment or parcel recombination as part of this project.

The project shall include:

- Acquisition of the parcel known as 3520 Spencer Avenue, APN 035-106-005, by the Lake Oroville Area Public Utility District through fee title purchase
- Demolition and removal of the mobile home, car port structures, and any remaining ancillary structures
- Disconnection and removal of all utilities including sewer, water, power, natural gas, and communications
- Removal of the existing perimeter fence including between the parcel and the District's adjacent parcel to the west
- Installation of a new fence around three sides of the perimeter of the parcel, south, east, and north, leaving the west property line open to the adjacent District property

Rights-of-Way, Encroachment Permits, Use Permits

The project will not require the acquisition of any form of right-of-way, easement, or other use permits.

Area of Disturbance

The total area of the project parcel is 0.16 acres which would potentially be disturbed by the land clearing activities.

9. Other agencies whose approval is required (and permits needed):

None

10. Environmental Setting of the Project:

The District is located in the central valley of California between the Feather River and the Sierra Foothills. Elevations within the District's service area range between 250 feet and 1,200 feet above sea level. According to a data base search from the UC Davis Information Center for the Environment, the District generally includes blue oak woodland, foothill pine woodland, interior live oak forest, urban, agricultural land, cropland, foothill pine-oak woodland, montane hardwood, and cultivated grassland.

The proposed project is located in City of Oroville in the community of South Oroville in Butte County, California. The site is currently fully developed as single family residence consisting of a mobile home, driveway with carports, and yard. Figures 3 – 6 show photographs of the existing parcel.



Figure 2: Project Site Map



Figure 3: Project Parcel Looking Southwest From Spencer Ave. And D Street



Figure 4: Looking South Showing Existing Mobile Home



Figure 5: Looking Northwest Showing Existing Carports



Figure 6: Looking West, Mobile Home Located Behind Trees

Environmental Factors Potentially Affected:

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

- Land Use and Planning
- Transportation
- Public Services
- Population and Housing
- Biological Resources
- Utilities and Service Systems
- Geophysical
- Energy and Mineral Resources
- Aesthetics
- Water
- Hazards
- Cultural Resources
- Air Quality
- Noise
- Recreation
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Mandatory Findings of Significance
- Agricultural Resources

Determination.

(To be completed by the Lead Agency.)

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and 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 sheets have been added to the project. A NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.

I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.

I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect(s) on the environment, but at least one effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets, if the effect is a "potentially significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated." An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.

David Boyer
Signature

8/25/2023
Date

David Boyer
Printed Name

Lake Orouville Area Public Utility District
For

Evaluation of Environmental Impacts:

- 1) *A brief explanation is required for all answers except "No Impact" answers that are adequately supported by the information sources a lead agency cites in the parentheses following each question. A "No Impact" answer is adequately supported if the referenced information sources show that the impact simply does not apply to projects like the one involved (e.g. the project falls outside a fault rupture zone). A "No Impact" answer should be explained where it is based on project-specific factors as well as general standards (e.g. the project will not expose sensitive receptors to pollutants, based on a project-specific screening analysis).*
- 2) All answers must take account of the whole action involved, including off-site as well as on-site, cumulative as well as project-level, indirect as well as direct, and construction as well as operational impacts.
- 3) "Potentially Significant Impact" is appropriate if an effect is significant or potentially significant, or if the lead agency lacks information to make a finding of insignificance. If there are one or more "Potentially Significant Impact" entries when the determination is made, EIR is required.
- 4) "Potentially Significant Unless Mitigated" applies where the incorporation of mitigation measures has reduced an effect from "Potentially Significant Impact" to a "Less than Significant Impact". The lead agency must describe the mitigation measures, and briefly explain how they reduce the effect to a less than significant level (mitigation measures from Section XVII, "Earlier Analyses" may be cross-referenced).
- 5) Earlier analyses may be used where, pursuant to the tiering, program EIR, or other CEQA process, an effect has been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or negative declaration. Section 15063(c)(3)(D). Earlier analyses are discussed in Section XVII at the end of the checklist.
- 6) Lead agencies are encouraged to incorporate into the checklist references to information sources for potential impacts (e.g. general plans, zoning ordinances). See the sample question below. A source list should be attached, and other sources used or individuals contacted should be cited in the discussion.
- 7) This is only a suggested form, and lead agencies are free to use different ones.

Issues	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
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1. AESTHETICS

Would the proposal:

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| a. Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista? | | | | x |
| b. Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, tree, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a scenic state highway? | | | | x |
| c. Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its natural surroundings? | | | | x |
| d. Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area? | | | | x |

Discussion of Checklist Answers:

a., b., c., d. No Impact. The project will not involve the removal of any rock outcroppings or historic buildings and is not within a scenic state highway. The project property is not designated as a scenic vista and is not visible from any designated scenic highways or vistas.

Conclusions:

Impacts associated with aesthetics are considered less than significant.

Mitigation Measures:

No mitigation is required for the aesthetics section.

Issues	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
2. AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY RESOURCES				
<i>Would the proposal:</i>				
a. Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non- agricultural use?				X
b. Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?				X
c. Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code section 51104(g))?				X
d. Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?				X
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?				X

Discussion of Checklist Answers:

a., b., c., d., e. No Impact. According to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency’s California Important Farmland Finder and the map of Butte County Important Farmland 2020, the project area is not within identified farmland areas. The project area is not zoned for agricultural use and does not include any land areas under Williamson Act contracts. The project does not conflict with timberland zoning and will not cause rezoning of any lands. The project will not result in any conversion of farmland to non-agricultural uses or forest land to non-forest use. The area is not suitable for production and management of timber resources. The project will not have any effect on the suitability of the surrounding areas as a timber resource. The project will not affect any other forested areas or convert any areas to non-forest use.

Conclusions:

Impacts associated with agricultural and forestry resources are considered less than significant.

Mitigation Measures:

No mitigation is required for the agricultural and forestry resources section.

Issues	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
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3. AIR QUALITY

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

Would the proposal:

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| a. Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan? | x |
| b. Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation? | x |
| c. Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)? | x |
| d. Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations? | x |
| e. Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people? | x |

Discussion of Checklist Answers:

a., b., c., d., e. No Impact. Acquisition and subsequent removal of buildings on the property will not generate any significant pollutants or odors, will not contribute to any air quality violation, will not increase any criteria pollutant, and will require no additional vehicular traffic.

Conclusions:

Impacts associated with air quality resources are considered less than significant.

Mitigation Measures:

No mitigation is required for the air quality section.

Issues	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
4. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES				
<i>Would the proposal:</i>				
a. Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or US Fish and Wildlife Service?				x
b. Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?				x
c. Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?				x
d. Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native residents or migratory wildlife corridors or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?				x
e. Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?				x
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?				x

Discussion of Checklist Answers:

a., b., c., d., e., f. No Impact. Acquisition and subsequent removal of buildings on the property will not have any impacts on biological resources associated with this fully developed residential parcel. There is no riparian habitat, sensitive natural community, wetlands, migratory wildlife corridors, or other biological resources present at the project site.

Conclusions:

Impacts associated with biological resources are considered less than significant.

Mitigation Measures:

No mitigation is required for the air quality section.

Issues	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
5. CULTURAL RESOURCES				
<i>Would the proposal:</i>				
a.	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in §15064.5?			X
b.	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to §15064.5?			X
c.	Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?			X
d.	Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?			X

Discussion of Checklist Answers:

a., b., c., d. No Impact. Acquisition and subsequent removal of buildings on the property will not have any impacts on cultural resources associated with this fully developed residential parcel. The property is not a historical or archaeological resource and contains no unique geological features.

Conclusions:

Impacts associated with cultural resources are considered less than significant.

Mitigation Measures:

No mitigation is required for the cultural resource section.

Issues	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
6. ENERGY				
<i>Would the proposal:</i>				
a.	Result in potentially significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources, during project construction or operation?			x
b.	Conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency?			x

Discussion of Checklist Answers:

a., b. No Impact. The project will not have any impacts on energy resources nor have any impact on state or local energy plans.

Conclusions:

Impacts associated with energy are considered less than significant.

Issues	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
7. GEOLOGY AND SOILS				
<i>Would the proposal:</i>				
a. Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:				
i. Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated in the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.				x
ii. Strong seismic ground shaking?				x
iii. Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?				x
iv. Landslides?				x
b. Result in substantial soil erosion or loss of topsoil?				x
c. Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable because of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction, or collapse?				x
d. Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property?				x
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?				x
f. Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?				x

Discussion of Checklist Answers:

a., b., c., d., e., f. No Impact. The project does not involve ground disturbing activities other than that associated with the removal of the mobile home and other above ground structures, and possible removal of at-grade features such as driveways. No new structures are planned to be built on the site. The project parcel is not within any Earthquake Zones of Required Investigation as shown on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zone Map. Given the local topology, the area is not subject to landslides. The project parcel is served by a public sewer system.

Conclusions:

Impacts associated with geology and soils are considered less than significant.

Mitigation Measures:

No mitigation is required for the geology and soils section.

Issues	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
8. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS				
<i>Would the proposal:</i>				
a.	Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?			x
b.	Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?			x

Discussion of Checklist Answers:

a., b. No Impact. The proposed project will involve acquisition of a single parcel and subsequent removal of existing structures. As such, there are no impacts to greenhouse gas emissions associated with the project.

Conclusions:

Impacts associated with greenhouse gas emissions are considered less than significant.

Mitigation Measures:

No mitigation is required for the greenhouse gas emissions section.

Issues	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
9. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS				
<i>Would the proposal:</i>				
a. Create a significant hazard to the public or to the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?				x
b. Create a significant hazard to the public or environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?				x
c. Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?				x
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?				x
e. For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?				x
f. Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?				x
g. Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury, or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?				x

Discussion of Checklist Answers:

a., b., c., d., e., f., g., h. No Impact. The project site is not listed as a hazardous materials site. The project does not propose a use or activity that involves hazardous materials. It is not located near any airports or schools. The project will not interfere

with an adopted emergency response plan or evacuation plan. Because of its location, the project will not expose people or structures to wildland fire hazards.

Conclusion:

Impacts associated with hazards and hazardous materials are considered less than significant.

Mitigation Measure:

No mitigation is required for the hazards and hazardous materials section.

Issues	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
10. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY				
<i>Would the proposal:</i>				
a.	Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade surface or ground water quality?			x
b.	Substantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that the project may impede sustainable groundwater management of the basin?			x
c.	Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alternation of the course of a stream or river or through the addition of impervious surfaces, in a manner which would:			x
	i. result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site;			x
	ii. substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site;			x
	iii. create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff, or			x
	iv. impede or redirect flows?			x
d.	In flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zones, risk release of pollutants due to project inundation?			x
e.	Conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan?			x

Discussion of Checklist Answers:

a., b., c., d., e. No Impact. The project does not involve any structures within a 100-year flood hazard area. The project does not involve the construction of any levee or dam, therefore the project will not increase 100-year flood hazards or flooding risks as a result of the failure of a levee or dam. There will be a modest decrease in the amount of

impervious area associated with the removal of structures. The project will not affect groundwater movement, quantity, or quality. Similarly, the project will not affect the amount, current, or course of any surface water. The project is not in a flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zone. The project will not have any effect on water quality control or groundwater management plans.

Conclusions:

Impacts associated with hydrology and water quality are considered less than significant.

Mitigation Measures:

No mitigation is required for the hydrology and water quality section.

Issues	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
11. LAND USE PLANNING				
<i>Would the proposal:</i>				
a. Physically divide an established community?				X
b. Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or Land Use Code) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?				X
c. Conflict with applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan?				X
d. Affect agricultural resources or operations (e.g. impacts to soils or farmlands, or impacts from incompatible land uses)?				X

Discussion of Checklist Answers:

a., b., c., d. No Impact. Land use planning for the South Oroville community is regulated by the City of Oroville through the Oroville 2030 General Plan. The subject parcel is zoned R-1 - Single Family Residential, with a land use designation of MLDR - Medium Low Density Residential. The adjacent District owned property is zoned PQ - Public or Quasi-public Facilities, with a land use designation of PUB - Public Facilities and Services. The District is not intending to rezone the subject parcel as part of this project.

This project will result in the removal of a 1970's era single wide mobile home. The property will be used as a public utility district yard which is a consistent use under the current zoning.

The project will not be in conflict with habitat conservation or natural community conservation plans.

Since there are no agricultural activities within the project area, there will be no affect on agricultural resources or operations.

Conclusions:

Impacts associated with land use and planning are considered less than significant.

Mitigation Measures:

No mitigation is required for the land use and planning section.

Issues	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
12. MINERAL RESOURCES				
<i>Would the proposal:</i>				
a.	Result in the loss of availability of known mineral resources that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?			x
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?			x

Discussion of Checklist Answers:

a., b. No Impact. There are no mineral resource locations or active or past producers of mineral resources in the project area.

Conclusions:

Impacts associated with mineral resources are considered less than significant.

Mitigation Measures:

No mitigation is required for the mineral resources section.

Issues	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
13. NOISE				
<i>Would the proposal result in:</i>				
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?				x
b. Generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?				x
c. A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?				x
d. A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?				x
e. For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?				x
f. For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?				x

Discussion of Checklist Answers:

a., b., c., d., e., f. No Impact. The City of Oroville Municipal Code for Noise establishes maximum allowable noise levels for different types of land uses. Once completed, the project will produce no additional noise. There will be temporary noise created during the demolition and removal of the existing structures, however these activities will be in compliance with the City's designated exceptions for Construction and Alteration of Structures (Chapter 9.20 Noise, 9.20.060 Exceptions - Designated). The project site is not located within an airport land use or near a private or public airport.

Conclusions:

Impacts associated with noise are considered less than significant.

Mitigation Measures:

No mitigation measure is required for the noise section.

Issues	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
14. POPULATION AND HOUSING				
<i>Would the proposal:</i>				
a.	Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or infrastructure)?			X
b.	Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?			X
c.	Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?			X

Discussion of Checklist Answers:

a., b., c. No Impact. This project will result in the removal of one 1970's era single wide mobile home that was formerly used as a residence. The former residents are moving out of the area and have offered the property to LOAPUD. The project will not either directly or indirectly induce growth. The project will not displace any additional existing housing or people or affect the affordability of housing.

Conclusions:

Impacts associated with population and housing are considered less than significant.

Mitigation Measures:

No mitigation is required for the population and housing section.

Issues	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
15. PUBLIC SERVICES				
a. Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered government 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:				
i. Fire protection?				x
ii. Police protection?				x
iii. Schools?				x
iv. Parks?				x
v. Other Public Facilities?				x

Discussion of Checklist Answers:

a.i, a.ii., a.iii., a.iv., a.v. No Impact. The project will have no affect on any public facilities or services.

Conclusions:

Impacts associated with public services are considered less than significant.

Mitigation Measures:

No mitigation is required for the public services section.

Issues	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
16. RECREATION				
<i>Would the proposal:</i>				
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?			X
b.	Include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?			X

Discussion of Checklist Answers:

a., b. No Impact. The project will have no impact on existing recreational facilities nor create the need for future facilities.

Conclusions:

Impacts associated with recreation are considered less than significant.

Mitigation Measures:

No mitigation is required for the recreation section.

Issues	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
17. TRANSPORTATION				
<i>Would the proposal:</i>				
a. Conflict with a program, plan, ordinance or policy addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadway, bicycle and pedestrian facilities?				x
b. Exceed, Conflict or be inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines § 15064.3, subdivision (b)?				x
c. Substantially increase hazards due to a geometric design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?				x
d. Result in inadequate emergency access?				x

Discussion of Checklist Answers:

a., b., c., d., e., f., g. No Impact. The project will likely result in a reduction of traffic on Spencer Avenue and D Street as there will no longer be residents accessing the parcel. Access to the parcel by LOAPUD will be through their existing adjacent property. The project will not have any effect on emergency access, access to nearby uses, or alternative transportation. No increase in traffic hazards are expected. Parking for LOAPUD vehicles will be accommodated on their existing adjacent property.

Conclusions:

Impacts associated with transportation/traffic are considered less than significant.

Mitigation Measures:

No mitigation measure is required for the transportation/traffic section.

Issues	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
18. TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES				
<i>Would the proposal:</i>				
a. Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource, defined in Public Resources Code § 21074 as either a site, feature, place, cultural landscape that is geographically defined in terms of the size and scope of the landscape, sacred place, or object with cultural value to a California Native American tribe, and that is:				
i. Listed or eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources, or in a local register of historical resources as defined in Public Resources Code section 5020.1(k), or				x
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 § 5024.1. In applying the criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resource Code § 5024.1, the lead agency shall consider the significance of the resource to a California Native American tribe.				x

Discussion of Checklist Answers:

a. No Impact. The project involves the acquisition of a single 0.16 acre fully developed residential parcel in the South Oroville community that has no identified significant tribal cultural resources.

Conclusions:

Impacts associated with tribal cultural resources are considered less than significant.

Mitigation Measures:

No mitigation measure is required for the tribal cultural resources section.

Issues	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
19. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS				
<i>Would the proposal:</i>				
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?				x
b. Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project and reasonably foreseeable future development during normal, dry and multiple dry years?				x
c. Result in a determination by the waste water treatment provider, which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?				x
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?				x
e. Comply with federal, state, and local management and reduction statutes and regulations related to solid waste?				x

Discussion of Checklist Answers:

a., b., c., d., e. No Impact. The project will result in improvements to LOAPUD's operations by providing additional space for operations, maintenance and storage. The project will reduce utility and service demands by removing the existing mobile home and discontinuing all services including sewer, water, power, natural gas, communications, and solid waste. Following demolition, the project will not generate any appreciable amount of solid waste. Solid waste generated during demolition will be disposed of at the local refuse landfill.

Conclusions:

Impacts associated with utility and service systems are considered less than significant.

Mitigation Measures:

No mitigation measure is required for the utility and service systems section.

Issues	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
20. WILDFIRE				
<i>Would the proposal:</i>				
a.	Substantially impair an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?			x
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?			x
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?			x
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?			x

Discussion of Checklist Answers:

a., b., c., d. No Impact. The project will have no impact on any emergency response evacuation plan and will result in the reduction of potential evacuees and project occupants by removing the existing residential structure. The project will not require any fire related infrastructure or create any additional fire related risks.

Conclusions:

Impacts associated with wildfires are considered less than significant.

Mitigation Measures:

No mitigation measure is required for the wildfires section.

Issues	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
21. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE				
a. Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?				x
b. Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, and the effects of probable future projects.)				x
c. Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?				x

Discussion of Checklist Answers:

As discussed in sections 1 through 21 above, the project will not significantly impact habitat of fish, wildlife, or plant species, rare or endangered species, historical or cultural resources, nor will it create substantial adverse impacts on human beings, either directly or indirectly. The project will not create any cumulative impacts.

Conclusions:

The project will not create a significant adverse impact on the environment.

REFERENCES: The following references used in preparing this report have not been attached to this report. The reference material listed below is available for review upon request of the Lake Oroville Area Public Utility District, 1960 Elgin Street, Oroville, CA 95966 , (530) 533-2000.

- City of Oroville 2030 General Plan
- California Department of Conservation, Alquist-Priolo Site Investigation Report, Map of Project Area, July 2023
- California Department of Conservation, Earthquake Zones of Required Investigation, Map of Project Area, July 2023
- Butte County Important Farmland 2020 Map
- California Department of Conservation, California Important Farmland Finder (CIFF), Map of Project Area, July 2023
- Custom Soil Resource Report for Butte Area, California, 3520 Spencer Ave Property Acquisition, United States Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service, July 26, 2023
- Flood Insurance Rate Map, National Flood Hazard Layer FIRMeTte, Butte County Ca, Map Number 060017, Federal Emergency Management Agency, July 2023

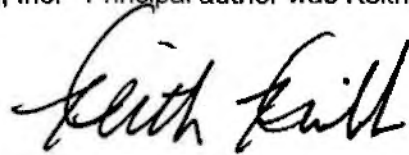
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