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Project Title: Use Permit Application No. PLN2023-0153 – Patterson Cemetery
Lead Agency: Stanislaus County Planning and Community Development **Contact Person:** Marcus Ruddicks, Assistant Planner
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City: Modesto, CA **Zip:** 95354 **County:** Stanislaus

Project Location: 10800 Highway 33 **City/Nearest Community:** Patterson
Cross Streets: Sequoia Road and Rogers Road **Zip Code:** 95363
Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 121º 10' 12.648" N / 37º 31' 30.288" W **Total Acres:** 24.08±
Assessor's Parcel Number: 047-001-051, 047-001-002, & 047-001-026 **Section:** 2 **Twp.:** 5 **Range:** 7 **Base:** MDB&M
Within 2 Miles: **State Hwy #:** Hwy 33 **Waterways:** N/A
Airports: N/A **Railways:** Southern Pacific Railroad **Schools:** Grayson ES

Local Public Review Period: (to be filled in by lead agency)
Starting Date: July 30, 2025 **Ending Date:** August 19, 2025

Document Type:

CEQA: ☐ NOP ☐ Draft EIR
☒ Early Cons ☐ Supplement/Subsequent EIR
☐ Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) _____
☐ Mit Neg Dec ☐ Other: _____

NEPA: ☐ NOI ☐ EA ☐ Draft EIS ☐ FONSI

OTHER: ☐ Joint Document ☐ Final Document ☐ Other: _____

Local Action Type:

☐ General Plan Update ☐ Specific Plan ☐ Rezone ☐ Annexation
☐ General Plan Amendment ☐ Master Plan ☐ Prezone ☐ Redevelopment
☐ General Plan Element ☐ Planned Unit Development ☒ Use Permit ☐ Coastal Permit
☐ Community Plan ☐ Site Plan ☐ Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) ☐ Other

Development Type:

☐ Residential *Units:* _____ *Acres:* _____
☐ Office *Sq.ft.:* _____ *Acres:* _____ *Employees:* _____
☐ Commercial *Sq.ft.:* _____ *Acres:* _____ *Employees:* _____
☐ Industrial *Sq.ft.:* _____ *Acres:* _____ *Employees:* _____
☐ Educational _____
☐ Recreational _____
☐ OCS Related _____

☐ Water Facilities *Type:* _____ *MGD* _____
☐ Transportation *Type:* _____
☐ Mining *Mineral:* _____
☐ Power *Type:* _____ *MW* _____
☐ Waste Facilities *Type:* _____ *MGD* _____
☐ Hazardous Waste *Type:* _____
☒ Other: Cemetery

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 ☐ Geological/Seismic ☐ Sewer Capacity ☐ Wetland/Riparian
☐ Biological Resources ☐ Minerals ☐ Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading ☐ Growth Inducement
☐ Coastal Zone ☐ Noise ☐ Solid Waste ☐ Land Use
☐ Drainage/Absorption ☐ Population/Housing Balance ☐ Toxic/Hazardous ☐ Cumulative Effects
☐ Economic/Jobs ☐ Public Services/Facilities ☐ Traffic/Circulation ☒ Other: None

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Cemetery/General Agriculture (A-2-40)/ Agriculture

Note: The State Clearinghouse will assign identification numbers for all new projects. If a SCH number already exists for a project, (e.g. Notice of Preparation or previous draft document) please fill in.

Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)

Request to expand an existing cemetery facility in the General Agriculture (A-2-20) zoning district, by 11.81± acres in size, for a total of 24.08± acres. The expansion is being requested to accommodate future anticipated needs of the cemetery. In total, the expansion will include the capacity for an additional 7,491 new burial plots, the construction of a new restroom building, landscaping and walkways, chain link fencing, access roads, parking, and decorative free-standing light poles in three phases. Phase one will begin on the northern portion of the project site with the construction of the proposed 160 square-foot restroom, with a new septic system located along the Northwest property line and a new domestic well located in the West corner of the parcel. The cemetery's existing hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and are not expected to change as a result of this expansion. The cemetery currently has four employees consisting of three groundskeepers and one office personnel. Three new groundskeeper positions are proposed, for a total of seven employees. The cemetery currently has 25-30 visitors per-day which is not anticipated to change with the expansion. There are only two truck trips per year for the occasional delivery of vaults and sand. Phases two and three will include expansion of the cemetery facility and burial spaces, with phase two expanding burial spaces to the Southeast of phase one towards the center of the facility and phase three expanding further to the Southeast. The project will also include expansions to the annual Memorial Day events, private and public memorial gatherings, and typical processions (approximately an additional 85-120 per year). These events are already held on the existing facility and will be expanded to the new parcel along with the burial plots.

Reviewing Agencies Checklist:

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	Air Resources Board		Office of Emergency Services
	Boating & Waterways, Department of		Office of Historic Preservation
	California Emergency Management Agency		Office of Public School Construction
	California Highway Patrol		Parks & Recreation, Department of
S	Caltrans District # 10		Pesticide Regulation, Department of
	Caltrans Division of Aeronautics		Public Utilities Commission
	Caltrans Planning		Reclamation Board
	Central Valley Flood Protection Board	S	Regional WQCB # 5
	Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy		Resources Agency
	Coastal Commission		Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of
	Colorado River Board Commission		S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Commission
	Conservation, Department of		San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mountains Conservancy
	Corrections, Department of		San Joaquin River Conservancy
	Delta Protection Commission		Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
	Education, Department of		State Lands Commission
	Energy Commission		SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
S	Fish & Game Region # 4		SWRCB: Water Quality
	Food & Agriculture, Department of		SWRCB: Water Rights
	Forestry & Fire Protection, Department of		Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
	General Services, Department of		Toxic Substances Control, Department of
	Health Services, Department of		Water Resources, Department of
	Housing & Community Development	S	Other: San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District
	Integrated Waste Management Board		Other:
	Native American Heritage Commission		

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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Signature of Lead Agency Representative: Marcus Ruddicks (Jul 30, 2025 14:26:08 PDT) **Date:** July 30, 2025

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