County of Fresno

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING
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# EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

APPLICANT: Mike Kochergen

APPLICATION NOS.: Unclassified Conditional Use Permit Application No. 3807 and Initial Study No. 8603

DESCRIPTION: The project proposes to allow operation of a grease and cooking oil separation and recovery facility, at an existing site where used cooking oil disposal and grease trap pumping is presently occurring; located on a 9.35-acre parcel in the M-1(Light Manufacturing) Zone District.

LOCATION: The subject parcel is located on the west side of N. Brawley Avenue between W. Franklin Avenue and W. Nielsen Avenue, and approximately one quarter-mile west of the nearest city limits of the City of Fresno (APN 326-050-28S)(445 N. Brawley)(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; or

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: NO IMPACT:

The site of the proposed project is in a Heavy Industrial area within the Sphere of Influence of the City of Fresno. No scenic vistas were identified on or near the site that may be impacted by the proposed project. Per Figure OS-2 of the Fresno County General Plan, the site is not located along or near a state scenic highway. The

proposed use is characteristic of the existing use and structures, and therefore, will not degrade the existing visual character or quality of site and 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:

The facility is existing and no new source of exterior lighting is proposed. Moreover, Fresno County Zoning Ordinance Chapter 820.3.080 requires that exterior lighting be directed downward and shielded so that all direct light and glare is confined within the boundaries of the subject parcel, minimizing off-site glare.

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; or

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: NO IMPACT:

According to the Fresno 2022 Important Farmlands Map, the subject parcel is not located on designated Prime Farmland, Farmland of Statewide Importance or Unique Farmland; forest land, timberland, or land zoned Timberland Production; the subject parcel is designated as Semi-Agricultural and Rural Commercial Land as per the Important Farmlands Map. The subject parcel is zoned M-1 (Light Industrial) and is

designated as Industrial in the Fresno County General Plan. The proposed project is a use that is allowed on land zoned M-1 with approval of a Conditional Use Permit.

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; or

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

C. Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations; or

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

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District reviewed the proposed project and expressed no concerns with the proposal. The plan does not conflict with the Air Quality Plan, does not violate any air quality standard, will not result in a cumulative net increase of any criteria pollutant, nor does it expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations or create objectionable odors.

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

D. Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites; or

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

F. Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state Habitat Conservation Plan?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The proposed project was referred to the US Fish and Wildlife Service and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for review and comments. No concerns were expressed by either agency. According to the California Natural Diversity Database, the project site is not located in any reported occurrence areas of a special status species. Therefore, this analysis identified no impacts regarding: 1.) any candidate, sensitive, or special-status species; 2.) any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community; 3.) any federally protected wetlands; nor 4.) any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species, migratory wildlife corridors, or wildlife nursery sites.

The proposed project will neither conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, nor will it conflict with the provisions of any 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; or

B. Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to Section 15064.5; or

C. Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The subject parcel is not located within near any area designated to be moderately or highly sensitive for archeological resources. No historical or paleontological resources, unique geological features, or evidence of possible human remains were identified in this analysis. Therefore, no impact on historical, archeological, or paleontological resources would result from this proposal. A mitigation measure will be implemented to address cultural resources in the unlikely event that they are unearthed during ground-disturbing activities related to the project.

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; or

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

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project site will utilize existing buildings which are subject to local and state standards for building and energy efficiency. The project is expected to have a less than significant impact on energy resources. The project will not 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:

1. Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault?

2. Strong seismic ground shaking?

3. Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?

4. Landslides?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

According to Figures 9-4 & 9-5 of the Fresno County General Plan Background Report (FCGPBR) and the California Department of Conservation, Earthquake Hazard Zone Application (EQ Zapp), the project site is not located on or near identified earthquake hazard zone areas. The area of the proposed project is not identified as an area which by nature is subject to these types of seismic effects. Construction of the proposed project will be subject to seismic design standards.

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

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

No geologic unit or unstable soil was identified on the project site. The site comprises of existing buildings, with most of the area paved area which lies within a paved parking lot. Therefore, the project will not result in substantial soil erosion or loss of topsoil.

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

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

Landslides and other forms of slope failure form in response to long-term uplift, mass wasting, and disturbance of slopes. The project site contains naturally flat relief (slopes of no more than three percent), which precludes the possibility of land sliding on-site.

The potential for seismic-related ground failure (lateral spreading and liquefaction) occurring on the project site is minimal because of the absence of high groundwater levels and saturated loose granular soil. The project site is not in an area identified by Fresno County as being susceptible to liquefaction. In addition, the intensity of ground shaking from a large, distant earthquake is expected to be relatively low on the project site and, therefore, would not be severe enough to induce liquefaction on-site.

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; or

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

Per Figure 7-1 of the Fresno County General Plan Background Report (FCGPBR), the project site is not located within an area of known risk 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; or

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project will utilize an existing on-site sewage disposal system. No concerns related to onsite soils being able to accommodate the existing system or replacement area.

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

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

Based on a review of the archaeological sensitivity layer of the Fresno County Geographic Information System, the subject parcel is not located near an area designated to be moderately or highly sensitive for archeological resources. No historical or paleontological resources, unique geological features, or evidence of possible human remains were identified in this analysis. Additionally, the project will utilize an existing building and no significant ground disturbance is proposed as part of the project. As such, no impacts on historical, archeological, or paleontological resources are anticipated to result from this proposal.

VIII. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

Would the project:

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

B. Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

A Greenhouse Gas (GHG) analysis was prepared for the project by Precision Civil Engineering, dated December 4, 2024. The GHG analysis determined the project construction would generate approximately 69 metric tons of CO2e, and that project operation would generate approximately 45.4 metric tons of CO2e annually, which is consistent with applicable statewide greenhouse gas reduction goals, and with the California Air Resources Board's 2022 Scoping Plan. Therefore, project construction and operation would result in a less than significant impact on cumulative greenhouse gas emissions and would not be in conflict with any adopted greenhouse gas emissions reduction plans, policies or regulation.

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

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

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. 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 (http://cers.calepa.ca.gov/). For more information, please contact the local Hazmat Compliance Program at (559) 600-3271. The default State reporting thresholds that apply are: >55 gallons (liquids), >500 pounds (solids), >200 cubic feet (gases), or at the threshold planning quantity for extremely hazardous substances. All hazardous waste shall be handled in accordance with requirements set forth in the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 22, Division 4.5. This Division discusses proper labeling, storage, and handling of hazardous wastes.

The operation must have less than 10% residual materials by weight and less than 1% putrescible materials by weight for all incoming loads. If the operation exceeds the 10% or 1% threshold for residual or putrescible materials the applicant will need to file an application with the Fresno County Public Health Department, Environmental Health Division for a Solid Waste Facilities Permit at least one-hundred and eighty (180) days in advance of the date on which it is desired to commence operation.

A spill prevention control and countermeasure plan (SPCC) is required for aboveground petroleum storage tanks with greater than or equal to 1320-gallons of storage capacity. (Storage capacity means the aggregate capacity of all aboveground tanks and containers at a tank facility.)

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

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; or

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The subject parcel is not located within one-quarter mile of a school. The proposed project site is not listed on the Hazardous Waste and Substances Site List (Cortese List) which is maintained by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control. There are no listed sites located within a half-mile radius of the proposed project site.

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; or

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The proposal was reviewed by the Fresno County Department of Public Health, which noted that, the proposed project has the potential to expose nearby residents to elevated noise levels. Accordingly, consideration should be given to the County of Fresno Noise Ordinance and the City of Fresno Municipal Code. Project operation will be subject to the provisions of the Fresno County Ordinance Code, Chapter 8.40 – Noise Control.

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

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

There are no project features which would impair implementation of an adopted emergency response plan and the project would be subject to the requirements of the current Fire Code and Building Code.

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

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project site is located in an area of Industrial Use approximately 3.5 miles from downtown Fresno, which is not in a wildland fire area, precluding the site from impacts caused by wildland fires.

X. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY

Would the project:

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

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project does not propose to discharge any waste to ground, therefore no impacts to groundwater would occur. The proposed operation would store process water in tanks on site, to be pumped into tanker trucks for removal to an approved facility.

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

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project was reviewed by the Water and Natural Resources Division, which concluded that the project would not have a detrimental impact on groundwater

resources; additionally, the project is not located in an area of the County identified as being water short.

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?

3. Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned storm water drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff; or
4. Impede or redirect flood flows?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project site is located within the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District (FMFCD) Boundary and Drainage Zone. Written clearance from FMFCD will be required prior to issuance of any grading permit for the project. The project will be required to comply with County standards with regard to site drainage, and any additional stormwater runoff generated by project development must be retained on the subject parcel.

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

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

According to FEMA, FIRM Panel 2105H, the subject parcel is located within shaded Flood Zone X, which refers to areas of a 0.2 percent annual chance of flood, areas of a 1.0 percent annual chance of flood with average depths of less than one foot or with drainage areas less than one square-mile, and areas protected by levees from 1.0 percent annual chance of flood. The subject property is not located in an area at risk from seiche, tsunami, or flood inundation. For areas located within Flood Zone X, any new structures will be required to comply with the current building code as it pertains to flood prone areas, such as the requirement for elevated building pads, and watertight conduit for electrical components.

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

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The subject parcel is located within the Kings Subbasin ground water management area, and under the jurisdiction of the North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency

and subject to the provisions of the 2025 Groundwater Sustainability Plan. The project does not propose a substantial amount of water use for operation, approximately 500 gallons per day primarily for steam generation. Based on the projected water use, the project would have a less than significant impact on groundwater supplies, and would not conflict with or obstruct implementation of the North Kings GSA 2025 Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

XI. LAND USE AND PLANNING

Would the project:

A. Physically divide an established community; or

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

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The proposed project will not physically divide an established community nor cause a significant environmental impact due to a conflict with any land use plan, policy, or regulation.

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:

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

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

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; or

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project is not located within two miles of a public or private airport or airstrip.

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 proposed project will not induce population growth, nor will it displace housing or people. The project consists of utilizing an existing location for the purpose of processing solid waste. It will not induce substantial unplanned population growth in an area directly nor indirectly.

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;

2. Police protection;

3. Schools;

4. Parks; or

5. Other public facilities?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The subject parcel is zoned M-1 (Light Industrial) according to the Fresno County Zoning Ordinance. The proposal will not have substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities. In addition, the Fresno County General Plan.

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 project is not located near any neighborhood or regional parks or recreational centers and does not propose any new recreational facilities or require the construction of such facilities.

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; or

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

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The aforementioned CEQA Guideline subdivision determines projects within one-half mile of an existing major transit stop to cause less than significant transportation impact The subject parcel meets the criteria specified. The state screening threshold is that projects generate or attract fewer than 110 trips per day. A Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMT) analysis was prepared for the project by Precision Civil Engineering, Inc. dated December 4, 2024. The project was projected to generate approximately 50 trips per day between employees, customers and deliveries, which falls well below the state established threshold. Therefore, the project can be presumed to result in a less than significant impact on cumulative vehicle miles travelled.

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

D. Result in inadequate emergency access?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The Fresno County Design Division and the Fresno County Road Maintenance and Operations Division expressed no concerns as the proposed project meets all set back requirements and does not have any major construction that would affect emergency access.

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: NO IMPACT:

The subject site has been previously developed and surrounds areas zoned for Heavy Industrial use, suggesting minimal chance of a cultural resources occurring on the project site. Under the provisions of Assembly Bill 52 (AB 52), participating California Native American Tribes were notified of the project proposal and given the opportunity to enter into consultation with the County on addressing potential tribal cultural resources. No concerns were expressed by notified California Native American Tribes and no consultation request was received. Therefore, mitigation will be implemented to address tribal cultural resources in the unlikely event they are unearthed during ground-disturbing activities related to the project.

XIX. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS

Would the project:

A. Require or result in the relocation or construction of new or expanded water, wastewater treatment or storm water drainage, electric power, natural gas, or telecommunications

facilities, the construction or relocation of which could cause significant environmental effects?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project is not anticipated to require the construction or relocation of any new utilities.

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

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project was reviewed by the Water and Natural Resources Division, which determined that the project has sufficient water supply to serve the project and would not have an adverse impact on groundwater supplies.

C. Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project will utilize an existing on-site wastewater treatment system. The project is not expected to contribute a substantial amount of additional liquid waste beyond the current operation.

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?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

According to the applicant's operational statement, the proposed operation is anticipated to generate approximately .25 cubic yards of solid waste which will be hauled to an approved landfill site.

E. Comply with federal, state, and local management and reduction statutes and regulations related to solid waste?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project proposal was routed to the Fresno County Department of Public Health, Environmental Health Division which expressed no concerns with wastewater treatment. Water and sewer services are provided by Fresno County Water District. FMFCD did not express any concerns from expanded water, wastewater treatment or storm water drainage, electric power, natural gas, or telecommunications facilities.

XX. WILDFIRE

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

A. Substantially impair an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan, or telecommunications facilities, the construction or relocation of which could cause significant environmental effects; or

B. Due to slope, prevailing winds, and other factors, exacerbate wildfire risks, and thereby expose project occupants to pollutant concentrations from a wildfire or the uncontrolled spread of a wildfire; or

C. Require the installation or maintenance of associated infrastructure (such as roads, fuel breaks, emergency water sources, power lines or other utilities) that may exacerbate fire risk or that may result in temporary or ongoing impacts to the environment; or

D. Expose people or structures to significant risks, including downslope or downstream flooding or landslides, as a result of runoff, post-fire slope instability, or drainage changes?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The subject site is already improved with structures that are proposed to be utilized with the subject operation. There are no additional structures proposed with this project. The project will not substantially degrade the quality of the environment or substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species.

XXI. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

Would the project:

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

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

No potential for adverse impacts to wildlife, habitat or sensitive natural community were identified in the analysis by any reviewing agencies or departments.

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

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

No cumulatively considerable impacts were identified in the analysis.

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

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The subject site is not within an area of fish or wildlife species area that would cause a decrease in the wildlife population. The project will not substantially degrade the quality of the environment nor substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species. Responsible agencies and departments concurred with the findings and conclusions of the prepared technical studies and determined that no substantial adverse impacts on human beings would occur.

**CONCLUSION/SUMMARY**

Based upon the Initial Study prepared for Unclassified Conditional Use Permit Application No. 3807, staff has concluded that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

It has been determined that there would be no impacts to Aesthetics, Energy, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use and Planning, Mineral Resources, Population and Housing, Public Services, Recreation, Transportation, Utilities and Service Systems, and Wildfire.

Potential impacts related to Agricultural Biological, Air Quality Resources, Cultural and Tribal Cultural Resources and Forestry Resources, Geology and Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Noise, have been determined to be less than significant.

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

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