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SCH #: 2026031301

Project Title: Tulare County Zoning Ordinance Update PZC25-005 (Agricultural) & PZC25-008 (Residential)

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Project Location: Unincorporated Area, Countywide

City

County

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

Several sections within the Tulare County Zoning Ordinance have remained unchanged throughout the years, resulting in language that is outdated, no longer relevant, or conflicting with other sections that have been updated. In addition, based on feedback received, the Zoning Ordinance was found to be difficult to navigate as information has had tendencies to be found in multiple locations, making it more difficult to be able to find specific information. The County is proposing updates to ensure that the Zoning Ordinance conforms to the General Plan, is more streamlined, and is easier to navigate.

Text Amendment No. PZC 25-005 is proposing to update the Agricultural Zoning sections in the Tulare County Zoning Ordinance, and Text Amendment No. PZC 25-008 is proposing to update the Residential Zoning sections. This project would take place in all areas within Tulare County under Residential or Agricultural zoning.

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

As there is no specific development project resulting from the Zoning Ordinance Update, mitigation measures would be applied to future projects resulting in construction or the conversion of land use. The Agricultural and Forestry Resource and Land Use Planning resource use Mitigation Measure AG-1 "Prior to recordation of the first final map or issuance of the first grading permit, whichever occurs first, within an "FMMP area" of the Project area, as applicable, the Applicant shall demonstrate compliance with the Tulare County Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP). The Applicant shall implement one (1) of the five (5) options described in the EIR."

The Population and Housing Resource, while it does no reference specific mitigation measures, does acknowledge five different Action Programs within the Tulare County Housing Element that are required to comply with State Housing Element Law.

Below are the summarized mitigation measures applied to the Tribal Cultural Resource:

CUL-1 In the event that historical, archaeological or paleontological resources are discovered during site excavation, the County shall require that grading and construction work on the Project site be immediately suspended until the significance of the features can be determined by a qualified archaeologist or paleontologist.

CUL-2 In Consistent with Section 7050.5 of the California Health and Safety Code and (CEQA Guidelines) Section 15064.5, if human remains of Native American origin are discovered during Project construction, it is necessary to comply with State laws relating to the disposition of Native American burials

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

There was concern over the conversion of a few existing uses for Agricultural Zones as the County changed to using animal units rather than a strict "2 quadrupeds allowed per acre" metric. The new calculations for animal units were presented during workshops with the Tulare County Planning Commission and agreed upon by the relevant agencies, such as the Tulare County Farm Bureau, as the changes did not allow for an increase in use beyond the maximum environmental impacts that would have been experienced under the 2 quadruped per acre rule, and only converted the allowed amount to be specific to the type of animal instead.

No other specific concerns pertaining to the Tulare County Zoning Ordinance have been received.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

Air Resources Board, California Highway Patrol Visalia, Office of Historic Preservation, California Highway Patrol Visalia, Caltrans District # 6 - Fresno, Public Utilities Commission, Regional WQCB # 5 Fresno, Resources Agency, Conservation, Department of, Energy Commission, Fish & Wildlife Region # 4 - Fresno, SWRCB: Water Quality, Food & Agriculture, Department of, General Services, Department of, Toxic Substances Control, Department of, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Integrated Waste Management Board, U.S. Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Native American Heritage Commission, San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, Tulare County Resource Management (Fire, Flood, PW), Tulare County Local Agency Formation Commission, Tulare County HHSA – Environmental Health, Tulare County Agricultural Commissioner, Tulare County Office of Emergency Services, Tulare County Association of Governments, Tulare County Resources Conservation District, Tulare County Farm Bureau, Tulare County Sheriff's Office, Tulare County Fire Warden, and Tulare County U.C. Cooperative Extension