



REPORT TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

January 16, 2013

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Development Services Division

BY: WILL TACKETT, Planner III
Development Services Division

AGENDA ITEM NO. VIII.A.
COMMISSION MEETING: 01/16/13

APPROVED BY

DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF REZONE APPLICATION NO. R-12-006; AND,
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. R-12-006/S-12-069/VPM-12-014.

RECOMMENDATION

Action by the Planning Commission regarding the rezone application will be a recommendation to the City Council.

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission take the following actions:

1. RECOMMEND APPROVAL (to the City Council) of the adoption of the Finding of Conformity, to the 2025 Fresno General Plan Master Environmental Impact Report (MEIR) No. 10130 and the Mitigated Negative Declaration for Plan Amendment A-09-02 (Air Quality MND), prepared for Environmental Assessment No. R-12-006/S-12-069/VP-12-014 dated November 30, 2012.
2. RECOMMEND APPROVAL (to the City Council) of Rezone Application No. R-12-006 requesting authorization to rezone the approximately 1.32 acre subject property from the M-1 (*Light Manufacturing*) zone district to the C-M (*Commercial and Light Manufacturing*) zone district.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Rezone Application No. R-12-006 has been filed by Lars Andersen and Associates, Inc. pertaining to approximately 1.32 acres of property located on the south side of East Jensen Avenue between South Elm Avenue and State Route 41. Rezone Application No. R-12-006 proposes to rezone the subject property from the M-1 (*Light Manufacturing*) zone district to the C-M (*Commercial and Light Manufacturing*) zone district.

Site Plan Review Application No. S-12-069 has also been filed for the subject property requesting authorization to construct a new approximately 9,180 square-foot building for commercial retail purposes on the subject property. If approved, Rezone Application No. R-12-006 will facilitate approval of Site Plan Review Application No. S-12-069 by rezoning the subject property to a zone district, which is consistent with its planned land use designation; and, which permits the commercial use proposed.

The approximately 1.32 acre subject property currently exists as two separate legal lots of record. Voluntary Parcel Merger Application No. VPM-12-014 has been submitted in order to merge the two existing lots into one parcel for purposes of the proposed project.

The subject property is located within the boundaries of the 2025 Fresno General Plan, Edison Community Plan, and Southwest Fresno General Neighborhood Renewal Area (GNRA) Redevelopment Plan, which designate the subject property for Light Industrial planned land uses. According to Table 2 (Planned Land Use and Zone District Consistency Matrix) of the 2025 Fresno General Plan and Section 12-403 of the Fresno Municipal Code, the proposed C-M (*Commercial and Light Manufacturing*) zone district is consistent with the Light Industrial planned land use designation for the subject property.

PROJECT INFORMATION

PROJECT	Request to rezone the subject property from the M-1 (<i>Light Manufacturing</i>) zone district to the C-M (<i>Commercial and Light Manufacturing</i>) zone district in order to facilitate the construction and establishment of a new commercial building on the subject property pursuant to Site Plan Review Application No. S-12-069.
APPLICANT	Lars Andersen and Associates, Inc.
LOCATION	South side of East Jensen Avenue between South Elm Avenue and State Route 41. (Council District 3, Councilmember Baines)
SITE SIZE	Approximately 1.32 acres
LAND USE	Existing - Vacant Planned - Light Industrial
ZONING	Existing - <u>M-1</u> (<i>Light Manufacturing District</i>) Proposed - <u>C-M</u> (<i>Commercial and Light Manufacturing District</i>)
PLAN DESIGNATION AND CONSISTENCY	Pursuant to Table 2 (Planned Land Use and Zone District Consistency Matrix) of the 2025 Fresno General Plan, the proposed C-M (<i>Light Manufacturing</i>) zone district is consistent with the Light Industrial planned land use designation for the subject property.
ENVIRONMENTAL FINDING	<u>Environmental Assessment No. R-12-006/S-12-069/VPM-12-014:</u> Finding of Conformity to the 2025 Fresno General Plan Master Environmental Impact Report (MEIR) No. 10130 and the Mitigated Negative Declaration for Plan Amendment A-09-02 (Air Quality MND) dated November 30, 2012.
PLAN COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION	The Council District 3 Plan Implementation Committee recommended approval of the proposed project at its meeting held December 03, 2012.
STAFF RECOMMENDATION	Recommend the Planning Commission recommend approval of Rezone Application No. R-12-006 to the City Council.

BORDERING PROPERTY INFORMATION

	Planned Land Use	Existing Zoning	Existing Land Use
North	Medium Density Residential	R-1 <i>Single Family Residential District</i>	Single Family Residential
East	Light Industrial	M-1 <i>Light Manufacturing District</i>	Single Family Residential
South	Light Industrial	M-1 <i>Light Manufacturing District</i>	Vacant
West	Light Industrial	M-1 <i>Light Manufacturing District</i>	Automobile Service (Gas) Station

ENVIRONMENTAL FINDING

The Development and Resource Management Department staff have prepared an initial study and environmental checklist and evaluated the proposed development in accordance with the land use and environmental policies and provisions of the 2025 Fresno General Plan, the related Master Environmental Impact Report (MEIR) No. 10130/State Clearing House No. 2001071097 and the Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for Plan Amendment A-09-02 to amend the Air Quality Element of the 2025 Fresno General Plan (Air Quality MND).

The subject property has been proposed to be rezoned to a zone district consistent with the applicable planned land use designation for the property and is proposed to be utilized for a use permitted by the proposed zone district classification for the site.

Thus, the rezoning of the subject property, as proposed by Rezone Application No. R-12-006, will not facilitate an intensification of uses beyond that which would be allowed by the above-noted planned land use designation. Moreover, it is not expected that the future development or use of the subject property, as permissible within the proposed zone district, will adversely impact existing city service systems or the traffic circulation system that serves the subject property. These infrastructure findings have been verified by the Public Works and Public Utilities Departments. It has been further determined that all applicable mitigation measures of MEIR No. 10130 have been applied to the project necessary to assure that the project will not cause significant adverse cumulative impacts, growth inducing impacts, and irreversible significant effects beyond those identified by MEIR No. 10130 and Air Quality MND as provided by CEQA Section 15177(b)(3).

Pursuant to Section 21157.1 of the California Public Resources Code (California Environmental Quality Act), it may be determined that a subsequent project, as identified in the MEIR pursuant to Section 21157(b)(2) of the Public Resources Code and CEQA Guidelines Section 15177, falls within the scope of a MEIR, provided that the project does not cause significant impacts on the environment that were not previously examined by the MEIR and the Air Quality MND. Relative to the specific project proposal, the environmental impacts noted in the MEIR and Air Quality MND, pursuant to the 2025 Fresno General Plan land use designation, include impacts associated with the Light Industrial planned land use designation specified for the subject property. Based on the initial study prepared, the

following findings are made: (1) The proposed project was identified as a Subsequent Project in MEIR No. 10130 because its land use designation and permissible densities and intensities are set forth in Figure I-1 of MEIR No. 10130; (2) The proposed project will not generate additional significant effects not previously identified and analyzed by the MEIR (as indicated on the attached Environmental Assessment Checklist) and Air Quality MND for the reasons discussed within the environmental assessment for the subject project; and, (3) No new additional mitigation measures are required because the proposed project will not generate additional significant effects not previously identified and analyzed by the MEIR and Air Quality MND.

Therefore, the project proposal has been determined to be fully within the scope of the MEIR and Air Quality MND as defined by Section 15177 of the CEQA Guidelines and staff has properly published a Finding of Conformity to MEIR No. 10130 dated November 30, 2012, with no comments received to date. In addition, after conducting a review of the adequacy of the MEIR pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21157.6(b)(1), the Development and Resource Management Department, as lead agency, finds that no substantial changes have occurred with respect to the circumstances under which the MEIR was certified and the Air Quality MND was adopted and that no new information, which was not known and could not have been known at the time that the MEIR was certified as complete and the Air Quality MND was adopted, has become available.

BACKGROUND / ANALYSIS

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Property located to the north of the subject property (across East Jensen Avenue) has been developed with single family residential uses and is planned for Medium Density Residential uses. The property located to the east subject property was originally developed with three single family residential dwellings. However, two of the three existing residential dwellings have been abandoned and the

property is currently zoned and planned for Light Industrial use. Property to the south of the subject property remains vacant and is also planned and zoned for Light Industrial use. Property to the west of the subject property has been developed with an automobile service (gas) station consistent with its existing and planned Light Industrial planned land use designation.

Circulation Element Plan Policies and Major Street System Traffic Capacity

The 2025 Fresno General Plan Circulation Element designates East Jensen Avenue as a six-lane divided arterial street capable of carrying approximately 34,800 Average Daily Trips (ADT).

The Public Works Department, Traffic and Engineering Services Division has reviewed the subject rezone application and has determined that the streets adjacent to and near the subject site will be able to accommodate the quantity and kind of traffic generated.

Applying the factors outlined in the Institute of Traffic Engineers (ITE) Trip Generation Manual, the Department of Public Works, Traffic Engineering Division has assessed that the proposed project is expected to generate approximately 514 ADT with 7 vehicle trips occurring during the morning (7 to 9 a.m.) peak hour travel period and 46 vehicle trips occurring during the evening (4 to 6 p.m.) peak hour travel period.

The area street plans are the product of careful planning that projects traffic capacity needs based on the densities and intensities of planned land uses anticipated at build-out of the planned area. These streets will provide adequate access to, and recognize the traffic generating characteristics of, individual properties and, at the same time, afford the community an adequate and efficient circulation system.

Public Resources and Services

The Public Utilities Department has determined that adequate sanitary sewer and water services are available to serve the intensity of uses permissible under the proposed zone district classification subject to the payment of applicable connection charges and fees.

Implementation of the 2025 Fresno General Plan policies, mitigation measures of Master Environmental Impact Report No. 10130 and the Water Resources Management Plan will provide an adequate, reliable, and sustainable water supply for the project's urban domestic and public safety consumptive purposes.

CONCLUSION

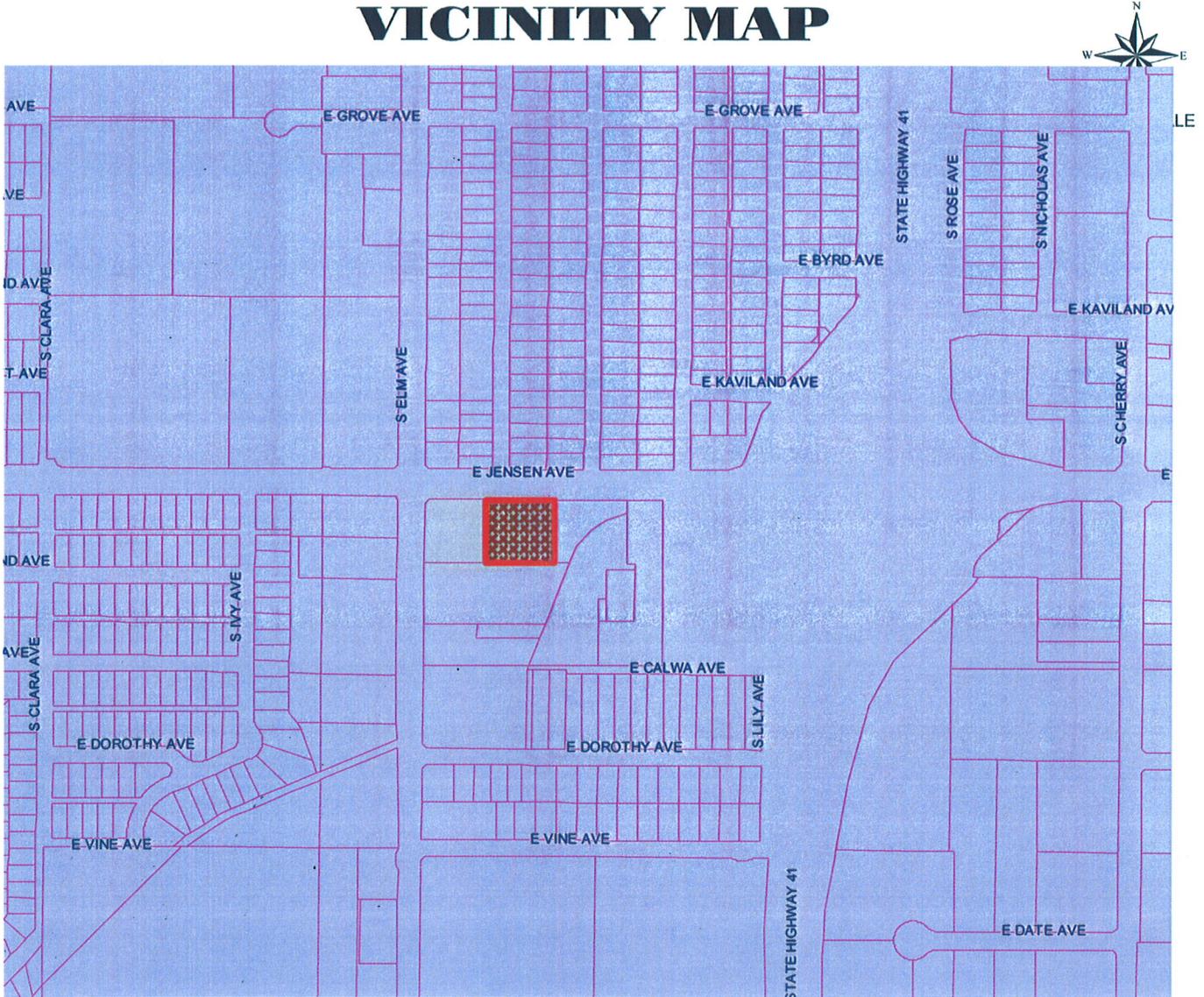
The appropriateness of the proposed project has been examined with respect to its consistency with goals and policies of the 2025 Fresno General Plan the Edison Community Plan and Southwest Fresno General Neighborhood Renewal Area (GNRA) Redevelopment Plan; its compatibility with surrounding existing or proposed uses; and its avoidance or mitigation of potentially significant adverse environmental impacts. These factors have been evaluated as described above and by the accompanying environmental assessment. Upon consideration of this evaluation, it can be concluded that Rezone Application No. R-12-006 is appropriate for the project site.

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Attachments: Vicinity Map
Public Hearing Notice Mailing List Vicinity Map
Aerial Photograph of Site
2025 Fresno General Plan Planned Land Use Map
Preliminary Exhibits for Site Plan Review Application No. S-12-069
Environmental Assessment No. R-12-006/S-12-069/VPM-12-014 dated
November 30, 2012
Memoranda from Responsible Departments and Agencies respective to Rezone
Application No. R-12-006 and Site Plan Review Application No. S-12-069.

Rezone Application No. R-12-006
Site Plan Review Application No. S-12-069
Voluntary Parcel Merger Application No. 2012-14
South side of E. Jensen Ave. btwn. S. Elm Ave. &
State Route 41

VICINITY MAP



LEGEND

 Subject Property

Request ID: R-12-006 350

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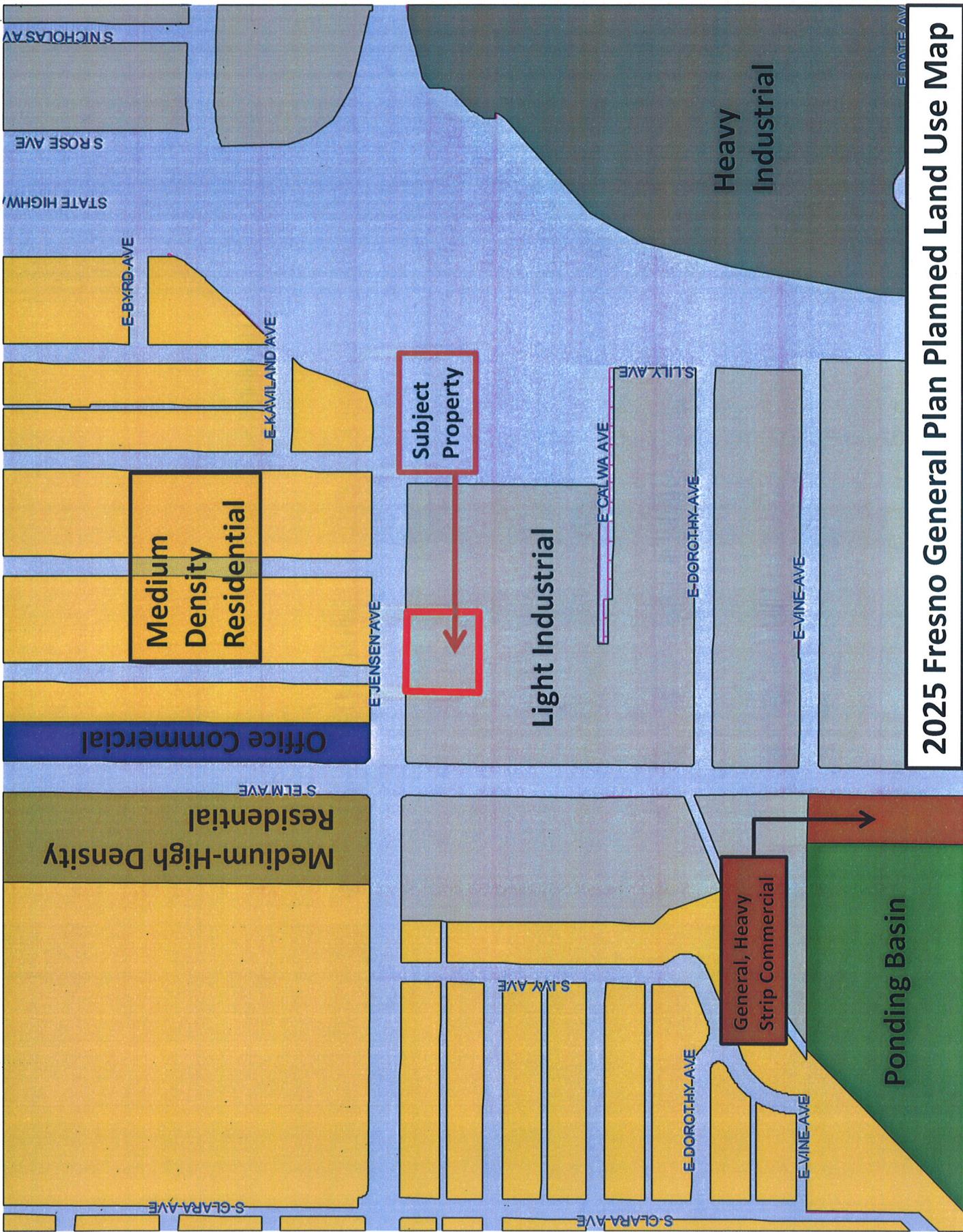
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2012 Aerial Photograph



2025 Fresno General Plan Planned Land Use Map

ENTITLEMENT PLANS
FOR



S.E.C Jensen and Elm Avenues
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA

SITE PLAN REVIEW



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CITY OF FRESNO, FRESNO COUNTY, STATE OF CAL.
DATE: 10/11/12
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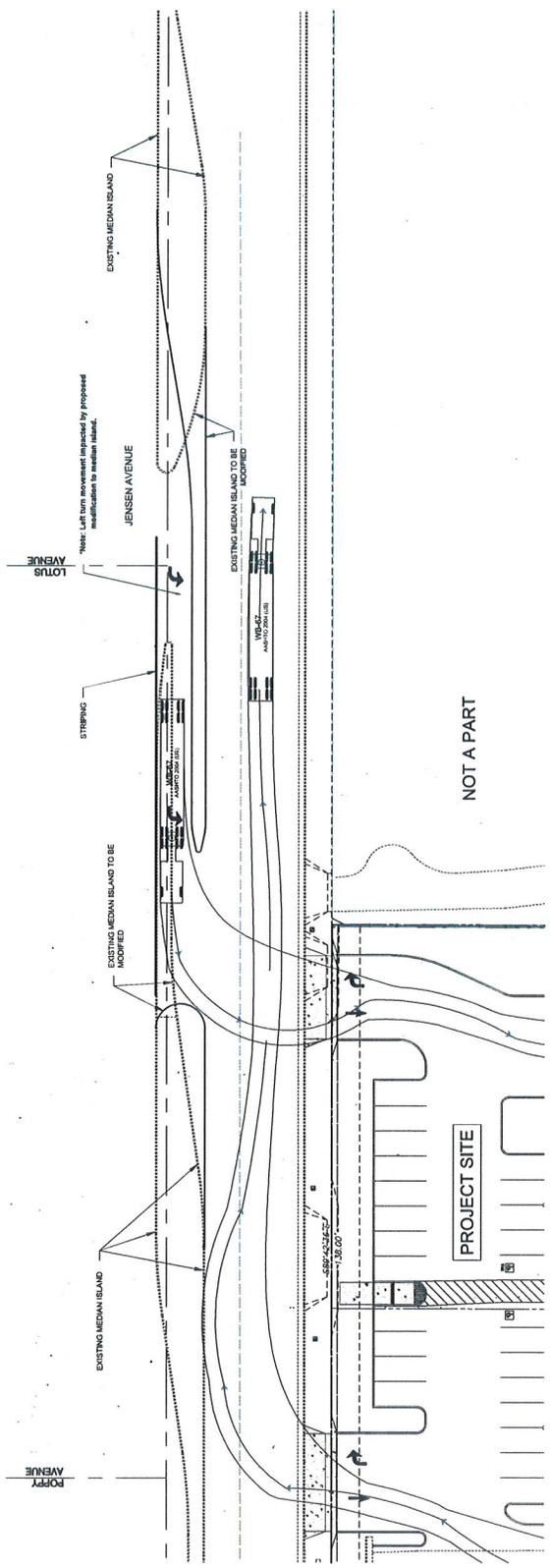
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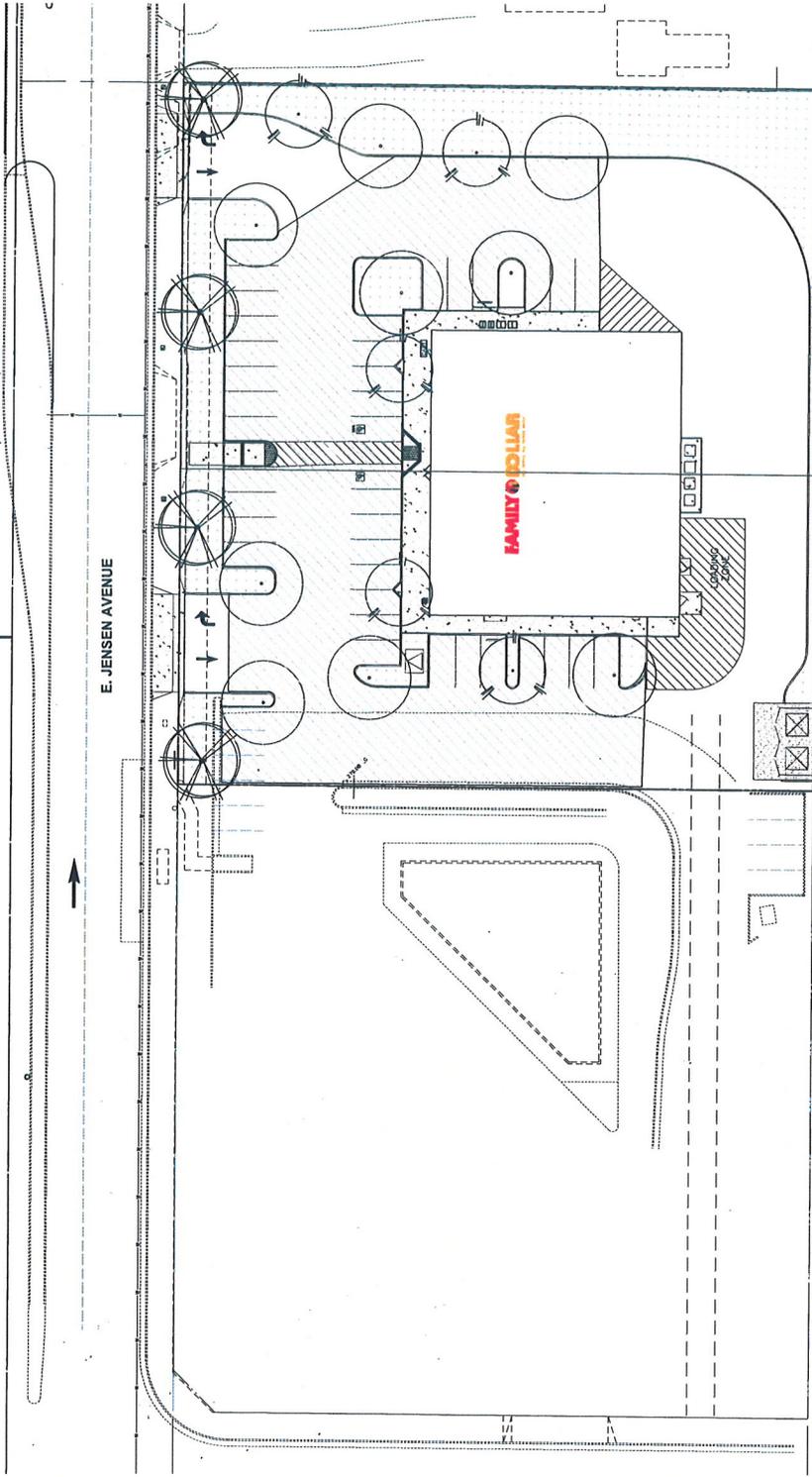
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 DEVELOPMENT WEST

NOTES:
 PROJECT PLANS SHALL COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE ORDINANCE (AS
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 TREES SHALL BE MAINTAINED IN GOOD HEALTH, HOWEVER, TREES MAY NOT BE TRIMMED OR PRUNED TO REDUCE
 SAFETY OR AS MAY OTHERWISE BE APPROVED BY THE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.
 LANDSCAPING MAY BE IN PLACE BEFORE ISSUANCE OF THE CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY A HOLD OR
 OCCUPANCY SHALL BE PLACED ON THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT UNTIL SUCH TIME THAT LANDSCAPING HAS
 BEEN APPROVED AND VERIFIED FOR PROPER INSTALLATION BY THE PLANNING DIVISION.
 PRIOR TO PROCEEDING WITH A WRITTEN CONTINGUATION ISSUED BY A LANDSCAPE PROFESSIONAL, APPROVED
 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIVISION DEVELOPMENT DEPT.
 EXPLODED UTILITY BOARDS, TRANSPORTATION NETWORKS, AND/OR OTHER ITEMS (INCLUDING THE BLACK PLANES)
 ETC., ARE ALLOWED TO BE LOCATED IN THE LANDSCAPE AREAS OR BETWEEN OR ON THE STREET FRONTAGES
 BE SCREENED BY LANDSCAPING OR SUCH OTHER MEANS AS MAY BE APPROVED.

LEGEND:
 AUTOMOBILE PARKING AND DRIVEWAY TO BE SHADED
 STABILIZED GROUND COVER
 STREET TREES, AT FRONT PLACE OF PAVEMENT, 25% OF PROPOSED WIDTH OF DRIVEWAY
 4 TREES PROVIDED TO BE SELECTED FROM CITY OF FRESNO STREET TREE LIST

TREE SHADING CALCULATION:

TOTAL PUBLIC PARKING PAVED AREA TO BE SHADED	20,004 SF
SHADE TREES PROVIDE (HINDED SPECIES)	12 TREES
MEDIUM FIELD TREES (DOON)	5,335 SF
LARGE FIELD TREES (DOON)	16,669 SF
TOTAL SF OF SHADE PROVIDED	22,004 SF
% OF PAVED AREA SHADED	60.0%



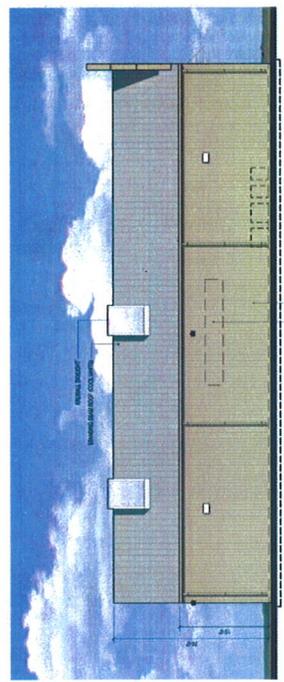
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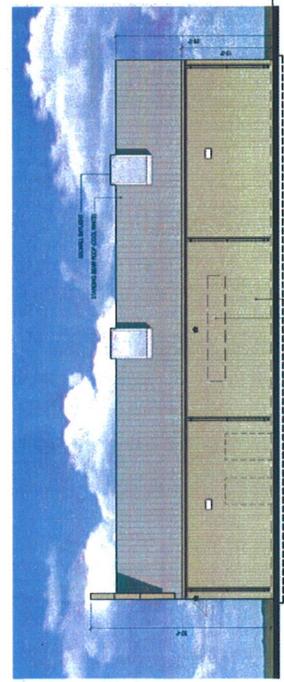
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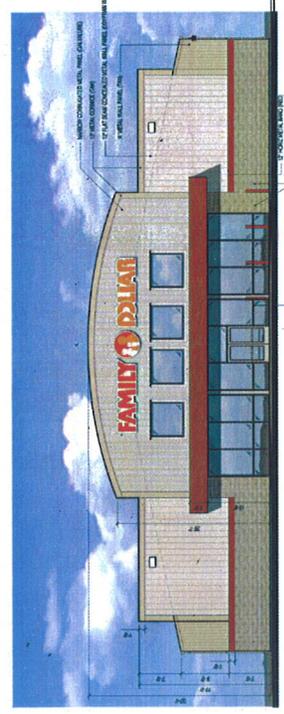
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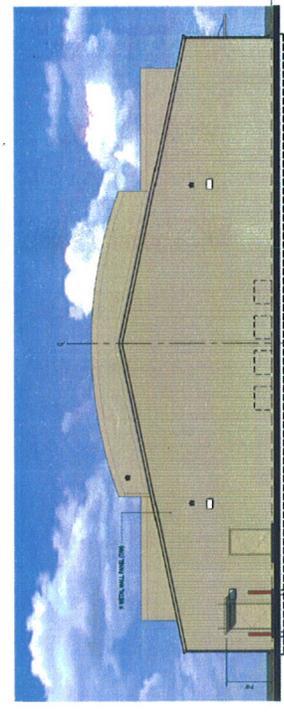
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RIGHT ELEVATION WEST



FRONT ELEVATION NORTH



REAR ELEVATION SOUTH

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-  COLOR: EGYPTIAN WHITE PANELS BY CRC STEEL BUILDINGS
-  COLOR: PATRIOT RED PANELS BY CRC STEEL BUILDINGS
-  COLOR: E-FRED WALL PANEL BY NCHRA USA

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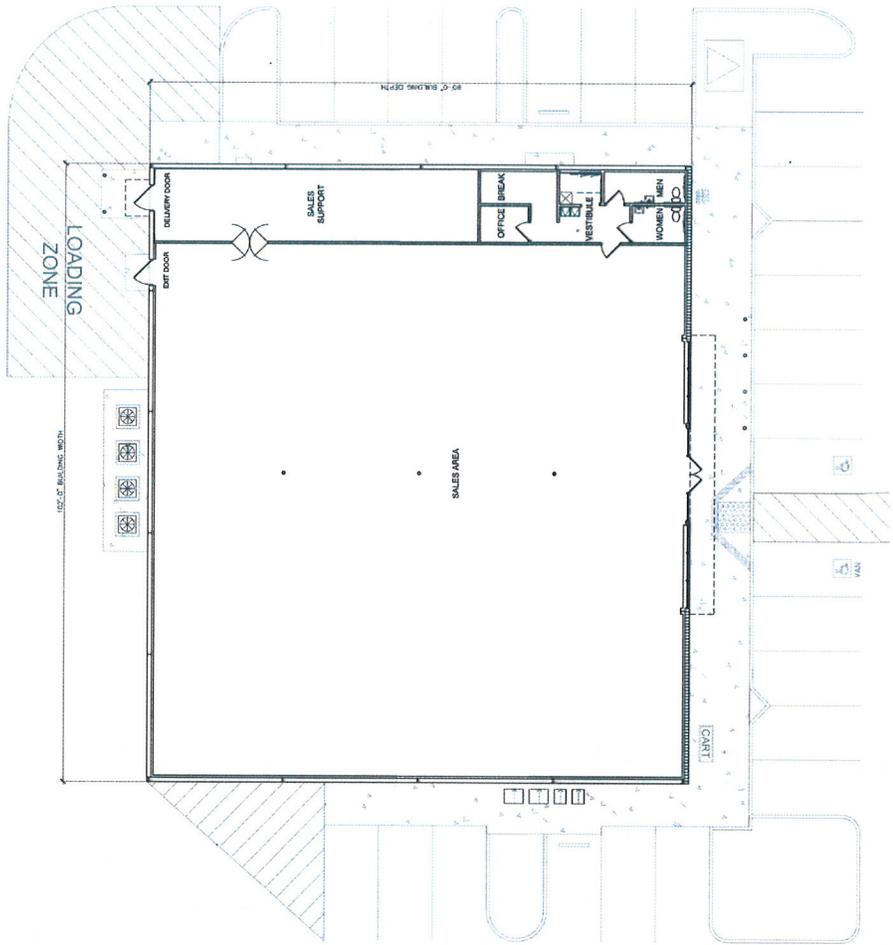
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FLOOR PLAN

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**CITY OF FRESNO – ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
 FINDING OF CONFORMITY / MEIR NO. 10130/MND FOR PLAN AMENDMENT A-09-02
 (AIR QUALITY MND)**

<p>Pursuant to Section 21157.1 of the California Public Resource Code (California Environmental Quality Act) the project described below is determined to be within the scope of the Master Environmental Impact Report (MEIR) No. 10130 prepared for the 2025 Fresno General Plan</p>	<p>DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING:</p> <p>Notice of Intent filed with the Fresno County Clerk's Office on:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">November 30, 2012</p>
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<p>Applicant:</p> <p>Lars Andersen & Associates, Inc. 4694 West Jacquelyn Avenue Fresno, CA 93722 (559) 276-2790</p>	<p>Initial Study Prepared By:</p> <p>Will Tackett, Planner III November 30, 2012</p>
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Conformance to Master Environmental Impact Report (MEIR) NO. 10130:

The adopted 2025 Fresno General Plan and the Edison Community Plan designate the subject site for Light Industrial planned land uses. According to Table 2 (Planned Land Use and Zone District Consistency Matrix) of the 2025 Fresno General Plan, the proposed C-M (*Commercial and Light Manufacturing*) zone district for the subject property is consistent with the Light Industrial planned land use designation for the subject property.

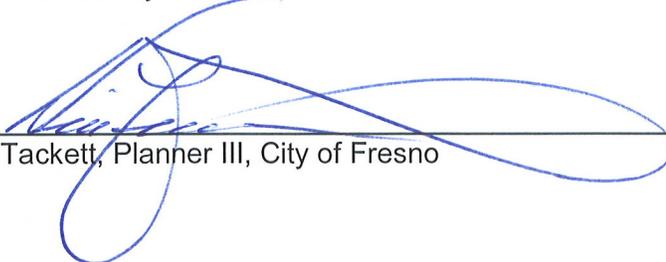
The Development and Resource Management Department staff have prepared an Initial Study (See Attached "Appendix G To Analyze Subsequent Project Identified In MEIR No. 10130/MND For Plan Amendment A-09-02 (Air Quality MND)/Initial Study") to evaluate the proposed rezone, site plan review and voluntary parcel merger applications in accordance with the land use and environmental policies and provisions of lead agency City of Fresno's 2025 Fresno General Plan (SCH # 2001071097), the related Master Environmental Impact Report (MEIR) No. 10130 and the Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for Plan Amendment A-09-02 to amend the Air Quality Element of the 2025 Fresno General Plan (Air Quality MND). The subject property may be developed at an intensity and scale that is permitted by the planned land use designation and proposed zone district classification for the site. Thus, the proposed rezoning and utilization of the subject property for permissible uses within the proposed zone district will not facilitate an additional intensification of uses beyond that which already exists or would be allowed by the above-noted planned land use designation. Moreover, it is not expected that the future development will adversely impact existing city service systems or the traffic circulation system that serves the subject property. These infrastructure findings have been verified by the Public Works and Public Utilities Departments. It has been further determined that all applicable mitigation measures of MEIR No. 10130 and the Air Quality MND have been applied to the project necessary to assure that the project will not cause significant adverse cumulative impacts, growth inducing impacts, and irreversible significant effects beyond those identified by MEIR No. 10130 as provided by CEQA Guidelines Section 15177(b)(3).

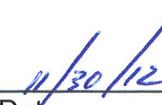
Pursuant to Section 21157.1 of the California Public Resources Code (California Environmental Quality Act), it may be determined that a subsequent project, as identified in the MEIR pursuant to Section 21157(b)(2) of the Public Resources Code and CEQA Guidelines Section 15177, falls within the scope of a MEIR, provided that the project does not cause additional significant impacts on the environment that were not previously examined by the MEIR and the Air Quality MND.

Relative to this specific project proposal, the environmental impacts noted in the MEIR and the Air Quality MND, pursuant to the 2025 Fresno General Plan land use designation, include impacts associated with the Light Industrial planned land use designation specified for the subject property. Based on this Initial Study, the following findings are made: (1) The proposed project was identified as a Subsequent Project in MEIR No. 10130 because its location, land use designation and permissible densities and intensities are set forth in Figure I-1 of MEIR No. 10130; (2) The proposed project is fully within the scope of the MEIR and Air Quality MND because it will not generate additional significant effects on the environment not previously examined and analyzed by the MEIR or Air Quality MND for the reasons set forth in the Initial Study; and (3) other than identified below, there are no new or additional mitigation measures or alternatives required.

In addition, after conducting a review of the adequacy of the MEIR pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21157.6(b)(1), the Development and Resource Management Department, as lead agency, finds that no substantial changes have occurred with respect to the circumstances under which the MEIR was certified and the Air Quality MND was adopted and that no new information, which was not known and could not have been known at the time that the MEIR was certified as complete and the Air Quality MND was adopted, has become available. Moreover, as lead agency for this project, the Development and Resource Management Department, per Section 15177(d) of the CEQA Guidelines, has determined that all feasible mitigation measures from MEIR No. 10130 and the Air Quality MND shall be applied to the project as conditions of approval as set forth in the attached Mitigation Monitoring Checklist (See "Master Environmental Impact Report (MEIR) No. 10130/SCH No. 2001071097 For the 2025 General Plan, Mitigation Monitoring Checklist).

Public notice has been provided regarding staff's finding in the manner prescribed by Section 15177(d) of the CEQA Guidelines and by Section 21092 of the California Public Resources Code (CEQA provisions).


Will Tackett, Planner III, City of Fresno


Date

Finding of Conformity Under MEIR No. 10130 and the Air Quality MND
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November 30, 2012
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2025 General Plan Master Environmental Impact Report (MEIR) No. 10130/SCH No. 2001071097 and Environmental Assessment No. A-09-02 Mitigation Monitoring Checklist for Environmental Assessment No. R-12-006/S-12-069/VPM-12-014
Master Environmental Impact Report (MEIR) Review Summary (Attachment: Status of MEIR Analysis with Regard to Air Quality and Climate Change)

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A
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By  DEPUTYFRESNO COUNTY CLERK
2221 Kern Street, Fresno, CA 93721**EA No. R-12-006/S-12-069/VPM-12-014**Rezone Application No. R-12-006
Site Plan Review Application No. S-12-069
Voluntary Parcel Merger No. 2012-014

APPLICANT:

Lars Andersen & Associates, Inc.
4694 West Jacquelyn Avenue
Fresno, CA 93722
(559) 276-2790

PROJECT LOCATION:

1810 East Jensen AvenueLocated on the south side of East Jensen Avenue between South Elm Avenue and State Route 41 in the City and County of Fresno, CaliforniaAssessor's Parcel Number(s): 328-191-71 & 72Site Latitude: 36°42'23.00" NSite Longitude: 119°47'22.00" WMount Diablo Base & Meridian, Township 14S Range 20E, Section 22, Fresno South USGS Quadrangle

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Lars Andersen and Associates, Inc., has filed Rezone Application No. R-12-006, Site Plan Review Application No. S-12-069 and Voluntary Parcel Merger Application No. VPM-12-014 pertaining to approximately 1.32 acres of property located on the south side of East Jensen Avenue between South Elm Avenue and State Route 41.

Rezone Application No. R-12-006 proposes to rezone the subject property from the M-1 (*Light Manufacturing*) zone district to the C-M (*Commercial and Light Manufacturing*) zone district. Site Plan Review Application No. S-12-069 proposes to construct a new approximately 9,180 square-foot building for commercial retail purposes on the subject property. Voluntary Parcel Merger Application No. VPM-12-014 proposes to merge the two existing legal lots of record into one parcel in order to facilitate the proposed project. The proposed project will also involve installation and construction of public and private facilities and infrastructure in accordance with the standards, specifications and policies of the City of Fresno.

The subject property is located within the boundaries of the 2025 Fresno General Plan, Edison Community Plan, and Southwest Fresno General Neighborhood Renewal Area (GNRA) Redevelopment Plan, which designate the subject property for Light Industrial planned land uses. According to Table 2 (Planned Land Use and Zone District Consistency Matrix) of the 2025 Fresno General Plan and Section 12-403 of the Fresno Municipal Code, the proposed C-M (*Commercial and Light Manufacturing*) zone district for the subject property is consistent with the Light Industrial planned land use designation for the subject property.

The City of Fresno has conducted an initial study of the above-described project and it has been determined to be a subsequent project that is fully within the scope of the Master Environmental Impact Report No. 10130 ("MEIR) prepared for the 2025 Fresno General Plan (SCH # 2001071097) and the Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for Plan Amendment No. A-09-02 (SCH # 2009051016) (Air Quality MND). Therefore, the Development and Resource Management Department proposes to adopt a Finding of Conformity for this project.

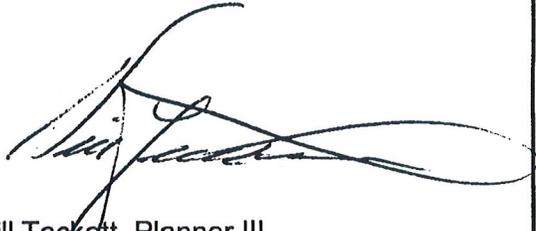
With the mitigation imposed, there is no substantial evidence in the record that this project may have additional significant, direct, indirect or cumulative effects on the environment that are significant and that were not identified and analyzed in the MEIR or Air Quality MND. After conducting a review of the adequacy of the MEIR and Air Quality MND pursuant to Public Resources Code, Section 21157.6(b)(1), the Development and Resource Management Department, as lead agency, finds that no substantial changes have occurred with respect to the circumstances under which the MEIR was certified and the Air Quality MND was adopted and that no new information, which was not known and could not have been known at the time that the MEIR was certified as complete and the Air Quality MND was adopted, has become available.

Additional information on the proposed project, including the proposed environmental finding and the initial study may be obtained from the Development and Resource Management Department, Development Services Division, Fresno City Hall, 2600 Fresno Street, 3rd Floor Fresno, California 93721-3604. Please contact Will Tackett at (559) 621-8063 or via e-mail at Will.Tackett@fresno.gov for more information.

ANY INTERESTED PERSON may comment on the proposed environmental finding. Comments must be in writing and must state (1) the commentor's name and address; (2) the commentor's interest in, or relationship to, the project; (3) the environmental determination being commented upon; and (4) the specific reason(s) why the proposed environmental determination should or should not be made. Any comments may be submitted at any time between the publication date of this notice and close of business on December 31, 2012. Please direct comments to Will Tackett, City of Fresno Development and Resource Management Department, Development Services Division, City Hall, 2600 Fresno Street, Room 3076, Fresno, California, 93721-3604; or by email to Will.Tackett@Fresno.gov. Comments may also be sent by facsimile to (559) 498-1026.

INITIAL STUDY PREPARED BY:
Will Tackett, Planner

SUBMITTED BY:



Will Tackett, Planner III
CITY OF FRESNO DEVELOPMENT AND
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
DEPARTMENT

DATE: November 30, 2012

**APPENDIX G TO ANALYZE
SUBSEQUENT PROJECT IDENTIFIED IN MEIR NO. 10130 / MND FOR PLAN
AMENDMENT A-09-02 (AIR QUALITY MND) / INITIAL STUDY**

Environmental Checklist Form for:

EA No. R-12-069/S-12-069/VPM-12-014

1. Project title:

Rezone Application No. R-12-069;
Site Plan Review Application No. S-12-069; and,
Voluntary Parcel Merger No. 2012-014

2. Lead agency name and address:

City of Fresno
Development and Resource Management Department
2600 Fresno Street
Fresno, CA 93721

3. Contact person and phone number:

Will Tackett, Planner III
City of Fresno
Development & Resource Management Dept.
(559) 621-8063

4. Project location:

1810 East Jensen Avenue
Located on the south side of East Jensen Avenue between South Elm Avenue and State
Route 41 in the City and County of Fresno, California
Assessor's Parcel Number(s): 328-191-71 & 72
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5. Project sponsor's name and address:

Lars Andersen & Associates, Inc.
4694 West Jacquelyn Avenue
Fresno, CA 93722

6. **General & Specific plan designation:**

Light Industrial

7. **Zoning:**

Existing: M-1 (*Light Manufacturing District*)

Proposed: C-M (*Commercial and Light Manufacturing District*)

8. **Description of project:**

Rezone Application No. R-12-006 has been filed by Lars Andersen and Associates, Inc. pertaining to approximately 1.32 acres of property located on the south side of East Jensen Avenue between South Elm Avenue and State Route 41. Rezone Application No. R-12-006 proposes to rezone the subject property from the M-1 (*Light Manufacturing*) zone district to the C-M (*Commercial and Light Manufacturing*) zone district.

Site Plan Review Application No. S-12-069 has also been filed for the subject property requesting authorization to construct a new approximately 9,180 square-foot building for commercial retail purposes on the subject property. If approved, Rezone Application No. R-12-006 will facilitate approval of Site Plan Review Application No. S-12-069 by rezoning the subject property to a zone district, which is consistent with its planned land use designation; and, which permits the commercial use proposed.

The approximately 1.32 acre subject property currently exists as two separate legal lots of record. Voluntary Parcel Merger Application No. VPM-12-014 has been submitted in order to merge the two existing lots into one parcel for purposes of the proposed project.

The subject property is located within the boundaries of the 2025 Fresno General Plan, Edison Community Plan, and Southwest Fresno General Neighborhood Renewal Area (GNRA) Redevelopment Plan, which designate the subject property for Light Industrial planned land uses. According to Table 2 (Planned Land Use and Zone District Consistency Matrix) of the 2025 Fresno General Plan and Section 12-403 of the Fresno Municipal Code , the proposed C-M (*Commercial and Light Manufacturing*) zone district is consistent with the Light Industrial planned land use designation for the subject property.

9. **Surrounding land uses and setting:**

	Planned Land Use	Existing Zoning	Existing Land Use
North	Medium Density Residential	R-1 <i>Single Family Residential District</i>	Single Family Residential
East	Light Industrial	M-1 <i>Light Manufacturing District</i>	Single Family Residential
South	Light Industrial	M-1 <i>Light Manufacturing District</i>	Vacant
West	Light Industrial	M-1 <i>Light Manufacturing District</i>	Automobile Service (Gas) Station

10. Other public agencies whose approval is required (e.g., permits, financing approval, or participation agreement):

City of Fresno (COF) Department of Public Works; COF Department of Public Utilities; COF Fire Department; Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District; Fresno County Department of Public Health; San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District.

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:

Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21157.1(b) and CEQA Guidelines 15177(b)(2), the purpose of this MEIR initial study is to analyze whether the subsequent project was described in the Master Environmental Impact Report No. 10130 and whether the subsequent project may cause any additional significant effect on the environment, which was not previously examined in MEIR No. 10130 ("MEIR") or the Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for Plan Amendment A-09-02 to amend the Air Quality Element of the 2025 Fresno General Plan (SCH # 2009051016) ("Air Quality MND").

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetics	<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture and Forestry Resources	<input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality
<input type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources	<input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Resources	<input type="checkbox"/> Geology /Soils
<input type="checkbox"/> Greenhouse Gas Emissions	<input type="checkbox"/> Hazards & Hazardous Materials	<input type="checkbox"/> Hydrology/Water Quality
<input type="checkbox"/> Land Use/Planning	<input type="checkbox"/> Mineral Resources	<input type="checkbox"/> Noise
<input type="checkbox"/> Population /Housing	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Services	<input type="checkbox"/> Recreation
<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation/Traffic	<input type="checkbox"/> Utilities/Service Systems	<input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory Findings of Significance

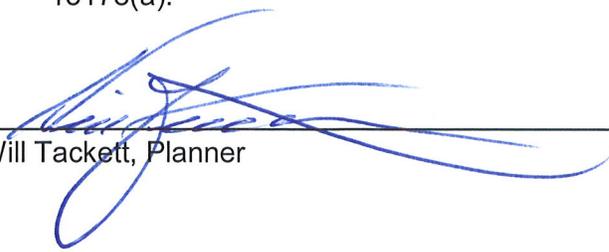
DETERMINATION: (To be completed by the Lead Agency)

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

X I find that the proposed project is a subsequent project identified in the MEIR and that it is fully within the scope of the MEIR and Air Quality MND because it would have no additional significant effects that were not examined in the MEIR or the Air Quality MND such that no new additional mitigation measures or alternatives may be required. All applicable mitigation measures contained in the Mitigation Monitoring Checklist shall be imposed upon the proposed project. A FINDING OF CONFORMITY will be prepared.

I find that the proposed project is a subsequent project identified in the MEIR and Air Quality MND but that it is not fully within the scope of the MEIR and Air Quality MND because the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment that was not examined in the MEIR or Air Quality MND. However, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. The project specific mitigation measures and all applicable mitigation measures contained in the MEIR Mitigation Monitoring Checklist will be imposed upon the proposed project. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.

I find that the proposed project is a subsequent project identified in the MEIR but that it MAY have a significant effect on the environment that was not examined in the MEIR or Air Quality MND, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required to analyze the potentially significant effects not examined in the MEIR or Air Quality MND pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21157.1(d) and CEQA Guidelines 15178(a).

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 Will Tackett, Planner

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 November 30, 2012

EVALUATION OF ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS NOT ASSESSED IN THE MEIR or Air Quality MND:

1. For purposes of this MEIR Initial Study, the following answers have the corresponding meanings:
 - a. "No Impact" means the subsequent project will not cause any additional significant effect related to the threshold under consideration which was not previously examined in the MEIR or Air Quality MND.
 - b. "Less Than Significant Impact" means there is an impact related to the threshold under consideration that was not previously examined in the MEIR or Air Quality MND, but that impact is less than significant;
 - c. "Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation" means there is a potentially significant impact related to the threshold under consideration that was not previously examined in the MEIR or Air Quality MND, however, with the mitigation incorporated into the project, the impact is less than significant.
 - d. "Potentially Significant Impact" means there is an additional potentially significant effect related to the threshold under consideration that was not previously examined in the MEIR or Air Quality MND.
2. 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).
3. 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.
4. Once the lead agency has determined that a particular physical impact may occur, then the checklist answers must indicate whether the impact is potentially significant, less than significant with mitigation, or less than significant. "Potentially Significant Impact" is appropriate if there is substantial evidence that an effect may be significant. If there are one or more "Potentially Significant Impact" entries when the determination is made, an EIR is required.
5. A "Finding of Conformity" is a determination based on an initial study that the proposed project is a subsequent project identified in the MEIR and that it is fully within the scope of the MEIR and Air Quality MND because it would have no additional significant effects that were not examined in the MEIR or the Air Quality MND.

6. "Negative Declaration: Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated" 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).
7. Earlier analyses may be used where, pursuant to the tiering, program EIR or MIER, or other CEQA process, an effect has been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or negative declaration. Section 15063(c)(3)(D). In this case, a brief discussion should identify the following:
 - a. Earlier Analysis Used. Identify and state where they are available for review.
 - b. Impacts Adequately Addressed. Identify which effects from the above checklist were within the scope of and adequately analyzed in the MEIR or another earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and state whether such effects were addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis.
 - c. Mitigation Measures. For effects that are "Less than Significant with Mitigation Measures Incorporated," describe the mitigation measures which were incorporated or refined from the earlier document and the extent to which they address site-specific conditions for the project.
8. Lead agencies are encouraged to incorporate into the checklist references to information sources for potential impacts (e.g., general plans, zoning ordinances). Reference to a previously prepared or outside document should, where appropriate, include a reference to the page or pages where the statement is substantiated.
9. Supporting Information Sources: A source list should be attached, and other sources used or individuals contacted should be cited in the discussion.
10. This is only a suggested form, and lead agencies are free to use different formats; however, lead agencies should normally address the questions from this checklist that are relevant to a project's environmental effects in whatever format is selected.
11. The explanation of each issue should identify:
 - a. The significance criteria or threshold, if any, used to evaluate each question; and
 - b. The mitigation measure identified, if any, to reduce the impact to less than significance.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
I. AESTHETICS -- Would the project:				
a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?				X
b) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?				X
c) Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings?				X
d) Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?				X

The subject property comprises a vacant infill parcel located on the south side of East Jensen Avenue (arterial street) within a predominantly urbanized area that has been substantially developed with urban uses west of State Route 41. Therefore, no public or scenic vista will be obstructed by the development and no valuable vegetation will be removed. The project will not damage any scenic resources nor will it degrade the visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings. Development of the subject property will not create a new source of substantial light or glare which would affect day or night time views in the project area due to the existing ambient light emanating from the existing major street system (separating the project site from existing and planned residential development to the north and south) and due to existing and planned industrial area located to the south and east of the project site. Furthermore, the entitlement review process will ensure that lights are located in areas that will minimize light sources to the neighboring properties. As a result, the project will have a less than significant impact on aesthetics. The project will be subject to the aesthetics mitigation measures identified in MEIR No. 10130 prepared for the 2025 Fresno General Plan. Conditions to ensure the project is aesthetically appealing will be further defined during the special permit review process to ensure that the development is consistent with all applicable plans and any applicable design guidelines.

Mitigation Measures

1. The proposed project shall implement and incorporate, the aesthetic related mitigation measures as identified in the attached Master Environmental Impact Report No. 10130--2025 Fresno General Plan Mitigation Monitoring Checklist dated **November 30, 2012**.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<p>II. AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY RESOURCES: In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Dept. of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. -- Would the project:</p>				
<p>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?</p>				x
<p>b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?</p>				x
<p>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))?</p>				x
<p>d) Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?</p>				x
<p>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?</p>				x

The subject property currently remains vacant but is surrounded predominantly by urban uses. The subject property and all of the properties within the general vicinity of the subject property are planned for urban residential or industrial land uses by the 2025 Fresno General Plan and Edison Community Plan. The site does not fall into any of the categories listed above and does not have a Williamson Act contract. There are no existing agricultural uses of the subject property; and, the project does not have the potential to facilitate future conversion of agricultural lands within the vicinity. There are no forested lands occurring within the City sphere of influence. Therefore, there is no potential for environmental impacts related to agricultural and/or forestry resources to occur as a result of the proposed project.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
III. AIR QUALITY AND GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE - (Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management 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 (e.g., by having potential emissions of regulated criterion pollutants which exceed the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control Districts (SJVAPCD) adopted thresholds for these pollutants)?				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

The project will not occur at a scale or scope with potential to contribute substantially or cumulatively to existing or projected air quality violations, impacts, or increases of criteria pollutants for which the San Joaquin Valley region is under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions that exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors).

The proposed project will comply with all applicable air quality plans and will be subject to all applicable SJVAPCD rules, regulations, and strategies. The proposed project is subject to District Rule 9510 (Indirect Source Review) and an Air Impact Assessment (AIA) application is required to be submitted to the Air District in accordance with SJVAPCD requirements. The AIA evaluates a project's total contribution to construction and/or area source and operational emissions and ozone precursors from potential land uses and compares potential unmitigated

emissions against mitigated emissions in order to determine whether the required reduction in emissions is sufficient to satisfy the rule. If reductions are determined to not be sufficient, then the AIA (utilizing off-site emission reduction equations) calculates the total dollar amount of off-site fees that must be paid to the District in order to cover the District's cost of obtaining the required off-site emission reductions, and therefore fulfill the rule requirement. Any such fees shall be paid prior to issuance of a building permit.

Furthermore, the project will be subject to SJVAPCD Regulation VIII, Fugitive Dust Rules, related to the control of dust and fine particulate matter. This rule mandates the implementation of dust control measures to reduce the potential for dust to the lowest possible level. The plan includes a number of strategies to improve air quality including a transportation control strategy and a vehicle inspection program.

The proposed project will also be required to comply with other District Rules and Regulations, which may include but not be limited to, Regulation VIII (Fugitive PM 10 Prohibitions), Rule 4102 (Nuisance), Rule 4601 (Architectural Coatings), and Rule 4641 (Cutback, Slow Cure, and Emulsified Asphalt, Paving and Maintenance Operations).

The development of the subject property with uses identified as being permissible within the proposed C-M (*Light Manufacturing*) zone district may be determined to be consistent with the Light Industrial planned land use for the subject property specified by the applicable 2025 Fresno General and Edison Community plans. Furthermore, there is no evidence that the future development of the subject property pursuant to Site Plan Review Application No. S-12-069 will create any contaminants or objectionable orders which may have the potential to impact the nearest sensitive land uses within the project area beyond those previously analyzed by the MEIR or Air Quality MND.

Finally, there are no significant air quality or global climate change impacts perceived to occur as a result of the proposed project, no violations of air quality standards will occur and no net increase of pollutants will occur.

Mitigation Measures

1. The proposed project shall implement and incorporate, the air quality related mitigation measures as identified in the attached Master Environmental Impact Report No. 10130--2025 Fresno General Plan Mitigation Monitoring Checklist dated **November 30, 2012**.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
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 Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?				X
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 Game or US 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 (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) 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 resident 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

The proposed project would not directly affect any sensitive, special status, or candidate species, nor would it modify any habitat that supports them. There is no riparian habitat or any other sensitive natural community identified in the vicinity of the proposed project by the California Department of Fish and Game or the US Fish and Wildlife Service. No federally

protected wetlands are located on the subject site. Therefore, there would be no impacts to species, riparian habitat or other sensitive communities and wetlands. The proposed project would have no impact on the movement of migratory fish or wildlife species or on established wildlife corridors or wildlife nursery sites. No local policies regarding biological resources are applicable to the subject site and there would be no impacts with regard to those plans.

No habitat conservation plans or natural community conservation plans in the region pertain to natural resources, which exist on the subject site or in its immediate vicinity.

Therefore, no actions or activities resulting from the implementation of the proposed project would have the potential to affect floral, or faunal species; or, their habitat. Therefore, there would be no impacts.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
V. CULTURAL RESOURCES -- Would the project:				
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

There are no structures which exist on or within the immediate vicinity of the site that are listed on, or considered to be eligible to the National or Local Register of Historic Places, and the subject site is not within either a designated or proposed historic district.

There is no evidence that cultural resources of any type (including historical, archaeological, paleontological, or unique geologic features) exist on the subject property. Past record searches for the region have not revealed the likelihood of cultural resources on the subject property or in its immediate vicinity. Therefore, it is not expected that the proposed project may impact cultural resources.

It should be noted however that lack of surface evidence of historical resources does not preclude the subsurface existence of archaeological resources. Therefore, due to the ground disturbing activities that will occur as a result of the project, the measures within the Master Environmental Impact Report No. 10130/SCH No. 2001071097 for the 2025 Fresno General Plan, Mitigation Monitoring Checklist to address archaeological resources, paleontological

resources, and human remains will be employed to guarantee that should archaeological and/or animal fossil material be encountered during project excavations, then work shall stop immediately; and, that qualified professionals in the respective field are contacted and consulted in order to insure that the activities of the proposed project will not involve physical demolition, destruction, relocation, or alteration of historic, archaeological, or paleontological resources.

Mitigation Measures

1. The proposed project shall implement and incorporate the cultural resource related mitigation measures as identified in the attached Master Environmental Impact Report No. 10130-2025 Fresno General Plan Mitigation Monitoring Checklist dated **November 30, 2012**.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
VI. GEOLOGY AND SOILS -- Would the project:				
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 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? 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 the loss of topsoil?				X
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?				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

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
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

There are no known geologic hazards or unstable soil conditions known to exist on the site. The existing topography is flat with no apparent unique or significant land forms such as vernal pools. Any future development of the property requires compliance with grading and drainage standards of the City of Fresno and Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District Standards. There will be no Grade differentials on the subject property of more than six inches unless approved by the City of Fresno.

Fresno has no known active earthquake faults, and is not in any Alquist-Priolo Special Studies Zones. The immediate Fresno area has extremely low seismic activity levels, although shaking may be felt from earthquakes whose epicenters lie to the east, west, and south. Known major faults are over 50 miles distant and include the San Andreas Fault, Coalinga area blind thrust fault(s), and the Long Valley, Owens Valley, and White Wolf/Tehachapi fault systems. The most serious threat to Fresno from a major earthquake in the Eastern Sierra would be flooding that could be caused by damage to dams on the upper reaches of the San Joaquin River.

Fresno is classified by the State as being in a moderate seismic risk zone, Category "C" or "D," depending on the soils underlying the specific location being categorized and that location's proximity to the nearest known fault lines. All new structures are required to conform to current seismic protection standards in the California Building Code.

No adverse environmental effects related to topography, soils or geology are expected as a result of this project. Implementation of the mitigation measures listed in MEIR No. 10130 and the attached MEIR Mitigation Monitoring Checklist will ensure that no adverse environmental effects related to topography, soils or geology will result from the proposed project.

Mitigation Measures

1. The proposed project shall implement and incorporate the geology and soils related mitigation measures as identified in the attached Master Environmental Impact Report No. 10130--2025 Fresno General Plan Mitigation Monitoring Checklist dated **November 30, 2012**.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
VII. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS -- Would the project:				
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

The proposed project will not occur at a scale or scope with potential to contribute substantially or cumulatively to the generation of greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly. Under the MEIR and General Plan mitigation measures and policies for reducing all forms of air pollution, levels of greenhouse gases will be reduced along with other regulated air pollutants. At this point in time, detailed analyses and conclusions as to the significance of greenhouse gas emissions and strategies for mitigation are still not feasible, because the legislatively-mandated greenhouse gas inventory benchmarking and the environmental analysis policy formulation tasks are not completed.

The proposed project will not affect greenhouse gas emissions beyond what was analyzed in the Master Environmental Impact Report No. 10130/SCH No. 2001071097 for the 2025 Fresno General Plan.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
VIII. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIAL -- Would the project:				
a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?				X
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?				X

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
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) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?				X
g) Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?				X
h) 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

There are no known existing hazardous material conditions on the site and the project is not located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5. The project itself will not generate or use hazardous materials in a manner outside health department requirements, is not near any wildland fire hazard zones, and poses no interference with the City's or County's Hazard Mitigation Plans or emergency response plans. The subject site has not been under cultivation for several years. No pesticides or hazardous materials are known to exist on the site and the proposed project will have no environmental impacts related to potential hazards or hazardous materials as identified above. The subject property is not located within an airport land use plan and is not within the vicinity of a private airstrip. Therefore, there will be no impacts related to hazards.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
IX. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY -- Would the project:				
a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?				X
b) Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?				X
c) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site?				X
d) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site?				X
e) 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?				X
f) Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?				X
g) Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map?				X
h) Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows?				X

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
i) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam?				X
j) Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?				X

Fresno is one of the largest cities in the United States still relying primarily on groundwater for its public water supply. Surface water treatment and distribution has been implemented in the northeastern part of the City, but the city is still subject to an EPA Sole Source Aquifer designation. While the aquifer underlying Fresno typically exceeds a depth of 300 feet and is capacious enough to provide adequate quantities of safe drinking water to the metropolitan area well into the twenty-first century, groundwater degradation, increasingly stringent water quality regulations, and an historic trend of high consumptive use of water on a per capita basis (some 250 gallons per day per capita), have resulted in a general decline in aquifer levels, increased cost to provide potable water, and localized water supply limitations.

Fresno has attempted to address these issues through metering and revisions to the City's Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP). The Fresno Metropolitan Water Resource Management Plan, which has been adopted and the accompanying Final EIR (SCH #95022029) certified, is also under revision. The purpose of these management plans is to provide safe, adequate, and dependable water supplies in order to meet the future needs of the metropolitan area in an economical manner; protect groundwater quality from further degradation and overdraft; and, provide a plan of reasonably implementable measures and facilities. City water wells, pump stations, recharge facilities, water treatment and distribution systems have been expanded incrementally to mitigate increased water demands and respond to groundwater quality challenges.

The adverse groundwater conditions of limited supply and compromised quality have been well-documented by planning, environmental impact report and technical studies over the past 20 years including the Master Environmental Impact Report No. 10130 for the 2025 Fresno General Plan, Final EIR No.10100, Final EIR No.10117, and Final EIR No. SCH 95022029 (Fresno Metropolitan Water Resource Management Plan), et al. These conditions include water quality degradation due to DBCP, arsenic, iron, and manganese concentrations; low water well yields; limited aquifer storage capacity and recharge capacity; and, intensive urban or semi-urban development occurring upgradient from the Fresno Metropolitan Area.

In accordance with the provisions of the 2025 Fresno General Plan and Master EIR No. 10130 mitigation measures, project specific water supply and distribution requirements must assure that an adequate source of water is available to serve the project. The City has indicated that groundwater wells, pump stations, recharge facilities, water treatment and distribution systems shall be expanded incrementally to mitigate increased water demands. The City of Fresno Department of Public Utilities, Water Division has reviewed the proposed project and has

determined that water service will be available to the proposed project subject to payment of applicable connection charges and fees and compliance with The Department of Public Works standards, specifications, and policies.

There are no aspects of this project that will result in impacts to water supply or quality beyond those analyzed in the Master Environmental Impact Report No. 10130/SCH No. 2001071097 for the 2025 Fresno General Plan or MND. The project will not substantially alter existing drainage patterns of the site or area or substantially increase the rate or amount of runoff in a manner which would result in flooding, exceed planned storm water drainage systems, or provide substantial sources of polluted runoff. The site is not located within a flood prone or hazard area. The subject property is proposed to be developed at intensity and scale permitted by the planned land use and proposed zoning designation for the site. Thus, the proposed development project will not facilitate an additional intensification of uses beyond that which already exists or would be allowed by the above-noted planned land use designation; resulting in additional impacts on water supply from increased demand.

Mitigation Measures

1. The proposed project shall implement and incorporate, the hydrology and water quality related mitigation measures as identified in the attached Master Environmental Impact Report No. 10130--2025 Fresno General Plan Mitigation Monitoring Checklist dated **November 30, 2012.**

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
X. LAND USE AND PLANNING - Would the project:				
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 zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?				X
c) Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan?				X

The proposed project will not conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy or regulation of the City of Fresno. The proposed project is found; (1) To be consistent with the applicable 2025 intensity of development; (3) To be safe from potential cause or introduction of serious public health problems; and, (4) To not conflict with any public interests in the subject property or adjacent lands.

The project will not conflict with any conservation plans since it is not located within any conservation plan areas.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
XI. 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?				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

The subject property is not located in an area designated for mineral resource preservation or recovery.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
XII. NOISE -- Would the project result in:				
a) Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?				X
b) Exposure of persons to or 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

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
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

In developed areas of the community, noise conflicts often occur when a noise sensitive land use is located adjacent to a noise generator. Noise in these situations frequently stems from on-site operations, use of outdoor equipment, uses where large numbers of persons assemble, and vehicular traffic. Some land uses, such as residential dwellings, are considered noise sensitive receptors and involve land uses associated with indoor and/or outdoor activities that may be subject to stress and/or significant interference from noise.

The City of Fresno Noise Element of the 2025 Fresno General Plan sets noise compatibility standards for transportation and stationary noise sources. Traffic on adjacent or nearby public streets is often considered to be transportation noise sources. The proposed project is not located within any of the noise contours set forth by the Fresno Yosemite International Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan and is not located within the vicinity of a private airstrip. Noise sources not related to traffic on public roadways, railroads or airports are considered to be stationary noise sources. Stationary noise sources can include commercial and other non-residential uses and operations located in close proximity to a sensitive receptor.

For transportation sources, the Noise Element establishes land use compatibility criteria in terms of the Day-Night Average Level (DNL). The exterior noise exposure criterion is 60 dB DNL within outdoor activity areas of residential land uses or noise sensitive receivers. The intent of the exterior noise level requirement is to provide an acceptable noise environment for outdoor activities and recreation. The Noise Element also requires that interior noise levels attributable to exterior transportation noise sources not exceed 45 dB DNL. The intent of the interior noise level standard is to provide an acceptable noise environment for indoor communication and sleep.

For stationary noise sources, the noise element establishes noise compatibility criteria in terms of the exterior hourly equivalent sound level (L_{eq}) and maximum sound level (L_{max}). The standards are more restrictive during the nighttime hours, defined as 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. The standards may be adjusted upward (less restrictive) if the existing ambient noise level without the source of interest already exceeds these standards. The Noise Element standards for stationary noise sources are: (1) 50 dBA L_{eq} for the daytime and 45 dBA L_{eq} for the nighttime hourly equivalent sound levels; and, (2) 70 dBA L_{max} for the daytime and 65 dBA L_{max} for the nighttime maximum sound levels. If the existing ambient noise levels equal or exceed these

levels, mitigation is required to limit noise to the ambient noise level plus 5 dB.

The subject property comprises a vacant infill parcel of land located on the south side of East Jensen Avenue, which is designated as an arterial street west of State Route 41. The vicinity of the subject property is within a predominantly urbanized area that has been substantially developed with urban uses between State Route 180 and the Fresno-Yosemite International Airport.

Although the project site is currently vacant and adjacent properties have been developed with residential uses, due to ambient noise levels from the proximity of transportation noise sources, and stationary noise sources from existing urban uses adjacent to and within the vicinity of the subject property, the proposed project will not result in a significant increase in temporary and/or periodic ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above existing levels. Construction activities associated with the proposed project could temporarily expose persons or structures to excessive noise levels and/or groundborne vibration. However, this would only be during any construction phase of the proposed project and would only occur during normal business hours (7am to 7pm).

Figure VK-2 (Land Use/Noise Compatibility Standards) of the 2025 Fresno General Plan MEIR No. 10130, adopted for general planning purposes, provides that community noise exposure for industrial projects is normally acceptable within the 55-75 Ldn or CNEL dB range and conditionally acceptable within the 70-80 Ldn or CNEL, dB range. The term "normally acceptable" indicates that a specified land use is satisfactory, based upon the assumption that any buildings involved are of normal conventional construction, without any special noise insulation requirements. The term "conditionally acceptable" indicates that new construction or development should be undertaken only after analyses of noise reduction requirements are made and needed noise insulation features are included in the design. Such features often include conventional construction, but with closed windows and fresh air supply systems or air conditioning features included in the design. The subject property is located within 60-70 CNEL, dB ranges for East Jensen Avenue. The Fresno Municipal Code deems 60-65 CNEL dB to be the ambient noise level for commercial development and 70 CNEL dB to be the ambient noise level for industrial development. Therefore, the proposed project is within assumed acceptable levels for transportation and surrounding stationary noise sources.

Therefore, there is no evidence that the future development of the subject property will create a significant increase in ambient noise levels which may have the potential to impact any noise sensitive receivers within the project area beyond those previously analyzed.

Although the project will create additional activity in the area, the project will be required to comply with all noise policies from the 2025 Fresno General Plan and noise codes from the Fresno Municipal Code. Therefore, no significant effects will occur from either transportation or stationary noise sources and the proposed project will not expose persons to excessive noise levels.

Mitigation Measures

1. The proposed project shall implement and incorporate, as appropriate, the noise related mitigation measures as identified in the attached Master Environmental Impact Report No. 10130-2025 Fresno General Plan Mitigation Monitoring Checklist dated **November 30, 2012**.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
XIII. POPULATION AND HOUSING -- Would the project:				
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 other 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

The subject site is designated for Light Industrial planned land uses. Although the project will be intensifying the use of the currently vacant subject property, development and use of the subject property may occur at an intensity and scale that is permitted by the planned land use designation and proposed zone district classification for the site. Thus, the development of the subject property and the subsequent utilization of the subject property for commercial and/or light industrial purposes and uses, as is allowed under the proposed zone district will not facilitate an additional intensification of uses beyond that which would be allowed by the above-noted planned land use designation.

Properties within the immediate vicinity of the subject property are planned for, and have been predominantly developed with residential and light industrial planned uses at an intensity and scale designated by the 2025 Fresno General Plan and Edison Community Plan. Therefore the proposed project will not either directly or indirectly induce substantial population growth in the area. Furthermore, the subject property is currently vacant of any structures. Therefore, the proposed project does not have the potential to displace existing housing or residents as a result of new development thereon.

No population and housing impacts will result from the proposed project beyond what was analyzed in the Master Environmental Impact Report No. 10130/SCH No. 2001071097 for the 2025 Fresno General Plan.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
XIV. 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 governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:				
Fire protection?				X
Police protection?				X
Drainage and flood control?				X
Parks?				X
Schools?				X
Other public services?				X

The Department of Public Utilities has reviewed the proposed project and has determined that adequate sewer, water, and solid waste facilities are available subject to compliance with the conditions submitted by the Department of Public Utilities for this project. City police and fire protection services are also available to serve the proposed project. Finally, the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District has indicated that there are adequate facilities to serve the proposed project subject to compliance with the conditions submitted by the District for the proposed project. These departments and agencies have all submitted conditions that will be required as Conditions of Approval for the subject entitlement application (Site Plan Review Application No. S-12-069). These conditions of approval will ensure that the proposed project will have a less than significant impact to urban services. All conditions of approval must be complied with prior to occupancy.

The demand for parks generated by the project is within planned services levels of the City of Fresno Parks and Community Services Department and the applicant will pay any required impact fees at the time building permits are pulled.

Any future development occurring as a result of the proposed project will have an impact on the District's student housing capacity. The District, through local funding, is in a position to mitigate its shortage of classrooms to accommodate planned population growth for the

foreseeable future. However, the District recognizes that the legislature, as a matter of law, has deemed under Government Code Section 65996, that all school facilities impacts are mitigated as a consequence of SB 50 Level 1, 2 and 3 developer fee legislative provisions. The developer will pay appropriate impact fees at time of building permits.

Therefore, the proposed project will not affect public services beyond what was analyzed in the Master Environmental Impact Report No. 10130/SCH No. 2001071097 for the 2025 Fresno General Plan.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
XV. RECREATION --				
a) Would the project 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) Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?				X

The proposed project will not result in the physical deterioration of existing parks or recreational facilities; and, will not require expansion of existing recreational facilities or affect recreational services beyond what was analyzed in the Master Environmental Impact Report No. 10130/SCH No. 2001071097 for the 2025 Fresno General Plan.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
XVI. TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC -- Would the project:				

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Conflict with an applicable plan, ordinance or policy establishing measures of effectiveness for the performance of the circulation system, taking into account all modes of transportation including mass transit and non-motorized travel and relevant components of the circulation system, including but not limited to intersections, streets, highways and freeways, pedestrian and bicycle paths and mass transit?				X
b) Conflict with an applicable congestion management program, including but not limited to level of service standards and travel demand measures or other standards established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways?				X
c) Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that result in substantial safety risks?				X
d) Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?				X
e) Result in inadequate emergency access?				X
f) Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs regarding public transit, bicycle, or pedestrian facilities, or otherwise decrease the performance or safety of such facilities?				X

The Public Works Department/Traffic Engineering Division staff has reviewed the proposed traffic yield from the proposed rezoning and use of the subject property and the expected traffic generation will not adversely impact the existing and projected circulation system as analyzed in MEIR No. 10130. The 2025 Fresno General Plan Circulation Element designates East Jensen Avenue as a six-lane divided arterial street capable of carrying approximately 34,800 Average Daily Trips (ADT). Therefore, the streets and intersections adjacent to and near the subject site will be able to accommodate the quantity and kind of traffic which may be potentially generated subject to construction and installation of the required improvements mandated within the Fresno Municipal Code; dedication of public easements and planned rights-of-way; and payment of applicable impact fees (including, but not limited to, the Traffic Signal Mitigation Impact (TSMI) Fee, Fresno Major Street Impact (FMSI) Fee, and the Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee (RTMF) Fee.

Therefore, the traffic volume increases are insignificant with respect to the total volume that these adjacent roadways were designed and built to accommodate and no substantial increase in transportation or traffic is expected to result.

The area street plans are the product of careful planning that projects traffic capacity needs based on the densities and intensities of planned land uses anticipated at build-out of the planned area. These streets will provide adequate access to, and recognize the traffic generating characteristics of, individual properties and, at the same time, afford the community an adequate and efficient circulation system; no substantial increase in transportation or traffic is expected to result.

Mitigation Measures

1. The proposed project shall implement and incorporate, the transportation/traffic related mitigation measures as identified in the attached Master Environmental Impact Report No. 10130--2025 Fresno General Plan Mitigation Monitoring Checklist dated **November 30, 2012**.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
XVII. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS - - Would the project:				
a) Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?				X
b) Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?				X
c) Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?				X
d) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed?				X

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
e) 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?				X
f) Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs?				X
g) Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?				X

The Department of Public Utilities has determined that adequate sanitary sewer and water services will be available to serve the proposed project subject to the payment of any applicable connection charges and/or fees; compliance with the Department of Public Utilities standards, specifications, and policies; the rules and regulations of the California Public Utilities Commission and California Health Services; and, completion of incremental expansions to facilities for planned water supply, treatment, and storage as identified within MEIR No. 10130

The project site will be serviced by the Solid Waste Division and will have water and sewer facilities available subject to the conditions stipulated for the proposed project.

The proposed project will not exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board.

Mitigation Measures

1. The proposed project shall implement and incorporate, the utilities and service systems related mitigation measures as identified in the attached Master Environmental Impact Report No. 10130--2025 Fresno General Plan Mitigation Monitoring Checklist dated **November 30, 2012**.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
XVIII. 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, the effects of other current 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

The proposed project is considered to be proposed at a size and scope which is neither a direct or indirect detriment to the quality of the environment through reductions in habitat, populations, or examples of local history (through either individual or cumulative impacts). The proposed project does not have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment or reduce the habitat of wildlife species and will not threaten plant communities or endanger any floral or faunal species. Furthermore the project has no potential to eliminate important examples of major periods in history. Therefore, as noted in preceding sections of this Initial Study, there is no evidence in the record to indicate that incremental environmental impacts facilitated by this project would be cumulatively significant. There is also no evidence in the record that the proposed project would have any adverse impacts directly, or indirectly, on human beings.

**FINDING OF CONFORMITY TO THE 2025 FRESNO GENERAL PLAN MASTER ENVIRONMENTAL
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Mitigation Monitoring Checklist

Following is the mitigation monitoring checklist from MEIR No. 10130 as applied to the above-noted project's environmental assessment, required by City Council Resolution No. 2002-378 and Exhibit E thereof (adopted on November 19, 2002) to certify the MEIR for the 2025 Fresno General Plan Update. On June 25, 2009, through its Resolution No. 2009-146, the City Council adopted Environmental Assessment No. A-09-02 confirming the finding of a Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for General Plan Amendment Application No. A-09-02 which updated the Air Quality Section of the Resource Conservation Element of the 2025 Fresno General Plan and incorporated additional and revised mitigation measures as necessary within the following monitoring checklist.

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NOTE: Letters B-Q in mitigation measures refer to the respective sections of Chapter V of MEIR No. 10130

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B-1. Development projects that are consistent with plans and policies but that could affect conditions on major street segments predicted by the General Plan MEIR traffic analysis to perform at an Average Daily Traffic (ADT) level of service (LOS) D or better in 2025, with planned street improvements, shall not cause conditions on those segments to be worse than LOS E before 2025 without completing a traffic and transportation evaluation. This evaluation will be used to determine appropriate project-specific design measures or street/transportation improvements that will contribute to achieving and maintaining LOS D.	Prior to approval of land use entitlement	Public Works Dept./Traffic Planning; Development and Resource Management Dept.				X			X
B-2. Development projects that are consistent with plans and policies but that could affect conditions on major street segments predicted by the General Plan MEIR traffic analysis to perform at an ADT LOS E in 2025, with planned street improvements, shall not cause conditions on those segments to be worse than LOS E before 2025 without completing a traffic and transportation evaluation. This evaluation will be used to determine appropriate project-specific design measures or street/ transportation improvements that will contribute to achieving and maintaining LOS E.	Prior to approval of land use entitlement	Public Works Dept./Traffic Planning; Development and Resource Management Dept.				X			X

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<p>B-3. Development projects that are consistent with plans and policies but that could affect conditions on major street segments predicted by the General Plan MEIR traffic analysis to perform at an ADT LOS F shall not cause further substantial degradation of conditions on those segments before 2025 without completing a traffic and transportation evaluation. This evaluation will be used to determine appropriate project-specific design measures or street/transportation improvements that will contribute to achieving and maintaining a LOS equivalent to that anticipated by the General Plan. Further substantial degradation is defined as an increase in the peak hour vehicle/capacity (v/c) ratio of 0.15 or greater for roadway segments whose v/c ratio is estimated to be 1.00 or higher in 2025 by the General Plan MEIR traffic analysis.</p>	<p>Prior to approval of land use entitlement</p>	<p>Public Works Dept./Traffic Planning; Development and Resource Management Dept.</p>				X		X
<p>B-4. For development projects that are consistent with plans and policies, a site access evaluation shall be required to the satisfaction of the Public Works Director. This evaluation shall, at a minimum, focus on the following factors:</p> <p>a. Disruption of vehicular traffic flow along adjacent major streets, appropriate design measures for on-site vehicular circulation and access to major streets (number, location and design of driveway approaches), and linkages to bicycle/pedestrian circulation systems and transit services.</p> <p>b. In addition, for development projects that the City determines may generate a projected 100 or more peak hour vehicle trips (either in the morning or evening), the evaluation shall determine the project's contribution to increased peak hour vehicle delay at major street intersections adjacent or proximate to the project site. The evaluation shall identify project responsibilities for intersection improvements to reduce vehicle delay consistent with the LOS anticipated by the 2025 Fresno General Plan. For projects which affect State Highways, the Public Works Director may direct the site access evaluation to reference the criteria presented in Caltrans Guide for the Preparation of Traffic Impact Studies.</p>	<p>Prior to approval of land use entitlement</p>	<p>Public Works Dept./Traffic Planning; Development and Resource Management Dept.</p>	X			X		

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B-5. Circulation and site design measures shall be considered for development projects so that local trips may be completed as much as possible without use of, or with reduced use of, major streets and major street intersections. Appropriate consideration must also be given to compliance with plan policies and mitigation measures intended to promote compatibility between land uses with different traffic generation characteristics.	Prior to approval of land use entitlement	Public Works Dept./Traffic Planning; Development and Resource Management Dept.	X			X			
B-6. New development projects and major street construction projects shall be designed with consideration and implementation of appropriate features (considering safety, convenience and cost-effectiveness) to encourage walking, bicycling, and public transportation as alternative modes to the automobile.	Prior to approval or prior to funding of major street project.	Public Works Dept./Traffic Planning; Development and Resource Management Dept.	X			X			
B-7. Bicycle and pedestrian travel and use of public transportation shall be facilitated as alternative modes of transportation including, but not limited to, provision of bicycle, pedestrian and public transportation facilities and improvements to connect residential areas with public facilities, shopping and employment. Adequate rights-of-way for bikeways, preferably as bicycle lanes, shall be provided on all new major streets and shall be considered when designing improvements for existing major streets.	Ongoing	Public Works Dept./Traffic Planning; Development and Resource Management Dept.	X			X		X	

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<p>C-1. In cooperation with other jurisdictions and agencies in the San Joaquin Valley Air Basin, the City shall take the following necessary actions to achieve and maintain compliance with state and federal air quality standards and programs.</p> <p>a. Develop and incorporate air quality maintenance considerations into the preparation and review of land use plans and development proposals.</p> <p>b. Maintain internal consistency within the General Plan between policies and programs for air quality resource conservation and the policies and programs of other General Plan elements.</p> <p>c. City departments preparing environmental review documents shall use computer models (software approved by local and state air quality and congestion management agencies) to estimate air pollution impacts of development entitlements, land use plans and amendments to land use regulations.</p> <p>d. Adopted state and SJVAPCD protocols, standards, and thresholds of significance for greenhouse gas emissions shall be utilized in assessing and approving proposed development projects.</p> <p>e. Continue to route information regarding land use plans, development projects, and amendments to development regulations to the SJVAPCD for that agency's review and comment on potential air quality impacts.</p>	Ongoing	Development and Resource Management Dept.	X			X	X		
<p>C-2. For development projects potentially meeting SJVAPCD thresholds of significance and/or thresholds of applicability for the Indirect Source Review Rule (Rule 9510) in their unmitigated condition, project applicants shall complete the SJVAPCD Indirect Source Review Application prior to approval of the development project. Mitigation measures incorporated into the ISR analysis shall be incorporated into the project as conditions of approval and/or mitigation measures, as may be appropriate.</p>	Ongoing	Development and Resource Management Dept. and SJVAPCD				X	X		X

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C-3. The City shall implement all of the Reasonably Available Control Measures (RACM) identified in Exhibit A of Resolution No. 2002-119, adopted by the Fresno City Council on April 9, 2002. These measures are presented in full detail in Table VC-3 of the MEIR.	Ongoing	Various city departments				X	X	
C-4. The City shall continue efforts to improve technical performance, emissions levels and system operations of the Fresno Area Express transit system, through such measures as: a. Selecting and maintaining bus engines, transmissions, fuels and air conditioning equipment for efficiency and low air pollution emissions. b. Siting new transit centers and other multi-modal transportation transfer facilities to maximize utilization of mass transit. c. Continuing efforts to improve transit on-time performance, increase frequency of service, extend hours of operation, add express bus service and align routes to capture as much new ridership as possible. d. Initiating a program to allow employers and institutions (e.g., educational facilities) to purchase blocks of bus passes at a reduced rate to facilitate their incentive programs for reducing single-passenger vehicle use.	Ongoing	Fresno Area Express			X	X		
D-1. The City shall monitor impacts of land use changes and development project proposals on water supply facilities and the groundwater aquifer.	Ongoing	Dept of Public Utilities and Development and Resource Management Dept.			X	X		

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D-2. The City shall ensure the funding and construction of facilities to mitigate the direct impacts of land use changes and development within the 2025 General Plan boundaries. Groundwater wells, pump stations, intentional recharge facilities, potable and recycled water treatment and distribution systems shall be expanded incrementally to mitigate increased water demands. Site specific environmental evaluations shall precede the construction of these facilities. Results of this evaluation shall be incorporated into each project to reduce the identified environmental impacts.	Ongoing (City-wide); and prior to approval of land use entitlement as applicable	Department of Public Utilities and Resource Management Dept.			X	X	X		
D-3. The City shall implement the future water supply plan described in the City of Fresno Metropolitan Water Resources Management Plan Update and shall continue to update this Plan as necessary to ensure the cost-effective use of water resources and continued availability of good-quality groundwater and surface water supplies.	Ongoing	Department of Public Utilities			X	X	X		
D-4. The City shall work with the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District to prevent and reduce the existence of urban stormwater pollutants to the maximum extent practical and ensure that surface and groundwater quality, public health, and the environment shall not be adversely affected by urban runoff, and shall comply with NPDES standards.	Ongoing	Development and Resource Management Dept.	X				X		
D-5. The City shall preserve undeveloped areas within the 100-year floodway within the city and its general plan area, particularly the San Joaquin Riverbottom, for uses that will not involve permanent improvements which would be adversely affected by periodic floods. The City shall expand this protected area in the Riverbottom pursuant to expanded floodplain and/or floodway maps, regulations, and policies adopted by the Central Valley Flood	Ongoing	Development and Resource Management Dept.							X

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Protection Board and the National Flood Insurance Protection Program.										
<p>D-6. The City shall establish special building standards for private structures, public structures and infrastructure elements in the San Joaquin Riverbottom that will protect:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Allowable construction in this area from being damaged by the intensity of flooding in the riverbottom; b. Water quality in the San Joaquin River watershed from flood damage-related nuisances and hazards (e.g., the release of raw sewage); and c. Public health, safety and general welfare from the effects of flood events. 	Ongoing	Development and Resource Management Dept								X
<p>D-7. The City shall advocate that the San Joaquin River not be channelized and that levees shall not be used in the river corridor for flood control, except those alterations in river flow that are approved for surface mining and subsequent reclamation activities for mined sites (e.g., temporary berms and small side-channel diversions to control water flow through ponds).</p>	Ongoing	Development and Resource Management Dept								X
<p>D-8. The City shall maintain a comprehensive, long-range water resource management plan that provides for appropriate management and use of all sources of water available to the planning area, and shall periodically update this plan to ensure that sufficient and sustainable water supplies of good quality will be economically available to accommodate existing and planned urban development. Project-specific and city-wide water conservation measures shall be directed toward assisting in reaching the goal of balancing City groundwater operations by 2025.</p>	Ongoing	Department of Public Utilities			X				X	

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D-9. The City shall continue its current water conservation programs and implement additional water conservation measures to reduce overall per capita water use within the City with a goal of reducing the overall per capita water use in the City to its adopted target consumption rate. The target per capita consumption rate adopted in 2008 is a citywide average of 243 gallons per person per day, intended to be reached by 2020 (which includes anticipated water conservation resulting from the on-going residential water metering program and additional water conservation by all customers: 5% by 2010, and an additional 5% by 2020.)	Ongoing	Department of Public Utilities			X			X	
D-10. All development projects shall be required to comply with City Department of Public Utilities conditions intended for the City to reach its overall per capita water consumption rate target. Project conditions shall include, but are not limited to, water use efficiency for landscaping, use of artificial turf and native plant materials, reducing turf areas, and discouraging the development of artificial lakes, fountains and ponds unless only untreated surface water or recycled water supplies are used for these decorative and recreational water features, as appropriate and sanitary.	Prior to approval of land use entitlement	Department of Public Utilities	X			X		X	
D-11. When and if the City adopts a formal management plan for recycled and/or reclaimed water, all development shall comply with its standards and requirements. Absent a formal management plan for recycled and/or reclaimed water, new development projects shall install reasonably necessary infrastructure, facilities and equipment to utilize reclaimed and recycled water for landscape irrigation, decorative fountains and ponds, and other water-consuming features, provided that use of reclaimed or recycled water is determined by the Department of Public Utilities to be feasible, sanitary, and energy-efficient.	Prior to approval of development project	Department of Public Utilities							X

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D-13. The City will conform to the requirements of Waste Discharge Requirements Order 5-01-254, including groundwater monitoring and subsequent Best Practical Treatment and Control (BPTC) assessment and findings.	Ongoing	Department of Public Utilities			X		

E-1. The City shall continue to implement and pursue strengthening of urban growth management service delivery requirements and annexation policy agreements, including urging that the county continue to implement similar measures within the boundaries of the 2025 Fresno General Plan, to promote contiguous urban development and discourage premature conversion of agricultural land.	Ongoing	Development and Resource Management Dept.				X	X

E-2. To minimize the inefficient conversion of agricultural land, the City shall pursue the appropriate measures to ensure that development within the planned urban boundary occurs consistent with the General Plan and that urban development occurs within the city's incorporated boundaries.	Ongoing	Development and Resource Management Dept.			X		

E-3. The City shall pursue appropriate measures, including recordation of right to farm covenants, to ensure that agricultural uses of land may continue within those areas of transition where planned urban areas interface with planned agricultural areas.	Ongoing	Development and Resource Management Dept.					X

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<p>E-4. Development of agricultural land, or fallow land adjacent to land designated for agricultural uses, shall incorporate measures to reduce the potential for conflicts with the agricultural use. Implementation of the following measures shall be considered:</p> <p>a. Including a buffer zone of sufficient width between proposed residences and the agricultural use.</p> <p>b. Restricting the intensity of residential uses adjacent to agricultural lands.</p> <p>c. Informing residents about possible exposure to agricultural chemicals.</p> <p>d. Where feasible and permitted by law, exploring opportunities for agricultural operators to cease aerial spraying of chemicals and use of heavy equipment near proposed residences.</p> <p>e. Recordation of right to farm covenants to ensure that agricultural uses of land can continue.</p>	Ongoing	Development and Resource Management Dept							X
<p>F-1. The City shall ensure the provision for adequate trunk sewer and collector main capacities to serve existing and planned urban and economic development, including existing developed uses not presently connected to the public sewer system, consistent with the Wastewater Master Plan. Where appropriate, the City will coordinate with the City of Clovis and other agencies to ensure that planning and construction of facilities address regional needs in a comprehensive manner.</p>	Ongoing	Dept. of Public Utilities and Development and Resource Management Dept.			X	X	X		
<p>F-2. The City shall continue the development and use of citywide sewer flow monitoring and computerized flow modeling to ensure the availability of sewer collection system capacity to serve planned urban development.</p>	Ongoing	Dept. of Public Utilities						X	

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F-2-a. The City shall provide for containment and management of leathers and sludge adequate to prevent groundwater degradation.	Ongoing	Dept. of Public Utilities							X
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F-3. The City shall ensure the provision of adequate sewage treatment and disposal by using the Fresno-Clovis Regional Wastewater Reclamation Facility as the primary facility when economically feasible for all existing and new development within the General Plan area. Smaller, subregional wastewater treatment facilities may also be constructed as part of the regional wastewater treatment system, when appropriate. This shall include provision of tertiary treatment facilities to produce recycled water for landscape irrigation and other non-potable uses. Site specific environmental evaluation and development of Waste Discharge Requirements by the Regional Water Quality Control Board shall precede the construction of these facilities. Mitigation measures identified in these evaluations shall be incorporated into each project to reduce the identified environmental impacts.	Ongoing	Dept. of Public Utilities				X	X		
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F-4. The City shall ensure that adequate trunk sewer capacity exists or can be provided to serve proposed development prior to the approval of rezoning, special permits, tract maps and parcel maps, so that the capacities of existing facilities are not exceeded.	Ongoing/prior to approval of land use entitlement	Dept. of Public Utilities and Development and Resource Management Dept	X				X		
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F-5. The City shall provide adequate solid waste facilities and services for the collection, transfer, recycling, and disposal of refuse for existing and planned development within the City's jurisdiction. Site specific environmental evaluation shall precede the construction of these facilities. Results of this evaluation shall be incorporated into each project to reduce the identified	Ongoing/prior to construction	Dept. of Public Utilities	X				X		
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G-1. Site specific environmental evaluation shall precede the construction of new police and fire protection facilities. Results of this evaluation shall be incorporated into each project to reduce the identified environmental impacts.	Ongoing/prior to construction	Fire Dept/Police Dept/ Development and Resource Management Dept.							X
H-1. Site specific environmental evaluation shall precede the construction of new public parks. Results of this evaluation shall be incorporated into the park design to reduce the environmental impacts.	Ongoing/prior to construction	Parks and Recreation Dept.; Development and Resource Management Dept.							X
I-1. Projects that could adversely affect rare, threatened or endangered wildlife and vegetative species (or may have impacts on wildlife, fish and vegetation restoration programs) may be approved only with the consent of the California Department of Fish and Game (and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, as appropriate) that adequate mitigation measures are incorporated into the project's approval.	Ongoing/prior to approval of land use entitlement	Development and Resource Management Dept.							X

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I-2. Where feasible, development shall avoid disturbance in wetland areas, including vernal pools and riparian communities along rivers and streams. Avoidance of these areas shall include siting structures at least 100 feet from the outermost edge of the wetland. If complete avoidance is not possible, the disturbance to the wetland shall be minimized to the maximum extent possible, with restoration of the disturbed area provided. New vegetation shall consist of native species similar to those removed.	Ongoing/prior to approval of land use entitlement	Development and Resource Management Dept.								X
I-3. Where wetlands or other sensitive habitats cannot be avoided, replacement habitat at a nearby off-site location shall be provided. The replacement habitat shall be substantially equivalent in nature to the habitat lost and shall be provided at a ratio suitable to assure that, at a minimum, there is no net loss of habitat acreage or value. Typically, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and California Department of Fish and Game require a ratio of three replacement acres for every one acre of high quality riparian or wetland habitat lost.	Ongoing/prior to approval of land use entitlement and during construction	Development and Resource Management Dept.								X
I-4. Existing and mature riparian vegetation shall be preserved to the extent feasible, except when trees are diseased or otherwise constitute a hazard to persons or property. During construction, all activities and storage of equipment shall occur outside of the drip lines of any trees to be preserved.	Ongoing/prior to approval of land use entitlement and during construction	Development and Resource Management Dept.								X
I-5. Within the identified riparian corridors, environmentally sensitive habitat areas shall be protected against any significant disruption of habitat values and only uses consistent with these values shall be allowed (e.g., nature education and research, fishing and habitat enhancement and protection).	Ongoing/prior to approval of land use entitlement and during	Development and Resource Management Dept.								X

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<p>I-6. All areas within identified riparian corridors shall be maintained in a natural state or limited to recreation and open space uses. Recreation shall be limited to passive forms of recreation, with any facilities that are constructed required to be non-intrusive to wildlife or sensitive species.</p>	<p>Ongoing/prior to approval of land use entitlement and during construction</p>	<p>Development and Resource Management Dept.</p>						X

<p>J-1. If the site of a proposed development or public works project is found to contain unique archaeological or paleontological resources, and it can be demonstrated that the project will cause damage to these resources, reasonable efforts shall be made to permit any or all of the resource to be scientifically removed, or it shall be preserved in situ (left in an undisturbed state). In situ preservation may include the following options, or equivalent measures: Amending construction plans to avoid the resources. Setting aside sites containing these resources by deeding them into permanent conservation easements. Capping or covering these resources with a protective layer of soil before building on the sites. Incorporating parks, green space or other open space into the project to leave these resources undisturbed and to provide a protective cover over them. Avoiding public disclosure of the location of these resources until or unless the site is adequately protected from vandalism or theft.</p>	<p>Ongoing/prior to approval of land use entitlement</p>	<p>Development and Resource Management Dept.</p>	X					

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Project/EA No. R-12-006/S-12-069/VPM-12-014

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J-2. An archaeological assessment shall be conducted for the project if prehistoric human relics are found that were not previously assessed during the environmental assessment for the project. The site shall be formally recorded, and archaeologist recommendations shall be made to the City on further site investigation or site avoidance/preservation measures.	Ongoing/prior to submittal of land use entitlement application	Development and Resource Management Dept.	X						
J-3. If there are suspected human remains, the Fresno County Coroner shall be contacted immediately. If the remains or other archaeological materials are possibly of Native American origin, the Native American Heritage Commission shall be contacted immediately, and the California Archaeological Inventory's Southern San Joaquin Valley Information Center shall be contacted to obtain a referral list of recognized archaeologists.	Ongoing	Development and Resource Management Dept./ Historic Preservation Commission staff	X						
J-4. Where maintenance, repair stabilization, rehabilitation, restoration, preservation, conservation or reconstruction of the historical resource will be conducted consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring and Reconstructing Historic Buildings (Weeks and Grimmer, 1995), the project's impact on the historical resource shall generally be considered mitigated below a level of significance and thus not significant.	Ongoing	Development and Resource Management Dept./ Historic Preservation Staff							X
K-1. The City shall adopt the land use noise compatibility standards presented in Figure VK-2 for general planning purposes.	Ongoing	Development and Resource Management Dept.							X

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<p>K-2. Any required acoustical analysis shall be performed as required by Policy H-1-d of the 2025 Fresno General Plan for development projects proposing residential or other noise sensitive uses as defined by Policy H-1-a, to provide compliance with the performance standards identified by Policies H-1-a and H-1-k. (Note: all are policies of the 2025 Fresno General Plan.)</p> <p>The following measures can be used to mitigate noise impacts; however, impacts may not be fully mitigated within the 70 dBA noise contour areas depicted on Figure VK-4.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Site Planning. See Chapter V for more details. ■ Barriers. See Chapter V for more details. ■ Building Designs. See Chapter V for more details. 	Ongoing/upon submittal of land use entitlement application	Development and Resource Management Dept.			X			X
<p>K-3. The City shall continue to enforce the California Administrative Code, Title 24, Noise Insulation Standards. Title 24 requires that an acoustical analysis be performed for all new multi-family construction in areas where the exterior sound levels exceed 60 CNEL. The analysis shall ensure that the building design limits the interior noise environment to 45 CNEL or below.</p>	Ongoing/prior to building permit issuance	Development and Resource Management Dept.					X	
<p>L-1. Any construction that occurs as a result of a project shall conform to current Uniform Building Code regulations which address seismic safety of new structures and slope requirements. As appropriate, the City shall require a preliminary soils report prior to subdivision map review to ascertain site specific subsurface information necessary to estimate foundation conditions. This report shall reference and make use of the most recent regional geologic maps available from the California Department of Conservation, Division of Mines and Geology.</p>	Ongoing	Development and Resource Management Dept.	X					X

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N-1. The City shall cooperate with appropriate energy providers to ensure the provision of adequate energy generated and distribution facilities, including environmental review as required.	Ongoing	Development and Resource Management Dept.				X		X	
Q-1. The City shall establish and implement design guidelines applicable to all commercial and manufacturing zone districts. These design guidelines will require consideration of the appearance of non-residential buildings that are visible to pedestrians and vehicle drivers using major streets or are visible from proximate properties zoned or planned for residential use.	Ongoing	Development and Resource Management Dept.	X				X		

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MASTER ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (MEIR) REVIEW SUMMARY

Projected Population and Housing. The City of Fresno experienced a period of notable growth in the construction of single family residences over the first five-year period of the 2025 Fresno General Plan (2003 through 2007). However, this development has occurred within the parameters anticipated by the General Plan and the mitigation measures established by Master Environmental Impact Report (MEIR 10130/SCH 2001071097). The General Plan and its MEIR utilized a projected population growth rate for purposes of land use and resource planning. This projection anticipated an annual average population growth of approximately 1.9 percent over the 23-year planning period. Population estimates provided by the State of California Department of Finance (DOF) indicate a population growth of approximately 60,000 people between 2002 and 2007 with a growth rate varying from 1.47 to 1.97 percent per year. These estimates are well within the growth projections of the General Plan and MEIR.

The City has processed 132 plan amendment applications since the adoption of the 2025 Fresno General Plan. These applications have resulted in changes of planned land use that affected approximately 1,422 acres, representing approximately one percent of the land area within the 2025 Fresno General Plan boundary. The impacts of these amendments are minimal and not significant in relation to the balance of the density and intensity of the land uses impacted by the plan amendment applications.

Based upon this, many of the assumptions relied upon for the MEIR to address other impacts, such as traffic, air quality, need for public utilities, services and facilities and water supplies are still valid to the extent that these assumptions relied upon projected population growth during the General Plan planning period. For this reason and the others provided below, the Staff finds that the circumstances have not changed from the time the MEIR was certified and/or new information is not known pursuant to CEQA Guideline Section 15179(b)(1) and the MEIR may still be relied upon.

Transportation and Circulation. Subsequent to the certification of the MEIR the City of Fresno has required the preparation of approximately 200 site specific traffic impact studies and had required the provision of street, intersection signalization and transportation improvements in accordance with the adopted mitigation measures of the MEIR. The City's Traffic Engineer reports that through review of these approximately 200 traffic impact studies, the City has not seen traffic counts substantially different than those predicted by the MEIR. Concurrently with these efforts, the City adopted a new program for traffic signal and major street impact fees to pay for planned improvements throughout Fresno (not just in new growth areas, as has been the case with the previous impact fee program). These fees will more comprehensively provide for meeting transportation infrastructure needs and will expedite reimbursement for developments, which construct improvements that exceed the project's proportionate share of the corresponding traffic or transportation capacity needs.

In addition to the local street system, the City has entered into an agreement with the California Department of Transportation to collect impact fees for state highway facilities which may be impacted by new development projects. The City participates in the Fresno County Transportation Authority, which recently was successful in obtaining voter re-authorization of a

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half-cent sales tax to be dedicated to a wide range of transportation facilities and programs (including mass transit). The City is also an active participant in ongoing regional transportation planning efforts, such as a freeway deficiency study, a corridor study for one or more additional San Joaquin River crossings, and the State's "Blueprint for the Valley" process. All these studies were commenced after the MEIR was certified, but none of them is yet completed. Therefore, it cannot be concluded that Fresno's environmental setting or the MEIR analysis of traffic and circulation have materially changed since November of 2002.

Therefore, Staff finds that the circumstances have not changed from the time the MEIR was certified and/or new information is not known based upon traffic impacts pursuant to CEQA Guideline Section 15179(b)(1).

Air Quality and Global Climate Change Staff has worked closely with the regional San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD) since the November 2002 certification of the 2025 Fresno General Plan Master Environmental Impact Report (MEIR). Potential air quality impacts have been analyzed for every environmental assessment initial study done for City development projects. Projects are required to comply with SJVAPCD rules and regulations via conditions of approval and mitigation measures formulated in the MEIR.

Overall, revisitation of these issues leads to the conclusion that, while there have been changes in air quality laws, planning requirements, and rules and regulations since certification of the MEIR, the actual environmental setting has not evidenced degradation of air quality. (Because air quality and global climate change are matters of some public controversy, additional documentation has been supplied on this issue; please refer to the appended full analysis with supporting data.)

In conjunction with SJVAPCD attainment plans and attendant rules and regulations that were adopted prior to the certification of the MEIR, policies in the 2025 Fresno General Plan and MEIR mitigation measures aimed at improving air quality appear to be working. Since 2002, data show that pollutant levels have been steadily decreasing for ozone/oxidants and for particulate matter (10 microns and 2 microns in size). Recent adoption of new air quality attainment plans by SJVAPCD, calling for broader and more stringent rules and regulations to achieve compliance with national and state standards, is expected to accelerate progress toward attainment of clean air act standards.

Analysis of global climate change analysis was not part of the MEIR in 2002, due to lack of scientific consensus on the matter and a lack of analytical tools. However, under the MEIR and General Plan mitigation measures and policies for reducing all forms of air pollution, levels of greenhouse gases have been reduced along with the other regulated air pollutants. At this point in time, detailed analysis and conclusions as to the significance of greenhouse gas emissions and strategies for mitigation are still not feasible, because the legislatively-mandated greenhouse gas inventory benchmarking and the environmental analysis policy formulation tasks of the California Environmental Protection Agency Air Resources Board and the Governor's Office of Planning and research are not completed. The information available does not support any conclusion that Rezone Application No. R-12-006, Site Plan Review Application No. S-12-069, Voluntary Parcel Merger Application No. VPM-12-014, or other City projects would have a significantly adverse impact on global climate change. Similarly, there is insufficient information to conclude that global climate change would have a significantly adverse impact upon the City of Fresno or specific development projects.

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Staff is not aware of any particular circumstance or information that would make impacts to air quality a reasonably foreseeable impact or more severe impact from that identified in the MEIR. Therefore, Staff finds that the circumstances have not changed from the time the MEIR was certified and/or new information is not known based upon air quality impacts pursuant to CEQA Guideline Section 15179(b)(1).

Water Supply, Quality and Hydrology. The City of Fresno has initiated, continued and completed numerous projects addressing general plan and MEIR provisions relating maintaining an adequate supply of safe drinking water to serve present and future projected needs. A water meter retrofit program to meter service to all consumers by the end of the year 2012 is underway, in compliance with State law that predated the MEIR and with new regulations affecting the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Central Valley Project. (While the federal regulation has trumped a voter-approved City charter amendment that specifically prohibited using meters for residential development, the City's plans and policies have always contained measures calling for water conservation and for seeking ways to reduce average consumption of households. Metering is recognized as the best implementation measure for this, and does not constitute a change in the City's environmental setting or the analysis and mitigation in the 2025 Fresno General Plan MEIR.) After certification of the MEIR, the City commenced operation of its northeast area surface water treatment facility; initiated and began construction of additional groundwater wells with granular activated carbon filtration systems as necessary to remediate groundwater contamination that was discussed in the MEIR and its mitigation measures; provided for additional groundwater recharge areas; and expanded its network of water transmission main pipeline improvements allowing for improved distribution of water supply.

As called for in 2025 General Plan policies and MEIR mitigation measures, the City has implemented several programs for preventing water pollution: In conjunction with Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District and the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) City inspectors assist in enforcing the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Stormwater Pollution Prevention regulations, The Planning and Development Department also consults with RWQCB on specific development projects which may require on-site wastewater treatment, and provides project-specific conditions and even supplemental environmental analysis for such projects, with specific mitigation measures. The City's Department of Public Utilities has enhanced its industrial pretreatment permitting program for industrial wastewater generators who discharge to the Fresno-Clovis Wastewater Treatment and Reclamation Facility.

Staff is not aware of any particular circumstance or information that would make impacts to water supply, quality and hydrology a reasonably foreseeable impact or more severe impact from that identified in the MEIR. The Director of Public Utilities finds that the circumstances have not changed from the time the MEIR was certified and/or new information is not known based upon traffic impacts pursuant to CEQA Guideline Section 15179(b)(1).

Agricultural Resources. The implementation of applicable policies since adoption of the 2025 Fresno General Plan has encouraged the development of urban uses in a more systematic pattern that avoids discontinuity and the creation of vacant by-passed properties. These efforts, together with the requirement to record "right-to-farm" covenants, facilitate the continuation of existing agricultural uses within the city's planned urban growth boundary during the interim period preceding orderly development of the property as anticipated by the General Plan. Staff is not aware of any particular circumstance or information that would make impacts from loss of

agricultural resources a reasonably foreseeable impact or more severe impact from that identified in the MEIR. Staff finds that the circumstances have not changed from the time the MEIR was certified and/or new information is not known related to loss of agricultural resources pursuant to CEQA Guideline Section 15179(b)(1).

Demand for Utilities and Service Systems. The City of Fresno has continued to provide for utilities and service systems commensurate with the demands of increased population and employment within its service area, implementing policies of the 2025 Fresno General Plan and conforming to MEIR mitigation measures. Programmatic measures have been continued, expanded or initiated to increase the efficiencies of providing services in a manner that will reduce potential impacts upon the natural and human environment. These improvements have included bringing the City's first surface water treatment plant on-line to distribute treated surface water, thereby preventing a worsening of groundwater overdraft in northeast Fresno; converting a substantial portion of the City's service vehicle fleet to alternative fuels; and expanding recycling and conservation measures (including contracting with a major material sorting and recycling facility and a green waste processor to comply with AB 939 solid waste reduction mandates) to more judiciously use resources and minimize adverse impacts the environment. Adoption of City-wide police and fire facility development impact fees and a contract to consolidate fire service with an adjacent fire prevention district have been accomplished to assure the provision of adequate firefighting capacity to serve a broader geographic extend of urban development and more intensive and mixed-use development throughout the metropolitan area.

Because these changes were anticipated in, or provided for by, the 2025 Fresno General Plan and its MEIR mitigation measures, they do not constitute a significant or adverse alteration of Fresno's environmental setting. Staff is not aware of any particular circumstance or information that would make impacts from increased demand for utilities and service systems and public facilities a reasonably foreseeable impact or more severe impact from that identified in the MEIR. Staff finds that the circumstances have not changed from the time the MEIR was certified and/or new information is not known related to increased demand for utilities, service systems, and public facilities pursuant to CEQA Guideline Section 15179(b)(1).

Demand for Recreational Facilities. The City of Fresno has adopted and City-wide parks facility and Quimby Act fee which provides for the acquisition of new open space and recreation facilities as well as improvements to existing facilities and programs to provide a broader range of recreation opportunities. Staff is not aware of any particular circumstance or information that would make impacts from increased demand for recreational facilities a reasonably foreseeable impact or more severe impact from that identified in the MEIR. Staff finds that the circumstances have not changed from the time the MEIR was certified and/or new information is not known related to increased demand for utilities, service systems, and public facilities pursuant to CEQA Guideline Section 15179(b)(1).

Biological Resources. The City continues to evaluate all development proposals for potential impacts upon natural habitats and associated species dependent upon these habitats. The City supports continuing efforts to acquire the most prominent habitats where appropriate, such as portions of the San Joaquin River environs. When development or public works projects have been proposed in this area, they have been subject to site-specific evaluation through supplemental environmental analyses, and appropriate mitigation measures and conditions

applied as derived from consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the California Department of Fish and Game. The City has imposed MEIR mitigation measures related to Biological Resources on projects that identified potential impacts to biological resources. Staff finds that this has adequately addressed any potential impact to biological resources. Staff is not aware of any particular circumstance or information that would make impacts from loss of biological resources a reasonably foreseeable impact or more severe impact from that identified in the MEIR. Staff finds that the circumstances have not changed from the time the MEIR was certified and/or new information is not known related to loss of biological resources pursuant to CEQA Guideline Section 15179(b)(1).

Potential Disturbance of Cultural Resources. The City of Fresno has implemented numerous efforts to identify historic and cultural resources, and provide thorough consideration as to their value and contributions to understanding or historic and cultural heritage.

Additionally, staff follows the MEIR mitigation measures for potential cultural resources. Staff is not aware of any particular circumstance or information that would make impacts to cultural resources a reasonably foreseeable impact that was not identified in the MEIR. Staff finds that the circumstances have not changed from the time the MEIR was certified and/or new information is not known related to loss of cultural resources pursuant to CEQA Guideline Section 15179(b)(1).

Within the last five years, the City has lost two lawsuits (Valley Advocates v. COF and Heritage Fresno v. RDA, City of Fresno) related to historical resources that related to six particular buildings at two different particular sites. The CEQA projects at issue were reviewed under independent CEQA documents, not under the MEIR as subsequent projects (*i.e.*, one under a separate EIR and one under a categorical exemption). These projects are site specific and are not reasonably expected to create additional impacts to cultural resources that would affect a finding under Section 15179. These particular projects may be properly assessed under the MEIR focused EIR procedures or mitigated negative declaration procedures under Section 15178 and not affect the overall MEIR findings.

Generation of Noise. The City of Fresno continues to implement mitigation measures and applicable plan policies to reduce the level of noise to which sensitive noise receptors are exposed. These efforts include identification of high noise exposure areas, limiting the development of new noise sensitive uses within these identified areas and conducting noise exposure studies and requiring implementation of appropriate design measures to reduce noise exposure. Staff finds that these efforts have adequately addressed any potential impacts that may have arisen related to noise and is not aware of any facts or circumstance that would make noise impacts have a more severe impact than that identified in the MEIR. Additionally, staff is not aware of any information or data that was not known at the time that the MEIR was certified that would be able to mitigate noise impacts beyond that identified and contemplated by the MEIR. Staff finds that the circumstances have not changed from the time the MEIR was certified and/or new information is not known related to noise impacts pursuant to CEQA Guideline Section 15179(b)(1).

Geology and Soils. The City of Fresno has a predominantly flat terrain with few geologic or soil quality constraints. The City continues to apply applicable local and state construction codes

and standards and continues to adopt new standards as appropriate to insure the safety of residents and protection of property improvements.

Staff finds that these codes and standards have adequately addressed any potential impacts that may have arisen related to geology and soils and is not aware of any facts or circumstance that would make impacts related to geology and soils a reasonably foreseeable impact not addressed in the MEIR. Staff finds that the circumstances have not changed from the time the MEIR was certified and/or new information is not known regarding impacts related to geology and soils pursuant to CEQA Guideline Section 15179(b)(1).

Hazards and Potential Generation of Hazardous Materials The City continues to implement General Plan policies and assure compliance with MEIR mitigation measures as new development is planned and constructed, and as Code Enforcement activities are conducted, in order to prevent flood damage, structural failures due to soil and geologic instability, and wildfire losses. Development in the vicinity of airports has been reviewed and appropriately conditioned with regard to adopted and updated airport safety and noise policies. In consultation with Fresno County Environmental Health and the California Environmental Protection Agency Department of Toxic Substances Control, industrial and commercial facilities that use, handle, or store potentially hazardous materials are appropriately sited, conditioned, and inspected periodically by the Fresno Fire Department to prevent adverse occurrences. Homeland Security regulations have been taken into consideration when reviewing food production, processing and storage facilities, and the City has conducted and participated in multiple emergency response exercises to develop response plans that would protect life, health, and safety in the event of railroad accidents and other potential hazards.

Staff finds that these procedures, as outlined in the 2025 Fresno General Plan and its MEIR (as well as in related regulations and codes pertaining to hazards and hazardous materials) have adequately addressed potential impacts that may have arisen related to hazards. Staff is not aware of any facts or circumstance that would make impacts related to hazards and hazardous materials reasonably foreseeable impacts not addressed in the MEIR. Staff finds that the circumstances have not materially changed from the time the MEIR was certified and/or new information is not known related to impacts from hazards and hazardous materials pursuant to CEQA Guideline Section 15179(b)(1).

Demand for Energy. The City of Fresno has taken a number of steps to reduce energy consumption, both “in house” to set an example, and in the policy arena. The most notable “in-house” actions are the following:

- Construction of solar panel generator facilities at the Municipal Services Center (MSC) and at Fresno-Yosemite International Airport. The MSC facility, completed in 2004, generates 3.05 GWh of energy (equivalent to operation of 286 homes per year) and has resulted in reduction of 966 tons of CO₂ emissions (equivalent to 2,414,877 vehicular miles not driven).
- Replacement of a significant number of vehicles in the municipal fleet with clean air vehicles (please refer to the following table).

CURRENT CITY OF FRESNO "CLEAN AIR" FLEET

50	CNG Transit Buses
4	CNG Trolleys
6	CNG Handi-Ride Buses
59	Retrofitted Diesel Powered Buses with REV (reduced emission vehicle) engines and diesel particulate traps
2	Hybrid (gasoline-electric) Transit Buses
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12	Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Pickups, Vans and Sedans
7	Flex Fuel Pickups, Vans and Sedans (CNG/Unleaded Fuel)
3	Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Street Sweepers
52	Hybrid (gasoline-electric) Sedans and Trucks
34	Electric Vehicles
5	Propane Powered Vehicles
103	LNG Powered Refuse Trucks
59	Retrofitted Diesel Powered Refuse Trucks with combination lean NOx catalyst and diesel particulate filters
9	Retrofitted Diesel Powered Street Sweepers with combination lean NOx catalyst and diesel particulate filters
1	Plug-In CNG/Electric Hybrid Refuse Truck
56	Heavy duty diesel trucks and construction equipment equipped with exhaust after-treatment devices
9	Off Road Equipment with exhaust after-treatment devices
473	Total "Clean Air" Vehicles in the City of Fresno fleet

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In the development standards policy arena, the City is taking numerous steps to increase residential densities and connectivity between residential and commercial land uses, thus facilitating more walking, biking and transit ridership (which has increased 22% in recent months) and saving energy:

- Amended the zoning code to allow development of mixed use projects in all commercial zone districts citywide, and in the C-M and M-1 zone districts within the Central Area.
- Amended the zoning code to allow density bonuses for affordable housing projects. Such bonuses permit density increases of approximately 30%.
- Amended zoning code to eliminate the “drop down” provision, which permitted development at one density range less than that shown on the adopted land use map.
- Amended the zoning code to increase heights in various residential and commercial zone districts and reduce the minimum lot size in the R-1 zone district from 6,000 to 5,000 square feet.
- Initiated the Activity Center Study, which is defining the potential Activity Centers located in Exhibit 6 of the 2025 Fresno General Plan and proposing design classifications and increased density ranges for these centers and corresponding transportation corridors.

Staff is not aware of any facts or circumstance that would make impacts related to energy demands reasonably foreseeable impacts that were not addressed in the MEIR. Staff finds that the circumstances have not materially changed from the time the MEIR was certified and/or new information is not known related to energy demand impacts pursuant to CEQA Guideline Section 15179(b)(1).

Mineral Resources. The City of Fresno has adopted plan policies and City ordinance provisions consistent with requirements of the State of California necessary to preserve access to areas of identified resources and for restoration of land after resource recovery (surface mining) activities. Staff finds that these policies and Fresno Municipal Code provisions have adequately addressed any potential impacts that may have arisen related to mineral resources and is not aware of any facts or circumstance that would make loss of mineral resources a reasonably foreseeable impact not addressed in the MEIR. Staff finds that the circumstances have not changed from the time the MEIR was certified and/or new information is not known related to loss of mineral resources pursuant to CEQA Guideline Section 15179(b)(1).

School Facilities. The City of Fresno continues to consult with affected school districts and participate in school site planning efforts to assure the identification of appropriate location alternatives for planned school facilities. Staff is not aware of any information from the school districts or otherwise to demonstrate that adequate school facilities are not being accommodated under the current General Plan and/or that the need for school facilities is expected to cause impacts not identified in the MEIR. Staff finds that the circumstances have not changed from the time the MEIR was certified and/or new information is not known related to need for school facilities pursuant to CEQA Guideline Section 15179(b)(1).

Potential Aesthetic Impacts. Design Guidelines were appended to the 2025 Fresno General Plan through the plan adoption process conducted concurrently with MEIR analysis. As noted previously, General Plan policies encourage and promote infill development, and the City of Fresno Planning and Development Department has implemented design guidelines for reviewing infill housing development proposals. The Department has prepared detailed design guidelines for the Tower District Specific Plan area and the Fulton-Lowell Specific Plan area, both of which contain enclaves of unique structures. The City has adopted policies promoting incorporation of public art within private development projects, which will contribute to a more appealing visual environment, benefitting users of the private property as well as the surrounding community. In addition, the City of Fresno and the City of Fresno Redevelopment Agency have funded public improvements which improve the general aesthetic. Staff is not aware of any situation or circumstances where there are reasonably foreseeable aesthetic impacts not identified and assessed in the MEIR. Staff finds that the circumstances have not changed from the time the MEIR was certified and/or new information is not known related aesthetic impacts pursuant to CEQA Guideline Section 15179(b)(1).

Appendix: Status of MEIR Analysis With Regard to Air Quality and Climate Change

APPENDIX

STATUS OF MEIR ANALYSIS WITH REGARD TO AIR QUALITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Planning staff has worked closely with the regional San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD) since the November 2002 certification of the 2025 Fresno General Plan Master Environmental Impact Report (MEIR). Potential air quality impacts have been analyzed for every environmental assessment initial study done for City development projects. Projects are required to comply with SJVAPCD rules and regulations via conditions of approval and mitigation measures formulated in the MEIR.

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Analysis of global climate change analysis was not part of the MEIR in 2002, due to lack of scientific consensus on the matter and a lack of analytical tools. However, under the MEIR and General Plan mitigation measures and policies for reducing all forms of air pollution, levels of greenhouse gases have been reduced along with the other regulated air pollutants. At this point in time, detailed analysis and conclusions as to the significance of greenhouse gas emissions and strategies for mitigation are still not feasible, because the legislatively-mandated greenhouse gas inventory benchmarking and the environmental analysis policy formulation tasks of the California Environmental Protection Agency Air Resources Board and the Governor's Office of Planning and research are not completed. The information available does not support any conclusion that R-12-006, Site Plan Review Application No. S-12-069, Voluntary Parcel Merger Application No. VPM-12-014, or other City projects would have a significantly adverse impact on global climate change. Similarly, there is insufficient information to conclude that global climate change would have a significantly adverse impact upon the City of Fresno or specific development projects.

SUPPORTING DATA AND ANALYSIS

While there have been changes in air quality regulations since the November 2002 certification of the 2025 Fresno General Plan MEIR, the actual environmental setting has not evidenced degradation of air quality.

The adverse air quality impacts associated with the myriad of human activities potentiated by the long range general plan for the Fresno metropolitan area can be expected to remain significant and unavoidable, and cannot be completely mitigated through the General Plan or through project-level mitigation measures. In order to provide a suitable living environment within the metropolitan area, the General Plan and its MEIR included numerous air pollution reduction measures.

The 2025 Fresno General Plan and its MEIR gave emphasis to pursuing cleaner air as an overarching goal. The urban form element of the General Plan was designed to foster efficient transportation and to support mass transit and subdivision design standards are being implemented to support pedestrian travel. Strong policy direction in the Public Facilities and Resource Conservation elements require that air pollution improvement be a primary consideration for all land development proposals, that development and public facility projects conform to the 2025 Fresno General Plan and its EIR mitigation measures, and that the City work conjunctively with other agencies toward the goal of improving air quality.

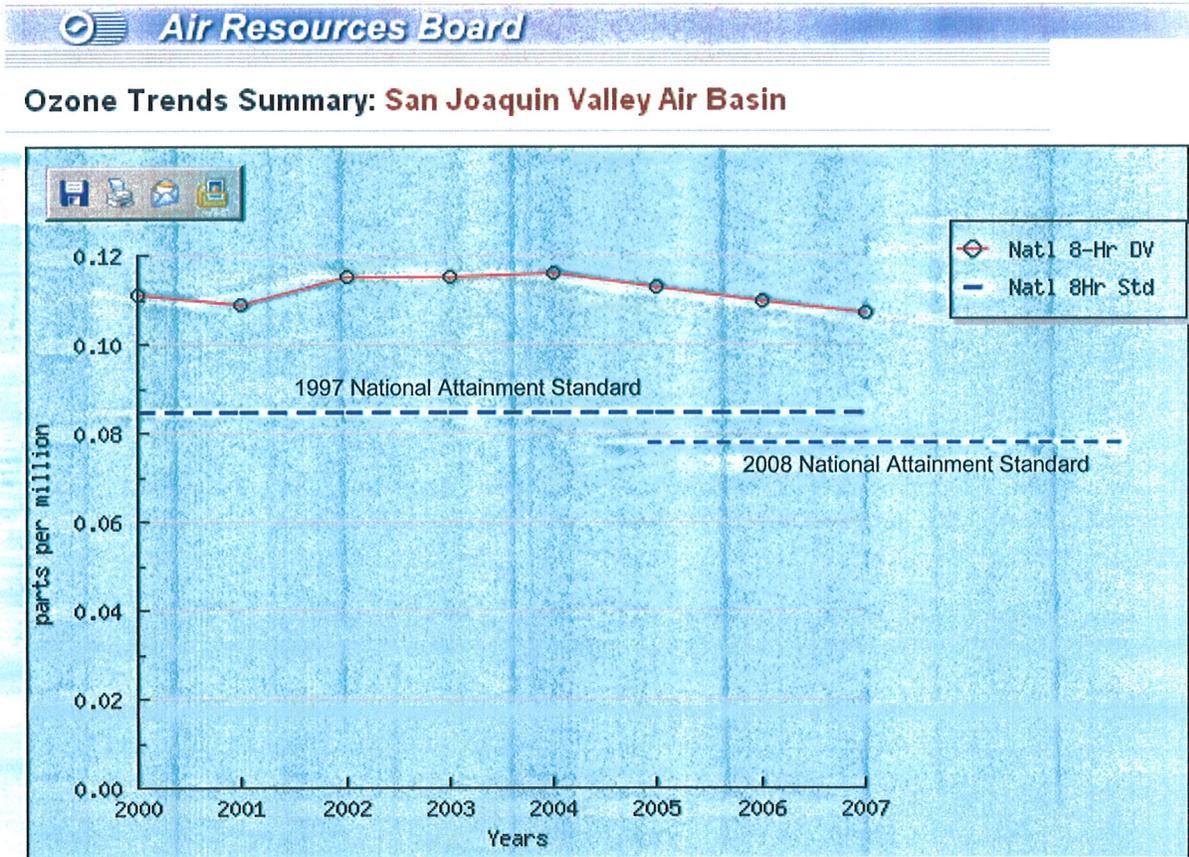
The MEIR mitigation checklist sketched out a series of actions for the City to pursue with regard to its own operations, and City departments are pursuing these objectives. The Fresno Area Express (FAX) bus fleet and the Department of Public Utilities solid waste collection truck fleet are being converted to cleaner fuels. Lighter-duty vehicle fleets are also incorporating alternative fuels and "hybrid" vehicles. Mass transit system improvements are supporting increased ridership. Construction of sidewalks, paseos, bicycle lanes and bike paths is being required for new development projects, and are being incorporated into already-built segments of City rights-of-way with financing from grants, gas tax, and other road construction revenues. Traffic signal synchronization is being implemented. The Planning and Development Department amended the Fresno Municipal Code to ban all types of residential woodburning appliances, thereby removing the most prominent source of particulate matter pollution from new construction.

Pursuant to a specific MEIR mitigation measure, all proposed development projects are evaluated with the "Urbemis" air quality impact model that evaluates potential generation of a range of air pollutants and pollutant precursors from project construction, project-related traffic, and from various area-wide non-point air pollution sources (e.g., combustion appliances, yard maintenance activities, etc.). The results of this "Urbemis" model evaluation are used to determine the significance of development projects' air quality impacts as well as the basis for any project-specific air quality mitigation measures.

There are no new (*i.e.*, unforeseen in the MEIR) reasonable mitigation measures which have become available since late 2002 that would assure the reduction of cumulative (city-wide) air quality impacts to a less than significant level at project buildout, even with full compliance with attainment plans and rules promulgated by the California Air Resources Board and the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District.

Through implementation of regional air quality attainment plans by the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD), as supported by implementation of 2025 Fresno General Plan policies and MEIR mitigation measures, air pollution indices have shown improvement. Progress is being made toward attainment of federal and state ambient air quality standards.

Ozone/oxidant levels have shown gradual improvement, as depicted in the following graphs and charts from the California Air Resources Board (graphics with an aqua background) and from the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (those with no background color):



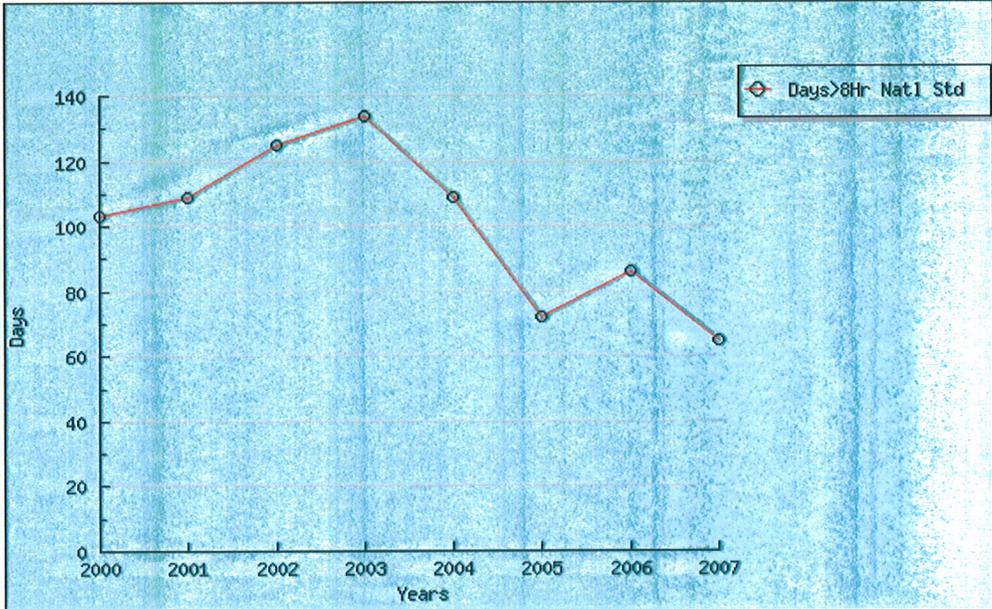
GRAPH NOTES: The "National 1997 8-Hour Ozone Design Value" is a three-year running average of the fourth-highest 8-hour ozone measurement averages in each of the three years (computed according to the method specified in Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 50, Appendix I).

Under the 1997 standard, in effect through the end of 2007, "Attainment" would be achieved if the three-year average were less than, or equal to, 84 parts per billion (ppb), or 0.084 parts per million (ppm). In 2008, a new National 8-Hour Ozone Attainment standard went into effect: a three year average of 75 ppb (0.075 ppm). Data and attainment status for 2008 is expected to become available in 2009.

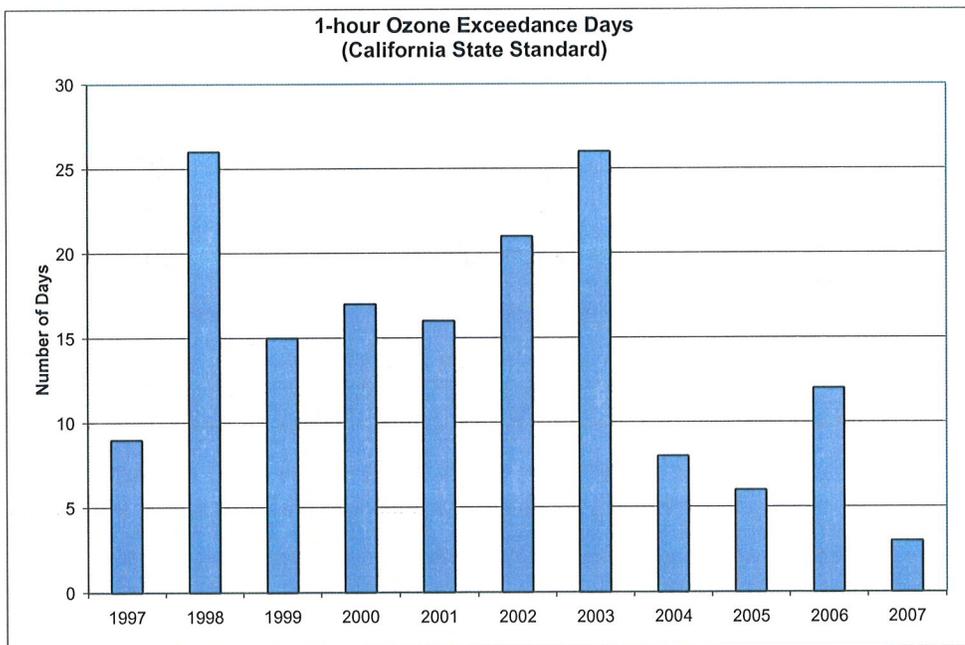
The California Clean Air Act has a different calculation method for its 8-hr oxidant [ozone] standard design value, and an attainment standard that is lower (0.070 ppm). The ozone improvement trend under the state Clean Air Act 8-hour ozone standard parallels the trend for the national 8-hour standard.

Correspondingly, the number of days per year in which the National 8-hour Ozone Standard has been exceeded have also decreased since the end of 2002:

Ozone Trends Summary: San Joaquin Valley Air Basin



In 1997, the Federal Clean Air Act repealed the former National 1-hour Ozone standard. However, the California Clean Air Act retains this air pollution parameter. The days per year in which the State of California 1-hour ozone standard has been exceeded have also shown a generally decreasing trend in the time since the 2025 Fresno General Plan MEIR was certified:

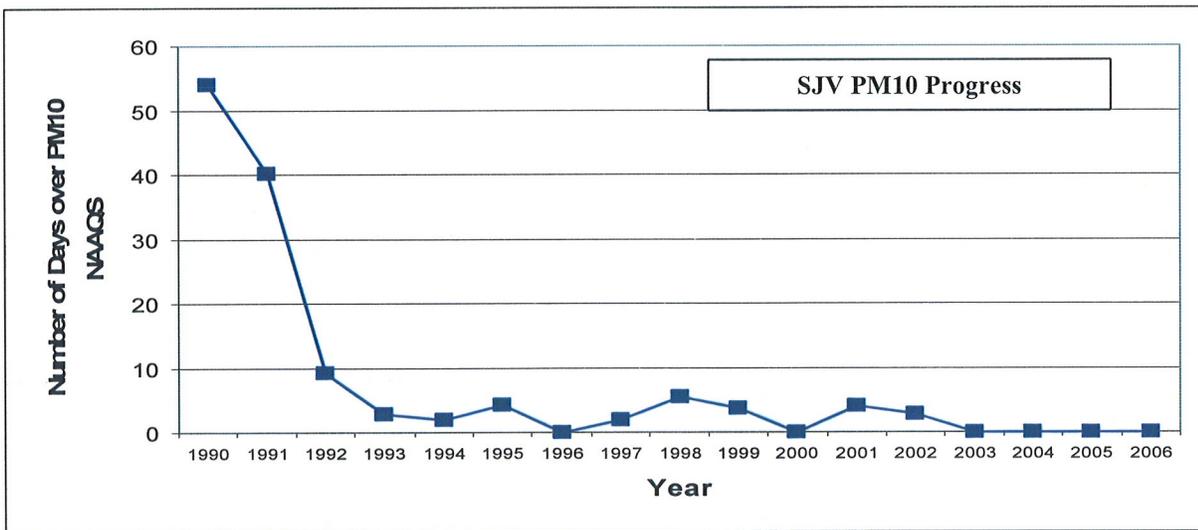


The current ozone attainment plan for the San Joaquin Valley Air Basin, in place when the MEIR for the 2025 Fresno General Plan was certified, is linked to a federal designation of "Serious Nonattainment." While ozone/oxidant air quality conditions are showing a trend toward improvement, the rate of progress toward full attainment is not sufficient to reach the national ambient air quality standards by the target date established by the attainment plan. Mobile sources (vehicle engines) are the primary source for ozone precursors, and the regulation of mobile sources occurs at the national and state levels and is beyond the direct regulatory reach of the regional air pollution control agency. As noted in the 2025 Fresno General Plan MEIR and reflected in the Statement of Overriding Considerations made when the MEIR was certified, potentially significant and unavoidable adverse air quality impacts are inherent in population growth and construction in the City of Fresno, given the Valley's climatology and the limitations on regulatory control of air pollutant precursors.

In 2004, the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, in conjunction with the California Air Resources Board, approved a re-designation for the San Joaquin Valley Air Basin to "Extreme Nonattainment" status for ozone, approving a successor air quality attainment plan that projects San Joaquin Valley attainment of the national 8-hour ozone standard by year 2023. This designation and its accompanying attainment plan were submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) in November of 2004. To date, no formal action has been taken by USEPA to date on the proposed designation or the attainment plan; the Valley remains in "Severe Non- attainment" as of this writing.

The change from "Severe" to "Extreme" ozone Nonattainment would represent an extension of the deadline for attainment, but since the regional air basin would not have achieved attainment by the original deadline, this does not materially affect environmental conditions for the City of Fresno as they were analyzed in the MEIR for the 2025 Fresno General Plan. The proposed revised ozone attainment plan includes not only all the measures in the preceding ozone attainment plan, but additional measures for regulating a wider range of activities to attain ambient air quality standards.

The Valley's progress toward attaining national and state standards for PM-10 (particulate matter less than 10 microns in diameter) has been greater since certification of the MEIR:



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As the preceding chart reveals, levels of PM-10 air pollution have decreased since 2002. When the MEIR was certified, the San Joaquin Valley Air Basin was designated in "Serious Nonattainment" for national standards. As of 2007, the number of days where standards were exceeded has decreased to the extent that the Valley has been deemed to be in Attainment. Under Federal Clean Air Act Section 107(d)(3), PM-10 attainment plans and associated rules and regulations remain in place to maintain this level of air quality. New and expanded regulations proposed to combat "Extreme" ozone pollution and PM-2.5 (discussed below) would be expected to provide even more improvement in PM-10 pollution situation.

The 2025 Fresno General Plan provided policy direction in support of "indirect source review" as a method for controlling mobile source pollution. Although vehicle engines and fuels are outside the purview of local and regional jurisdictions in California, approaching mobile source pollution indirectly, through regulation and mitigation of land uses which generate traffic, is an alternative approach.

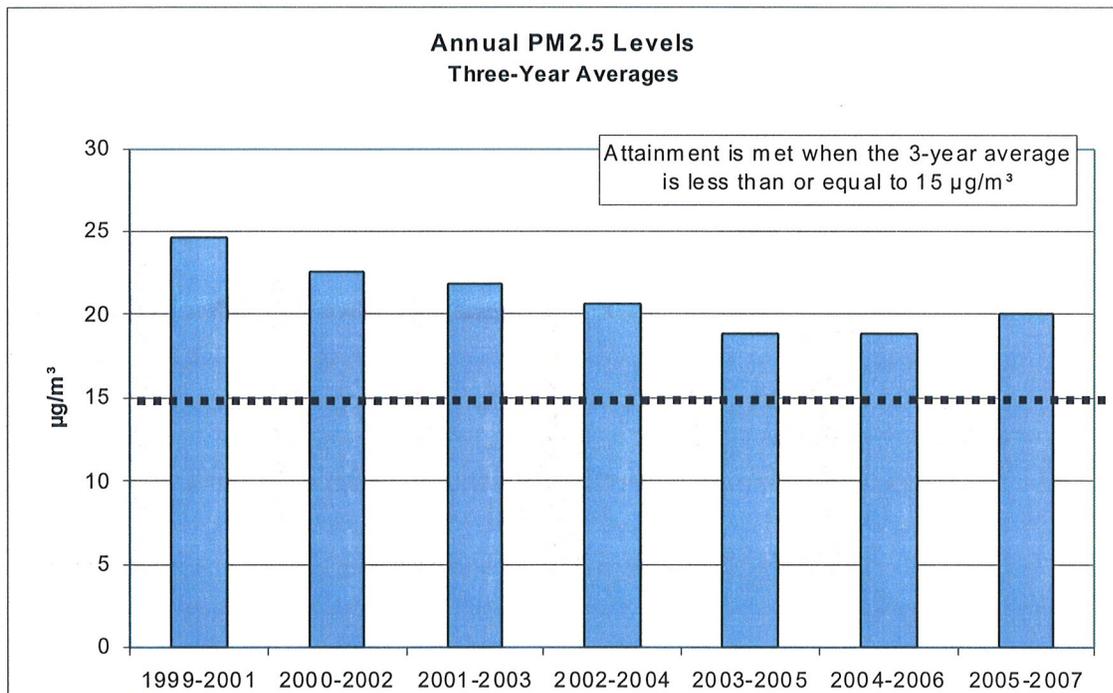
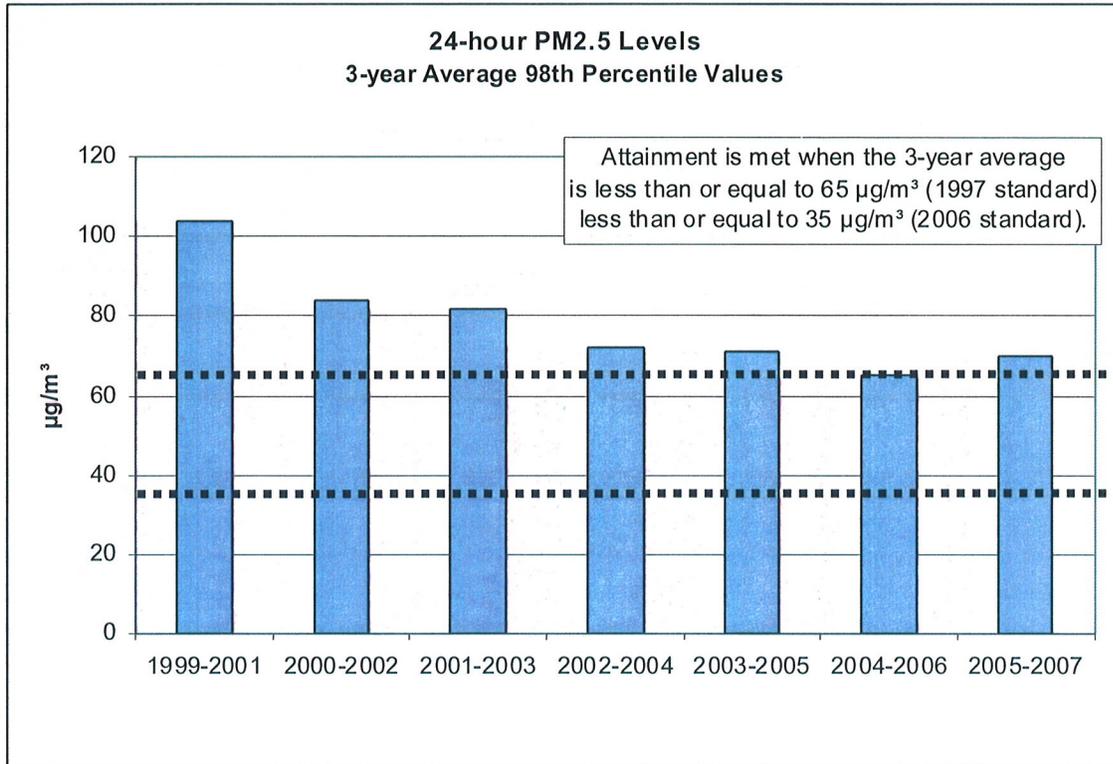
In March of 2006, the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District adopted Rule 9510, its Indirect Source Review Rule. Full implementation of this Rule has been delayed due to litigation (mitigation fees are being collected and retained in holding accounts), but projects are already being evaluated under Rule 9510 and are implementing many aspects of the Rule, such as clean air design (pedestrian and bike facilities; proximal siting of residential and commercial land uses; low-pollution construction equipment; dust control measures; cleaner-burning combustion appliances, etc.).

It is anticipated that full implementation (release of mitigation impact fees for various clean air projects throughout the San Joaquin Valley) and subsequent augmentation of the Indirect Source Review Rule will accelerate progress toward attainment of federal and state ozone standards, and will be an important component of the attainment plan for PM-2.5 (very fine particulate matter) and for greenhouse gas reductions to combat global climate change.

PM-2.5 is a newly-designated category of air pollutant, the component of PM-10 comprised of particles 2.5 microns in diameter or smaller. The 1997 Clean Air Act Amendments directed that this pollutant be brought under regulatory control, but federal and state standards/designations had not been finalized when the 2025 Fresno General Plan MEIR was drafted and certified. In the intervening time, the San Joaquin Valley Air Basin has been classified as being in "Nonattainment" for the 1997 federal PM-2.5 standard and for the State PM-2.5 standard.

An attainment demonstration plan for the federal 1997 PM-2.5 standard has been adopted by the SJVAPCD and approved by the California Air Resources Board, and forwarded to the EPA for approval (status as of mid-2008). The attainment plan would achieve compliance with the 1997 federal Clean Air Act PM-2.5 standard by year 2014, in conjunction with California Air Resources Board (and US EPA) action to improve diesel engine emissions. The San Joaquin Valley Air Basin has not yet been classified under the more stringent revised federal 2006 PM-2.5 standard; this classification is expected by 2009.

As with ozone and PM-10 pollution, levels of PM-2.5 have already been reduced by already-existing air quality improvement planning policies, mitigation measures, and regulations. The following charts depict historic PM-2.5 monitoring data for the regional air basin. Once the expected SJVAPCD attainment plan is implemented measures specific to PM-2.5 control, the rate of progress toward attainment of federal and state PM-2.5 standards will accelerate.



When the 2025 Fresno General Plan and its MEIR were approved in late 2002, the planning and environmental documents did not directly or separately analyze potential global warming

and climate change impacts. However, the general policy direction for consideration of air quality parameters in development project evaluations and for reducing those air pollutants which are already under regulation would operate to control these potential adverse impacts.

“Global warming” is the term coined to describe a widespread climate change characterized by a rising trend in the Earth’s ambient average temperatures with concomitant disturbances in weather patterns and resulting alteration of oceanic and terrestrial environs and biota. When sunlight strikes the Earth’s surface, some of it is reflected back into space as infrared radiation. When the net amount of solar energy reaching Earth’s surface is about the same as the amount of energy radiated back into space, the average ambient temperature of the Earth’s surface would remain more or less constant. Greenhouse gases potentially disturb this equilibrium by absorbing and retaining infrared energy, trapping heat in the atmosphere—the “greenhouse gas effect.”

The predominant current opinion within the scientific community is that global warming is occurring, and that it is being caused and/or accelerated via generation of excess “greenhouse gases” [GHGs], that natural carbon cycle processes (such as photosynthesis) are unable to absorb sufficient quantities of GHG and cannot keep the level of these gases or their warming effect under control. It is believed that a combination of factors related to human activities, such as deforestation and an increased emission of GHG into the atmosphere from combustion and chemical emissions, is a primary cause of global climate change.

The predominant types of anthropogenic greenhouse gases (those caused by human activity), are described as follows. It should be noted that the starred GHGs are regulated by existing air quality policies and rules pursuant to their roles in ozone and particulate matter formation and/or as potential toxic air contaminants.

- carbon dioxide (CO₂), largely generated by combustion activities such as coal and wood burning and fossil fuel use in vehicles but also a byproduct of respiration and volcanic activity;
- *methane (CH₄), known commonly as “natural gas,” is present in geologic deposits and is also evolved by anaerobic decay processes and animal digestion. On a ton-for-ton basis, CH₄ exerts about 20 times the greenhouse gas effect of CO₂;
- *nitrous oxide (N₂O), produced in large part by soil microbes and enhanced through application of fertilizers. N₂O is also a byproduct of fossil fuel burning: atmospheric nitrogen, an inert gas that makes up a large proportion of the atmosphere, is oxidized when air is exposed to high-temperature combustion. N₂O is used in some industrial processes, as a fuel for rocket and racing engines, as a propellant, and as an anesthetic. N₂O is one component of “oxides of nitrogen” (NOX), long recognized as precursors of smog-causing atmospheric oxidants.
- *chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), synthetic chemicals developed in the late 1920s for use as improved refrigerants (e.g., “Freon™”). It was recognized over two decades ago that this class of chemicals exerted powerful and persistent greenhouse gas effects. In 1987, the Montreal Protocol halted production of CFCs.
- *hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), another class of synthetic refrigerants developed to replace CFCs;

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- *perfluorocarbons (PFCs), used in aluminum and semiconductor manufacturing, have an extremely stable molecular structure, with biological half-lives tens of thousands of years, leading to ongoing atmospheric accumulation of these GHGs.
- *sulfur hexafluoride (SF₆) is used for insulation in electric equipment, semiconductor manufacturing, magnesium refining and as a tracer gas for leak detection. Of any gas evaluated, SF₆ exerts the most powerful greenhouse gas effect, almost 24,000 times as powerful as that of CO₂ on a ton-for-ton basis.
- water vapor, the most predominant GHG, and a natural occurrence: approximately 85% of the water vapor in the atmosphere is created by evaporation from the oceans.

In an effort to address the perceived causes of global warming by reducing the amount of anthropogenic greenhouse gases generated in California, the state enacted the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (Codified as Health & Safety Code Section 38501 *et seq.*). Key provisions include the following:

- ▲ Codification of the state's goal by requiring that California's GHG emissions be reduced to 1990 "baseline" levels by 2020.
- ▲ Set deadlines for establishing an enforcement mechanism to reduce GHG emissions:
 - By June 30, 2007, the California Air Resources Board ("CARB") was required to publish "discrete early action" GHG emission reduction measures. Discrete early actions are regulations to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to be adopted by the CARB and enforceable by January 1, 2010;
 - By January 1, 2008, CARB was required to identify what the state's GHG emissions were in 1990 (set the "baseline") and approve a statewide emissions limit for the year 2020 that is equivalent to 1990 levels. (These statewide baseline emissions have not yet been allocated to regions, counties, or smaller political jurisdictions.) By this same date, CARB was required to adopt regulations to require the reporting and verification of statewide greenhouse gas emissions.
 - By January 1, 2011, CARB must adopt emission limits and emission reduction measures to take effect by January 1, 2012.

As support for this legislation, the Act contains factual statements regarding the potential significant impacts on California's physical environment that could be caused by global warming. These include, an increase in the intensity and duration of heat waves, the exacerbation of air quality problems, a reduction in the quality and supply of water to the state from the Sierra snow pack, a rise in sea levels resulting in the displacement of thousands of coastal businesses and residences, damage to marine ecosystems and the natural environment, and an increase in the incidences of infectious diseases, asthma, and other human health-related problems.

On August 24, 2007, California also enacted legislation (Public Resources Code §§ 21083.05 and 21097) requiring the state Resources Agency to adopt guidelines for addressing climate change in environmental analysis pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. By July 1, 2009, the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) is required to prepare guidelines for the mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions, and transmit those draft regulations to the Resources Agency. The Resources Agency must then certify and adopt the guidelines by January 1, 2010.

The recently-released update of the Urbemis computer model (used by the City of Fresno Planning and Development Department for environmental assessments, pursuant to a specific MEIR mitigation measure) does provide data on the amounts of CO₂ and oxides of nitrogen (NOX) potentially generated by development projects. However, at this point in time, neither CARB nor the SJVAPCD has determined what the 1997 baseline or current "inventory" of GHGs is for the entire state nor for any region or jurisdiction within the state. No agency has adopted GHG emission limits and emission reduction measures, and because CEQA guidelines have not been established for the evaluation and mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions (there is an absence of regulatory guidance). Therefore, the City is unable to productively interpret the results of the Urbemis model with regard to GHGs, and there is currently no way to determine the significance of a project's potential impact upon global warming.

The 2025 Fresno General Plan provides an integrated combination of residential, commercial, industrial, and public facility uses allowing for proximate location of living, work, educational, recreational, and shopping activities within Fresno metropolitan area. This combination of uses has been identified as a potential mitigation measure to address global warming impacts in a document published by the California Attorney General's Office entitled, *The California Environmental Quality Act Mitigation of Global Warming Impacts* (updated January 7, 2008). Specifically, this document describes this mitigation measure as follows, "Incorporate mixed-use, infill and higher density development to reduce vehicle trips, promote alternatives to individual vehicle travel, and promote efficient delivery of services and goods"—echoing objectives and policies of the 2025 Fresno General Plan adopted in late 2002.

The General Plan contains a mix of land uses would be expected to generate fewer vehicle miles traveled per capita, leading to reduced emissions of greenhouse gases from engine emissions. It provides for overall denser development with high-intensity enclaves, associated with increased public transit use. The plan fosters mixed use and infill development (being implemented by mixed-use zoning ordinances added to the Fresno Municipal Code, as directed by 2025 Fresno General Plan) policies. The urban form element distributes neighborhood-level and larger commercial development, public facilities such as schools, and recreational sites throughout the metropolitan area, reducing vehicle trips.

Any manufacturing activities that would generate SF₆, HFCs, or PFCs would be subject to subsequent environmental review at the project-specific level, as would any uses which would generate methane on site. The City of Fresno has adopted an ordinance prohibiting installation of any woodburning fireplaces or woodburning appliances in new homes, which would reduce CO₂ and N₂O from wood combustion.

Through updates in the California Building Code and statewide regulation of appliance standards, City development projects conform to state-of-the art energy-efficient building, lighting, and appliance standards as advocated in the California Environmental Protection Agency's publication *Climate Action Team / Proposed Early Actions to Mitigate Climate Change in California* (April 2007) and in CARB's *Proposed Early Actions to Mitigate Climate Change in California* (April 2007). The City has further incentivized "green" building projects by providing subsidies for solar photovoltaic equipment for single-family residential construction, by reducing development standards (including reductions in required parking spaces, which further reduces air pollutant and GHG emissions), and by improving its landscape and shading standards (a topic included in the Design Guidelines adopted with the 2025 Fresno General Plan).

Updated engine and tire efficiency standards would apply to residents' vehicles, as well as the statewide initiatives applicable to air conditioning and refrigeration equipment, regional transportation improvements, power generation and use of solar energy, water supply and water conservation, landfill methane capture, changes in cement manufacturing processes, manure management (methane digester protocols), recycling program enhancements, and "carbon capture" (also known as "carbon sequestration," technologies for capturing and converting CO₂, removing it from the atmosphere).

Due to the lack of data or regulatory guidance that would indicate the 2025 Fresno General Plan had a significant adverse impact upon global climate change, the relatively small size of the Fresno Metropolitan Area in conjunction with the worldwide scope of GHG emissions, and the emphasis in the 2025 Fresno General Plan upon integrated urban design and air pollution control measures, it could not be concluded in 2002 nor at present that the 2025 Fresno General Plan would have a significant adverse impact on global climate change.

As to potential impacts of global warming upon the 2025 Fresno General Plan: the city is located in the Central Valley, in an urbanized area on flat terrain distant from the Pacific coast and from rivers and streams. It is outside of identified flood prone areas. Based on its location we conclude that Fresno is not likely to be significantly affected by the potential impacts of global climate change such as increased sea level and river/stream channel flooding; nor is it subject to wildfire hazards. While Fresno does contain areas with natural habitat (the San Joaquin Bluffs and Riverbottom), a change in these areas' biota induced by global warming would not leave them bereft of all habitat value—it would simply mean a change in the species which would be encountered in these areas. The 2025 Fresno General Plan preserves this habitat open space area for multiple objectives (protection from soil instability and flood inundation; conservation of designated high-quality mineral resources), so any natural resource species changes in those areas would not constitute a significant adverse impact to the city or a loss of resource area.

Fresno has historically had high ambient summer temperatures and an historic heat mortality level that is among the highest in the state (5 heat-related deaths annually per 100,000 population). Due to the prevalence of air conditioning in dwellings and commercial buildings, an increase in extreme heat days from global warming is not expected by the California Air Resources Board Research Division to significantly increase heat-related deaths in Fresno, as opposed to possible effects in cooler portions of the state such as Sacramento or Los Angeles areas (reference: *Projections of Public Health Impacts of Climate Change in California: Scenario Analysis*, by Dr. Deborah Dreschler, Air Resources Board, April 9, 2008). Increased summertime temperatures which may be caused by global warming will be mitigated by the City's landscaping standards to provide shade trees, by statewide energy efficiency standards which insulate dwellings from heat and cold, and by urban design standards which require east-west orientation of streets and buildings to facilitate solar gain. Fresno has a heat emergency response plan and provides cooling centers and free transportation to persons who do not have access to air conditioning.

Secondary health effects of global warming could include increases in respiratory and cardiac illnesses attributable to poor air quality. The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District provides daily advisories and warnings in times of high ozone levels to help senior citizens and other sensitive populations avoid exposure. The SJVAPCD has committed to attainment of fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) standards by Year 2014 and to attainment of oxidant/ozone standards by Year 2023, and would adopt additional Rules and emission controls as necessary

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to decrease emissions inventories by those target dates. There is insufficient information to indicate that global climate change would prevent attainment of air quality parameters affecting health.

Pursuant to 2025 Fresno General Plan policy and MEIR mitigation measures, the City's Department of Public Utilities and Fire Department are required to affirm that adequate water service can be provided to all development projects for potable and fire suppression uses. The City derives much of its water supply from groundwater, using its surface water entitlements from the Kings and San Joaquin Rivers primarily to recharge the aquifer. A high percentage of Fresno's annual precipitation is captured and percolated in ponding basins operated by Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District. If global climate change leads to a longer rainy season and/or more storm events throughout the year, groundwater supplies could be improved by additional percolation.

The City of Fresno currently treats and distributes only some 20% of its 150,000 acre-foot/year (AFY) surface water entitlement for the municipal water system, directing another 50,000 to 70,000 AFY to recharge activities via ponding basins. Presently, the City is unable to recharge the full balance of its annual entitlement in average and wet years, and releases any unused surface water supplies to area irrigation districts for agricultural use in the metropolitan area, (which further augments groundwater recharge through percolation of irrigated water).

Future surface water plant construction projects envisioned by the 2025 Fresno General Plan would account for less than 120,000 acre-feet per year of the surface supply. The General Plan direction for future Metropolitan Water Resource Management Plans includes exploring the use of recycled treated wastewater for non-potable uses such as landscape irrigation, which would further effectively extending the City's water supply..

If the global climate change were to cause a serious and persistent decrease in Sierra snowpack, some of Fresno's water supply could be affected. However, historic records show that the very long-term prevailing climatic pattern for Central California has included droughts of long (often, multi-year) duration, interspersed with years of excess precipitation. Decades before global climate change was considered as a threat to California's water system, state and local agencies recognized a need to augment water storage capacity for excess precipitation occurring in wet years, to carry the state through the intervening dry years.

The potential for episodic and long-term drought is considered in the city's Metropolitan Water Resource Plan and in its the Urban Water Management Plan Drought Contingency component, to accommodate reductions in available water supplies. In times of extended severe regional or statewide drought, a reprioritization of water deliveries and reallocation for critical urban supplies vs. agricultural use is possible, but it is too speculative at this time to determine what the statewide reprioritization response elements would be (the various responses of statewide and regional water agencies to these situations are not fully formulated and cannot be predicted with certainty). Because the true long term consequences of climate change on California's and Fresno's water system cannot be predicted, and, it is too speculative at this time to conclude that there could be a significant adverse impact on water supply for the 2025 Fresno General Plan due to global climate change.

As noted above, it is theorized that global warming could lead to more energy in the atmosphere and to increased intensity or frequency of storm events. Fresno's long-term weather pattern is that rainfall occurs during episodic and fairly high-intensity events. The Fresno Metropolitan

Flood Control District (FMFCD) drainage and flood control Master Plan, which sets policies for drainage infrastructure and grading in the entire Fresno-Clovis area, is already predicated on this type of weather pattern. FMFCD sizes its facilities (which development potentiated by the 2025 Fresno General Plan will help to complete) for "two-year storm events," storms of an intensity expected in approximately 50 percent of average years; however, the urban drainage system design has additional capacity built into the street system so that excess runoff from more intense precipitation events is directed to the street system. The City's Flood Plan Ordinance and grading standards require that finished floor heights be above the crowns of streets and above any elevated ditchbanks of irrigation canals. FMFCD project conditions also preserve "breakover" historic surface drainage routes for runoff from major storms. Ultimately, drain inlets and FMFCD basin dewatering pumps direct severe storm runoff into the network of Fresno Irrigation District canals and pipelines still extant in the metropolitan area, with outfalls beyond the western edge of the metropolitan area.

Scientific information, analytical tools, and standards for environmental significance of global warming and green house gases were not available to the Planning and Development Department in 2002 when the 2025 Fresno General Plan and its MEIR were formulated and approved--and at this point, there is still insufficient data available to draw any conclusions as to the potential impacts, or significance of impacts, related to global climate change for the 2025 Fresno General Plan. Similarly, there is insufficient information to conclude that global warming may have a potentially significant adverse impact upon the 2025 Fresno General Plan. In a situation when it would be highly speculative to estimate impacts or to make conclusions as to the degree of adversity and significance of those impacts, the California Environmental Quality Act allows agencies to terminate the analysis. In that regard, there is no material change in status from the degree of environmental review on this topic contained in the 2025 Fresno General Plan MEIR.



DATE: December 14, 2012

TO: Will Tackett
Development and Resource Management Department

FROM: Louise Gilio, Supervising Engineering Technician
Public Works Department, Traffic and Engineering Services Division

SUBJECT: Conditions of Approval for **S-12-069**

ADDRESS: 1810 East Jensen Avenue

APN: 328-191-71 and 72

SITE PLAN REQUIREMENTS: Please provide the following information prior to Building Permits:

A. General Requirements

1. **Legend:** Provide line type and utility symbols

B. Offsite Information:

1. **Section and Center Lines:** Identify all section and center lines.
2. **Easements/Dedications:** Identify all existing and proposed easements/dedications. Provide a dimension from the section and center lines to the existing and proposed right of way lines.
3. **Street Improvements/ Street furniture:** Identify existing and proposed curb, gutter, sidewalks (provide width), driveway approaches (provide width), ADA ramps (provide radius), street lights (specify if wood or metal pole), traffic signals, utility poles, boxes, guy wires, signs, fire hydrants, bus stop benches, trash receptacles, tree wells, etc.
4. **ADA:** Identify the required 4' minimum path of travel along the public sidewalk adjacent to property.
5. **Median Islands:** Identify and specify if existing to remain, proposed or to be modified.
6. **Landscape and Feature Maintenance:** Annex into a Community Facilities District (CFD) or other approved mechanism. Contact Ann Lillie at (559) 621- 8690 to begin the process. (approximate process is 8 weeks)
7. **Traffic Impact Study (TIS):** A TIS is required and shall be approved by the Traffic and Engineering Division. Contact Jill Gormley at 559 621-8792 for additional information.

C. Onsite Information:

1. **Access:** Provide pedestrian, vehicular and service access. Identify in the operational statement the maximum size of vehicle to enter and exit the site. Provide turning templates on the site plan for all large vehicles.
2. **Parking Lot:**
 - a. **Stalls:** No obstructions shall be within the 3' overhang. (ground cover is allowable.) Compact parking stalls shall be signed or marked.
 - b. **Curbs:** 6" high
 - c. **Wheel Stops:** 6" high
 - d. **Directional flow of traffic:** Identify proposed directional arrows
 - e. **Lighting:** Identify the location (not to be within the 3' vehicular overhang)

- f. **Disability signage:** (not to be within the 3' vehicular overhang)
- g. **Paving:** per Public Works Standards **P-21,P-22, P-23**
- 3. **Walls or Fencing:** Identify existing and proposed walls and fences complete with location height and type of material.

D. Other Important Information:

- 1. **Voluntary Lot Merger:** Proposed building over lot line. Redesign or provide a copy of the recorded merger.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements are based on city records and the accuracy of the existing and proposed on-site and off-site conditions depicted on the exhibits submitted. Requirements not addressed due to omission or misrepresentation of information, on which this review process is dependent, will be imposed whenever such conditions are disclosed.

Questions relative to dedications, street improvements or off-street parking geometrics may be directed to Louise Gilio at (559) 621-8678 / Louise.Gilio@fresno.gov, in the Public Works Department, Traffic and Engineering Services Division.

Submit the following, as applicable, in a single package to the City of Fresno Public Works Department Traffic and Engineering Services Division (559-621-8650), for review and approval, **prior** to issuance of building and street work permits: Street Improvement Plans, Signing and Striping Plans, Street Lighting Plans and Signal Plans.

When preparing Street Plans and/or Traffic Control Plans for projects in the City of Fresno contact the Traffic and Engineering Services Division (Randy Schrey) in advance to make sure that sidewalks or an approved accessible path remain open during construction.

Underground all existing off-site overhead utilities within the limits of this site/map as per FMC Section 12-1011 and Resolution No. 78-522/88-229.

If not existing, street work on major streets shall be designed to include Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) conduit in accordance with the Public Works ITS specifications.

Survey Monuments and Parcel Configuration

All survey monuments within the area of construction shall be preserved or reset by a person licensed to practice Land Surveying in the State of California.

Street Dedications, Vacations and Encroachment Permits

Identify all street furniture, e.g.: public utility poles and boxes, guy wires, signs, fire hydrants, bus stop benches, mail boxes, news stands, trash receptacles, tree wells, etc. within the public right of way. Also, identify the required 4' minimum path of travel along the public sidewalk directly in front of property, as required by the California Administration Code (Title 24). **A pedestrian easement may be required if Title 24 requirements cannot be met.**

The construction of any overhead, surface or sub-surface structures and appurtenances in the public rights-of-way is prohibited unless an encroachment permit is approved by the City of Fresno Public Works Department, Traffic and Engineering Services Division, (559) 621-8693. Encroachment permits must be approved **prior** to issuance of building permits.

Street Improvements

All improvements shall be constructed in accordance with the Standard Specifications and Standard Drawings of the City of Fresno, Public Works Department. Dedication shall be sufficient to accommodate additional paving and any other grading or transitions as necessary based on a **45 MPH** design speed for Collectors and **55 MPH** for Arterials. Utility poles, street lights, signals, etc. shall be relocated as determined by the City Engineer. **Street Construction Plans are required for the median island modifications. Obtain approval of the City Engineer.** The performance of any work within the public street rights-of-way (including pedestrian and utility easements) requires a **STREET WORK PERMIT prior** to commencement of work. Contact the City of Fresno Public Works Department, Traffic and Engineering Services Division at (559) 621-8686 for detailed information. All required street improvements must be completed and accepted by the city **prior** to occupancy.

Repair all damaged and/or off grade off-site concrete street improvements as determined by the City of Fresno Public Works Department, Construction Management Division, (559) 621-5600. Pedestrian paths of travel must also meet current ADA regulations. All existing sidewalks in excess of 2% maximum cross slope must be brought into compliance **prior** to acceptance by Public Works.

Jensen Avenue: Arterial

1. Construct concrete curb, gutter and sidewalk to Public Works Standard **P-5**. The curb shall be constructed to an **8'** commercial pattern. (verify)
2. Construct a concrete pedestrian walkway behind all driveway approaches as identified on Exhibit "A". Asphalt concrete paving per City of Fresno Public Works Standard Drawing **P-21** may be substituted for concrete. (Refer to City of Fresno Public Works Standard Drawings **P-1** thru **P-4** for additional information.)
3. Construct a 30' minimum to 35' maximum driveway approach to Public Works Standards **P-2** and **P-6**. **Provide 10' of red curbing (3 coats) on both sides of the proposed driveway approaches.**
4. Construct an underground street lighting system to Public Works Standard **E-1** within the limits of this application. Spacing and design shall conform to Public Works Standard **E-7** for Arterial Streets. **-OR-** show the existing street light locations on the plans, **-AND-** that they are constructed per current City of Fresno Public Works Standards.
5. All existing driveway approaches which no longer provide access to approved vehicle parking areas shall be removed unless otherwise approved by the City Engineer. Such areas shall be reconstructed with curb, gutter, and sidewalk to match existing adjacent street improvements. This work shall be completed and accepted **before** a Permit of Occupancy is issued or the building is occupied per Fresno Municipal Code (FMC) 11-209.

Off-Street Parking Facilities and Geometrics

1. Off-Street parking facilities and geometrics shall conform to the City of Fresno Public Works Department, Parking Manual and Standard Drawing(s) **P-21, P-22, P-23**.
2. Install **30"** state standard "STOP" sign(s) at location(s) shown. Sign shall be mounted on a **2"** galvanized post with the bottom of the sign **5'** above ground; located behind curb and immediately behind a major street sidewalk. A "right turn only" sign is also required, at the same location; install a **30" x 36"** state standard sign immediately below the stop sign on the same post.
3. Provide parking space needs, circulation, access, directional signs (e.g. "Entrance," "Exit," "Right Turn Only," "One Way" signs, etc.) as noted on **Exhibit "A"**.

Trip Generation: A Traffic Impact Study is not required, based upon code 815 (free standing discount) of the Institute of Transportation Engineers' Trip Generation Manual. This development will generate a total of **7** a.m. / **46** p.m. peak hour trips and generate a count of **514** Average Daily Trips (A.D.T.).

Landscape and Feature Maintenance: NO COMMENTS for CFD Maintenance on this application.

Traffic Signal Mitigation Impact (TSMI) Fee: This project shall pay all applicable TSMI Fees **at the time of building permit** based on the trip generation rate(s) as set forth in the latest edition of the ITE Generation Manual. Contact the Planning and Resource Management Department, Frank Saburit at (559)621-8077.

Fresno Major Street Impact (FMSI) Fees: This entitlement is in the **Infill Area**; therefore pay all applicable City-wide regional street impact fees. Contact the Planning and Resource Management Department, Frank Saburit at (559)621-8077. (Proposed median construction not eligible for reimbursement)

Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee (RTMF): Pay all applicable **RTMF** fees to the Joint Powers Agency located at 2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201, Fresno, CA 93721; (559) 233-4148 ext. 200; www.fresnocog.org. Provide proof of payment or exemption **prior** to issuance of certificate of occupancy.



San Joaquin Valley
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT



November 6, 2012

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Will Tackett
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Development and Resource Management Department
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DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
CITY OF FRESNO

Project: Rezone Application No. R-12-006 and Site Plan Review Application No. S-12-069

District CEQA Reference No: 20120715

Dear Mr. Tackett:

The San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District (District) has reviewed the project referenced above consisting of reclassifying property from M-1 (light manufacturing) to C-M (Commercial and Light Manufacturing) and construction of a 9,180 square foot Family Dollar retail store, located on the south east side of East Jensen Avenue between South Elm Avenue and State Route 41, in Fresno, CA. The District offers the following comments:

1. Based on information provided to the District; project specific emissions of criteria pollutants are not expected to exceed District significance thresholds of 10 tons/year NOX, 10 ton/year ROG, and 15 tons/year PM10. Therefore, the District concludes that project specific criteria pollutant emissions would have no significant adverse impact on air quality.
2. Based on information provided to the District, the proposed project would equal or exceed 2,000 square feet of commercial space. Therefore, the District concludes that the proposed project is subject to District Rule 9510 (Indirect Source Review).

District Rule 9510 is intended to mitigate a project's impact on air quality through project design elements or by payment of applicable off-site mitigation fees. Any applicant subject to District Rule 9510 is required to submit an Air Impact Assessment (AIA) application to the District no later than applying for final discretionary approval, and to pay any applicable off-site mitigation fees before issuance of the first building permit.

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Executive Director/Air Pollution Control Officer

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If approval of the subject project constitutes the last discretionary approval by your agency, the District recommends that demonstration of compliance with District Rule 9510, including payment of all applicable fees before issuance of the first building permit, be made a condition of project approval. Information about how to comply with District Rule 9510 can be found online at: <http://www.valleyair.org/ISR/ISRHome.htm>.

3. The proposed project may be subject to District Rules and Regulations, including: Regulation VIII (Fugitive PM10 Prohibitions), Rule 4102 (Nuisance), Rule 4601 (Architectural Coatings), and Rule 4641 (Cutback, Slow Cure, and Emulsified Asphalt, Paving and Maintenance Operations). In the event an existing building will be renovated, partially demolished or removed, the project may be subject to District Rule 4002 (National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants). The above list of rules is neither exhaustive nor exclusive. To identify other District rules or regulations that apply to this project or to obtain information about District permit requirements, the applicant is strongly encouraged to contact the District's Small Business Assistance Office at (559) 230-5888. Current District rules can be found online at: www.valleyair.org/rules/1ruleslist.htm.
4. The District recommends that a copy of the District's comments be provided to the project proponent.

If you have any questions or require further information, please call Angel Lor, at (559) 230-5808.

Sincerely,

David Warner
Director of Permit Services



for: Arnaud Marjollet
Permit Services Manager

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**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
ADMINISTRATION DIVISION
MEMORANDUM**



Date: November 1, 2012

To: WILL TACKETT
Planning and Development

From: DOUG HECKER, Supervising Engineering Technician 
Department of Public Utilities, Planning and Engineering Division

Subject: SEWER REQUIREMENTS FOR SITE PLAN REVIEW S-12-069 & R-12-006

General

R-12-006 and S-12-069 were filed by Daniel Zoldak of Lars Andersen and Associates, on behalf of Family Dollar Store, and pertain to 1.31 acres of property located on the south side of East Jensen Avenue, between South Elm Avenue and State Route 41, 1810 East Jensen Avenue, APN 328-191-71, 72. R-12-006 proposes to amend the Official Zone Map to reclassify the property from the M-1, Light Manufacturing, zone district to the C-M, Commercial and Light Manufacturing, zone district. S-12-069 proposes the construction of a 9,180 square foot family dollar retail store.

Sewer Requirements

The nearest sanitary sewer main to serve the proposed project is a 48-inch Trunk sewer main in E. Jensen Avenue. Sewer facilities are available to provide service to the site subject to the following requirements:

1. Installation of sewer house branch(s) shall be required.
2. Abandon any existing on-site private septic systems.
3. On-site sanitary sewer facilities shall be private.
4. The Project Developer shall contact Wastewater Management Division/Environmental Services at (559) 621-5100 prior to pulling building permits regarding conditions of service for special users.

Sewer Fees

1. Upon connection of this Project to the City Sewer System the owner shall be subject to payment of Sewer Facility charges per Fresno Municipal Code Section 6-304 and 6-305. Sewer Facility Charges consist of two components, a Wastewater Facilities Charge and Trunk Sewer Charge where applicable.



2. Sewer Facility Charges are collected after occupancy on a monthly basis over time based on metered (water or sewer effluent) usage. The developer may contact the Department of Public Utilities/Wastewater-Environmental Control at (559) 621-5153 to receive an estimated cost of the Sewer Facility Charges applicable to the project (based on a constant sewer discharge and loading (Biochemical Oxygen Demand [BOD] and Total Suspended Solids [TSS] levels anticipated) at the current rates in effect, at that time, per Fresno's Master Fee Resolution. The developer shall provide data regarding estimated sewer discharge rates [flow] and loading [BOD/TSS levels] required for calculating the estimated charges.
3. Sewer Lateral Charge
4. Oversize Sewer Charge



Department of Public Utilities – Water Division



Providing Life's Essential Services

DATE: October 7, 2012

TO: WILL TACKETT, Planner III
Development Department/Current Planning

THROUGH: MICHAEL CARBAJAL, Chief Engineering Technician
Department of Public Utilities, Water Division

FROM: ROBERT A. DIAZ, Senior Engineering Technician
Department of Public Utilities, Water Division

SUBJECT: WATER REQUIREMENTS FOR SITE PLAN S-12-069 AND REZONE R-12-006.

General

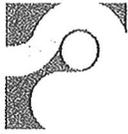
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Water Service

Nearest water main to serve the proposed project is a 12-inch main located in East Jensen Avenue. Water facilities are available to provide service to the site subject to the following requirements:

1. Installation of water service & meter box shall be required.
2. On-site water facilities shall be private.
3. Seal and abandon any existing on-site well in compliance with the State of California Well Standards, Bulletin 74-90 or current revisions issued by California Department of Water Resources and City of Fresno standards.





FRESNO METROPOLITAN FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT

File 210.414 "KK"
550.10 "KK"

November 1, 2012

Mr. Will Tackett
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Dear Mr. Tackett,

**Rezone 2012-006
Drainage Area "KK"**

The proposed rezone lies within the District's Drainage Area "KK". The District's system can accommodate the proposed rezone.

If there are any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

Gary Chapman
Engineering Technician II

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