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CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

ATTEST:

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SUBJECT: (Continued)

Foot Maintenance Building, a 2,000 Square Foot Office / Pro-Shop, and a Covered Tee Area. The Project Site is Located on the North Side of Taylor Road, East of Hwy. 99 and West of Mountain View Road, in the Turlock Area.

DISCUSSION:

This project is a request to establish a golf driving range on a 39± acre parcel in the A-2-40 (General Agriculture) zoning district on Taylor Road, in the Turlock area. The project site will be improved with a 2,000 square foot Pro-Shop, a 1,000 square foot maintenance shed, and a covered tee area. All of the proposed structures will be of a steel building design. The periphery of the site will consist of netting mounted on 30-foot poles to protect the adjacent parcels from golf balls.

County Zoning Ordinance, Section 21.20.030(C)(2)(0), allows golf courses (excluding miniature golf), golf driving ranges and practice putting greens in the General Agricultural Zoning District as Tier Three uses requiring a Use Permit. Tier Three uses are defined as uses which are not directly related to agriculture but may be necessary to serve the A-2 district or may be difficult to locate in an urban area. The following findings must be made in order to grant approval of a Tier Three Use Permit:

- 1. The use as proposed will not be substantially detrimental to or in conflict with agricultural use of other property in the vicinity; and
- 2. The parcel on which such use is requested is not located in one of the County's "most productive agricultural areas" as that term is used in the Agricultural element of the General Plan; **OR** the character of the use that is requested is such that the land may reasonably be returned to agricultural use in the future.

The Planning Commission held a public hearing on this project at its regular meeting of March 19, 2009. As discussed in the attached Planning Commission Staff Report, staff does not believe that the necessary Tier Three-Use Permit findings can be made. Staff's recommendation to the Planning Commission was to deny the project as proposed. A full discussion and analysis of the proposed project is included in the attached Planning Commission Staff Report (see Attachment "2").

The applicant's representative Dennis Wilson, a driving range employee, and a golf instructor all spoke in favor of the project. They all expressed a similar theme that driving ranges in the area are in high demand and a benefit to the community. Prior to the Planning Commission meeting, Staff received two letters of support that were provided to the Planning Commission the night of the meeting (see Attachment "4").

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One adjacent landowner, Phillip Mouzes, spoke in opposition of the proposed driving range. Mr. Mouzes discussed concerns with the economic viability of a new driving range and the impact of removing farmland out of production. He also expressed concern with the added water demands that the facility may create.

At the Planning Commission hearing, the Planning Commissioners discussed the project indicating positions both against and in favor of the project. Some of the Commissioners expressed that the area is in transition from agriculture to urban uses and a use such as a driving range would provide a logical buffer to the city limits (to the south). In general, the Commissioners who voted in favor of the project expressed a strong need for the proposed use in the community and felt that the findings could be made in this case. Commissioner Assali, who cast the lone vote in opposition, expressed concern with taking viable agricultural land out of production and the additional constraints the facility would place on the surrounding agricultural operations. Furthermore, Commissioner Assali expressed an understanding of the benefit the proposed use would bring to the community, but felt that as a land use, the site is not appropriate and that the necessary findings cannot be made. The Planning Commission ultimately approved the project on a vote of 5-1 (Assali).

As a part of the project's approval, the Planning Commission modified Conditions of Approval No. 49 and No. 53. These two Conditions of Approval were originally placed on the project by the City of Turlock to address improvements to the road frontage along Taylor Road. The Planning Commission, at the request of the applicant's representative, modified the Conditions to allow the applicant the ability to enter into an agreement with the City of Turlock to defer these improvements. The City of Turlock is not supportive of the change as it removes the requirement for street improvements (curb, gutter, sidewalks, and street lights) and replaces this requirement with a deferred improvement agreement.

The appeal of the Planning Commission's decision has been filed by a group of fourteen (14) property owners, most of which own property to the north of the project site. The appeal letter submitted by the group provides a short discussion of the issues of concern (see Attachment "1"). Of those listed on the appeal letter only one, Phillip Mouzes, spoke in opposition to the project at the Planning Commission hearing.

Following the Planning Commission decision to approve the Use Permit, Staff received various letters in support and opposition to the project. These letters are attached to this report (see Attachment "6").

Staff has also received comments regarding the potential that development of this project site could violate sections of the "Third Amended Mutual Support Agreement" between the City of Turlock and Stanislaus County (see Attachment "5"). Section 1(b) of the Agreement specifically states that the City agrees ".....to not oppose future development projects between Keyes Road and Taylor Road as identified in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and incorporated by reference." Exhibit "A" clearly shows the project site within the Keyes Road and Taylor Road area.

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POLICY ISSUES:

This project has the potential to increase the pressure of allowing non-agricultural uses to develop surrounding the project site, immediately adjacent to the City of Turlock's Sphere of Influence. The Board should determine whether this project meets the priorities of both a strong local economy and the protection of agricultural resources.

STAFFING IMPACT:

None.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. Appeal Letter, dated March 26, 2009, from Surrounding Property Owners
- 2. Planning Commission Staff Report dated March 19, 2009
- 3. Planning Commission Minutes dated March 19, 2009
- 4. Letters of Support Submitted to Planning Commission on March 19, 2009
- 5. Third Amended Mutual Support Agreement Stanislaus County / City of Turlock
- 6. Correspondence Received

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Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors,

We are appealing the decision of the Stanislaus County Planning Commission to allow a golf driving range on Taylor Road in Turlock. This project is not compatible with agriculture. We own and farm land near this proposed project. The planning department recommended to deny this project. As stated in the planning staff report this is prime farmland surrounded by agricultural properties.

Allowing this project will transform our farming as we know it today. We will have complaints with our normal farming operations throughout the year. This decision will open the door for more problems in the future. We would like to see this area stay as it is; a farming community acting as the buffer between Turlock and Keyes.

Thank you and we look forward to a future discussion concerning this project.

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STANISLAUS COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

March 19, 2009

STAFF REPORT

USE PERMIT APPLICATION NO. 2008-10 TURLOCK GOLF CENTER

REQUEST:

TO ESTABLISH A GOLF DRIVING RANGE ON A 39± ACRE PARCEL IN THE A-2-40 (GENERAL AGRICULTURE) ZONING DISTRICT. THE DEVELOPMENT WILL INCLUDE A 1,000 SQUARE FOOT MAINTENANCE BUILDING, A 2,000 SQUARE FOOT OFFICE/PRO-SHOP, AND A COVERED TEE AREA. THE PROJECT SITE IS LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF TAYLOR ROAD, EAST OF HWY 99 AND WEST OF MOUNTAIN VIEW ROAD, IN THE TURLOCK AREA.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Owner/Applicant:

Agent:

Engineer:

Location:

Section, Township, Range:

Supervisorial District:

Assessor's Parcel:

Referrals:

Area of Parcel:

Water Supply:

Sewage Disposal:

Existing Zoning:

General Plan Designation:

Community Plan Designation:

Williamson Act:

Environmental Review:

Present Land Use:

Surrounding Land Use:

Fred & Shameran Adams

Dennis Wilson, Horizon Consulting Services

Thomas Mochizuki Engineering

North side of Taylor Road, east of Hwy 99

and west of Mountain View Road, in the

Turlock area

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See Exhibit J

Environmental Review Referrals

39± acres

Private water well

Private/aerobic septic/leach field system

A-2-40

Agriculture

Not applicable

Not currently enrolled

Negative Declaration

Almond orchard with an accessory structure.

Agricultural uses to the north, east, and west, City of Turlock to the south - including a gas

station, mini storage facility and a residential

subdivision

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project is a request to establish a golf driving range on a 39± acre parcel in the A-2-40 (General Agriculture) zoning district on Taylor Road, in the north Turlock area. The project site will be improved with a 2,000 square foot Office/Pro-Shop, a 1,000 square foot maintenance shed, and

a covered tee area. All of the proposed structures will be of a steel building design (see Exhibit B-Elevations). The perimeter of the driving range will consist of netting mounted on 30-foot poles to protect the adjacent parcels from golf balls. Outdoor lighting is proposed to be on 20-foot poles. A Condition of Approval has been added that will require the installation of shielded light fixtures to prevent light trespass (glare and spill light that shines onto neighboring properties) and skyglow (light spilling into the night sky).

A 53-space car parking lot (including four handicap spaces) will be provided to meet the on-site parking requirements. The golf facility is anticipated to employ a total of four full-time employees. Hours of operation will be 8 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. during the winter and 8:00 a.m. to 10 p.m. during the summer. The estimated maximum number of customers on-site at any time will be 30.

The office/pro-shop will offer a limited amount golf related items for sale, mainly focused on the driving range customers who are in need of accessories such as golf balls, golf clubs, shoes and bags. It is also anticipated that there will be a repair service offered for customers who have damaged equipment. The proposed facility will also offer pre-packaged sandwiches, chips and sodas to its customers.

As part of the project approval, the applicant has asked that the Use Permit be structured so that the driving range can be developed in two phases (see Exhibit B). Phase I will include the majority of the development. Phase II will include the expansion of the driving range to the east, by relocating the nets 250 feet east, installing additional tee areas and the adding of two chipping and putting greens.

SITE DESCRIPTION

The project site consists of 39± acres planted as an almond orchard. Soils on the project site consist of Dinuba sandy loam (DrA); a Class II soil with a storie index of 77 and Traver sandy loam (TpA); a Class II soil with a storie index of 60 (see Exhibit A - *Soil Types*). The site is classified as Prime Farmland on the State Department of Conservation's Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Map based off the grade classification of Class II. There is presently a 2,000 square foot structure located on the project site which is being used in support of the on-site agricultural production. The application had originally identified this building as the future maintenance building. However, due to it's location in the future right-of-way/setback area, this building will have to be removed or relocated in order to be used in conjunction with the driving range. The proposed driving range will be served by a single driveway off Taylor Road. The surrounding area consists primarily of agricultural uses to the north, east, and west. The area south of the project site is within the city limits of the City of Turlock. It consists of a mini-storage facility, an AM-PM gas station, and a residential subdivision.

The project will be served by private water well and septic system. Private wells will be used for the irrigation of the entire site. The project site is not located within the City of Turlock's LAFCO-adopted Sphere of Influence.

DISCUSSION

The site is designated Agriculture and zoned A-2-40 (General Agriculture, 40-acre minimum). County Zoning Ordinance, Section 21.20.030(C)(2)(O), allows golf courses (excluding miniature golf), golf driving ranges, and practice putting greens in the General Agricultural Zoning District as

Tier Three uses requiring a use permit. Tier Three uses are defined as uses which are not directly related to agriculture but may be necessary to serve the A-2 district or may be difficult to locate in an urban area. The following findings must be made in order to grant approval of a Tier Three use:

- 1. The use as proposed will not be substantially detrimental to or in conflict with agricultural use of other property in the vicinity; and
- 2. The parcel on which such use is requested is not located in one of the County's "most productive agricultural areas" as that term is used in the Agricultural element of the General Plan; or the character of the use that is requested is such that the land may reasonably be returned to agricultural use in the future.

Background - Driving Ranges in the A-2 zoning district:

<u>September of 1987</u>: The County adopted Ordinance Amendment Number 87-1 amending the A-2 zoning district to allow golf courses and driving ranges in areas designated urban transition on the General Plan, subject to a use permit. The ordinance amendment was initiated by an applicant desirous of locating a golf course within the Urban Transition area of the City of Modesto. At the time, neither golf courses nor driving ranges were permitted in the A-2 zoning district.

Staff recommended approval of the ordinance amendment. Premature conversion of agricultural land and growth inducing effects were cited as reasons why some members of the Planning Commission opposed the ordinance amendment. The restriction to urban transition areas were based on concerns about removing viable farm land from production in areas which were not already committed, at least in the long run, to urban uses.

October of 1988: The County adopted Ordinance Amendment Number 88-4 amending the A-2 zoning district to allow golf courses and driving range facilities in all A-2 zoning areas, as opposed to restricting them to Urban Transition areas. This ordinance amendment was initiated by a private landowner wishing to locate a golf course on land they owned outside an Urban Transition area. Staff recommended approval of the ordinance.

The following findings were required under both Ordinance Amendments 87-1 and 88-4 for approval of a use permit:

- 1. The use as proposed will not be substantially detrimental to or in conflict with agricultural use and other property in the vicinity and,
- Either the parcel on which such use is requested is of diminished agricultural importance because of size, shape, location, orientation, soil type or relationship to existing adjacent usage; or the character of the use which is requested is such that the land may reasonably be returned to agricultural use in the future.

<u>July of 1993</u>: The County adopted Ordinance Amendment Number 93-02 amending the A-2 zoning district with the intent of further supporting and enhancing agriculture in Stanislaus County. The amendment added the current A-2 tiering system which reorganized uses requiring use permits in the A-2 zone into three tiers based on the type of uses and their potential to adversely impact agriculture.

At the time, the committee working on the Ordinance Amendment felt Tier Three uses should be directed to Spheres of Influence and other less productive agricultural areas, since these uses can be people-intensive and thus can adversely impact agriculture. To accomplish this objective, the Ordinance Amendment proposed changing one of the findings requirements – instead of the requirement that the parcel be of diminished agricultural importance, the parcel must not be located in one of the County's "most productive agricultural areas" as the term is used in the Agricultural Element. This ordinance amendment to the tier three findings is reflected in the current findings needed for approval of a use permit.

Approved - Driving Ranges:

The driving range located on the southeast corner of Crows Landing Road and Grayson Road, in the Ceres area was approved in March of 1991. And the existing driving range located on the northeast corner of Parker Road and Dewitt Road, in the east Modesto area was approved in March of 1993. In March of 2005, the McHenry Golf Driving Range, located on McHenry Avenue just north of Claribel Road/Kiernan Avenue was approved by the Planning Commission. Staff recommended denial on all three requests based on potential conflicts with adjacent agricultural uses. All of these projects stressed the ability of the land being able to be returned to an agricultural use. In the case of the Parker/Dewitt facility, the existence of the driving range was used to justify approval of a church facility in 2000. Staff is unaware of any specific agricultural conflicts resulting from the approval of the above facilities, all of which are still in operation today. Presently, there is a Use Permit Application (No. 2008-26 - Eastlake Baseball Complex) for a baseball facility at the location of Parker/Dewitt driving range. If approved, the driving range would cease operations and would be converted to three baseball fields and a training center building. This application should be heard by the Planning Commission at a later date, yet to be determined.

The former driving range located on Coffee Road and Claratina Aveune was approved in August of 1988. While the site was located in an urban transition area, staff recommended denial based on the potential to disrupt area farming and inconsistency with General Plan policy in effect at the time. The site was ultimately annexed to the City of Modesto in 2003 and is presently home to Shelter Cove Church.

Findings:

Exhibit C consists of the findings statement submitted by the applicant with the application. The following is a discussion of the findings required for approval of this request:

1. The use as proposed will not be substantially detrimental to or in conflict with agricultural use of other property in the vicinity; and

The majority of the area north of Taylor Road and outside the Turlock city limits and their sphere of influence, consists of larger parcels in agricultural production. To the north of the project site is a 40± acre parcel that is currently in agricultural production as both an almond orchard and seasonal row crops. The property to the west is 16.5 acres that is presently in agricultural production, rotating between wheat, alfalfa, and oats. The property located directly east of the project site consists of a 8.25± acre ranchette that, according to information on file with the Ag Commissioner's Office, is not currently in agricultural production. Part of this proposed driving range application is to leave half of the project site (20± acres east of the driving range) in

agricultural production as an almond orchard. The Ag Commissioner's Office has reviewed this request and determined that spraying activities in the surrounding orchards (including the project site) will need to follow permit conditions when the proposed facility is occupied. Permit conditions restricting the application of sprays is standard practice where there are people-intensive uses in the area. As a result of spraying limitations, the proposed facility will result in an additional burden to the the agricultural users in the area. The location of any non-agricultural use within the A-2 zoning district has the potential to conflict with the agricultural use of other property in the vicinity. Conflicts result from the application of pesticides and 'natural' fertilizers, dust generated by routine harvesting and land preparation, noise from heavy equipment, and other activities associated with accepted agricultural practices.

The properties to the south of the project site, south of Taylor Road, are all within the city limit of Turlock and presently include a residential subdivision, gas station, and a mini-storage facility.

2. The parcel on which such use is requested is not located in one of the County's "most productive agricultural areas" as that term is used in the Agricultural Element of the General Plan; or the character of the use that is requested is such that the land may reasonably be returned to agricultural use in the future.

In determining "most productive agricultural area," factors to be considered include but are not limited to soil types and potential for agricultural production; and availability of irrigation water; ownership and parcelization patterns; uniqueness and flexibility of use; the existence of Williamson Act contracts; existing uses and their contributions to the agricultural sector of the economy. "Most productive agricultural area" does not include any land within LAFCO-approved spheres of influence of cities or community services districts and sanitary districts serving unincorporated communities.

The second part of this finding is virtually identical to the language used in the Agricultural Element of the General Plan to describe the term "most productive agricultural areas." The Agricultural Element specifies that until the term is defined on a countywide basis, the term will be determined on a case-by case basis when a proposal is made for the conversion of agricultural land. Spheres of Influence (SOI) are generally recognized as a plan for the probable ultimate physical boundary and service area of a local agency.

Based on the property's current agricultural usage, the availability of irrigation water, and the soil grade ("class") it would appear that the project site, and parcels in the vicinity, can be classified as a "most productive agricultural area." The project site is currently planted as an almond orchard and the surrounding lands are currently in agricultural production with a few scattered "ranchette" size properties. As stated previously, the project site itself consists of a Class II soil type and is classified as Prime Farmland by the Department of Conservation's Mapping and Monitoring Program.

The application information and finding statement submitted by the applicant identifies the parcel as being located in an area adjacent to the City of Turlock and a corridor of properties that stretch along Golden State Blvd, identified on the County's General Plan as Planned Development. In general, urbanization in the vicinity of the project area has been concentrated to this Planned Development corridor running along Golden State Blvd. The City of Turlock has long viewed Taylor Road as being the northen most boundary for both their Sphere of Influence and city limits. Staff does have some concern with the approval of this project establishing a precedent for non-agricultural uses on the north side of Taylor Road.

It is easy to say that the character of the proposed use is such that the land may reasonably be returned to agricultural use in the future, but in reality the likelihood of this happening is not great. In the mean time, you end up with a non-agricultural use surrounded by prime farmland which could be easily developed in a manner consistent with the commercial/urban type uses across the street. The proposed use by its nature may not be purely urban, but its potential impact based on the visual perception of a non-agricultural use in the area will have a broad impact on the surrounding agricultural area, mainly north of Taylor Road. The proposed use will generate an urban style traffic pattern while introducing urban style lighting, parking and landscaping into an agricultural area. The project will result in non-agricultural structures and infrastructure improvements which will limit the economic viability of returning the project back to agricultural production. It is staff's belief that if a non-agricultural use is allowed to develop on the north side of Taylor Road, that the pressure to convert the surrounding area to non-agricultural uses will intensify. As stated earlier in this report, the area west of the project site has clear boundaries in the form of the" Planned Development" General Plan designation. The area east of the project site has no clear boundaries and, thus, the question then becomes one of where to draw the line.

Agricultural Element - Buffer Requirement

In addition, the following finding is required for approval of any Use Permit within the A-2 zoning district:

The establishment, maintenance, and operation of the proposed use or building applied for is consistent with the General Plan designation of "Agriculture" and will not, under the circumstances of the particular case, be detrimental to the health, safety, and general welfare of persons residing or working in the neighborhood of the use and that it will not be detrimental or injurious to property and improvements in the neighborhood or to the general welfare of the County.

In December of 2007, Stanislaus County adopted an updated Agricultural Element which incorporated guidelines for the implementation of agricultural buffers applicable to new and expanding non-agricultural uses within or adjacent to the A-2 zoning district. The purpose of these guidelines is to protect the long-term health of agriculture by minimizing conflicts resulting from the interaction of agricultural and non-agricultural uses. Current buffer guidelines require a project, that proposes people intensive outdoor uses (such as a driving range, athletic field, etc.), to provide a 300-foot setback, solid fencing and a double row of landscaping around the perimeter of the proposed operation.

Appendix A - Buffer and Setback Guidelines of the Agricultural Element, allows the project applicant to propose an alternative buffer to be reviewed and supported by the Stanislaus County Agricultural Advisory Board. An alternative buffer was presented to and supported by the Agricultural Advisory Board on December 15, 2008. The applicant's alternative (see Exhibit H - Alternative Agricultural Buffer) proposes to utilize the existing orchard on the eastern portion (20± acres) of the property to provide a "buffer" to the adjacent property. The "people intensive" area near the western property line, around the tee area, would consist of a vegetative screen and fencing, consistent with the County's Buffer Guidelines and would extend from the parking lot to the tee area. The 300-foot buffer setback requirement would not be part of the alternative along the western property line. The grass area of the driving range along with a small portion of orchard

(along the northern property line) would provide a buffer area for the north half of the property. In addition to the required Agricultural Advisory Board's support, the Stanislaus County Planning Commission, in accordance with Appendix A - Buffer and Setback Guidelines of the Agricultural Element, shall make a finding that the buffer alternative is found to provide equal or greater protection to surrounding agricultural uses.

City of Turlock

As previously mentioned, the project site is located north of Taylor Road which is outside both the city limits and sphere of influence for the City of Turlock. As a part of an annexation request by the City of Turlock in 1994, the entire right-of-way of Taylor Road (in front of the project site) was annexed to the City of Turlock. As a result, the project applicant/developer, would need to obtain an encroachment permit from the City in order to install the driveway and other improvements associated with the project. Since Taylor Road is within the City of Turlock, the proposed project was referred to the them for comments and review. A response from the City of Turlock was received and is attached for reference (see Exhibit G). The City has asked that the project applicant/developer install certain road improvements in order to address the potential impacts to Taylor Road. These improvements include acceleration/deceleration lanes and a dedicated left-turn lane. On the portion of the property in front of the driving range the City has indicated the need for curb, gutter, sidewalks, and streetlights although these improvements may be deferred to a later date at the discretion of the City. The comments received by the City of Turlock, including the road improvements have been incorporated into the project's Conditions of Approval (see Exhibit D).

LANDSCAPE PLAN

A preliminary landscape plan has been submitted by the applicant and is provided for review in Exhibit B. Although the majority of the site will be turfed, the plan does provide landscaping along the frontage of the property, parking area, and around the buildings. The trees proposed for the site are five (5) Camphor trees, five (5) Crape Myrtles, four (4) Scarlet Maples, and four (4) Coast Live Oak trees. All trees will be a minimum of 15 gallon sizes. The ground covers and shrubs which include boxwood hedge, daylily, chinese fringe flower, dwarf olive, rosemary, and Indian hawthorn will be planted in 1 to 5 gallon sizes. The preliminary landscaping plan does not account for the alternative buffer and vegetative screening requirements. A Condition has been added that requires the applicant to submit a final landscape plan that is consistent with the requirements prior to the construction of the driving range.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the proposed project was circulated to all interested parties and responsible agencies for review and comment (see Exhibit J). Based on the comments received and the Initial Study discussion, a Negative Declaration is being recommended for adoption (see Exhibits E and F).

RECOMMENDATION

Based on all evidence on the record, and on the ongoing discussion, staff does not believe the findings can be made and recommends the Planning Commission deny Use Permit Application No. 2008-10 - Turlock Golf Center.

However, if a decision is made to approve this application, staff recommends the Planning Commission take the following actions:

- 1. Adopt the Negative Declaration pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15074(b), by finding that on the basis of the whole record, including the Initial Study and any comments received, that there is no substantial evidence the project will have a significant effect on the environment and that the Negative Declaration reflects Stanislaus County's independent judgement and analysis.
- 2. Order the filing of a Notice of Determination with the Stanislaus County Clerk-Recorders Office pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21152 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15075.

Find That:

- A. The establishment, maintenance, and operation of the proposed use or building applied for is consistent with the General Plan designation of "Agriculture" and will not, under the circumstances of the particular case, be detrimental to the health, safety, and general welfare of persons residing or working in the neighborhood of the use and that it will not be detrimental or injurious to property and improvements in the neighborhood or to the general welfare of the County,
- B. The use as proposed will not be substantially detrimental to or in conflict with agricultural use of other property in the vicinity, and
- C. The parcel on which such use is requested is not located in one of the County's "most productive agricultural areas," as that term is used in the Agricultural Element of the General Plan;

<u>OR</u>

the character of the use that is requested is such that the land may be reasonably returned to agricultural use in the future; and

- D. That the proposed alternative buffer is found to provide equal or greater protection to surrounding agricultural uses; and
- 4. Find that the project will increase activity in and around the project area, and increase demands for roads and services, thereby requiring dedications and improvements; and,
- 5. Approve Use Permit Application 2008-10 Turlock Golf Center, subject to the attached Conditions of Approval.

Note: Pursuant to California Fish and Game Code Section 711.4, all project applicants subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) shall pay a filing fee for each project. Therefore, the applicant will further be required to pay **\$2,050.00** for the Department of Fish and Game, and the Clerk Recorder filing fees. The attached Conditions of Approval ensure that this will occur.

Report written by:

Joshua Mann, Associate Planner, March 5, 2009

Attachments:

Exhibit A - Maps

Exhibit B - Site Plan, Landscaping & Elevations

Exhibit C - Application & Applicant's Findings Statement

Exhibit D - Conditions of Approval

Exhibit E - Initial Study

Exhibit F - Negative Declaration

Exhibit G - City of Turlock letter dated December 11, 2008

Exhibit H - Alternative Buffer Proposal

Exhibit I - Ag Advisory Board Minutes - December 2008

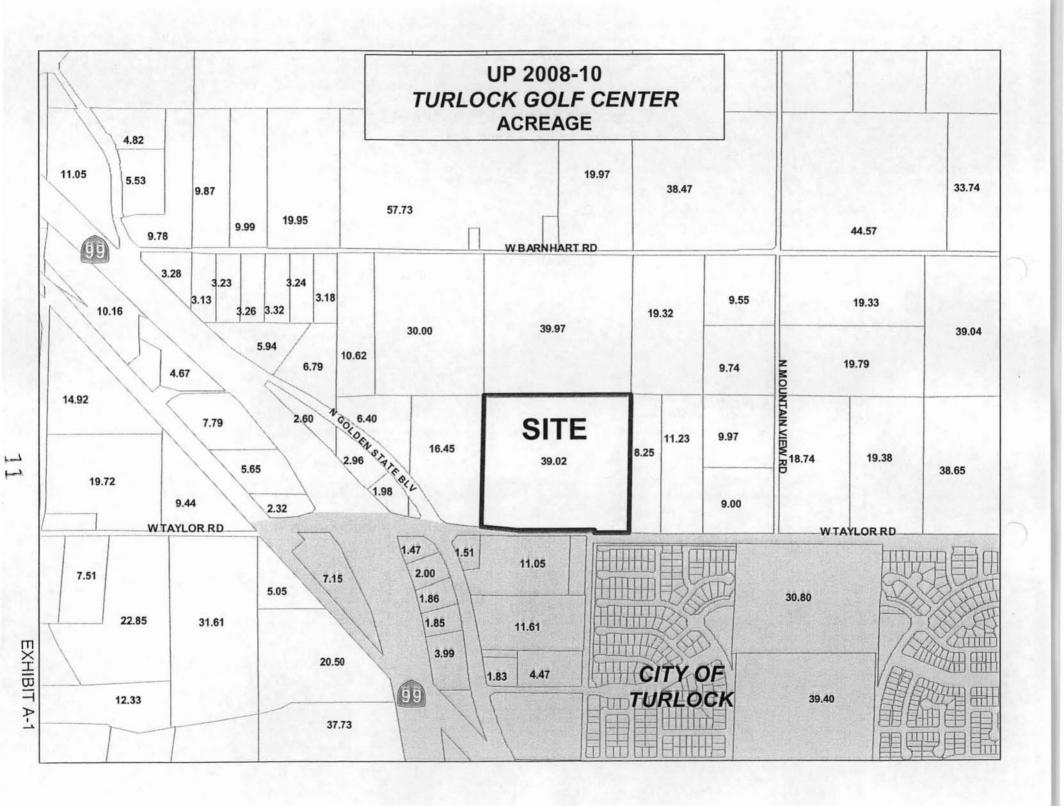
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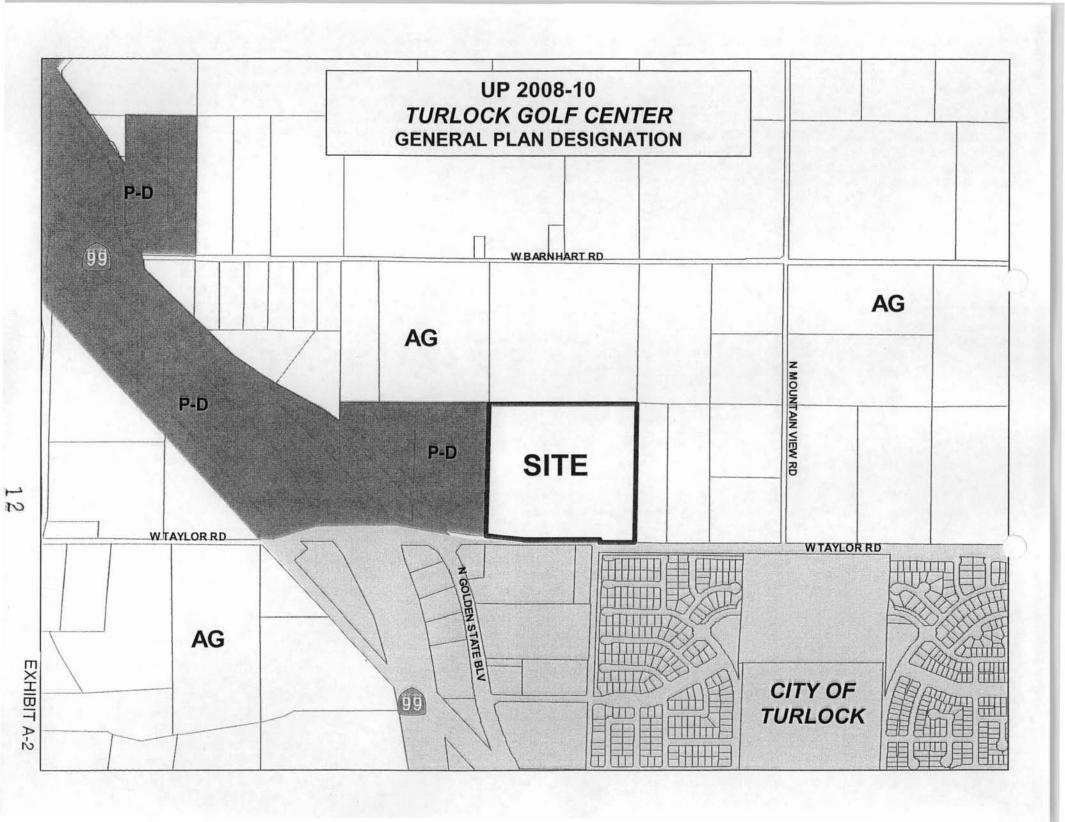
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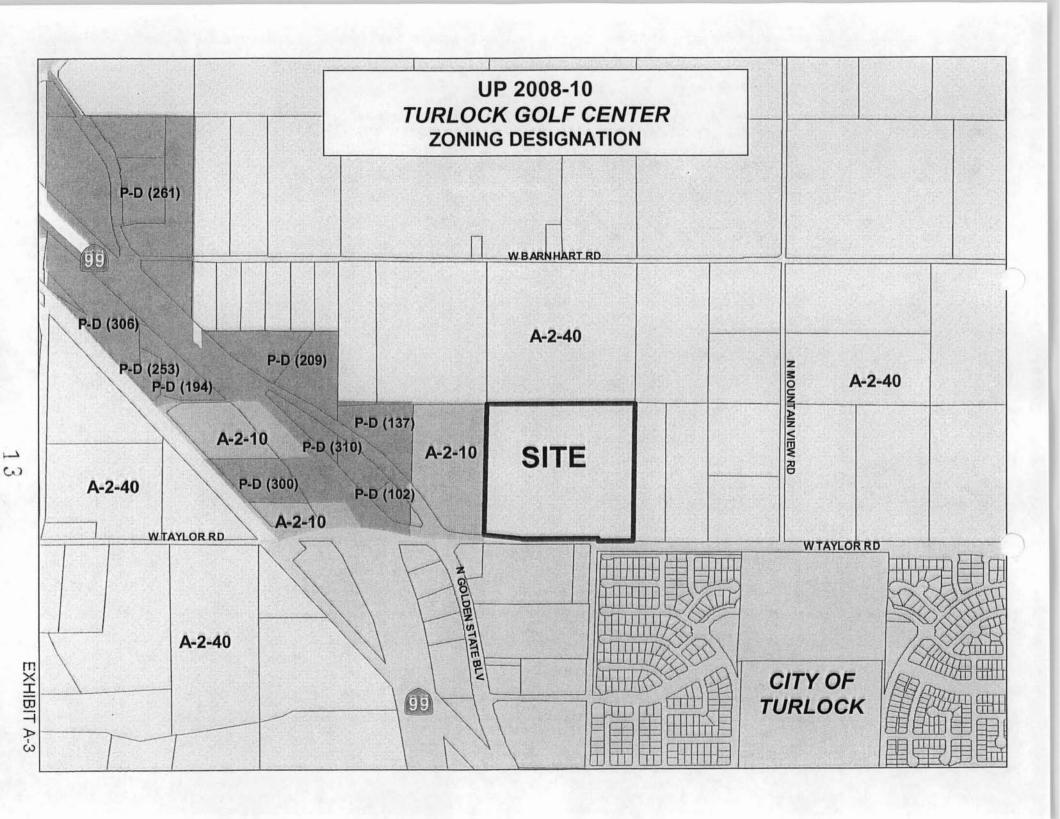
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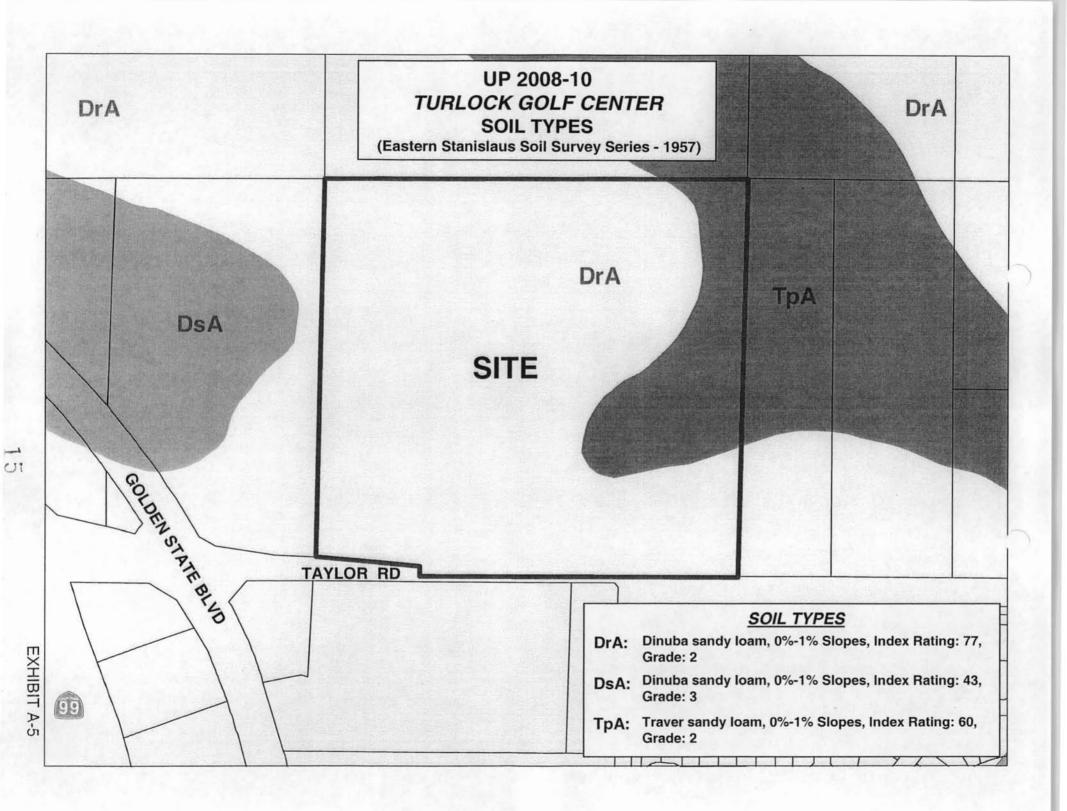






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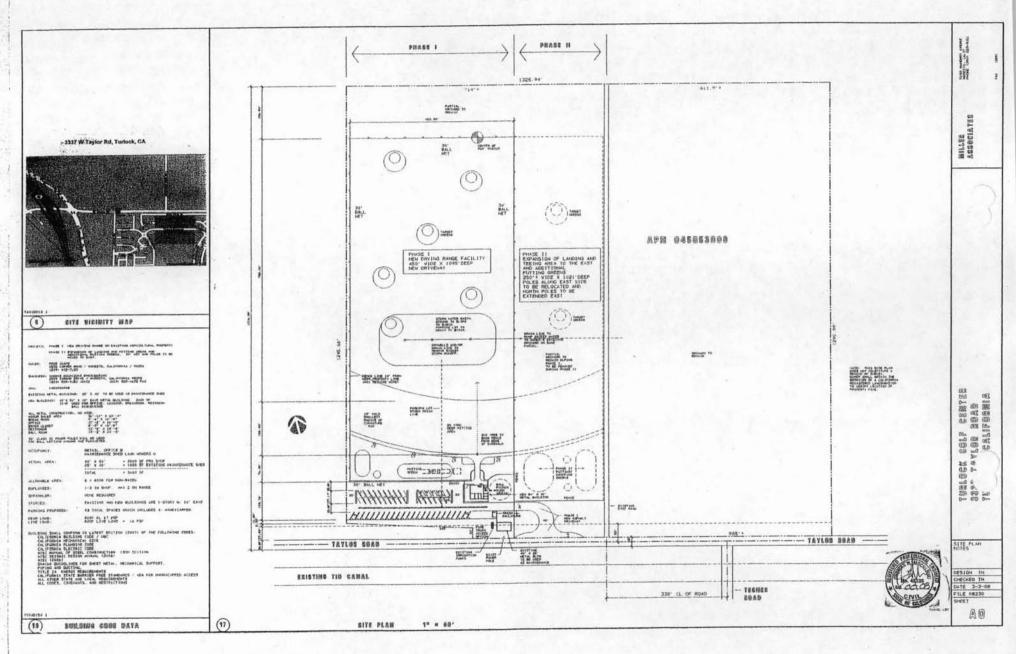
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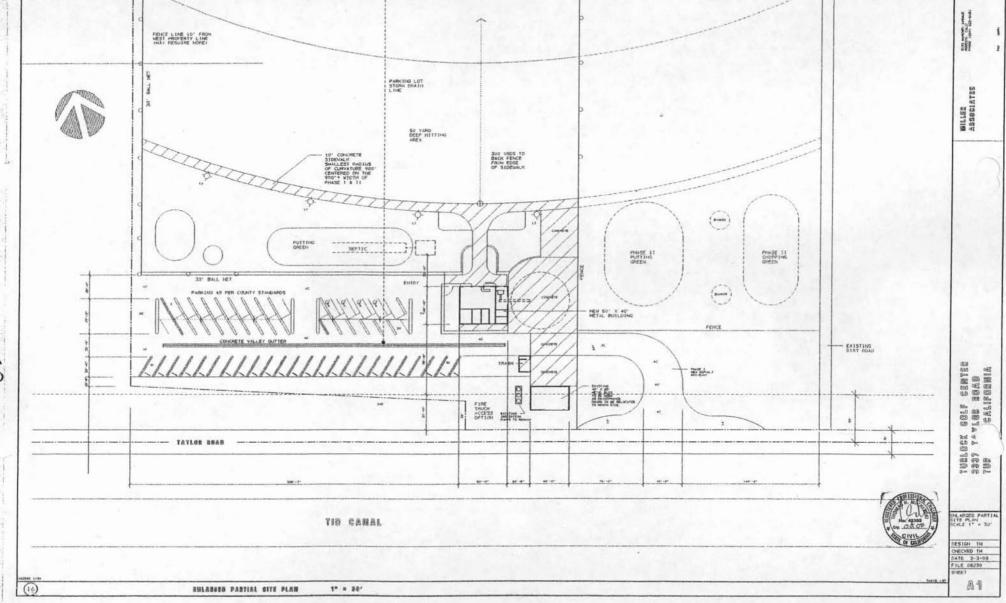


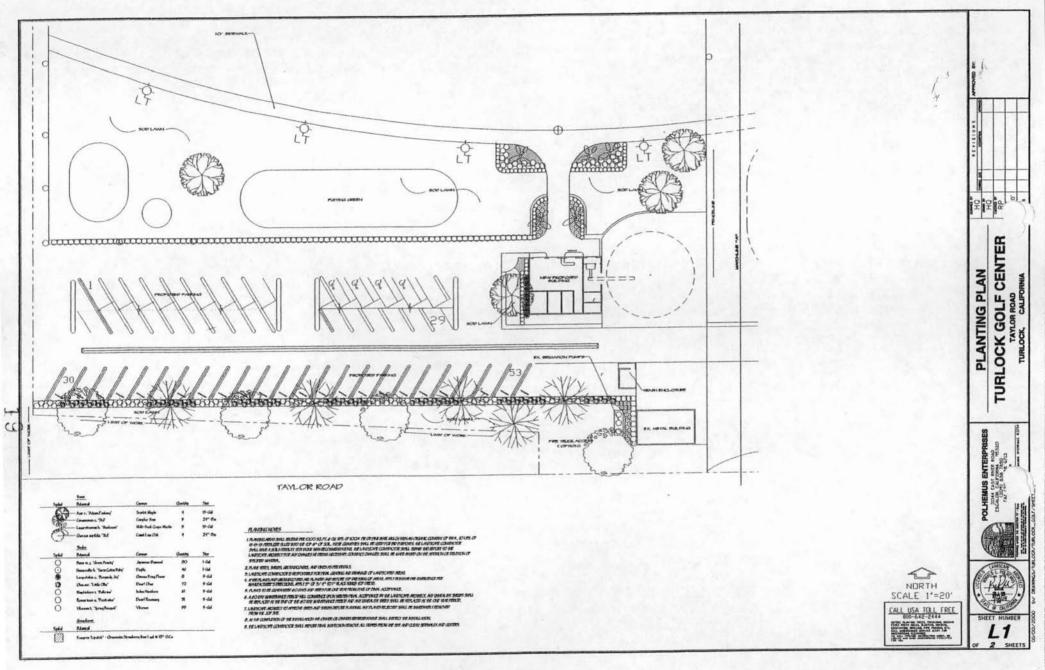
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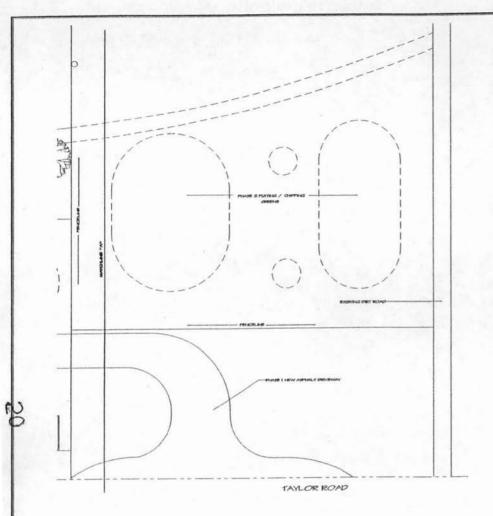
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TURLOCK GOLF CENTER
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APPLICATION QUESTIONNAIRE

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	General Plan Amendment		Subdivision Map	GP Designation:				
	Rezone		Parcel Map	Zoning:				
	Use Permit		Exception	Fee:				
	Variance		Williamson Act Cancellation	Receipt No				
	Historic Site Permit		Other	Notes:				
all th	necessary information is provided to the satisfaction of the requesting agency. An application will not be accepted without all the information identified on the checklist. Please contact staff at (209) 525-6330 to discuss any questions you may have. Staff will attempt to help you in any way we can.							
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APPLICANT'S NAME:	Dennis E.	Wilson dba Horizo	n Consul	ting Services			
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ENGINEER / APPLICANT:	nla						
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION: (improvements, proposed uses or bus additional sheets as necessary) *Please note: A detailed project of approve a project, the Planning Conformation available to be able to "Findings". It is your responsibilities that staff can recommend that Findings are shown on pages 18 - are applying for a Variance or Excellent use environment along the primary or secondary sphemistry of Turlock limits. Area to the north we find orchain site contains an almond or The orchard was re-planted.	description is e ommission or to make very specify as an applica- to the Commission- 20 and can be eption, please of d 1000', plus north side of the current Turnart, mini-sta- as to the weards, single-farchard which d 10 plus year	shours, number of employersential to the reviewir the Board of Supervisor cific statements about the ant to provide enough it on or the Board make to used as a guide for presontact staff to discuss so or minus, east of Sof Taylor Road. The ce of the City of Turlock General Plants or age and resident staff include open lants amily residences as has been in the Adars ago with poor general poor	yees, anticipyees, anticipal process is must decide project. Information the required paring your pecial required paring the parcel in the paring the parcel in the paring the parcel in	pated customers, etc. — Attach of this request. In order to side whether there is enough These statements are called about the proposed project, of Findings. Specific project or project description. (If you nirements). Inhway in a mixed land as not within the exercise to the south existing a limit the coarlrestaurant/motel. Car dealership. The exercise to the soil			
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accomodate irrigation. The	e site will be	developed into a g	golf drivii	ng range with a single			
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Winter: 7 days a week, 8ai							
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PROJECT SITE INFORMATION

Complete and accurate information saves time and is vital to project review and assessment. Please complete each section entirely. If a question is not applicable to your project, please indicated this to show that each question has been carefully considered. Contact the Planning & Community Development Department Staff, $1010 \ 10^{th}$ Street – 3^{rd} Floor, (209) 525-6330, if you have any questions. Pre-application meetings are highly recommended.

ASSESSOR	S PARCEL N	NUMBER(S): Book_	045	Pag	je05	- F	Parcel	008
Additional pard Project Site A or Physical Lo	ddress								
Property Area	ı:	Acres:	39.0 ac.	_ or §	Square feet:	1,733	,688		
Current and Pr	revious Land Use	e: (Explain e	xisting and p	orevious la	nd use(s) of	site for the	last ten ye	ears)	
Almond Or	chard								
	vn previous prope of project, and o			s site, suc	ch as a Use	Permit, P	arcel Map	o, etc.:	(Please identify
	eral Plan & Zoni neral Plan & Zol								
	LAND USE: project site)	(Describe	adjacent lar	nd uses w	vithin 1,320	feet (1/4 n	nile) and/o	r two pa	arcels in each
East: Orch	nards, Single	-Family R	esidence	s and C	utbuildin	gs.	·		
West: Orch	ards, Bar/Re	estaurant	Motel, No	ew Car	Dealersh	ip, Highv	vay 99		
North: Orch	nards/Single-	Family Re	esidences	/Outbu	ildings				
South: Gas	Station/Mini-	-Mart, Miı	ni-storage	; Open	Land, Sir	gle Fam	ily Resi	dentia	ı
WILLIAMSC	ON ACT CON	TRACT:							
Yes 🔲 No	X		erty currently umber:				?		
		If yes, has	a Notice of N	ion-Renev	wal been file	d?			
		Date Filed:							

• .	Yes 🔲 No 🔲	Do you propose to cancel any portion of the Contract?
۴.	Yes 🔲 No 🔲	Are there any agriculture, conservation, open space or similar easements affecting the use of the project site. (Such easements do not include Williamson Act Contracts)
		If yes, please list and provide a recorded copy:
	SITE CHARACTE	RISTICS: (Check one or more) Flat ☑ Rolling ☐ Steep ☐
	VEGETATION: W	hat kind of plants are growing on your property? (Check one or more)
	Field crops	Orchard Pasture/Grassland Scattered trees
	Shrubs	Woodland ☐ River/Riparian ☐ Other ☐
	Explain Other:	
	Yes 🗵 No 🗖	Do you plan to remove any trees? (If yes, please show location of trees planned for removal on plot plan and provide information regarding transplanting or replanting.)
	GRADING:	
	Yes 🗵 No 🗌	Do you plan to do any grading? (If yes, please indicate how many cubic yards and acres to be disturbed. Please show areas to be graded on plot plan.) Exact vardage to be determined
		by a grading and drainage plan prepared by a civil engineer.
	STREAMS, LAKE	S, & PONDS:
	Yes ☐ No 🗷	Are there any streams, lakes, ponds or other watercourses on the property? (If yes, please show on plot plan)
	Yes 🔲 No 🗹	Will the project change any drainage patterns? (If yes, please explain – provide additional sheet if needed)
	Yes 🛭 No 🗹	Are there any gullies or areas of soil erosion? (If yes, please show on plot plan)
	Yes 🔲 No 🗵	Do you plan to grade, disturb, or in any way change swales, drainages, ditches, gullies, ponds, low lying areas, seeps, springs, streams, creeks, river banks, or other area on the site that carries or holds water for any amount of time during the year? (If yes, please show areas to be graded on plot plan)
		Please note: If the answer above is yes, you may be required to obtain authorization from other agencies such as the Corps of Engineers or California Department of Fish and Game.

STRUCTU	JRES:				
Yes 🔼 N	· 🗆	Are there structures of property lines and other		ase show on plot plan.	Show a relationship to
Yes 🗆 N	o 🗵	Will structures be move	ed or demolished? (If yes	, indicate on plot plan.)	
Yes 🗵 N	lo 🛮	Do you plan to build ne	ew structures? (If yes, sho	w location and size on plot p	plan.)
Yes D N	lo 🗷	•	possible Historical signifi		olain and show location and
PROJECT	SITE CO	OVERAGE:			
Existing Bui	lding Cover	rage: 1000	Sq. Ft.	Landscaped Area:	5600 Sq. Ft.
Proposed B	uilding Cov	verage: 2000	Sq. Ft.	Paved Surface Area:	50.000 Sq. Ft.
BUILDING	S CHARA	ACTERISTICS:			
Size of new	structure(s) or building addition(s) i	in gross sq. ft.: (Provide a	dditional sheets if necessary	y) 2000 Sq. Ft.
			cashier, breakroo		
Number of f	loors for ea	ch building: Single le	evel.		
Building hei	ght in feet (measured from ground t	to highest point): (Provide	additional sheets if necess	ary) 20' to ridge
10' to ea	ve				
Height of of equipment,	ther appurte light poles,	enances, excluding buildetc.): (Provide additional	dings, measured from gr sheets if necessary) Ligh	ound to highest point (i. t poles: 20; Ball ne	e., antennas, mechanical et: 30
Proposed s	urface ma	terial for parking area: p nait Paving	(Provide information addre	essing dust control measu	ures if non-asphalt/concrete
UTILITIES	S AND IR	RIGATION FACILIT	TES:		
Yes 🔲 N	io 🛭	Are there existing pub- yes, show location and si	The state of the s	ne site? Includes telepho	one, power, water, etc. (If
Who provide	es, or will p	rovide the following serv	rices to the property?		
Electrical: _	**********	T.I.D.	Sewer	Measure X	Septic System
Telephone:	·	AT&T	Gas/Pi	ropane: J	.S. West
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*Please Note: A "will serve" level is required if the sewer service will be provided by City, Sanitary District, Community Services District, etc.

**Please Note: A "will serve" letter is required if the water source is a City, Irrigation District, Water District, etc., and the water purveyor may be required to provide verification through an Urban Water Management Plan that an adequate water supply exists to service your proposed development.

Will any special or unique sewage wastes be generated by this development other than that normally associated with resident or employee restrooms? Industrial, chemical, manufacturing, animal wastes? (Please describe:)

No										
single fa	amily	reside	nce, it	is likely that Was	te Disch	arge Requireme	ct other than that norma ents will be required by eatment, and disposal n	the Regional Water		
Yes 🗖	No	X		Are there existing irrigation, telephone, or power company easements on the property? (If yes, show location and size on plot plan.)						
Yes 🛚	No	X		Do the existing utilities, including irrigation facilities, need to be moved? (If yes, show location and size on plot plan.)						
Yes 🛚	No	X	Does	s the project require	e extensio	on of utilities? (If)	ves, show location and size	on plot plan.)		
AFFOR	RDAE	BLE H	OUSIN	IG/SENIOR:						
Yes 🛚	No		Will 1	the project include a	affordable	e or senior housin	g provisions? (If yes, plea	se explain)		
RESIDI	ENTI	AL PI	ROJEC	CTS: (Please comp	olete if app	licable – Attach add	ditional sheets if necessary)			
Total No.	. Lots:			Total Dwell	ling Units	•	Total Acreag	e:		
Net Dens	sity pe	er Acre:	····			Gross De	ensity per Acre:			
(complete if applicable)		Single Family		Two Family Duplex	Multi-Family Apartments	Multi-Family Condominium/ Townhouse				
Number Acreage:		ts:			_					
		-		TRIAL, MANUFA		•	USE PERMIT, OR C	THER		
Square f	ootag	e of ea	ch existi	ng or proposed bui	ilding(s):	1000 Sq. Ft.,	, Existing; 2000 sq.	ft. (new)		
Type of u	use(s)	100)0 sq.	ft. to be utilize	ed as a	maintenanc	e building. 2000 s	q. ft. to house		
the of	fice.	cash	ier, bı	reakroom, rest	troom a	and ball dispe	enser.			

Days and hours of operation: Win 8am-7pm, Mone				
Seasonal operation (i.e., packing shed, huller, etc.) months ar				
Occupancy/capacity of building: 6 people				
Number of employees: (Maximum Shift):4	(Minimum Shift): 2			
Estimated number of daily customers/visitors on site at peak t	me: 25-30			
Other occupants: n/a				
Estimated number of truck deliveries/loadings per day:	2/day-UPS Style Vans			
Estimated hours of truck deliveries/loadings per day:				
Estimated percentage of traffic to be generated by trucks:				
Estimated number of railroad deliveries/loadings per day:	nia			
Square footage of:				
Office area: Entire Bldg: 2000 sq. ft.	Warehouse area: 1000 sq. ft Existing			
Sales area:	Storage area:			
Loading area:	Manufacturing area:			
Other: (explain type of area)				
Yes No M Will the proposed use involve toxic or	hazardous materials or waste? (Please explain)			
ROAD AND ACCESS INFORMATION:				
What County road(s) will provide the project's main access? Taylor Road will provide the main access. Ac				
will be a single entry ingress/egress drive co	unctructed into this project (AO' in width)			

Yes		No	K	Are there private or public road or access easements on the property now? (If yes, show location and size on plot plan)			
Yes		No	X	Do you require a private road or easement to access the property? (If yes, show location and size on plot plan)			
Yes	X	No		Do you require security gates and fencing on the access? (If yes, show location and size on plot plan)			
аррі	oval	of a	n Except	that do not front on a County-maintained road or require special access may require tion to the Subdivision Ordinance. Please contact staff to determine if an exception is the necessary Findings.			
STO	ORM	DR	AINAG	E:			
How	will y	our p	oroject ha	andle storm water runoff? (Check one)			
X	Other:	(ple	ease expl	ain) The paved surface area will be drained by horizontal underground			
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impl	If you plan on grading any portion of the site, please provide a description of erosion control measures you propose to implement. NPDES Standards will be adhered to along with an N.O.I., followed by a SWEPPS Plan.						
				y be required to obtain an NPDES Storm Water Permit from the Regional Water Quality epare a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan.			
ADI	DITIO	ANC	L INFO	DRMATION:			
				to provide any other information you feel is appropriate for the County to consider during review of ch extra sheets if necessary)			
Se	vera	l hi	gh sch	ool golf teams in the vicinity of this project are forced to journey great			
dis	tanc	es	to pra	ctice. The central location and proximity to 99 Highway make this an			
ide	al lo	cat	ion for	this facility. This project is classified as a Tier 3 approved use subject			
to	a co	ndi	tional (use permit.			

FINDINGS STATEMENT TO ACCOMPANY TIER 3 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR TURLOCK GOLF CENTER

1. The use as proposed will not be substantially detrimental to or in conflict with agricultural use of other property in the vicinity, and

Turlock Golf Center will <u>not</u> be substantially detrimental or in conflict with the agricultural use of other property in the vicinity of this proposal. The remaining 20, plus or minus, acres to the east of this project in the Adams ownership will remain in production. In addition, the Phase II portion of this request will remain in production until needed for expansion. The most intensive use of this site will occur on the front 200' of the site. The range portion will be turfed and mowed on a regular basis.

2. The parcel on which such use requested is not located in one of the County's "most productive agricultural areas," as the term is used in the Agricultural Element of the General Plan; or the character of the use that is r3quested is such that the land may reasonably be returned to agricultural use in the future.

The soil type classification is Dinuba Sandy Loam (DrA) with a moderate percolation rate combined with Dinuba Sandy Loam (DSA) which limits crops to those of a shallow root nature and has an imperfect drainage characteristic. The recommended uses include alfalfa, field crops, melons, vegetables and irrigated pasture. Due to the mixture of soil types the class ranges from II w-3 to Class IV s-3. These are soils which have some limitations that reduce the choice of plants, require some conservation practices to soils with very severe limitations that restrict the choice of plants, require very careful management or both. That said, the character of this use is such that the land may reasonable be returned to agricultural use in the future.

NOTE: Approval of this application is valid only if the following conditions are met. This permit shall expire unless activated within 18 months of the date of approval. In order to activate the permit, it must be signed by the applicant and one of the following actions must occur: (a) a valid building permit must be obtained to construct the necessary structures and appurtenances; or, (b) the property must be used for the purpose for which the permit is granted. (Stanislaus County Ordinance 21.104.030)

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

USE PERMIT APPLICATION NO. 2008-10 TURLOCK GOLF CENTER

Stanislaus County - Department of Planning & Community Development

- 1. This use is to be conducted as described in the application and supporting information (including the plot plan), as approved by the Stanislaus County Planning Commission and/or the Board of Supervisors and in accordance with other laws and ordinances.
- 2. All exterior lighting shall be designed (aimed down and toward the site) to provide adequate illumination without a glare effect. This shall include but not be limited to the use of shielded light fixtures to prevent skyglow (light spilling into the night sky) and the installation of shielded fixtures to prevent light trespass (glare and spill light that shines onto neighboring properties).
- 3. Any lighting used to illuminate the driving range, excluding security lighting, shall be turned off no later than 10:30 PM.
- 4. Construction of the project shall comply with standardized dust controls adopted by the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District.
- 5. During the construction phases of the project, if any human remains, significant or potentially unique are found, all construction activities in the area shall cease until a qualified archeologist can be consulted. Construction activities shall not resume in the area until an on-site archeological mitigation program has been approved by a qualified archeologist.
- 6. Prior to the occupancy of any building or operation of the approved use, the applicant shall meet all the requirements of the Stanislaus County Fire Prevention Bureau for on-site water storage.
- 7. A Certificate of Occupancy shall be obtained (if needed) from the Building Permits Division prior to occupancy of any structures
- 8. A plan for any proposed signs indicating the location, height, area of the sign, and message shall be approved by the Planning Director prior to installation.

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- 9. Trash bins shall be kept in trash enclosures constructed of materials compatible with the architecture of the development. Trash enclosures shall be placed in locations as approved by the refuse collecting agency and the Planning Director.
- 10. Outside storage of materials and equipment shall be screened from view from the road by a sound screen fence of uniform construction as approved by the Planning Director.
- 11. A final landscape plan prepared in accordance with Section 21.102 of the Stanislaus County Zoning Ordinance and consistent with the alternative buffer requirements, shall be submitted prior to issuance of any building permit or approved use of the project site. Final plans shall be approved by the Planning Director or his appointed designee prior to the issuance of any building permit or approved use of the project site.
- 12. The applicant, or subsequent property owner, shall be responsible for maintaining landscape plants in a healthy and attractive condition. Dead or dying plants shall be replaced with materials of equal size and similar variety. All dead and dying trees planted on site as a part of the agricultural buffer alternative shall be replaced with new trees.
- 13. The developer shall pay all applicable Public Facilities Impact Fees and Fire Protection Development/Impact Fees as adopted by Resolution of the Board of Supervisors at the time of issuance of any building permits. For the Public Facilities Impact Fees, the fees shall be based on the Guidelines Concerning the Fee Payment Provisions established by County Ordinance C.S. 824 as approved by the County Board of Supervisors, and shall be payable at the time determined by the Department of Public Works.
- 14. Pursuant to Section 711.4 of the California Fish and Game Code (effective January 1, 2009), the applicant is required to pay a Department of Fish and Game filing fee at the time of recording a "Notice of Determination." Within five (5) days of approval of this project by the Planning Commission or Board of Supervisors, the applicant shall submit to the Department of Planning and Community Development a check for \$2,050.00 made payable to Stanislaus County, for the payment of Fish and Game, and Clerk Recorder filing fees.

Pursuant to Section 711.4 (e)(3) of the California Fish and Game Code, no project shall be operative, vested, or final, nor shall local government permits for the project be valid, until the filing fees required pursuant to this section are paid.

- 15. The applicant is required to defend, indemnify, or hold harmless the County, its officers and employees from any claim, action, or proceedings against the County to set aside the approval of the project which is brought within the applicable statute of limitations. The County shall promptly notify the applicant of any claim, action, or proceeding to set aside the approval and shall cooperate fully in the defense.
- 16. Pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, prior to construction, the developer shall be responsible for contacting the US Army Corps of Engineers to determine if any "wetlands," "waters of the United States," or other areas under the jurisdiction of the Corps of Engineers are present on the project site, and shall be responsible for obtaining all appropriate permits or authorizations from the Corps, including all necessary water quality certifications, if necessary.

- 17. Pursuant to Section 1600 and 1603 of the California Fish and Game Code, prior to construction, the developer shall be responsible for contacting the California Department of Fish and Game and shall be responsible for obtaining all appropriate stream-bed alteration agreements, permits or authorizations, if necessary.
- 18. Pursuant to State Water Resources Control Board Order 99-08-DWQ and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit No. CAS000002, prior to construction, the developer shall be responsible for contacting the California Regional Water Quality Control Board to determine if a "Notice of Intent" is necessary, and shall prepare all appropriate documentation, including a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPP). Once complete, and prior to construction, a copy of the SWPPP shall be submitted to the Stanislaus County Department of Public Works.
- 19. Pursuant to the federal and state Endangered Species Acts, prior to construction, the developer shall be responsible for contacting the US Fish and Wildlife Service and California Department of Fish and Game to determine if any special status plant or animal species are present on the project site, and shall be responsible for obtaining all appropriate permits or authorizations from these agencies, if necessary.
- 20. All businesses on site shall obtain and maintain a valid business license. Application may be made in the Planning Department (Section 6.04 of the Stanislaus County Ordinance Code).
- 21. The Department of Planning and Community Development shall record a Notice of Administrative Conditions and Restrictions with the County Recorder's Office within 30 days of project approval. The Notice includes: Conditions of Approval/Development Standards and Schedule; any adopted Mitigation Measures; and a project area map.

Stanislaus County - Building Permits Division

22. New developments shall comply with current adopted Title 24 California Building Codes.

Stanislaus County - Department of Environmental Resources (DER)

- 23. On-Site wastewater disposal system (OSWDS) shall be by individual Primary and Secondary wastewater treatment units, operated under conditions and guidelines by Measure X.
- 24. The engineered OSWDS design shall be designed for the maximum occupancy of a building and total fixture units proposed within the building. The leach field shall be designed and sized using data collected from soil profile and percolation tests performed at the location. The OSWDS designed system shall provide 100% expansion area.
- 25. Water supply for the project is defined by the State regulations as a public water system. Water system owner must submit plans for the water system construction or addition; and obtain approval from the Department of Environmental Resources (DER), prior to construction. Prior to final approval of the project, the owner must apply for and obtain a

Water Supply Permit from DER. "The Water Supply Permit Application must include a technical report, prepared by a qualified professional engineer, that demonstrates compliance with State regulations and include the technical, managerial and financial capabilities of the owner to operate a public water system." The water supply issuance is contingent upon the water system meeting construct standards, and providing water, which is of acceptable quantity and quality. Contact DER for the required submittal information.

- 26. If this project consists of a food facility, applicant must submit 3 sets of food facility construction plans to the Department of Environmental Resources for review and approval for compliance with the California Uniform Retail Food Facility Law (Section 27550).
- 27. The applicant shall determine, to the satisfaction of the Department of Environmental Resources (DER), that a site containing (or formerly containing) residences or farm buildings, or structures, has been fully investigated (via Phase I and II studies) prior to the issuance of a grading permit. Any discovery of underground storage tanks, former underground storage tank locations, buried chemicals, buried refuse, or contaminated soil shall be brought to the immediate attention of DER.
- 28. The applicant should contact the Department of Environmental Resources regarding appropriate permitting requirements for hazardous materials and/or wastes. Applicant and/or occupants handling hazardous materials or generating hazardous wastes must notify the Department of Environmental Resources relative to the following:
 - A. Permits for the underground storage of hazardous substances at new or the modification of an existing tank facilities.
 - B. Requirements for registering as a handler of hazardous materials in the County.
 - C. Submittal of hazardous materials Business Plan by handlers of materials in excess of 55 gallons or 500 pounds of a hazardous material or of 200 cubic feet of compressed gas.
 - D. The handling of acutely hazardous materials may require the preparation of a Risk Management Prevention Program that must be implemented prior to operation of the facility. The list of acutely hazardous materials can be found in SARA, Title III, Section 302.
 - E. Generators of hazardous waste must notify DER relative to the: (1) quantities of waste generated; (2) plans for reducing wastes generated; (3) proposed waste disposal practices.
 - F. Permits for the treatment of hazardous waste on-site will be required from the hazardous materials division.
 - G. Medical waste generated must complete and submit a questionnaire to the department for determination if they are regulated under the Medical Waste Management Act.

Stanislaus County - Fire Prevention Bureau

29. All buildings constructed shall comply with all applicable codes and ordinances, including fire apparatus access road standards, water for fire protection, etc.

- 30. All traffic signals installed and/or retrofitted due to the proposed project shall be provided with signal preemption.
- 31. All buildings 5,000 square feet and greater and/or containing five or more dwelling units shall be provided with an automatic fire sprinkler system.

Stanislaus County - Department of Public Works

- 32. Road right-of-way shall be deeded to the City of Turlock to provide 60 feet north of the right-of-way line for the Turlock Irrigation Lateral Number Three. The developer's engineer is responsible for preparing the Road Deed.
- 33. The owners shall dedicate a 10-foot wide public utility easement along the entire frontage of Taylor Road adjacent to the right-of-way line prior to the issuance of any building or grading permit.
- 34. If the existing metal building is in the area to be dedicated for right-of-way or the public utility easement, it shall be removed prior to the issuance of any building or grading permits.
- 35. A Grading and Drainage Plan shall be approved by the Department of Public Works prior to the issuance of any building permit. The drainage system shall be installed prior to final and/or occupancy of any building.
- 36. An erosion control plan shall be submitted that provides mitigation measures for erosion and sedimentation control. These measures shall prevent dirt from the project site from getting into the road right-of-way and the drainage system. The plan shall be implemented during all phases of development including grading and building construction. The plans shall also address long term mitigation measures.
- 37. A Grading Permit shall be obtained from the Department of Public Works prior to the start of importing, exporting, or otherwise moving any dirt.
- 38. Prior to the issuance of the Grading Permit or approving the improvement plans, the developer shall file a Notice of Intention with the California Regional Water Quality Control Board and a Waste Discharge Identification Number must be obtained and provided to the Department of Public Works.

<u>Turlock Irrigation District (T.I.D.)</u>

39. An irrigation pipeline belonging to Improvement District 161A, the Lower McHenry, runs from north to south at the approximate midpoint of the proposed project and along the easterly half of the north property line. A second irrigation pipeline belonging to Improvement District 957, the Patterson, runs through the southwest corner of the subject parcel. These pipelines must be upgraded to current District Standards along with the dedication of an appropriate irrigation easement.

- 40. It will be necessary for the developer to submit plans detailing the existing irrigation facilities, relative to the proposed site improvements, in order for the District to determine specific impacts and requirements.
- 41. Properties that will no longer irrigate or have direct access to water must request abandonment from the improvement district(s). Developed property adjoining irrigated ground must be graded so that finished grading elevations are at least 6 inches higher than irrigated ground. A protective berm must be installed to prevent irrigation water from reaching non-irrigated properties.
- 42. Any improvements to this property which impact irrigation facilities shall be subject to the District's approval and meet all District standards and specifications. If it is determined that irrigation facilities will be impacted, the applicant will need to provide irrigation improvement plans and enter into an Irrigation Improvements Agreement for the required irrigation facility modifications. There is a District Board approved time and material fee associated with this review.
- 43. If the pipeline is to be relocated in a new alignment, then irrigation improvement plans and an Irrigation Improvements Agreement for the impacted irrigation facility modifications must be executed before the District approves a final map.
- 44. In order for the District to accept the necessary easements, this statement should appear on the acceptance documents:

CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE

This is to certify that the interest in real property conveyed by this map to the Turlock Irrigation District, a governmental agency, and to the named improvement districts of the District (if any) are hereby accepted by the undersigned officer on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Turlock Irrigation District pursuant to authority conferred by turlock Irrigation Rule RL 0340.001 adopted on January 2, 1990 and revised December 18, 2001.

Dated this	day of	, 2009
Wilton B. Fryer, P.E.		
Civil Engineering Department Mar	nager	
The final map signature block is a As to Irrigation Tax	s follows:	
Mike Kavarian		Date
Deputy Collector, Turlock Irrigation	n District	

45. The owner/developer must apply for a facility change for any pole or electrical facility relocation. Facility changes are preformed at developer's expense.

City of Turlock

- 46. Dedications shall be made per the City of Turlock General Plan designations. Taylor Road is currently designated a two-lane collector.
- 47. Due to the high speeds on Taylor Road, acceleration and deceleration lanes shall be installed.
- 48. A dedicated left-turn lane shall be installed for eastbound traffic to enter the facility from Taylor Road.
- 49. Improvements (curb, gutter, and streetlights) shall be installed along the entire frontage of the proposed golf center in accordance with the encroachment permit to be issued by the City of Turlock (see No. 51 below).
- 50. All design for the above improvements shall be in accordance with the City of Turlock Standard Specifications and Drawings, and shall coordinate with the City's intended improvements at the intersection of Taylor and Tegner Road.
- 51. The applicant shall be required to obtain an encroachment permit from the City of Turlock prior to the issuance of a building permit.
- 52. The County of Stanislaus will not issue a certificate of occupancy for the project until all work required under the encroachment permit from the City of Turlock is completed to the satisfaction of the City.
- Prior to the issuance of an encroachment permit by the City of Turlock, the applicant shall execute and record an a deferral agreement with the City to install improvement (curb, gutter, and streetlights) and sidewalks in accordance with City of Turlock standards along the entire frontage of the property at a future date to be determined by the City.
- 54. Prior to the issuance of an encroachment permit by the City of Turlock, the applicant shall form a landscape and lighting district to mitigate landscape, street sweeping, street lighting and street maintenance costs.

Please note: If Conditions of Approval/Development Standards are amended by the Planning Commission or Board of Supervisors, such amendments will be noted in the upper right-hand corner of the Conditions of Approval/Development Standards, new wording is in **bold**, and deleted wording will have a line through it.



Stanislaus County Planning and Community Development

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CEQA INITIAL STUDY

Adapted from CEQA Guidelines APPENDIX G Environmental Checklist Form, Final Text, October 26, 1998

1. **Project title:** Use Permit Application No. 2008-10 - Turlock Golf Center

2. Lead agency name and address: Stanislaus County

1010 10th Street, Suite 3400

Modesto, CA 95354

3. Contact person and phone number: Joshua Mann, Associate Planner

(209) 525-6330

4. Project location: North side of Taylor Road, east of Hwy 99 and

west of Mountain View Road, in the Turlock area.

(APN: 045-053-008)

5. Project sponsor's name and address: Dennis Wilson

Horizon Consulting P.O. Box 1448

Modesto, CA 95353

6. General plan designation: Agriculture

7. **Zoning:** A-2-40 (General Agriculture)

8. Description of project:

Request to establish a golf driving range on a $39\pm$ acre site. The development will include the construction of a 1,000-square foot maintenance building, a 2,000-square foot office/pro-shop, and a covered tee area. Hours of operation will be 8 a.m to 7 p.m. (winter) and 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. (summer). Lighting will be provided in the parking area, driving range hitting area, and around the putting area and building facilities. The applicant is proposing the use of 30-foot high ball nets along the north, east, and south sides of the facility to protect the adjacent properties from golf balls. The site will be served by private on-site water and sewer.

9. Surrounding land uses and setting:

Restaurant / Motel, Gas Station, mini-storage, agricultural land to the west, City of Turlock / residential subdivision to the south, and agriculture with scattered single-family dwellings to the north and east.

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

Stanislaus County Public Works Department Stanislaus County Department of Environmental Resources

California Department of Transportation

(Caltrans) City of Turlock

Printed name

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:

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

☐ Aesti	hetics	☐ Agriculture Reso	urces	☐ Air Quality
□Biolo	gical Resources	☐ Cultural Resource	es	☐Geology /Soils
□Hazaı	rds & Hazardous Materials	☐ Hydrology / Wate	r Quality	☐ Land Use / Planning
□Miner	al Resources	☐ Noise		☐Population / Housing
□ Publi	ic Services	☐ Recreation		☐ Transportation/Traffic
□ Utilit	ies / Service Systems	☐ Mandatory Findin	ngs of Significance	
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Signature	ann, Associate Planner		January 13, 2009 Date	

EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

- 1) A brief explanation is required for all answers except "No Impact" answers that are adequately supported by the information sources a lead agency cites in the parentheses following each question. A "No Impact" answer is adequately supported if the referenced information sources show that the impact simply does not apply to projects like the one involved (e.g., the project falls outside a fault rupture zone). A "No Impact" answer should be explained where it is based on project-specific factors as well as general standards (e.g., the project will not expose sensitive receptors to pollutants, based on a project-specific screening analysis).
- 2) All answers must take account of the whole action involved, including off-site as well as on-site, cumulative as well as project-level, indirect as well as direct, and construction as well as operational impacts.
- 3) 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.
- 4) "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).
- 5) Earlier analyses may be used where, pursuant to the tiering, program EIR, or other CEQA process, an effect has been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or negative declaration.

Section 15063(c)(3)(D). 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 an 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.
- 6) 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.
- 7) Supporting Information Sources: A source list should be attached, and other sources used or individuals contacted should be cited in the discussion.
- 8) 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.
- 9) The explanation of each issue should identify:
 - a) the significant 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 significant.

ISSUES

I. AESTHETICS Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Included	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?				Х
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?				х
d) Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?			х	

Discussion: The site itself is not considered to be a scenic resource or a unique scenic vista. The site currently consists of an almond orchard surrounded by similar agricultural uses to the north and east. The City of Turlock is to the south and within the city limits contains a gas station, mini storage facility and a residential subdivision. A total of two structures are being proposed as part of this request, a 1,000-square foot maintenance building and a 2,000-square foot office/pro-shop. Also included would be a roof-only, covered tee area. County standards generally do not dictate the need or desire for architectural review of new buildings. A Condition of Approval will be added to the project to require that outdoor lighting be aimed downward in order to address glare to surrounding areas.

Mitigation: None.

References: Stanislaus County General Plan and Support Documentation¹, Stanislaus County Zoning Ordinance, County policies, and staff experience.

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II. AGRICULTURE RESOURCES In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Department of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Included	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?			x	
b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?			х	
c) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use?			х	

Discussion: The project site lies outside the City of Turlock's Local Agency Formation Commission's (LAFCO) adopted Sphere of Influence and is not enrolled under a Williamson Act contract. The site consists of 39± acres currently planted in an almond orchard. The project site is bordered by agricultural uses to the north, east, and west. At present there is no indication that this project will impact existing agricultural activities in the area or result in conversion of farmland to non-agricultural use. Spraying activities on adjacent properties will be conditioned by the Agricultural Commissioners Office. The County also has a Right to Farm Ordinance in place to protect the agricultural users from unjust nuisance complaints.

The entire project site is classified as "Prime Farmland" by the California State Department of Conservation Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program. There are two (2) types of soil on the subject parcel:

Dinuba sandy loam, 0% to 1% Slopes, Index Rating of 77, and Grade of 2 Traver sandy loam, 0% to 1% Slopes, Index Rating of 60, and Grade of 2

In December of 2007, Stanislaus County adopted an updated Agricultural Element which incorporated guidelines for the implementation of agricultural buffers applicable to new and expanding non-agricultural uses within or adjacent to the A-2 Zoning District. The purpose of these guidelines is to protect the long-term health of agriculture by minimizing conflicts such as spray drift and trespassing resulting from the interaction of agricultural and non-agricultural uses. These guidelines allow the Agricultural Advisory Board the opportunity to review & support the applicant's alternative to the buffer requirements. Alternatives may be approved provided the Planning Commission finds that the alternative provides equal or greater protection than the existing buffer standards. Current buffer guideline standards require a project to provide solid fencing and a double row of landscaping around the perimeter of the proposed operation.

On December 15, 2008, an alternative to the buffer requirements was presented to and approved by the Agricultural Advisory Board. The "People Intensive" area near the western property line would consist of a vegetative screen (double row of Redwood Trees) and solid wall along the western property line. The 300 foot buffer setback requirement would not be incorporated. The eastern side of the driving range would utilize the existing orchard on the eastern portion (20± acres) of the property to provide a "buffer" to the adjacent properties. The grass area of driving range along with a small portion of orchard (along the northern property line) would provide a buffer area for the north half of the property. If the orchard were to be removed, the proposal included the installation of a solid wall and a double row of redwoods trees.

Mitigation: None.

References: Stanislaus County Zoning Ordinance; California State Department of Conservation Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program - Stanislaus County Farmland 2006, United States Department of Agriculture Soil Survey 1964 - Eastern Stanislaus Area, California., Stanislaus County General Plan and Support Documentation¹.

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III. AIR QUALITY 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:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Included	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?				х
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?				х

Discussion: The project site is within the San Joaquin Valley Air Basin, which has been classified as "non-attainment" for ozone and respirable particulate matter (PM-10) as defined by the Federal Clean Air Act. The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD) has been established by the State in an effort to control and minimize air pollution. As such, the District maintains permit authority over stationary sources of pollutants.

Any pollutants generated by this project would be classified as being generated from "mobile" sources. Mobile sources would generally include dust from roads, farming, and automobile exhausts. Mobile sources are generally regulated by the Air Resources Board of the California EPA which sets emissions standards for vehicles, and acts on issues regarding cleaner burning fuels and alternative fuel technologies. As such, the SJVAPCD has addressed most criteria air pollutants through basin wide programs and policies to prevent cumulative deterioration of air quality within the basin. The project will be subject to compliance with all applicable district rules including, but not limited to, national emission standards for hazardous air pollution, fugitive PM-10 prohibitions, open burning, and nuisance. No response was received from the SJVAPCD addressing any future activities on the site that could contribute to the overall decline in air quality. Nevertheless, Staff will place Conditions of Approval on the project to insure compliance with the District's rules and regulations.

Mitigation: None.

References: San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District - Regulation VIII Fugitive Dust/PM-10 Synopsis, Stanislaus County General Plan and Support Documentation¹.

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IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Included	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
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

Discussion: There is no evidence to suggest this project would result in impacts to endangered species or habitats, locally designated species, or wildlife dispersal or mitigation corridors. There are no known sensitive or protected species or natural communities located on the site and/or in the surrounding area.

Mitigation: None.

References: Stanislaus County General Plan and Support Documentation¹, California Department of Fish and Game California Natural Diversity Database.

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V. CULTURAL RESOURCES Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Included	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in Section 15064.5?				x
b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to Section 15064.5?				x
c) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?			х	
d) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?				х

Discussion: Cultural resources are not known to exist on the project site. The site has been disturbed by previous farming operations in a manner equivalent to the proposed project. A standardized Condition of Approval will be added to this project to address any discovery of cultural resources during the construction phases.

Mitigation: None.

References: Stanislaus County General Plan and Support Documentation¹.

VI. GEOLOGY AND SOILS Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Included	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:				Х
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?				Х
iii)Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?				х
iv) Landslides?	1			Х
b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?				Х
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

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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?				х
Discussion: As contained in Chapter 5 of the General Plan Supplement to significant geologic hazard are located in the Diablo Range, west of shall be built according to building standards appropriate to withstandards.	Interstate 5. /	Any structures re	sulting from th	is project
Mitigation: None.				
References: Stanislaus County General Plan and Support Docur	nentation ¹ .			
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VII. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Included	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?			х	
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	
c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?				х
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?				х
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

Discussion: The County Department of Environmental Resources is responsible for overseeing hazardous materials and has not indicated any particular concerns in this area. Pesticide exposure is a risk in areas located in the vicinity of agriculture. Sources of exposure include contaminated groundwater which is consumed and drift from spray applications. Application of sprays is strictly controlled by the Agricultural Commissioner and can only be accomplished after first obtaining

permits. Spraying activities on adjacent properties will be conditioned by the Agricultural Commissioners Office. Furthermore, as discussed previously the project will incorporate landscaped buffers near and around the people-intensive area. The project site is not located within an airport land use plan or a wildlands area. The groundwater is not known to be contaminated in this area.

Mitigation: None.

References: Stanislaus County Department of Environmental Resources referral response - dated May 9, 2008, County Policies, Stanislaus County General Plan and Support Documentation¹.

VIII. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Included	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
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?			х	
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?			х	
f) Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?			Х	
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?				х
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?				Х

Discussion: On-site areas subject to flooding have not been identified in accordance with the Federal Emergency Management Act and/or county designated flood areas. By virtue of paving for the building pad, parking lot and driveway, the current absorption patterns of water placed upon this property will be altered. The project has not yet developed plans to handle drainage on-site, but a Condition of Approval requiring a Grading and Storm Drainage Plan Permit will be added

to this project as required by the Public Works Department. A Condition of Approval will also be added to require the developer to file a Notice of Intent (NOI) with the California Regional Water Quality Control Board prior to issuance of the grading permit. This project has been referred to the Regional Water Quality Control Board, but no comments have been received.

Mitigation:

None.

References: FEMA Flood Zone maps, Department of Public Works - referral response dated August 15, 2008, Stanislaus County General Plan and Support Documentation¹.

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IX. LAND USE AND PLANNING Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Included	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
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?				х

Discussion: The project site is designated Agriculture, zoned A-2-40 (General Agriculture) and located outside the LAFCO-adopted Sphere of Influence of the nearby City of Turlock. The proposed use is classified as a Tier Three use which may be permitted within the A-2 zoning district upon approval of a use permit. Tier Three uses are defined as not directly related to agriculture but may be necessary to serve the A-2 district or may be difficult to locate in the urban area. The ability to make the necessary findings for approval of the proposed use is viewed by staff as a land use policy issue as opposed to an environmental issue under the purview of CEQA. The proposed project will not conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan and will not physically divide an established community.

Mitigation:

None.

References:

Stanislaus County General Plan and Support Documentation¹.

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X. MINERAL RESOURCES Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Included	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
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?				х
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?			-	х

Discussion: The locations of all commercially viable mineral resources in Stanislaus County have been mapped by the State Division of Mines and Geology in Special Report 173. There are no known significant resources in or around the project area.

Mitigation:

None.

References: Report 173.

 $Stanislaus\ County\ General\ Plan\ and\ Support\ Documentation ^1,\ State\ Division\ of\ Mines\ and\ Geology\ Special\ County\ Count$

XI. NOISE Would the project result in:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Included	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
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?			х	
b) Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?				х
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?			х	
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?				х
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?				х

Discussion: The Stanislaus County General Plan identifies noise levels up to 60 dB L_{dn} (or CNEL) as the normally acceptable level of noise for new commercial/golf course type uses. Noise impacts associated with on-site activities and traffic are not anticipated to exceed the normally acceptable level of noise. The primary areas of on-site activities will be located to the southern portion of the site, which is adjacent to Taylor Road and across from a mixture of commercial and residential type uses. Noise impacts to residential uses in the area are anticipated to be less than significant considering the type of use being proposed and the existing noise sources in the area.

Mitigation: None.

References: Stanislaus County General Plan and Support Documentation¹, staff experience.

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XII. POPULATION AND HOUSING Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Included	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
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

Discussion: The proposed use of the site will not create significant service extensions or new infrastructure that could be considered growth inducing. No housing or persons will be displaced by the project.

References:

Mitigation: None. References: Stanislaus County General Plan and Support Documentation¹. XIII. PUBLIC SERVICES: Potentially Less Than Less Than Significant Significant Significant Impact Impact With Mitigation Impact Included 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 Schools? X Parks? X X Other public facilities? The County has adopted Public Facilities Fees, as well as one for the Fire Facility Fees on behalf of the Discussion: appropriate fire district, to address impacts to public services. Such fees are required to be paid at the time of building permit issuance. Conditions of Approval will be added to this project to insure the proposed development complies with all applicable fire department standards with respect to access and water for fire protection. Mitigation: None. References: Stanislaus County General Plan and Support Documentation¹. **Potentially** Less Than Less Than XIV. RECREATION: No Significant Significant Significant **Impact** Impact With Mitigation Impact Included a) Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that X substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated? b) Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might Χ have an adverse physical effect on the environment? Discussion: The proposed project is not anticipated to significantly increase demand on recreational facilities. Mitigation: None. Stanislaus County General Plan and Support Documentation¹.

XV. TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Included	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact		
a) Cause an increase in traffic which is substantial in relation to the existing traffic load and capacity of the street system (i.e., result in a substantial increase in either the number of vehicle trips, the volume to capacity ratio on roads, or congestion at intersections)?			x			
b) Exceed, either individually or cumulatively, a level of service standard established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways?		х				
c) Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks?						
d) Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?						
e) Result in inadequate emergency access?				х		
f) Result in inadequate parking capacity?				х		
g) Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation (e.g., bus turnouts, bicycle racks)?						

Discussion: Access to the project site will be provided via a single driveway off Taylor Road and on-site parking will be provided to county standards. The applicant has identified an average of 10-30 customers per day visiting the facility. The City of Turlock, the California State Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the Stanislaus County Public Works Department have reviewed this project and determined that it will not create any significant traffic impact. Both Stanislaus County and the City of Turlock classify Taylor Road as a two lane collector with an "ultimate right-of-way" of 60 feet (currently 50 feet). Because the entire width of Taylor Road is within the City of Turlock city limits, the project will be required to obtain certain permits from the City when conducting work within the right-of-way. The City of Turlock has identified the need for an encroachment permit and right-of-way dedication (10 feet). As a condition of the City of Turlock's encroachment permit, the installation of curb, gutter, sidewalks, and streetlights will be required. The City of Turlock is also requiring the installation of acceleration/deceleration lanes to be installed and a dedicated left turn lane for eastbound traffic on Taylor Road.

Caltrans responded that traffic impact fees should be collected for future improvements to the interchange at Taylor Road and Hwy 99. Staff asked that Caltrans provide specific amounts and to date, has not received any specific numbers regarding these fee amounts. If the actual amounts are received, they will be placed on the project's Conditions of Approval. Based on the project being proposed at this time, the project information provided, and the review by both Caltrans and Public Works it does not appear that the project will create a significant traffic impact.

Mitigation: None.

References: Caltrans referral response - dated May 12, 2008, Stanislaus County Department of Public Works referral response - dated August 15, 2008, City of Turlock referral response - dated December 11, 2008, Stanislaus County General Plan and Support Documentation¹.

XVI. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Included	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?				х

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?		х	
d) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed?			x
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?			х
g) Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?			х

Discussion: Limitations on providing services have not been identified. The project will be served by private water well and septic. The water supply will be regulated as a public water system. Conditions of Approval will be added to the project to address necessary permits from the County Department of Environmental Resources. Conditions of Approval will also be added to require that a grading and drainage plan be approved by the Public Works Department. Less than significant impacts associated with public utility and irrigation easement(s) will be reflected in the project's Conditions of Approval.

Mitigation: None.

References: Public Works Department - referral response dated August 15, 2008, Department of Environmental Resources - referral response dated May 13, 2008, Stanislaus County General Plan and Support Documentation¹.

XVII. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Included	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
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	

of less than significant.

c) Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?		x	
Discussion: Review of this project has not indicated any feature(,	•	

¹Stanislaus County General Plan and Support Documentation adopted in October 1994, as amended. Optional and revised elements of the General Plan and Support Documentation: *Agricultural Element* adopted on December 18, 2007. *Housing Element* adopted on December 12, 2003, and certified by the California Department of Housing and Community Development Department on March 26, 2004. *Circulation Element* and *Noise Element* adopted on April 18, 2006.

NEGATIVE DECLARATION

NAME OF PROJECT: Use Permit Application No. 2008-10 - Turlock Golf Center

LOCATION OF PROJECT: North side of Taylor Road, east of Hwy 99 and west of Mountain View Road,

in the Turlock area. (APN: 045-053-008)

PROJECT DEVELOPER: Dennis Wilson

site water and sewer.

Horizon Consulting P.O. Box 1448 Modesto, CA 95353

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Request to establish a golf driving range on a 39± acre site. The development will include the construction of a 1,000-square foot maintenance building, a 2,000-square foot office/pro-shop, and a covered tee area. Hours of operation will be 8 a.m to 7 p.m. (winter) and 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. (summer). Lighting will be provided in the parking area, driving range hitting area, and around the putting area and building facilities. The applicant is proposing the use of 30-foot high ball nets along the north, east, and south sides of the facility to protect the adjacent properties from golf balls. The site will be served by private on-

Based upon the Initial Study, dated **January 13, 2009** the County Planning Department finds as follows:

- 1. This project does not have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, nor to curtail the diversity of the environment.
- 2. This project will not have a detrimental effect upon either short-term or long-term environmental goals.
- 3. This project will not have impacts which are individually limited but cumulatively considerable.
- 4. This project will not have environmental impacts which will cause substantial adverse effects upon human beings, either directly or indirectly.

The Initial Study and other environmental documents are available for public review at the Department of Planning and Community Development, 1010 10th Street, Suite 3400, Modesto, California.

Initial Study prepared by: Joshua Mann, Associate Planner

Submit comments to: Stanislaus County

Planning and Community Development Department

1010 10th Street, Suite 3400 Modesto, California 95354

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December 11, 2008

Joshua Mann 1010 Tenth Street, Suite 3400 Modesto. CA 95354 JAN 0 8 2009

SUBJECT: USE PERMIT APPLICATION NO. 2008-10 - TURLOCK GOLF CENTER (REVISED CONDITIONS)

Dear Mr. Mann:

Thank you for providing the City of Turlock an opportunity to comment on the proposed project.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Turlock Golf Center is proposing to establish a golf driving range on a 39+/- acre site. The development will include the construction of a 1,000 square foot maintenance building, the conversion of a 2,000 square foot dwelling to an office, and a covered tee area. Hours of operation will be 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. (winter) and 8:00 a.m. to 10 p.m. (summer). Lighting will be provided in the parking area, driving range hitting area, and around the putting area and building facilities. The applicant is proposing the use of 30-foot high ball nets along the north, east, and south sides of the facility to protect the adjacent properties from golf balls. The site will be served by private on-site water and sewer.

COMMENTS

The project falls outside the Sphere of Influence but within the General Plan boundary of the City of Turlock. At this location, the right-of-way for Taylor Road falls within the City Llmits of the City of Turlock. An encroachment permit will be required prior to issuance of a building permit for this use. As the proposed project does not fall within the City's Sphere of Influence, the project is not subject to a consistency finding by the City under the City/County Third Mutual Support Agreement. The comments related to the design of the project are advisory with the exception of the comments provided by the Engineering Division requiring certain improvements to Taylor Road as the road right-of-way does fall within the City Limits. However, due to the close proximity of this project to the City Limits and neighboring residential development, the City has found that the project may have a significant effect on the environment, requiring further study and analysis by the County. As such, comments have been provided in three

categories: 1) potentially significant environmental effects; 2) Engineering Division comments; and 3) other advisory comments.

POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

- 1. The applicant proposes to install lighting in the parking area and driving range area. These lights have the potential to create an adverse visual impact on the adjacent residential neighborhoods located to the southeast of the proposed facility. The City requests the County require the preparation of a lighting study and plan prior to the issuance of a building permit to ensure that glare and light are directed toward the property and will not spill over to adjacent residential properties creating an adverse environmental impact.
- 2. The City of Turlock requests notification of businesses and residents within a ¼ mile of the property boundary.
- 3. The City of Turlock requests that the County add a condition prohibiting further subdivision of the property based upon boundary of the proposed use to avoid parcelization of land north of Taylor Road as this would encourage further conversion of agricultural land for non-agricultural uses.

ENGINEERING DIVISION COMMENTS (Please direct questions to Mike Pitcock, PE, City Engineer at 668-5599, ext. 4430.)

- 1. Dedications shall be made per the City of Turlock General Plan designations. Taylor Road is currently designated a two-lane collector.
- 2. Due to the high speeds on Taylor Road, acceleration and deceleration lanes shall be installed.
- 3. A dedicated left-turn lane shall be installed for eastbound traffic to enter the facility from Taylor Road.
- 4. Improvements (curb, gutter, and streetlights) shall be installed along the entire frontage of the proposed golf center in accordance with the encroachment permit to be issued by the City of Turlock (see #6 below).
- 5. All design for the above improvements shall be in accordance with the City of Turlock Standard Specifications and Drawings, and shall coordinate with the City's intended improvements at the intersection of Taylor and Tegner Road.
- 6. The applicant shall be required to obtain an encroachment permit from the City of Turlock prior to the issuance of a building permit.
- 7. The County of Stanislaus will not issue a certificate of occupancy for the project until all work required under the encroachment permit from the City of Turlock is completed to the satisfaction of the City.
- 8. Prior to the issuance of an encroachment permit by the City of Turlock, the applicant shall execute and record an agreement with the City to install sidewalks

- in accordance with City of Turlock standards along the entire frontage of the property at a future date to be determined by the City.
- 9. Prior to the issuance of an encroachment permit by the City of Turlock, the applicant shall form a landscape and lighting district to mitigate landscape, street sweeping, streetlighting and street maintenance costs.

OTHER COMMENTS (ADVISORY)

- 1. The City of Turlock requires a twenty (20') foot landscape setback for all parking areas fronting onto public right-of-way. A three-foot high landscaping screen (berms, shrubs, or fences) is required to screen the parking area from view. Landscaping should include a variety of trees, shrubs and groundcover. Parking lot shade trees are required at a rate of one per every five parking spaces. Interior landscaped areas are required to be a minimum of five feet in width with landscaped planters or sidewalk at the end of each aisle.
- 2. The City of Turlock requires stamped and colored concrete at the entry way to all commercial developments. Samples can be viewed in the Monte Vista Crossings shopping center to the south of this proposed project.
- 3. The City of Turlock requests that the County add a condition prohibiting the further development of the site to accommodate additional commercial uses of the property, such as a pro shop, restaurant or other commercial destination. Use of the 2,000 square foot office building to sell a limited set of golf accessories that directly relate to the driving range and pre-packaged food and drink items to serve the customers of the driving range, as described verbally by the applicant in a separate meeting with the City of Turlock, appears to be consistent with the project description; however, the City would prefer that the project description be modified to clearly describe the nature of commercial operations at the site and requests that a condition be placed on the project to specifically prohibit future expansion of the site for commercial development, as the County staff has expressed its support of the development because of the project's ability to revert back to agricultural use.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding these comments at (209) 668-5542 x2218.

Sincerely

Debra A. Whitmore

Deputy Director of Development Services (Planning)



1010 10th Street, Suite 3400, Modesto, CA 95354 Phone: 209.525.6330 Fax: 209.525.5911

December 15th, 2008

MEMO TO:

Ag Advisory Committee

FROM:

Department of Planning and Community Development

SUBJECT:

USE PERMIT NO. 2008-10 TURLOCK GOLF CENTER - ALTERNATIVE

TO THE AGRICULTURAL STANDARDS

The Stanislaus County Department of Planning and Community Development has received an application to establish a Golf Driving Range on the western half of a 39+/- acre site, located on Taylor Road in the Turlock area. The applicant has proposed an alternative to the Agricultural buffer standards which requests a reduced setback and alternative vegetative screen. The applicant's proposal and the County's Buffer and Setback Guidelines are outlined below:

Stanislaus County Buffer & Setback Guidelines Requirements

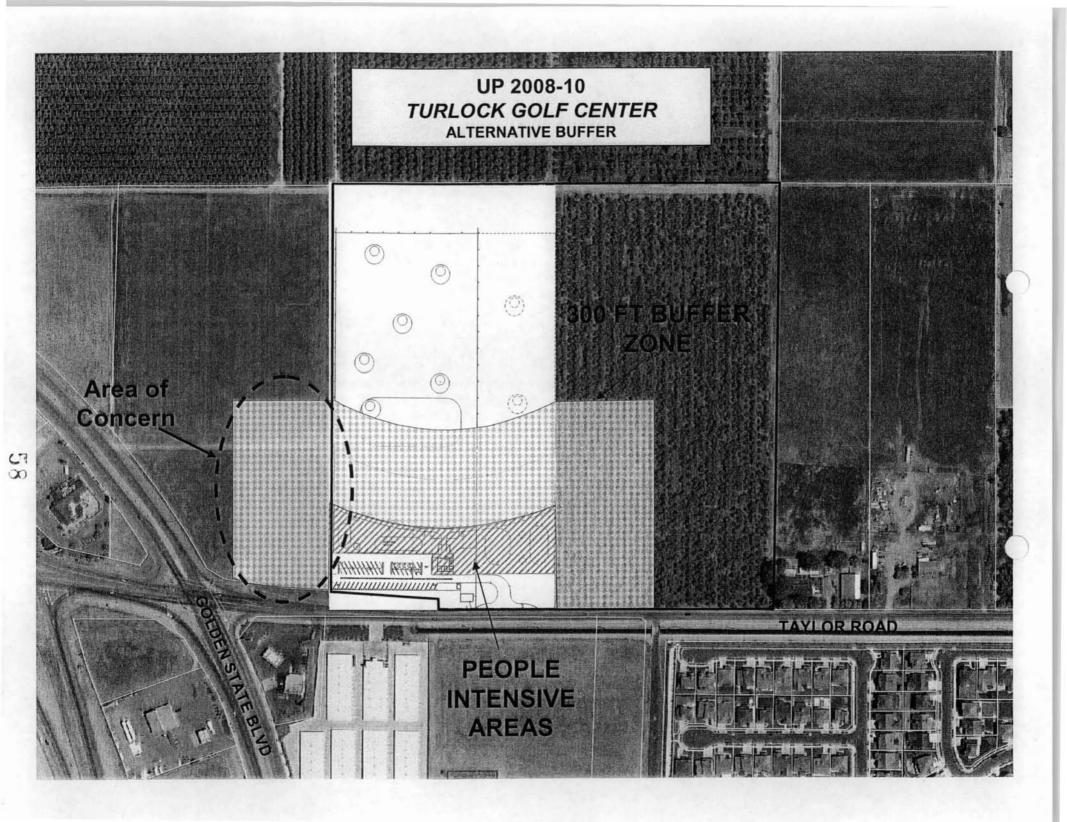
- Projects which propose people intensive outdoor activities, such as the proposed driving range, shall incorporate a minimum 300-foot wide buffer.
- The buffer shall incorporate vegetative screen consisting of two staggered rows of trees and shrubs along any portion of a buffer where the project site and the adjoining agricultural operation share a common parcel line.

Applicant's Proposal

- The applicant is proposing to utilize the existing orchard on eastern portion (20+/- acres) of the property to provide a "buffer" to the adjacent properties.
- The "People Intensive" area near the western property line would consist of a vegetative screen and fencing, consistent with the County's Buffer Guidelines and would extend from the parking lot to the tee area. The 300' buffer setback requirement would not be incorporated.
- The grass area of driving range along with a small portion of orchard (along the northern property line) would provide a buffer area for the north half of the property.

Area of Concern

With the applicants proposal, the area of concern would be along the western property line which would allow "people intensive" areas to be put in place directly at the property line, within the 300' buffer area.



Applicant's Proposed Alternative

BUFFER AND SETBACK DESIGN STANDARDS FOR TURLOCK GOLF CENTER

The proposal for the Turlock Golf Center is located within an A-2-40 zone and its use is permitted subject to approval of a use permit under the tier three guidelines as outlined in Section 21.20.030 2.0 of the county zoning ordinance.

The recently adopted agricultural element (Chapter 7) to the General Plan provides for mitigation measures (buffers) to minimize conflicts between farm and non-farm uses (primarily urban residents). This proposal is located immediately north of the City of Turlock urban limits and primary sphere of influence (see attached site plan and vicinity map) along the north side of Taylor Road approximately 330' west of the Tegner Road intersection. The project is intended to be developed in 2 phases on 20 plus or minus acres. The land is currently planted to almonds in their 10th leaf and was re-planted by the current landowner who has had the property for 27 years. Due to the proximity of urbanized uses (residential and commercial directly to the south) spray restrictions and dust limit normal farming practices. Had the new AG Element been in place prior to urbanization of the area south of Taylor Road a 300' buffer would have been required.

Appendix "A" of the AG Element provides for buffer and setback guidelines for new or expanding non-agricultural uses. This site is located approximately 500' east of the Highway 99/Taylor Road interchange and is surrounded by a mixture of ag and non-ag uses. The two parcels to the west are designated Planned Development in the City of Turlock General Plan. The parcels are currently fallow and awaiting some type of highway commercial proposal similar to that Pachett's Ford Dealership to the north and on the east side of Golden State Boulevard. The west side of Golden State Boulevard north of Taylor Road contains a bar/restaurant/motel complex and vacant land. The land to the south houses an AM-PM Mini Mart/gas station, a mini-storage complex, vacant land and single-family homes all within the city limits of Turlock. The applicant owns the adjacent 20 acres to the east of this proposal and is also planted to almonds in their 15th leaf. The land to the north consists of almond orchards, open land and single-family homesites facing Barnhart Road.

A close examination of the proposed site plan reveals the people intensive portion of the project is concentrated in the southerly 275°. This provides for well over 1000° separation from the parcels to the north. The fallow lands to the west are also buffered by tree planting and fencing as required by the "buffer design standards for new non-agricultural uses" in the areas where people will be present. There will not be any buildings within 150° of any adjoining property in the A-2 zoning district in compliance with the buffer setback guidelines.

We firmly believe that the proposed project meets with and exceeds the buffer setback design standards in the AG Element. We respectfully request an audience before the agricultural advisory board to seek their input and approval.



AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE AND SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

Gary Caseri

Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer

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Agricultural Advisory Board

MINUTES

Monday, December 15, 2008 Fruit Yard Restaurant 7948 Yosemite Blvd

Committee Members Present:

Chris Hempleman

Rowe Barney

Alan Cover

John Herlihy Norman Kline Ed Perry Lisa Alamo

Committee Members Absent:

John Azevedo Wayne Zipser Bridget Riddle

Richard Gibson

Ray Prock, Jr.

Ex-Officio:

Supervisor Jim DeMartini (Alternate) – Absent Gary Caseri, Ag Commissioner – Present

Others Present:

Cynthia Darmstandler, Ag Comm Office Angela Freitas, Stan Co. Planning Chris Hartley, Natural Res. Cons. Service Denny Hoeh, Ag Comm Office Joshua Mann, Stan. Co. Planning Raul Mendez, Chief Executive Office Milton O'Haire, Ag Comm Office Tom Orvis, Stanislaus Farm Bureau Dennis Wilson, Planning Consultant

- I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
- II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

 There was no public comment.
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 3, 2008 MEETING
 It was M/S/P that the minutes from the November 3, 2008 meeting be approved.

IV. ALTERNATIVE AGRICULTURAL BUFFERS

Angela Freitas distributed a map/site plan for a golf driving range on a 40-acre parcel on Taylor Road, east of the 99 freeway. The applicant has proposed an alternative to the Agricultural buffer standards; a reduced setback and an alternative vegetative screen. The project will possibly impact one neighboring property, currently in winter oats, for pesticide applications.

Gary Caseri stated that the project creates another hurdle for ag operations to jump through and asked if the alternative buffer will provide equal to or greater protection? Dennis Wilson, of Horizon Consulting, representing the applicant, stated that a double row of redwoods were proposed as an alternative for the west and north sides of the project. Gary commented that it sounds as if this project will not adversely impact the ag operations but would be yet another concern to add to their decision process.

It was noted that the Planning Commission is the decision making body on this application but it must be supported by the Ag Advisory Board as well. Norman Kline voiced that the project should move forward.

It was M/S/P (6 - Yes; 1 - Oppose) that the project move forward.

V. REVIEW OF 2008

John Herlihy mentioned that the Ag Advisory Board had tackled a number of issues in 2008. The Truck Parking on Ag Land issue is still in progress as is the Tertiary Wastewater study recommendation. The Tertiary Wastewater subcommittee planned to meet on January 9th at 10:00 a.m. John mentioned as an aside, that he recently learned that wastewater is the third largest water source into the ocean. Tom Orvis reported that on January 28th, the annual AgVenture program in San Joaquin County for 3rd graders will be taking place.

VI. NEXT MEETING

A. Meeting Date/Time:

The next scheduled meeting is **Monday**, **February 2**, **2008 at 10:00 a.m.** at the Stanislaus County Ag Center, Conference Room H/I

- B. Agenda Items
 - ✓ Tertiary Wastewater Report
 - ✓ Truck Parking on Ag Lands

Please contact John Herlihy, Gary Caseri or Cynthia Darmstandler with items you wish placed on the agenda.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

John Herlihy adjourned the meeting.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted.

Cynthia Darmstandler Confidential Assistant IV Stanislaus County SUMMARY OF F SPONSES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL F VIEW REFERRALS PROJECT: USE PERMIT APPLICATION NO. 2008-10 TURLOCT GOLF CENTER

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C. <u>USE PERMIT APPLICATION NO. 2008-10 - TURLOCK GOLF CENTER</u> - Request to establish a golf driving range on a 39± acre parcel in the A-2-40 (General Agriculture) zoning district, designated as Agriculture in the County General Plan. The development will include the construction of a 1,000 square foot maintenance building, a 2,000 square foot office/pro-shop, and a covered tee area. The project is located on the north side of Taylor Road, east of Highway 99 and west of Mountain View Road, in the Turlock area. A CEQA Negative Declaration will be considered on this project.

APN: 045-053-008

Staff Report: Joshua Mann Recommends DENIAL.

Public hearing opened.

OPPOSITION OF DENIAL: Dennis Wilson, 909 14th Street, Shane Balfour; Henry

Solario, 1500 Del Monte

IN FAVOR OF DENIAL: Phil Mouzes, 3436 W. Barnhart

Public hearing closed.

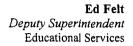
Poore/DeLaMare, 5-1 (Assali), APPROVED THE PROJECT BY TAKING ACTIONS 1-5 AS OUTLINED IN THE STAFF REPORT, PAGE 8, SUBJECT TO ALL CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL WITH THE EXCEPTION OF DELETED CONDITION OF APPROVAL NO. 49:

49. Improvements (curb, gutter, and streetlights) shall be installed along the entire frontage of the proposed golf center in accordance with the encroachment permit to be issued by the City of Turlock (see No. 51 below).

AND AMENDED CONDITION OF APPROVAL NO. 53 TO READ:

Prior to the issuance of an encroachment permit by the City of Turlock, the applicant shall execute and record an a deferral agreement with the City to install improvement (curb, gutter, and streetlights) and sidewalks in accordance with City of Turlock standards along the entire frontage of the property at a future date to be determined by the City.

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March 12, 2009

Stanislaus County Planning Commission 1010 10th Street, Conference Room 301 Modesto, CA 95355

Dear Planning Commissioners;

Please accept this letter of support for the proposed "Turlock Golf/Driving Range" to be located near the intersection of North Golden State Blvd. and Taylor Road.

I have been a resident of Turlock since 1983. During this time I have served on the City of Turlock's Recreation and Planning Commissions. I believe the greater Turlock area residents would be very pleased to see the addition of a recreational facility like this proposed golf practice center. A community of over 70,000 residents could enjoy an outdoor, recreational type facility that would promote a life-long sport, create a pleasant venue for exercise, and provide a golf center in close proximity to our city limits. This facility could be considered a "green" business both aesthetically and with the service it provides.

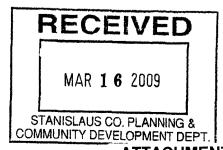
As an administrator in the Turlock Unified School District, I believe our students would benefit from this golf center. Our golf teams could practice here and other students could simply enjoy a sporting activity and exercise. As a "weekend golfer" I would be very excited about the possibility of making a very short drive to this location to practice my very improvable skills.

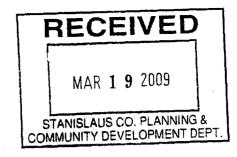
Thank you for accepting my letter of support for the proposed "Turlock Golf/Driving Range" facility.

Ed Felt

Deputy Superintendent, Educational Services

EF:cgf





March 11, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

Turlock is a great place to live and raise a family. It has a variety of recreational places that people can go to. There is an opportunity for young athletes to play youth football, youth soccer, youth baseball, dance, and play at the park. Turlock also has a number of health clubs, places to walk and ride a bike. All in which are safe environments for families.

Having these facilities and programs is a great thing for young athletes and adults, but there is something missing. Turlock does not have a public facility where people can play golf. With the exception of Turlock Country Club, which is a private facility, the nearest golf facility is 15 to 20 minutes away.

As a high school golf coach, there is a large number of student athletes from all ages that would pursue the game of golf if they had a facility they could go to, but most of them cannot get transportation to the facilities in the area.

With the number of people that play the game of golf and the number of people picking the game up for the first time is on the rise, having a local golf facility would not only benefit from the large number of people in Turlock who would use it, but also people living in surrounding towns as well as helping the local economy.

Having a golf facility in Turlock would be a great opportunity for people who want to work on their game, people who want to pick the game up for the first time, a place where student athletes have an opportunity to get better, and improve the local economy

Sincerely,

Matt Jeans Pitman High School Head Golf Coach

THIRD AMENDED MUTUAL SUPPORT AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into in the County of Stanislaus, State of California, as of this 19th day of July, 1994, is by and between the City of Turlock, hereinafter called CITY, and the County of Stanislaus, hereinafter called COUNTY; and amends the Second Amended Mutual Support Agreement between the County and the City entered into on the 24th day of November, 1987. This Third Amended Agreement expressly recognizes, ratifies and reaffirms that the terms expressed herein are and have been binding and continually in effect as of July 1, 1991, for the term of this Agreement.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the COUNTY and CITY agree that modification of this mutual support agreement addressing several outstanding issues relating to land use policies and other related matters is in the best interests of both public entities; and

WHEREAS, CITIES and COUNTY wish to maintain effective community planning and to address the need to ease some of the uncompensated financial burdens which can be attributed to the impact that growth has on County Public Facilities on a long term basis; and,

WHEREAS, there is a direct nexus and reasonable relationship between growth within the CITY and its impact on COUNTY services including, but not limited to, criminal justice, jails and County-wide Sheriff services, health and social services,

public works, libraries, hospital, public parks and recreation, environmental resources and air quality within the entire COUNTY; and,

WHEREAS, there is a direct nexus and reasonable relationship that growth, in the unincorporated area of the COUNTY that lies within the CITY'S Spheres of Influence, has on CITY'S public services including but not limited to traffic and circulation; and,

WHEREAS, urban development within the unincorporated area within the Spheres of Influence as that term is defined in Government Code Section 56076 of the CITY by the COUNTY may affect the ability of the CITY to adequately plan for orderly development within the CITY'S Spheres of Influence and may affect the ability of each CITY to collect Public Facilities Fees to provide necessary capital improvements necessitated by CITY growth as it expands into its Sphere of Influence; and,

WHEREAS, the continuing effort of this Third Amended Mutual Support Agreement will continue to allow the inevitable growth of the population and economy to occur consistent with sound fiscal and land use policy which is in the interest of the COUNTY and the CITY; and,

whereas, the financial viability of the CITY and COUNTY are directly linked and that reaching a consensus on how to balance land use and fiscal policies is in the best interest of both agencies; and,

WHEREAS, the COUNTY has adopted appropriate "Public Facility" fees pursuant to California Government Code Section 66000 et seq. for the purpose of deferring all or a portion of the cost

of "Public Facilities" which are related to "development projects" as defined in California Government Code Section 66000. Terms used in this Agreement shall be defined consistent with the definitions set forth in Title 7, Division 1, Chapter 5, of the California Government Code, commencing with Section 66000. CITY may adopt such fees and amend such fees in the future; and,

WHEREAS, CITY agrees to adopt by resolution the county-wide Public Facility Fees that have been adopted by the County and to impose a condition on all maps that requires the payment of the county-wide Public Facility Fee that is in place at the time of building permit issuance by the CITY and CITY agrees to collect the COUNTY'S Public Facility Fee at the time of issuance of building permit(s); and,

WHEREAS, COUNTY has taken action necessary to insure that the CITY'S determination as to the type of and the timing of discretionary urban projects, within CITY'S Spheres of Influence will be respected; and,

whereas, the COUNTY and CITY agree that the collecting party will be allowed to retain one percent (1%) of the total amount of the Public Facility Fees collected for the other party in order to cover the cost of collection. This amount shall be reviewed and adjusted to insure adequate compensation for the cost of collection.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. CITY agrees:

a. To adopt by resolution the county-wide Public Facility Fees that have been adopted by the County and impose a condition on all maps requiring the payment of the county-wide

Public Facility Fee in effect at the time of building permit issuance and to impose and collect the COUNTY'S Public Facility Fees and, to forward the fee proceeds to the COUNTY on a fiscal year quarterly basis.

- b. To immediately dismiss with prejudice Stanislaus County Superior Court case No. 301599, City of Turlock v. County of Stanislaus, et al., Patchetts Motor, Inc., and C. Kenneth Sanders and to not oppose future development projects between Keyes Road and Taylor Road as identified in Exhibit "A," attached hereto and incorporated by reference.
- c. To make Taylor Road the northern most boundary of the CITY unless the COUNTY consents to additional expansion beyond that point

2. COUNTY agrees:

- a. To adopt and impose as a condition on all maps requiring the payment of the CITY Sphere fee in effect at the time of building permit issuance and collect the CITY'S Public Facilities Fees that have been or may be adopted by the CITY that can be attributed to "development projects" occurring outside the CITY'S boundary within the CITY'S LAFCO approved Sphere of Influence; and to forward the fee proceeds to the CITY on a fiscal year guarterly basis.
- b. To continue the General Plan policy that: (1) prohibits discretionary urban development within the LAFCO approved Sphere of Influence of CITY other than development allowed in the COUNTY A-2 zone, (2) only allows for commercial or residential development in areas that are served by Public sewer and water within the LAFCO approved Sphere of Influence of CITY unless

expressly approved by both the CITY and COUNTY. The purpose of the County General Plan policy is to defer discretionary urban development within CITY'S Sphere of Influence until the area is annexed to the CITY and can be served by city services. The County General Plan policy is based upon the desire of both the COUNTY and CITY to promote and encourage orderly growth within the LAFCO approved Sphere of Influence of the CITY that is compatible with the CITY'S future development of their Sphere of Influence. The existing General Plan policy described above shall remain in effect only so long as this Agreement remains in full force and effect.

- c. To not approve commercial development along Geer Road one-half mile north of Taylor Road without CITY's consent.
- d. To transfer to TURLOCK in annual installments over a five-year period the sum of \$240,895.00.
- e. To not oppose expansion of CITY's request(s) before LAFCO of their Sphere of Influence to the west of Highway 99 into the "Northwest Triangle Specific Plan area" which is identified in Exhibit "B" which is incorporated herein.

3. CITY and COUNTY mutually agree:

a. To adopt and collect the Public Facility Fees of the other party described in paragraphs (1)(a) and (2)(a) above. If the collecting party's authority for adopting and collecting the other party's fees is formally challenged in a court of law, the other party shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the other party from all liabilities, claims, demands, losses, damages or costs including attorney's fees, caused by, arising out of, or in any way connected, directly or indirectly to any and all action undertaken by the other party pursuant to the terms of this

Agreement.

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- d. To share in policy decisions regarding land use and economic development.
- e. To continue the coordination of public works projects to take advantage of the opportunities for joint planning and the execution of infrastructure improvement projects.
- f. That they will continue to cooperate and participate in the prioritization of street projects administered through SAAG that are to be funded from Public Facility Fees which are collected by CITY and COUNTY for street and highway improvements.
- g. To work jointly to develop the Washington Road Expressway.
- h. To work jointly to provide sewer collection capability to the Keyes industrial area.
- i. To cooperate with one another to insure the successful consummation of the actions contemplated by this agreement, and each will take all actions within its authority to insure cooperation of its officials, officers, agents and employees.

That the terms of this Agreement shall commence upon the date of approval by CITY and COUNTY and continue through June 30, 1999. This Agreement shall be automatically extended for subsequent five (5)-year periods, except that either party may cancel the extension of this Agreement by giving six (6) months' written notice during the period between July 1, and September 1, of the year prior to that year in which the Agreement is scheduled to expire.

In the event any provision of this Agreement shall be held to be inconsistent with state law or invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not invalidate or render unenforceable any other provision herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed on the day and year first written above.

ATTEST:

Clerk of the City of Turlock, State of California

By Phinda Greenlee Clerk

City of Turlock, A Municipal Comporation

ATTEST:

REAGAN M. WILSON, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Stanislaus, State of California

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Clerk to the Board

County of Stanislaus, A Body Corporate and Public

Ray Simon, Chairman Stanislaus County

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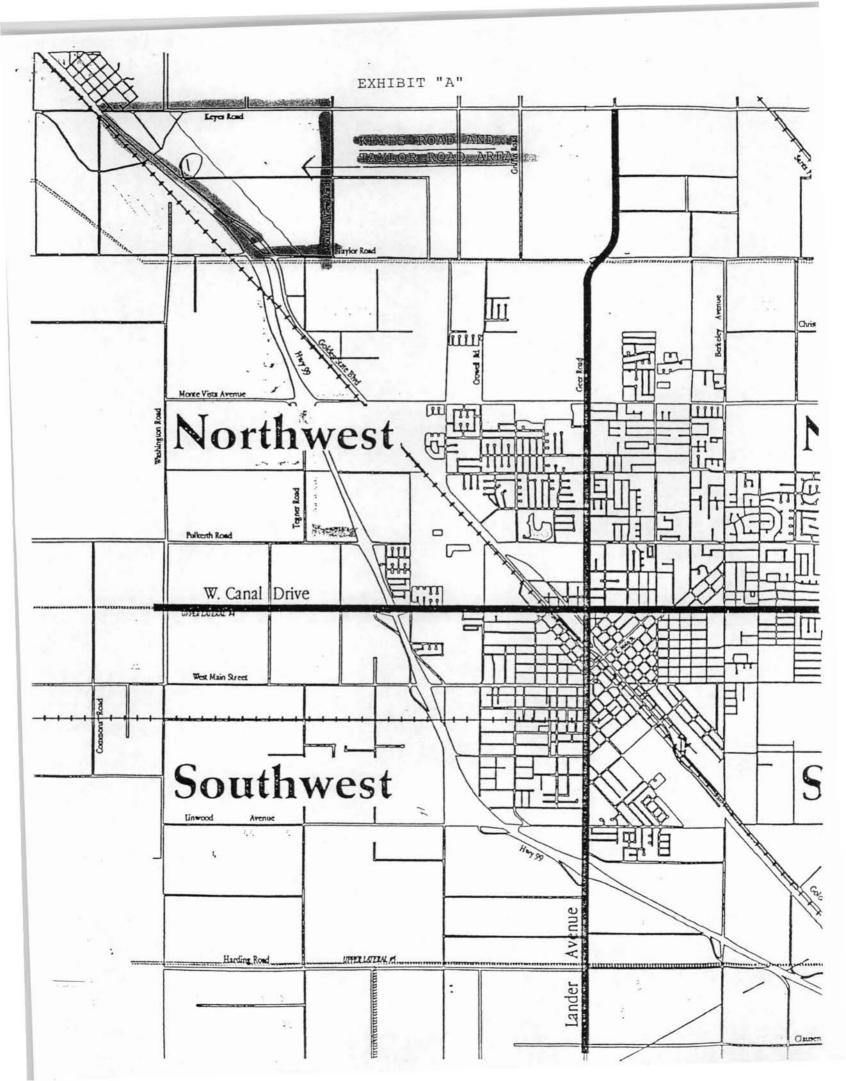
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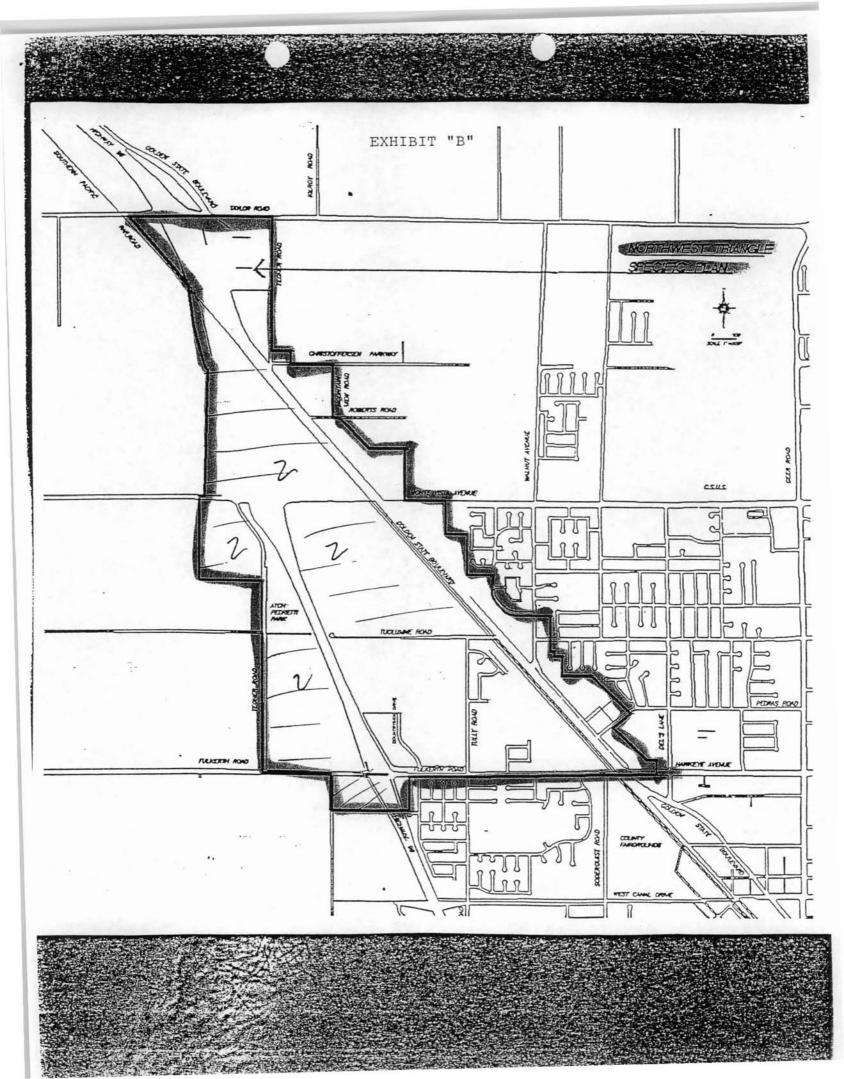
Richard Burton
Turlock City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

E. Vernon Seeley

Assistant County Counsel





BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TURLOCK

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A THIRD AMENDED MUTUAL SUPPORT AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS

RESOLUTION NO. 94-182

WHEREAS, the City of Turlock and the County of Stanislaus have adopted a Mutual Support Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Mutual Support Agreement has been amended previously; and

WHEREAS, the Third Amended Agreement addresses several outstanding issued relating to land use policies and other connected matters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Turlock that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached Third Amended Mutual Support Agreement, which is incorporated in this Resolution as though set forth in full.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Turlock this 9th day of August, 1994, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Ratto, Lazar, Palmberg, Hillberg and Mayor Andre

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

ATTEST:

Rhonda Greenlee, City Clerk, City of Turlock, County of

Stanislaus, State of California



Pitman High School

CALIFORNIA DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL

Stanislaus County Planning Commission 1010 10th St.
Conference Room 301
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If you have any questions and/or need for clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me at (209) 656-1592 anytime daily between the hours of 7:30 am and 4:30 pm.

Respectfully,

Rod Hollars, Principal

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To:

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Date:

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Subject:

Appeal of Use Permit 2008-10 Turlock Golf Center.

Dear Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors,

I am one of several neighbors who?is appealing the decision of the Stanislaus County Planning Commisioners to allow a golf driving range on Taylor Road in Turlock. We live and or farm land adjacent to this proposed project. We strongly feel this will transform our normal farming operations throughtout the year. This is a farming community acting as the buffer between Turlock and Keyes. We would like to see it stay that way.

Please consider our farming as our sole income, whereas golf as fun as it may be; it is for leisure and rarely someone's source of income. We hope to meet you and dicuss this in depth at the May 5th public hearing.

Thank you.
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Teri Nascimento
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Dear Supervisor Chiesa,

I read in the Bee that on May 21st the board will be hearing an appeal of the Planning Commission's approval of a driving range to be located within county jurisdiction, adjacent to the City of Turlock, near the corners of Taylor Road and Golden State Blvd. Unfortunately, I will be out of state on that date so cannot speak to the item at the meeting. However, I am hopeful you will carry forward the information contained in this letter to the board at the appropriate time during the agenda.

First, let me state, I am not opposed to a driving range. In fact, my husband cannot play enough golf and I cannot play well enough! The focus of my comments, then, is not on the use itself, but rather on the location of the proposal.

As you and your colleagues consider this project, I think it is helpful to look at past efforts regarding establishment and preservation of the northern agricultural buffer. Initially championed by Supervisor Rolland Starn, the buffer is viewed as a definitive method to a) visually delineate the end of urban development, b) protect agricultural operations, c) curb urban annexation to the north d) honor individual community identities, and e) ensure viability of reinvestment in agriculture.

During the nineties, as city and county staff and elected officials deliberated on establishing this buffer, they worked diligently with property owners on the county side of Taylor Road. Understandably, land owners wanted assurances that if they invested in agricultural improvements, policymakers would stand firm on preserving the agricultural nature of the area. While it was made clear there was no legal contract forbidding urban development, the city and county's intent was reinforced through a verbal agreement. Further, the city and county agreed on and implemented a number of actions to promote the urban boundary and agricultural buffer.

- 1. Taylor Road would not be upgraded to an expressway.
- The city would upgrade to espressways several internal roadways moving traffic east/west within the city, thereby helping preserve the rural character of Taylor Rd.
- 3. The city would visually end the urban line with fencing, landscaping, and other decorative treatments.
- 4. The city would promote installation of a walking/bicycle path along Taylor Road as part of the circulation plan for the perimeter of the city.

- 5. The city would close a number of north/south access roads, limiting urban access points to Taylor Road.
- 6. The city would not pursue urban development on Geer Road north of Taylor Road.
- 7. If development consistent with agricultural zoning was proposed for within the buffer, the county would consult with the city to assure both agencies were in agreement on its suitability, understanding, of course, the county had the decision-making authority.

Revisiting discussions and agreements that were foundational to the present boundary and buffer, it is clear why landowners would be concerned about the proposal before you. All actions during the past decade and a half have supported the current condition and verbal agreement. It is my hope this understanding and your subsequent decisions will ensure the urban boundary and agricultural viability remain intact.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Lott

Former Councilmember, City of Turlock



May 8, 2009

The Honorable Jim DeMartini, Chairman Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors 1010 Tenth Street, Suite 6500 Modesto, CA 95354



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Info@stanfarmbureau.org

Serving Agriculture Since **1914** RE: Turlock Golf Center - OPPOSE Planning Commission Approval

Dear Chairman DeMartini,

The Stanislaus County Farm Bureau Board of Directors <u>OPPOSES</u>
Use Permit 2008-10 for the proposed Turlock Golf Center to be located on Taylor Road east of Golden State Boulevard in Turlock.

The proposed project is a permitted use according to Stanislaus County Code 21.20.030 (C)(o) which defines uses requiring a use permit in the Agriculture zone. The precedent of such facilities in the Agriculture zone is not new, but is it prudent planning and effective long-term economic development?

The City of Turlock has long-established that their General Plan boundary and Sphere of influence stops on the South side of Taylor Road. By approving this project, the door for leap-frog development will be opened by Stanislaus County and eventually municipalities will request annexation of such properties to protect their economic and development interests. Political will is only as good as the current City Council or Board of Supervisors whose members hold such ideals.

Farmers and ranchers are under continuous regulatory and public scrutiny every time we use widely accepted farming practices. Each day our farmers and ranchers often face challenges when they want to expand their agricultural operations, even in the Agriculture zone. This is one of the major reasons that Stanislaus County Farm Bureau participated so heavily in the creation of the Right-to-Farm Ordinance in 1991 and the Ag Element as amended in 2007.

As you are aware, farming can be time-sensitive and does not always agree with a non-ag business hours of operation.

Our greatest concern is the continuous exposure of active agricultural operations to people-intensive activities on properties adjoining farmland. All adjoining properties to this proposed facility are actively being farmed, including properties designated for future Planned Development.

This project is not an agricultural operation but it is being proposed in an Agricultural zone. We encourage the Board of Supervisors to overturn the Planning Commission's approval of Use Permit 2008-10 for the proposed Turlock Golf Center. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Mich Etchebarne

President

CC: Supervisor Vito Chiesa

Supervisor Jeff Grover

Supervisor Dick Monteith

Supervisor Bill O'Brien

Kirk Ford, Director, Community Development Department



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MESSAGE: PLEASE INCLUDE THE POLLOWING ITEMS IN SUPERVISORS PACKETS AS WELL AS THE GEO, CLERK OF THE BOARD AND GOUNTY COUNSEL: 1)8 CORES OF CHRIS ORITION LETTER; 2) MATT JEANS LETTER; 3) ED FELT LETTER; 4) GARYAUSTIN LETTER; 4) POD HOLLARS LETTER; 5) DR. JIM HANNY LETTER; 6) WILLIAM WERER LETTER; BHANE BALFOUR PETION \$ 8) FRED ADOMS PETITION WERER LETTER; BHANE BALFOUR PETION \$ 8) FRED ADOMS PETITION

To Stanislaus County Supervisors:

By way of introduction my name is Chris Britton and I'm a partner in a 4th generation family farming operation in Stanislaus County. I'm writing to express my **support** for the proposed Turlock driving range due to come before the supervisors.

As residents of Stanislaus County and the greater Central Valley we are all lucky to be able to drive 10 minutes in almost any direction and be in the middle of agriculture and to seemingly get lost in the beauty of the bloom or harvest. We could even be accused of taking this privilege for granted occasionally! I applaud the county leadership and it's willingness to mitigate unnecessary loss of farm ground while balancing the needs of the greater community. There are some however, who would have us believe that the loss of farmland can't be good for the community – sometimes they are right. "Leapfrog development" with a lack of planning and infrastructure can be disastrous for both farmer and community. The proposed driving range however would seem to benefit both farmer and community. The landowner can pursue a potential greater source of revenue than currently experiencing. The community is provided a safe, affordable place of entertainment - one that is currently unavailable to many of the residents in the southern part of our county. And all this can be done without completely eliminating the possibility of farming this parcel in the future!

I urge the board of supervisors to consider voting yes to the construction of the driving range in Turlock.

Sincerely,

Chris Britton

Partner



Pitman High School

2525 W. Christoffersen Parkway / Turlock, CA 95382

Phone: (209) 656-5192 / Fax: (209) 656-1639

Rod Hollars, Principal
May 12, 2009

To the County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to you concerning the matter of the proposed Driving Range on Taylor Rd. in Turlock. A facility like this would bring many benefits to the community of Turlock. It would provide an opportunity for youth programs, which develop character traits and social skills through the game of golf. It would allow members of the community the opportunity to practice without having to travel to other towns. As former golf coach at Pitman High School it would be a great benefit to have a complete practice facility close to campus for high school kids, on the team and trying to make the team, to practice and get quality instruction. As a parent of a student that will be attending Pitman next year that hopes to make the team, being able to practice close to campus would allow for a regular practice schedule.

This facility will benefit the youth of Turlock, high school kids, and members of the community.

Thank you,

Gary Austin
Pitman High School
Math Teacher

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Respectfully,

Rod Hollars, Principal

DATE:

May 9, 2009

TO:

Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors

FROM:

Dr. Jim Hanny, Retired Golf Coach California State University, Stanislaus

RE:

Proposed Golf Driving Range Center

I am writing this letter in favor of building the proposed Turlock Golf Center that has been approved by the Planning Commission.

I personally think this would be a tremendous asset to Turlock and the surrounding areas. Golf is a game for all ages, especially young people, as there is no convenient place for the young aspiring golfers to go at this time. This driving range would be very useful not only to juniors but to others who enjoy the game of golf. This would be a safe and wholesome environment for juniors with the opportunity to mingle with adults and other juniors.

This driving range would not only provide golf but would inspire etiquette and ethics which applies not only to golf but in all parts of life.

I was looking forward to speaking at the scheduled May 5th Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors public hearing, but unfortunately I am out of town May 19th for the rescheduled hearing.

I encourage you to support this golf center as Turlock desperately needs recreational activities.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Jim Hanny



Memo

Date: May 12, 2009

To: Shane Balfour

Re: Local golf driving range in Turlock

Mr. Balfour:

Please be advised I support a local golf driving range in Turlock.

As a local teaching tennis pro, I have personally witnessed the benefits to our youth of having an "individual" sports outlet for kids. We need an after school "hang out" for our youth that is supervised and offers them an opportunity to learn life skills through sport. Golf and tennis both offer these skills.

We need an outlet for our youth to participate and learn a "non-team" sport such as golf or tennis. Not every child will flourish in the traditional team sport like football, baseball, basketball, volleyball, softball, or soccer. We must have other choices for these children.

It is my understanding we have two high school golf teams in Turlock as well as a Division II college team at CSUS Stanislaus with no local training facility.

Currently it is very inconvenient for a chilld or our adult population to learn and/or practice the game of golf in Turlock. They must either be a member of a private Country Club or travel to facilities out of town to participate. It is my understanding our local Turlock High School Golf team travels to Stevinson to practice!

Again, I want to offer my support for a local Turlock golf driving range for our citizens.

Sincerely,

William Weber 2491 Colorado Ave, Turlock, CA 95382 209-604-2455



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> Mr. Chiesa,

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- > Just wanted to drop a note on this. I'm supportive in which ever
- > way you decide to go with but I wanted to comment on the article
- > which I read on modbee.com which I assume was in paper also. I
- > remember seeing documents on this and we all looked at them. I had
- > comment with Davie. I'm not quoting him but he went on saying it had
- > nothing to do with us not our area. By them posting in Modesto Bee
- > it makes us look unprofessional and unorganized. We saw it and we
- > had our chance to act on it, We didn't take it so by them speaking
- > up not makes us look bad. From now on we will have discussion and
- > vote on anything that comes from planning. Sorry for any
- > inconvenience of us not acting on it. Thanks Jeff

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To: "vito.chiesa@stancounty.com" <vito.chiesa@stancounty.com>

Date: 5/4/2009 2:53 PM

Subject: Commercial development north of Taylor Rd

Supervisor Chiesa:

I am writing in regard to the proposal being considered for a golf course driving range north of Taylor Rd. The greenbelt between Turlock and Keyes has preserved valuable farmland for more than twenty years. I was a past resident of Modesto for twenty years starting in 1980 and witnessed the haphazard, thoughtless growth that ate up farmland around the city. It has resulted in a rapid influx of traffic, noise and congestion. We do not want to see that happen to Turlock. It only takes one project to undermine the long-standing commitment of preserving growth north of Taylor Rd and start the uncontrollable urban sprawl Modesto has experienced.

Please take our stand against this proposal into account when you vote regarding this project. Our neighbors feel the same way and will be signing a petition to confirm that.

Sincerely,

Bruce and Betty Stewart 5500 N Quincy Rd Denair CA 95316 664-0162 May 13, 2009

Dear Chairman DeMartini and Board Members,

I strongly urge the Board of Supervisors to grant the Appeal for Condition Use Permit 2008-10 (thereby denying the project) for several reasons. The proposed project is located on the north side of Taylor road in an area that is subject to an Agreement between Stanislaus County and the City of Turlock. The Agreement along with its amendments was created to further cooperation between the County and the City on several fronts including land use. The City and the County agreed to several land use tenants which were designed to foster cooperation in planning and the collection of Public Facility Fees.

Paramount in the agreement is the understanding and intent that development along Geer and Taylor Roads would be limited to "agricultural uses". The intent is to prevent the urbanization of a productive agricultural area and to create a separation between the community of Keyes and Turlock utilizing the Turlock Irrigation Lateral and Taylor Road as the "natural" boundary. In planning the neighborhoods to the south of the Lateral and Taylor Road, the City of Turlock recognized the Agreement and those boundaries and designed the neighborhoods accordingly.

The March 19, 2009 Staff Report to Planning Commission recognized that this project is located on one of the larger agricultural parcels in the area. There are other similar sized parcels and intensely farmed parcels surrounding the site. The intrusion of this urban use serving an urban population will have a long term negative impact on the continued viability of the agriculture in this area.

A golf driving range is a use which serves an urban population and does not belong in an agricultural area. The fact that a Use Permit can be applied for and *may* be granted is *not* reason to approve the use. A golf driving range bears no resemblance to an agricultural use and is being placed there to serve an urban population.

I want to emphasize that just because a use is listed in the Ordinance as allowable after the approval of a Use Permit, does not mean that a Use Permit must be approved. In approving a Use Permit there are several findings that must be established, and in this instance, the

Board must look to the General Plan and other agreements which are in place and the intent of the General Plan and the Turlock Agreement. It is my opinion the project is <u>not</u> consistent with the General Plan, including the recently adopted Agricultural Element and is <u>not</u> consistent with the content and the spirit and intent of the Turlock Agreement. In addition, the Planning Staff in their report to the Planning Commission found that it was unable to establish the findings required to recommend approval of the Use Permit.

In the Staff Report the issue of "returning the site to agriculture" if the project failed, was discussed. I would submit to the Board that while conceptually true, none of the golf driving ranges have ever been "returned to agriculture". In fact, just the opposite has occurred, the existence of a golf driving range has been utilized as justification to grant additional urban uses, such as a church (Parker and DeWitt) and a commercial development (Crows Landing and Grayson Roads).

Thank you for your consideration,

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Jeani Ferrari

(209) 634-4495

cc: City of Turlock Planning Department Stanislaus County Planning Commission April 28, 2009 Turlock City Council Meeting -

Mayor, council members and staff – thank you for the opportunity to speak. My name is Jeani Ferrari and I live at 3507 Hawkeye Avenue, Turlock, CA.

In 1994, the City of Turlock and Stanislaus County created a document – the first of its kind in the Central Valley of California. I have heard reference to the document several times at smart growth conferences.

That document identified the agricultural land north of Taylor Road as an agricultural buffer. The citizens of Turlock made it clear that they didn't want Turlock and Keyes to merge. More importantly, the citizens of Turlock wanted Turlock to have an urban edge at Taylor Road that was to be the permanent northern edge of Turlock. Beyond that was to be productive farmland and orchards.

Recently, the Stanislaus County Planning Commission approved a golf driving range in that agricultural buffer. The planning commissioners were not informed of the agreement between the City of Turlock and the County. Over the years, commissioners have changed, as have supervisors and council members. In recent years, the document has been overlooked by staff, council, commissioners and supervisors...

I recently attended a General Plan Update for the City of Turlock. The public meeting was sponsored by Turlock's Planning Commission. The meeting room was at capacity. Each table of 8 was asked to describe a dream Turlock – fifty years forward. Every table indicated that it wanted Turlock to grow compactly and be surrounded by agricultural land. Several tables expressed they didn't want Turlock to become another Modesto, sprawling into the cities around it. Each table wanted to live in a community surrounded by productive farmland.

A central theme of the Turlock General Plan is to maintain Turlock, Keyes and Denair as free-standing communities, surrounded by productive farms and orchards.

I ask that the council continue to recognize the importance of maintaining an urban line at Taylor Road. If the farmland between Turlock and Keyes is to remain, the agreement must be honored. The agricultural buffer is small. If every few years a parcel is allowed to be urbanized, soon there will be no real buffer between Keyes and Turlock. There will be a tipping point at which the exception becomes the rule.

I recognize that it is the county that has moved to allow urbanization. I hope that formal recognition of the document by Turlock City Council might give direction to the county that piece-meal urbanization is a threat to the viability of farming in this buffer and raises the expectations of landowners for further development.

I would like to read to you a passage from the City of Turlock's North Turlock Agricultural Land Conservation Study (1998) funded by The Great Valley Center's LEGASCI Grant Program and The California Department of Conservation's Agricultural Land Stewardship Program:

"Economically, agricultural land is a valuable resource: the benefits of agricultural production to the local economy should not be underestimated... In Turlock 7.5 per cent of the labor force relies upon agriculture for employment.

Environmentally, the Turlock area is mainly dependent upon groundwater for non-irrigation purposes. Aquifers have not been definitively mapped, though the recharge areas mapped by various sources are, for the most part, in the northern part of the Conservation Study Area." (– which is the agricultural buffer at Taylor Road.)

I hope that the City of Turlock and the County will work together to maintain this important buffer.

Thank you, Jeani Ferrari (209) 634-4495



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INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

May 13, 2009

Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors 1010 10th Street, Suite 6700 Modesto, CA 95354

Dear Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing this letter in support of the new proposed golf practice center that may be built in Turlock. This project will strongly benefit our university golf program as well as the other students that attend the college. At this time, our community has no public golf practice facility and that is a shame for this area where weather allows year-round golf. The proposed project is in an ideal location. This would be beneficial for the entire community where besides college students can learn, but families can spend time together playing a lifelong game. Our local high school golf teams are currently traveling outside our town to practice. Transportation is costly in schools and who knows how long the district will financially support this cost. They, too, would benefit from a local golf practice center. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions that I could help with.

Sincerely,

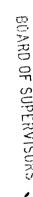
John Cook Men's Golf Coach CSU Stanislaus (209) 667-3639 jcook4@csustan.edu

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We the undersigned party, endorse the proposal of Fred Adams to construct a golf driving range on the north side of Taylor Rd., east of Golden State Blvd in Turlock, Ca.

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Re: Proposed Golf Facility in the South Stanislaus County Area

Dear Chairman DeMartini and Members of the Board of Supervisors,

The Northern California Golf Association (NCGA) Foundation would like to show its support for the development of a new golf facility in the south Stanislaus County area. A new golf facility in this area would have a sizable impact on youth in the central valley due to the current lack of access in that region.

The NCGA Foundation's *Youth on Course* program provides Northern California youth the opportunity to apply important core values such as respect, honesty and perseverance on the golf course by increasing the accessibility and affordability of the sport. More than 100 of the region's golf courses participate in the program, allowing "life skills certified" participants to play golf for an average of only \$2 per round and pay only \$1 for a bucket of range balls. All participants must progress through life skills training either through our online curriculum or another youth development program. *Youth on Course* instills values such as integrity and sportsmanship so youth are more likely to contribute positively to society and lead more active and successful lives.

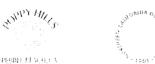
The NCGA Foundation also exposes underserved youth to the game of golf through its free clinics, which use golf as a vehicle for teaching life skills and core values while building self-esteem and providing an enjoyable experience. Most free clinic participants would never be exposed to the game of golf due to their economic background making this opportunity a welcome escape from their day-to-day routine. The free clinics are conducted with well-known golf instructors and college golf teams, providing an exciting opportunity to learn the importance of working hard in school as well as setting and achieving their goals.

We wish you the best in your endeavors to positively impact youth through golf.

Sincerely,

Adam Heieck

Executive Director





5-19-09 6:35pm

TESTIMONY FOR STANISLAUS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING 5-19-09

APPEAL OF PLANNING COMMISSION'S DECISION TO APPROVE USE PERMIT 2008-10, TURLOCK GOLF CENTER

Good evening, Chairman De Martini. My name is Debbie Whitmore. I am the Deputy Director of Development Services/Planning for the City of Turlock and am here tonight on behalf of the City of Turlock to request that the Board of Supervisors reinstate Conditions of Approval #49 and #53 as originally proposed by staff and as submitted by the City of Turlock in its comment letter of December 2008.

The City of Turlock requests that, if the Board of Supervisors decides to approve this Use Permit, thus overturning the appeal presented here tonight, that the following changes be made to the County Planning Commission's action. Specifically, Condition of Approval #49, should read:

49. "Improvements (curb, gutter, and streetlights) shall be installed along the entire frontage of the proposed golf center in accordance with the encroachment permit to be issued by the City of Turlock."

And Condition of Approval #53 should read:

53. Prior to the issuance of an encroachment permit by the City of Turlock, the applicant shall execute and record an agreement with the City to install sidewalks in accordance with City of Turlock standards along the entire frontage of the property at a future date to be determined by the City.

The City is requesting that these changes be made in accordance with the Third Mutual Support Agreement with the County in July 1991 (which is Attachment 5 to your staff report). The City and County jointly entered into this agreement primarily to allow the City to collect the public facility fees. The agreement establishes a cooperative relationship between the City and County regarding planning and development policies both within the City's Sphere of Influence and those areas that fall outside the Sphere of Influence.

In this particular case, the project is being developed along Taylor Road. While the property is located outside the City's Sphere of Influence, Taylor Road actually lies within the jurisdiction of the City of Turlock. As such, the City is requesting that the road be developed to City standard, in accordance with County General Plan Policy 2.6 that states that all roads developed within the Sphere of Influence of a City shall meet the design and access standards of that City.

City design and access standards require the installation of curb, gutter, sidewalk, and street lights. After extensive discussions with both County staff and the applicant's representative, the City has agreed to explore the possibility of an agreement to address sidewalk improvements, but has requested that all other improvements be installed – curb, gutter and streetlights. Therefore, the City is requesting that the conditions, as originally submitted to the County and by the County Planning staff, be included in your action, if the Board decides to approve the Conditional Use Permit.

In addition, the City has formally requested the initiation of discussions regarding the City-County Agreement. The 5-year renewal term of the agreement will expire this July, and, as a result of the discussions regarding this project, it is apparent that certain provisions of the agreement may be somewhat vague. To re-establish a meeting of the minds regarding this agreement, the City Council took an action on April 28 to authorize the Mayor to enter into discussions with the County to address growth and development north of Taylor Road or more generally within the areas outside the City's Sphere of Influence. We are looking forward to initiating those discussions as soon as practicable.

Thank you for this opportunity to speak to you tonight.

With that, I will conclude my remarks and answer any questions that you may have.

APPEAL OF A PLANNING COMMISSION DECISION ON MARCH 19, 2009
TO APPROVE USE PERMIT APPLICATION NO. 2008-10

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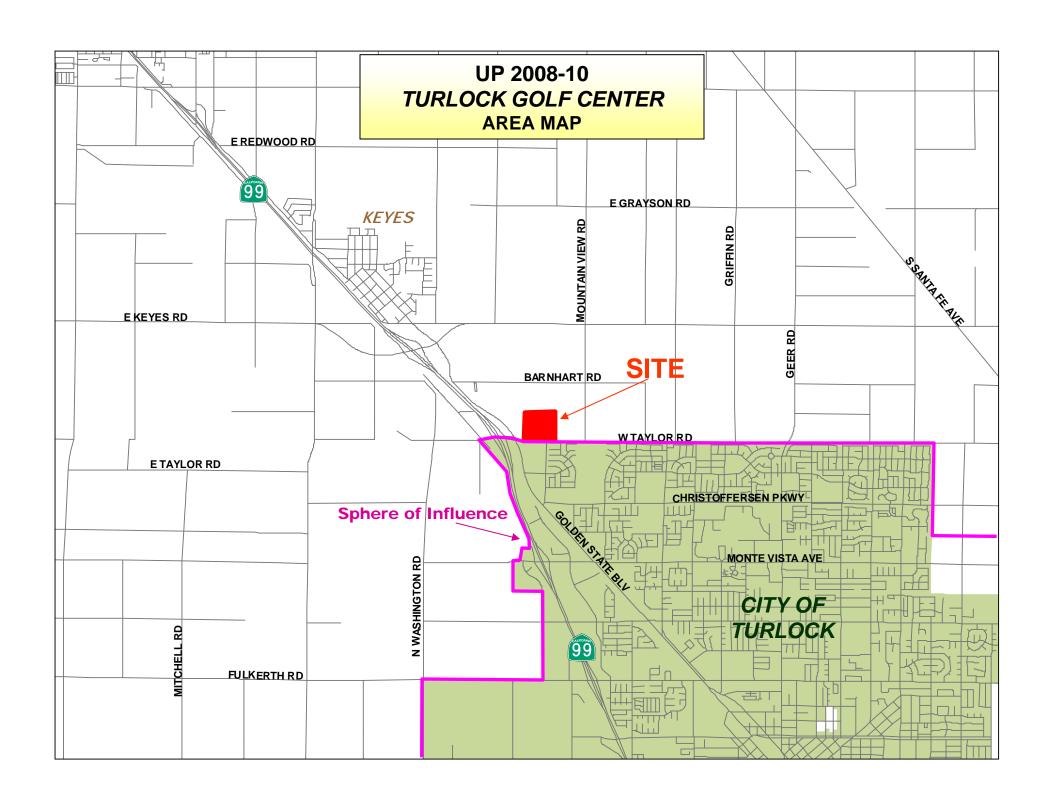


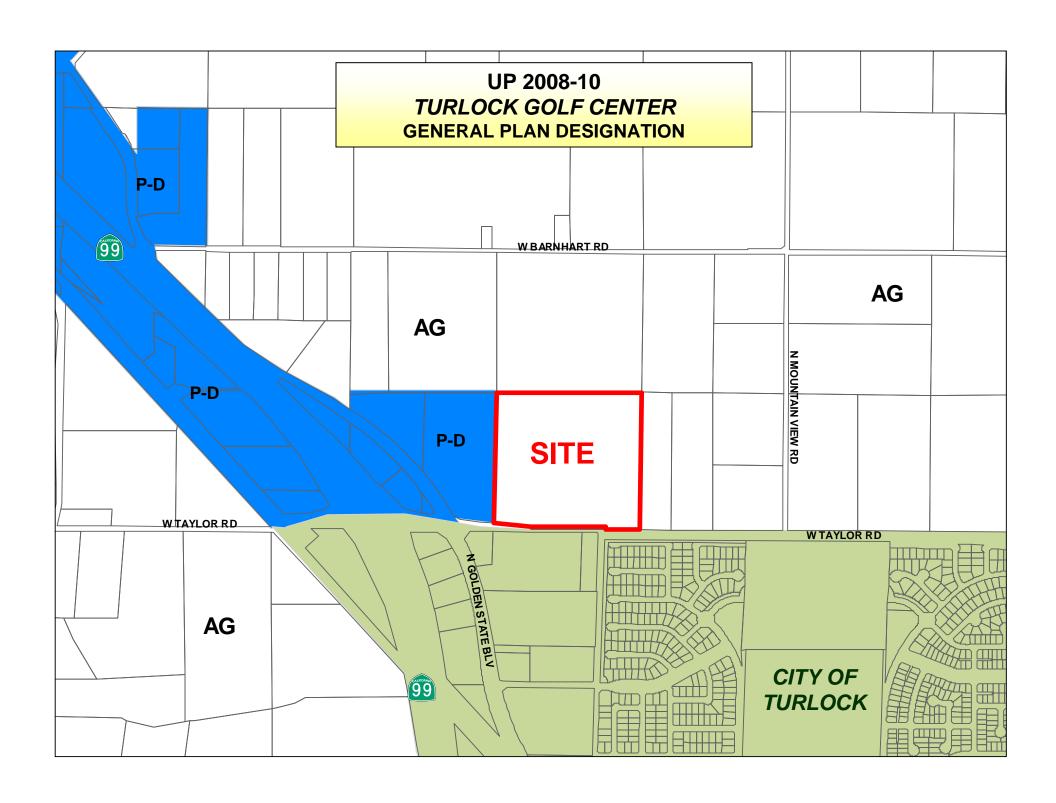
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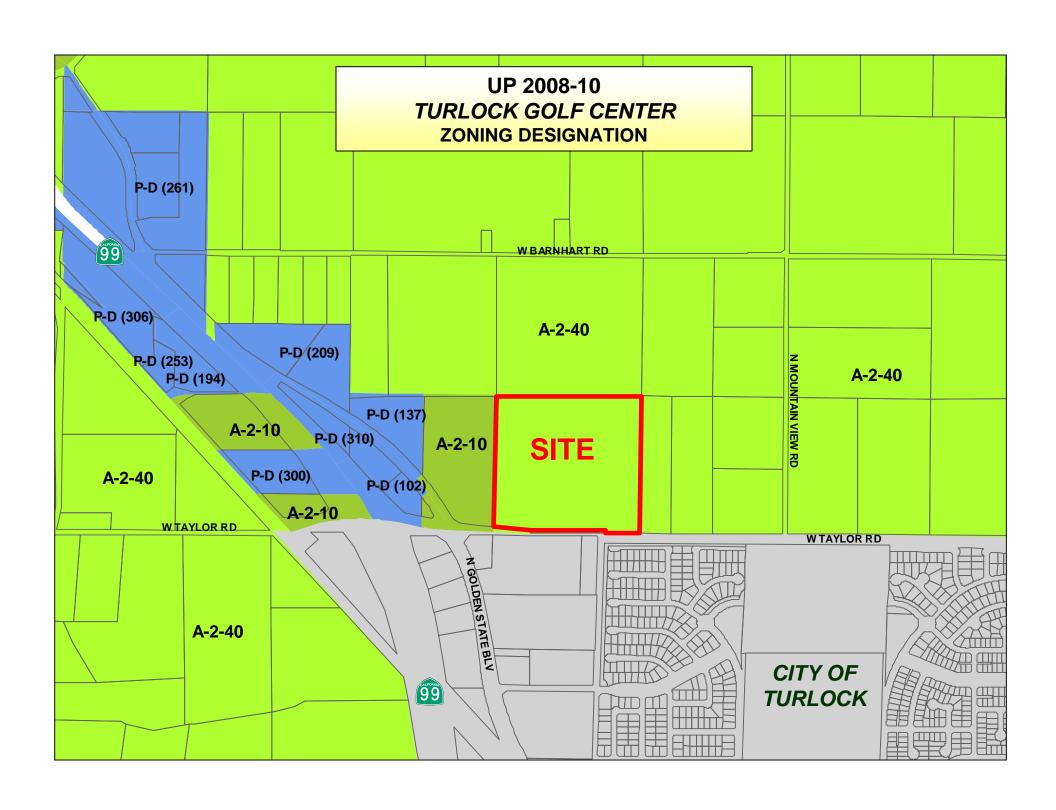
REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A GOLF DRIVING RANGE ON A 39± ACRE PARCEL IN THE A-2-40 (GENERAL AGRICULTURE) ZONING DISTRICT, WHICH WOULD INCLUDE:

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- COVERED TEE AREA
- 53-SPACE PARKING LOT
- POLE MOUNTED NETTING & LIGHTING
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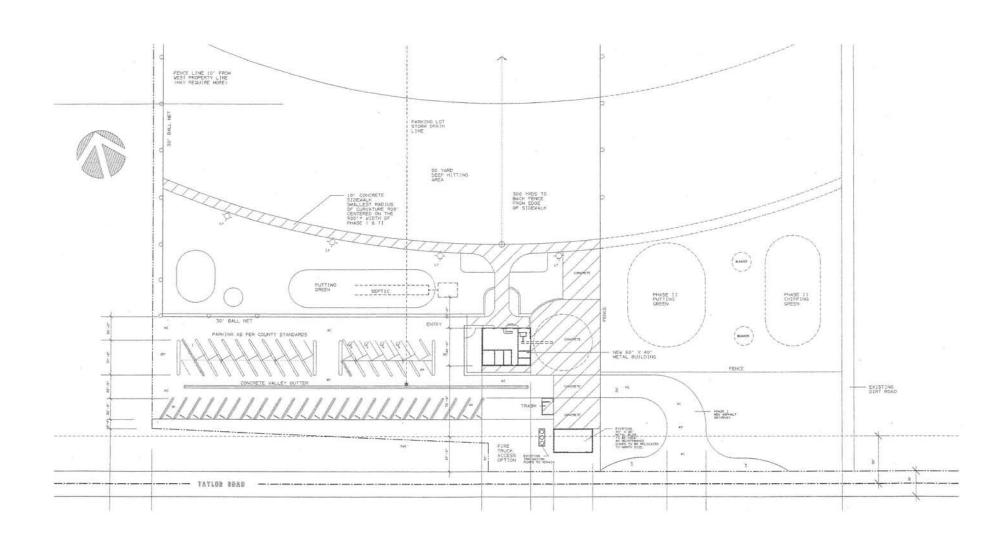




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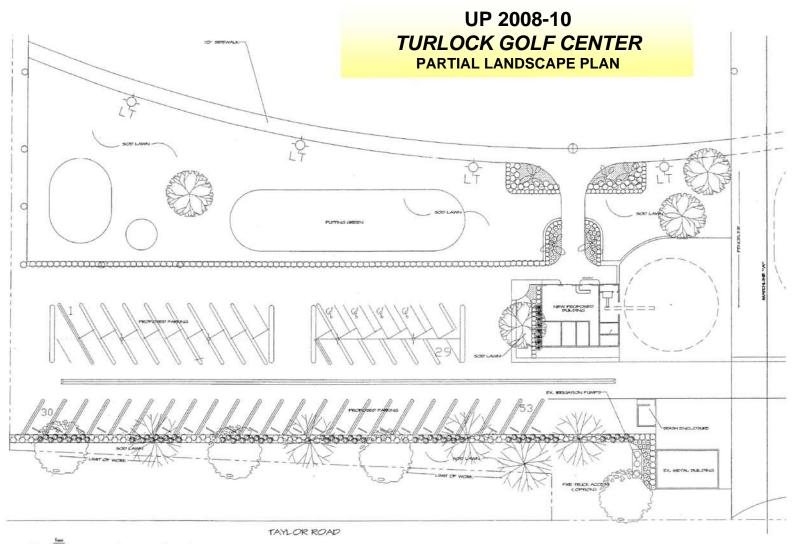
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TIER THREE USES

 Defined as uses which are not directly related to agriculture but may be necessary to serve the A-2 district or may be difficult to locate in an urban area.



TIER THREE FINDINGS

• FINDING NO. 1

The use as proposed will not be substantially detrimental to or in conflict with agricultural use of other property in the vicinity; and



TIER THREE FINDINGS

FINDING NO. 2

The parcel on which such use is requested is not located in one of the County's "most productive agricultural areas" as the term is used in the Agricultural element of the General Plan; or



TIER THREE FINDINGS

FINDING NO. 2 (CONTINUED)
 The character of the use that is requested is such that the land may reasonably be returned to agricultural use in the future.



FINDING NO.1 – NOT BE DETRIMENTAL OR CONFLICTING WITH AGRICULTURAL USE

- Surrounded on three sides by agricultural uses
- Conflicts with surrounding agricultural uses such as dust, noise, restricted spraying ...etc.



FINDING NO.2 – NOT LOCATED IN "MOST PRODUCTIVE AGRICULTURAL AREAS"

- Defined on a case-by-case
- Factors to be considered: Soil Type, Ag Production, Availability of Irrigation Water, Ownership & Parcelization Patterns, ...



FINDING NO.2 – RESONABLY RETURNED TO AGRICULTURAL USE

 Non-Agricultural Structures & Infrastructure Improvements will limit the Economic Viability of Returning Site to Agricultural Production



STAFF CONCERNS

- All of the necessary findings required for approval cannot be made.
- Approval will establish a precedent for non-agricultural uses on the north side of Taylor Road.



- Planning Commission Hearing: March 19, 2009 -
 - One Person spoke in opposition
 - Three People spoke in favor
 - Use Permit Approved 5-1 (Assali)
 - P.C. Staff Report Attachment 2
 - P.C. Minutes Attachment 3



- After Planning Commission Decision -
 - Appeal letter received from a group of surrounding property owners (Attachment "1")



- After Planning Commission Decision -
 - Staff received various letters both in support of and in opposition to the project.
 - Staff was also made aware of the "Third Amended Mutual Support Agreement"



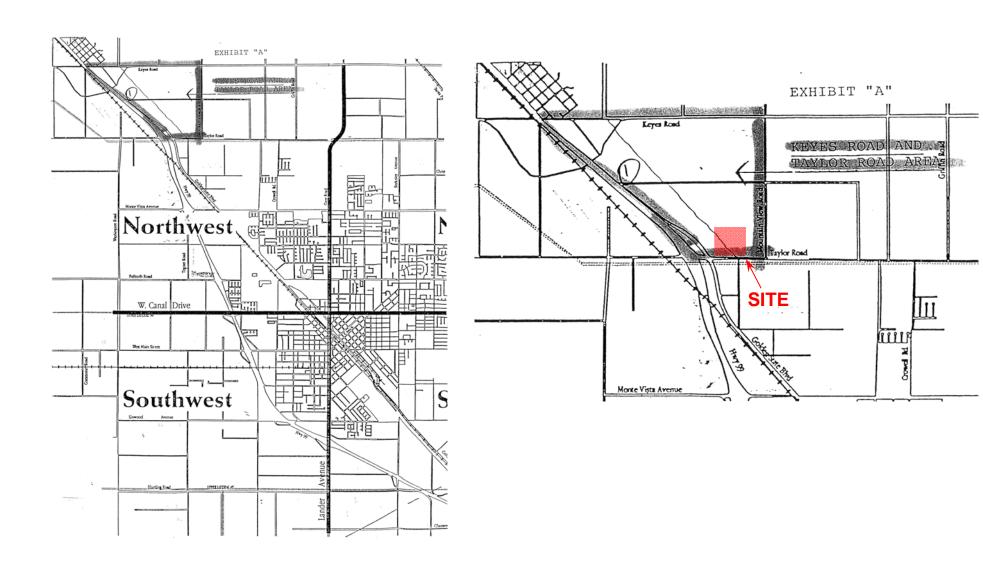
Third Amended Mutual Support Agreement

- Between the City of Turlock & Stanislaus County (July 1st, 1991)
- Section 1(b) of the Agreement specifically states that the City agrees ".....to not oppose future development projects between Keyes Road and Taylor Road as identified in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and incorporated by reference."



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EXHIBIT "A" - THIRD AMENDED MUTUAL SUPPORT AGREEMENT



Board Actions:

- 1. Approve the Appeal and find that the Use Permit Findings can not be met.
- 2. Uphold the Commission's Decision Deny the Appeal and as such Approve
 the Request (Actions 1-5 on Page 8 of
 Planning Commission Staff Report)



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"PRIME FARMLAND"

AS DEFINED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION'S FARMLAND MAPPING AND MONITORING PROGRAM

"Farmland with the best combination of physical and chemical features able to sustain long term agricultural production. This land has the soil quality, growing season, and moisture supply needed to produce sustained high yields. Land must have been used for irrigated agricultural production at some time during the four years prior to the mapping date."



