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Referral Early Consultation

Date: March 21, 2016

To: Distribution List (See Attachment A)

From: Timothy Vertino, Assistant Planner, Planning and Community Development

Subject: USE PERMIT APPLICATION NO. PLN2016-0017 – BLAKER BREWING

Respond By: April 8, 2016

****PLEASE REVIEW REFERRAL PROCESS POLICY****

The Stanislaus County Department of Planning and Community Development is soliciting comments from responsible agencies under the Early Consultation process to determine: a) whether or not the project is subject to CEQA and b) if specific conditions should be placed upon project approval.

Therefore, please contact this office by the response date if you have any comments pertaining to the proposal. Comments made identifying potential impacts should be as specific as possible and should be based on supporting data (e.g., traffic counts, expected pollutant levels, etc.). Your comments should emphasize potential impacts in areas which your agency has expertise and/or jurisdictional responsibilities.

These comments will assist our Department in preparing a staff report to present to the Planning Commission. Those reports will contain our recommendations for approval or denial. They will also contain recommended conditions to be required should the project be approved. Therefore, please list any conditions that you wish to have included for presentation to the Commission as well as any other comments you may have. Please return all comments and/or conditions as soon as possible or no later than the response date referenced above.

Thank you for your cooperation. Please call (209) 525-6330 if you have any questions.

Applicant: Tom Lucas, Blaker Brewing

Project Location: 11204 Fulkerth Road, at the southwest corner of Fulkerth and N. Morgan

Roads, north of West Main Street, and west of the City of Turlock.

APN: 022-037-010

Williamson Act

Contract: 71-0341

General Plan: AG (Agriculture)

Current Zoning: A-2-40 (General Agriculture)

Project Description: Request to expand an existing microbrewery operation that produces hand crafted beer. The expansion will take place under two development phases. Phase 1 includes the construction of a 2,448 square foot building, enabling the production of a maximum of 4,340 gallons of beer per week. Phase 2 includes an additional 2,448 square foot building, and doubling the amount of production and employees. The microbrewery is not open to the general public, and fifty percent of the wheat and hops will be grown on site.

Full document with attachments available for viewing at:

http://www.stancounty.com/planning/pl/act-projects.shtm

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Attachment A

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	COUNTY OF:	Χ	STAN CO SHERIFF
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	HOSPITAL DIST:	Х	STAN COUNTY COUNSEL
Χ	IRRIGATION DIST: TURLOCK		StanCOG
Х	MOSQUITO DIST: TURLOCK	Χ	STANISLAUS FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU
Х	MOUNTIAN VALLEY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES	Х	STANISLAUS LAFCO
	MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL:		SURROUNDING LAND OWNERS (on file w/the Clerk to the Board of Supervisors)
Х	PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC	Х	TELEPHONE COMPANY: AT&T
	POSTMASTER:		TRIBAL CONTACTS (CA Government Code §65352.3)
Χ	RAILROAD: UNION PACIFIC		TUOLUMNE RIVER TRUST
Χ	SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY APCD		US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
Х	SCHOOL DIST 1: TURLOCK JOINT UNION HIGH	Х	US FISH & WILDLIFE
Χ	SCHOOL DIST 2: CHATOM UNION	Χ	US MILITARY (SB 1462) (7 agencies)
	STAN ALLIANCE	Χ	USDA NRCS
Χ	STAN CO AG COMMISSIONER		WATER DIST:

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STANISLAUS COUNTY CEQA REFERRAL RESPONSE FORM

то:	Stanislaus Count 1010 10 th Street, Modesto, CA 95		elopment
FROM:			
SUBJECT:	USE PERMIT API	PLICATION NO. PLN2016-0017	– BLAKER BREWING
Based on thi project:	s agencies particul	ar field(s) of expertise, it is ou	r position the above described
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Response pre	epared by:		
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APPLICATION QUESTIONNAIRE

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	General Plan Amendment		Subdivision Map	GP Designation: AG Zoning: A-2-40				
	Rezone		Parcel Map					
X	Use Permit		Exception	Fee:				
	Variance		Williamson Act Cancellation	Received By:				
	Historic Site Permit		Other	Notes:				
meet nece all th	be necessary for you to provide additional information and/or meet with staff to discuss the application. Pre-application meetings are not required, but are highly recommended. An incomplete application will be placed on hold until all the 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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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 10th Street – 3rd Floor, (209) 525-6330, if you have any questions. Pre-application meetings are highly recommended.

ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER(S): Book 022 Page 037 Parcel 010								010				
Project Si	parcel numbers: ite Address al Location:	11204 Fulkerth Rd., Turlock, CA 95380										
Property A	Area:	Acres: 9	Acres: 97.7 or Square feet:									
Current and Previous Land Use: (Explain existing and previous land use(s) of site for the last ten years)												
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	known previous pro		l for this site	e, such as	a Use Per	nit, Parcel	Map, etc.: (Please identify				
Use Perm	it No. PLN2014-0094											
Existing (General Plan & Zoni	ng: Agriculture	e, A-2-40									
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Yes	No	X	Do you propose to cancel any portion of the Contract?
Yes 🗆	No	X	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 CH	IAR	ACTEF	RISTICS: (Check one or more) Flat 🗵 Rolling 🔲 Steep 🔲
VEGET	ATIC	ON: Wh	at kind of plants are growing on your property? (Check one or more)
Field crop	s 🗵	1	Orchard
Shrubs			Woodland ☐ River/Riparian ☐ Other ☐
Explain O	ther:		
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.)
GRADIN	NG:		
Yes 🗆	No	X	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.)
STREA	MS,	LAKES	S, & PONDS:
Yes 🗖	No	X	Are there any streams, lakes, ponds or other watercourses on the property? (If yes, please show on plot plan)
Yes 🗖	No	X	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	X	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.

STRUCT	UR	ES:					
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Yes 🗖	No	X	Are there buildings of possible His size on plot plan.)				location and
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			etc.): (Provide additional sheets if nece				
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Yes 🗵	No		Are there existing public or private yes, show location and size on plot pla		Includes telepho	ne, power, wa	iter, etc. (If
Who provid	des,	or will pr	ovide the following services to the p	roperty?			
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Telephone	:		ATT	Gas/Propane:		PGE	
Mater**			On-site	Irrigation:		TID	

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.) Please Note: Should any waste be generated by the proposed project other than that normally associated with a single family residence, it is likely that Waste Discharge Requirements will be required by the Regional Water Quality Control Board. Detailed descriptions of quantities, quality, treatment, and disposal may be required. Are there existing irrigation, telephone, or power company easements on the property? (If yes, Yes I No 🗵 show location and size on plot plan.) Do the existing utilities, including irrigation facilities, need to be moved? (If yes, show location and Yes 🔲 No X size on plot plan.) Yes No 🗵 Does the project require extension of utilities? (If yes, show location and size on plot plan.) AFFORDABLE HOUSING/SENIOR: Yes No 🗵 Will the project include affordable or senior housing provisions? (If yes, please explain) **RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS:** (Please complete if applicable – Attach additional sheets if necessary) Total Dwelling Units: Total Acreage:_____ Total No. Lots: Gross Density per Acre: _____ Net Density per Acre: ____ Two Family Multi-Family Multi-Family Single Family Duplex Apartments Condominium/ (complete if applicable) Townhouse Number of Units: Acreage: COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, MANUFACTURING, RETAIL, USE PERMIT, OR OTHER **PROJECTS:** (Please complete if applicable – Attach additional sheets if necessary) Square footage of each existing or proposed building(s): 145,948 Type of use(s): Residential, Agriculture, Office, Manufacturing

*Please Note: A "will serve" letter is required if the sewer service will be provided by City, Sanitary District,

Days and hours of operation: 7 am - 5 pm, 7 days a week						
Seasonal operation (i.e.	Seasonal operation (i.e., packing shed, huller, etc.) months and hours of operation:					
Occupancy/capacity of b	ouilding:					
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Other occupants:						
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Square footage of:						
Office area:	169 sf	Warehouse area:	2,147 sf			
		Storage area:	32 sf			
Loading area:		Manufacturing area:				
Other: (explain	type of area) 36 sf lobby area, 64 sf	restroom				
Yes No 🗵	Will the proposed use involve toxic of		ste? (Please explain)			
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What County road(s) wi Fulkerth Rd	ill provide the project's main access?	(Please show all existing and p	proposed driveways on the plot plan)			
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Yes		No	X	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		No	X	Do you require security gates and fencing on the access? (If yes, show location and size on plot plan)
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Blaker Brewing Project Description

Blaker Brewing is a start-up microbrewery that produces hand-crafted beers. The founders of Blaker Brewing are Tom Lucas and Mike Lucas. Tom has managed Lucas Dairy for nearly 20 years. Mike has owned and managed Lucas Dairy for over 40 years.

Phase 1

The applicant, Blaker Brewing is requesting a Conditional Use Permit to allow the operation of a small craft beer manufacturing facility.

The project consists of the construction of a 2448 square foot metal building, a 10 foot irrevocable offer of right-of-way dedication of 500 feet in length along the frontage of Fulkerth Road, the construction of a parking lot and other ancillary improvements. At full capacity Blaker Brewing will produce 4340 gallons of beer per week with possible expansion in the future based on local demands. Normal brewing operations consist of heating grains and water to extract fermentable sugars. The resulting liquid will then be transferred to fermentation tanks. Blaker Brewing would produce their own brand of specialty beer to be distributed to restaurants, cafes and establishments throughout the region. Sales and delivery will consist of off-site delivery of finished product to customers. Blaker Brewing intends to hire approximately 5 full time and 10 part time employees.

TIER TWO USE PERMIT AND WILLIAMSON ACT FINDINGS

The proposed use is consistent with the General Plan and will not be detrimental to the general welfare of persons residing or working in the area or to the general welfare of the residents of Stanislaus County. In addition the proposed project will not be detrimental to agricultural uses based on the following:

1. CLOSED SUSTAINABLE LOOP

Blaker Brewing will demonstrate that a microbrewery can coincide with an agricultural system in a closed sustainable loop. Although we are located on land protected by the Williamson Act, we believe that Blaker Brewing is in an ideal location for a small microbrewery. We will grow 50% of our hops and 50 % of our wheat on site. Spent grains will be fed at our feedlot, which is also located on site. The use of brewer's grains as animal feed prevents their disposal into the environment and subsequent contamination of water. Because brewer's grains spoil quickly, are bulky and their transportation is expensive, they should be used within the vicinity of the brewery. We believe that it is necessary and beneficial to be located in an agricultural area for the purpose of a firmly closed loop.

2. SECONDARY USE OF WASTE WATER

At Blaker Brewing we consider the environmental impact an integral part of our sustainable agricultural element. We have been stewards of the land since 1938. We have worked closely with water monitoring. Our waste water will remain on premises and will be used to irrigate our wheat and corn. This water will not enter a septic system or a city treatment plant. It will go through drains, a sand trap, over a physical solids separator, and end up in our 7 million gallon lagoon. We will have 20,000 gallons of secondary waste water per week. That is merely .20% of our daily waste water storage. From there it will be used as needed for irrigation. Any solids collected on the sand trap or on the solids separator will be composted.

3. LIMITED TRAFFIC INCREASE

This project will result in a very limited traffic increase within the capacity of surrounding streets. We have a paved parking area in front and on the south side of the building. Business hours will be from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Trucking shipments will be limited to one shipping input delivery per week and one delivery output per week. Cattle trucking and maintenance will result in one shipping output per month. Our facilities have a machine shop, areas for grain storage, tools, tractors, a forklift, and a bobcat. The need for these outside services will be very limited. We will not have a taproom on site and guests will not be allowed. The parking lot will have 19 total spaces with 1 ADA accessible space. There will be no further concentration of commercial or industrial uses in the area.

Currently Lucas Dairy has 8 full time employees.

2 milk handling pickups per day

1 delivery drop per day

1 sales call per day

1 vet service call biweekly

Initially we estimate the following increase in traffic:

2 delivery drops per week

1 output delivery per day

1 cattle maintenance input/output per month

Beer produced at the project site will be done largely through manual methods without the use of large, industrial machinery so noise from the production process is not a concern. The brewing process will be conducted within an enclosed facility which will be inaudible to the surrounding uses. The brewing process will produce some odor. During the initial process a sweet, sugary aroma may be detected consistent with that of a small bakery.

Our brewery will be very flammable safe. We will be using a 15 HP steam boiler for mashing. For on site fire fighting we have a 4500 gallon water tank within 50 feet of the proposed building and a 10,000 gallon water tower within 300 feet. There are two main driveways for fire access. The only chemicals on site are Starsan and PBW for cleaning purposes. Both are food grade, non-flammable, non-toxic cleaners.

One sign attached located within our landscaping design will be needed.

The former milking parlor will once again be used for agriculture storage purposes only.

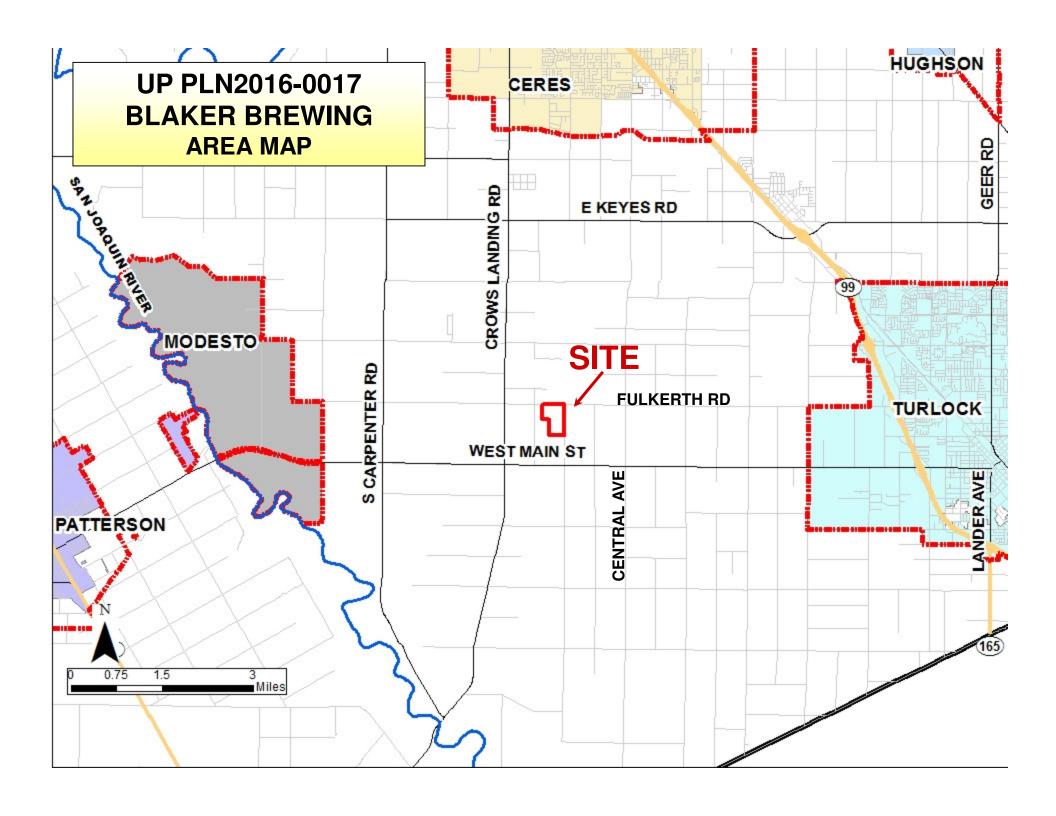
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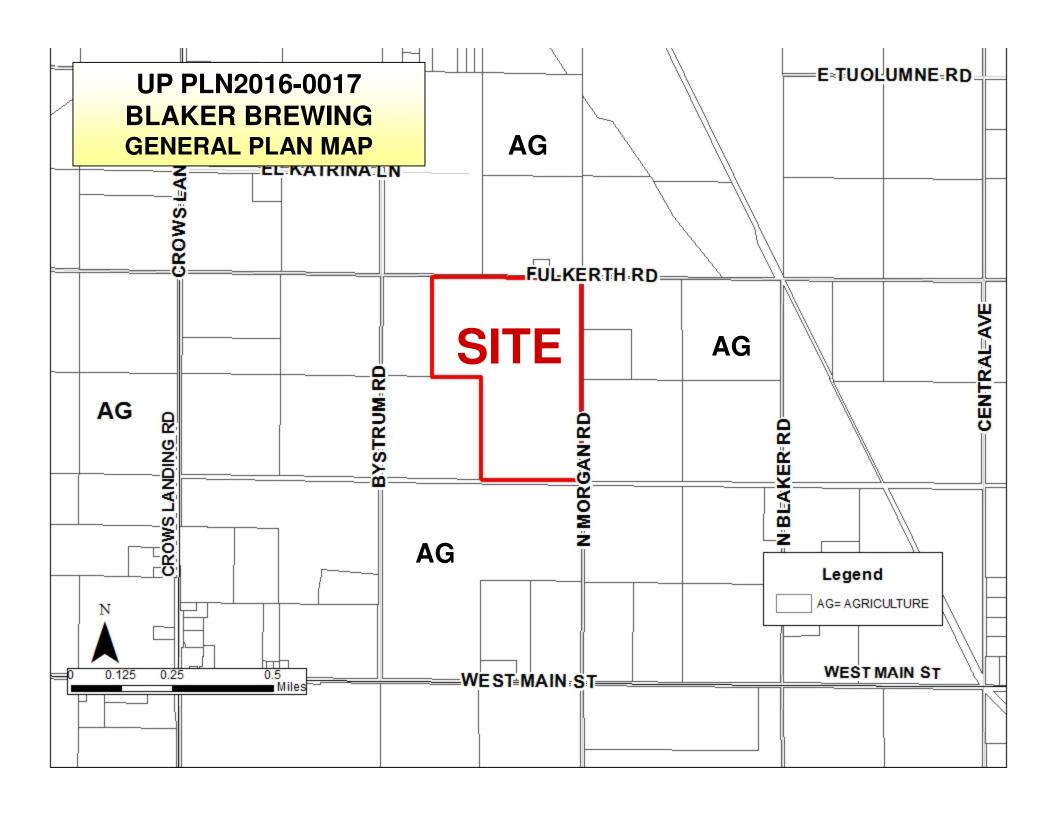
10 Ton silo with augers 15 HP steam boiler 3/4 HP Mill 10 HP glycol chiller 300 Gallon Mash tun 300 Gallon Hot Liquor Tank 300 Gallon Brew Kettle 2- 300 Gallon Fermentors 1- 300 Gallon Brite tank Reverse Osmosis system Mechanical chiller Mechanical beer filter Keg Washer/filler Canning line Bottling line Labeler CO2 tank

Phase 2

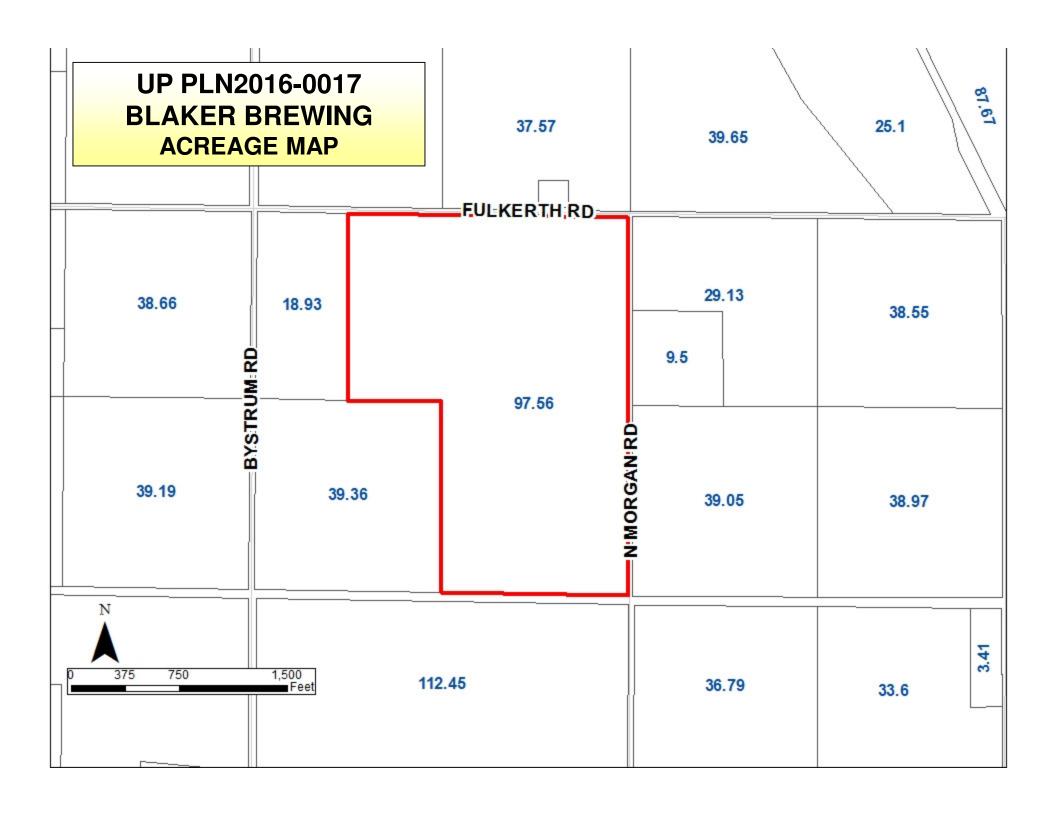
Phase 2 expansion would increase the number of fermentation tanks, packaging, and possible cold storage. The building size, production, parking and number of employees would double.

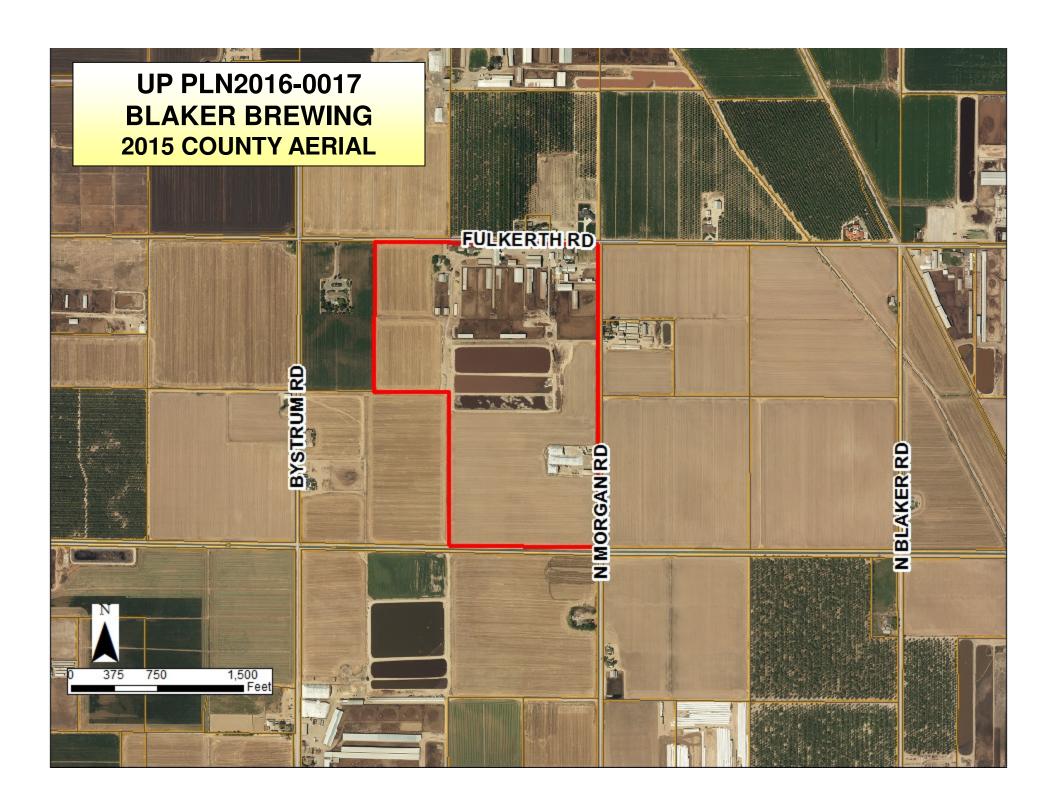
Due to the aforementioned items, we find that the use will not compromise the productive agricultural ability of lands in the A-2 zoning district. The project will not alter adjacent contracted parcels nor shall it result in any removal of land from agricultural use or open-space use.

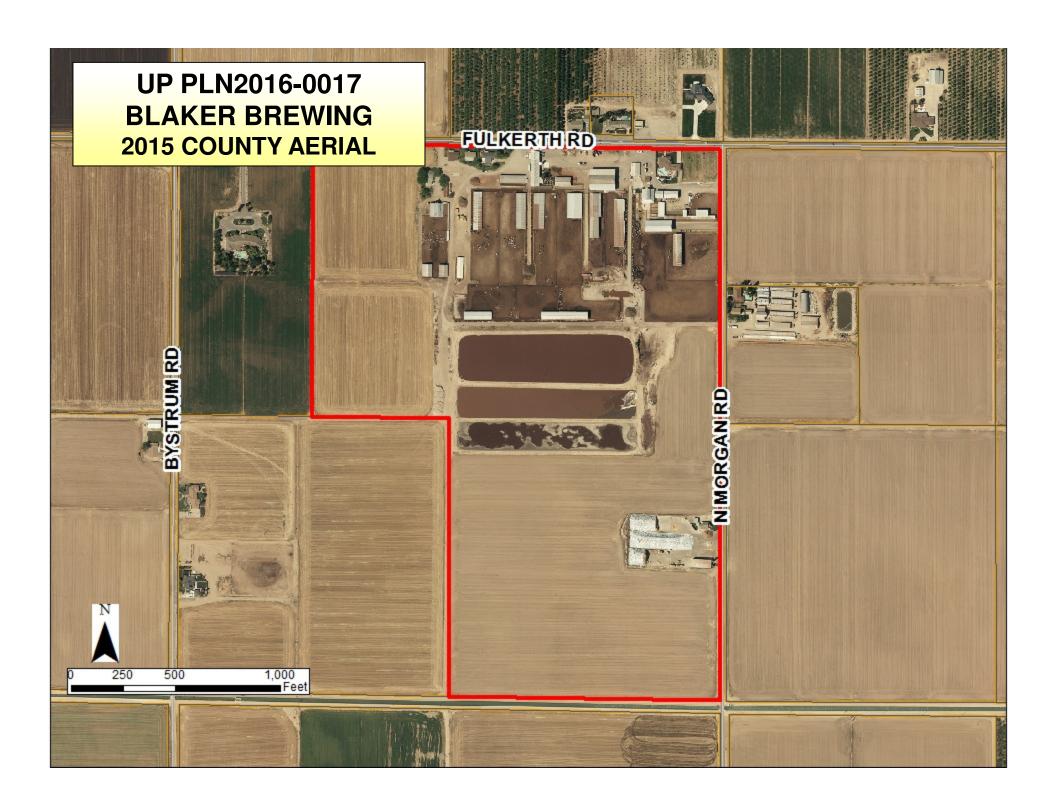


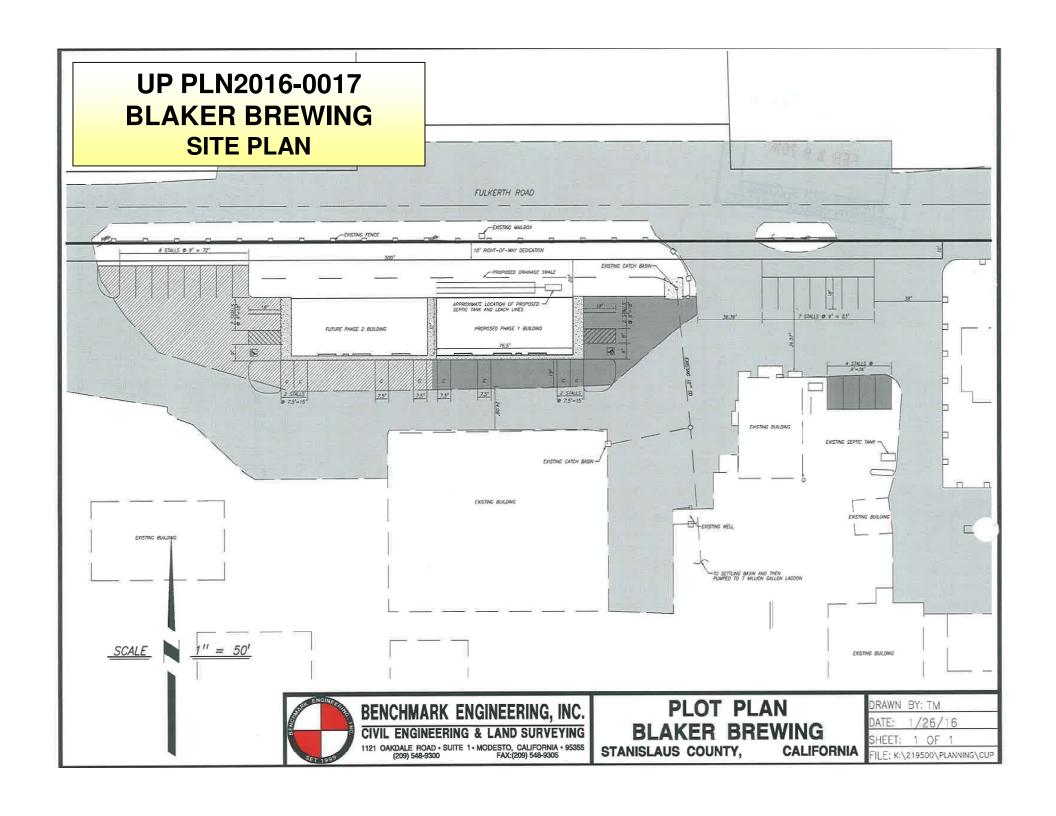




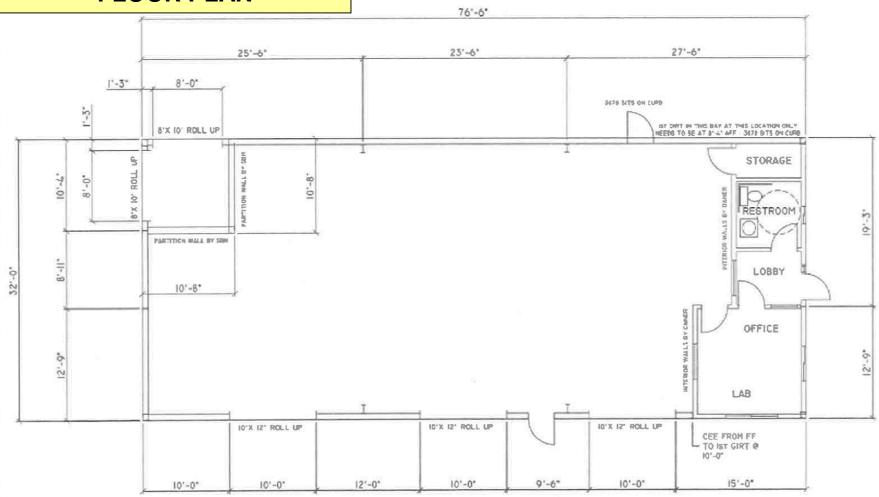




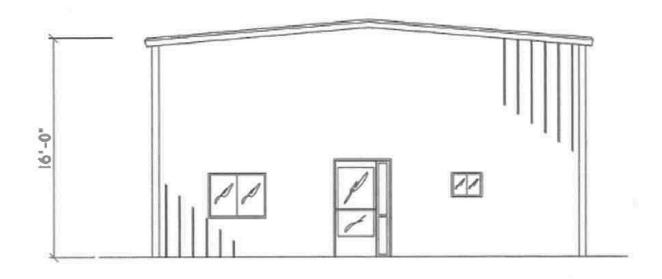




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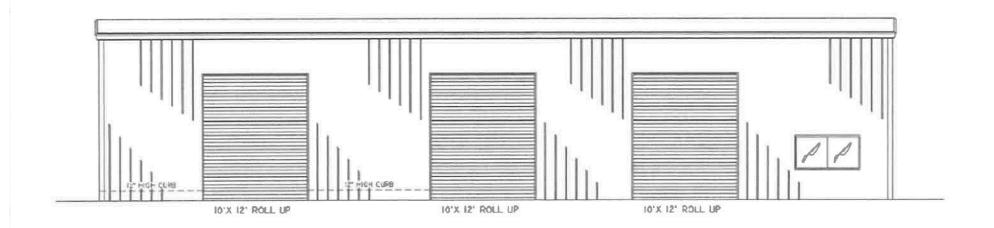


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