



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES

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WATER WELL PERMIT APPLICATION CEQA REVIEW DECISION

Purpose: To document the decision reached by the Stanislaus County Department of Environmental Resources whether to adopt pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15074(B) and Stanislaus County Groundwater Ordinance Section 9.37.060 A.

Permit Application Data

Application/Permit Nos. 2021-118 Assessor's Parcel No. 022-041-006

Latitude: 37°29'41.4"N Longitude 120°57'39.0"W

Property Owner: Devin Robert Gioletti Phone No: (209) 667-6024

Mailing Address: 118 N. Blaker Rd., Turlock, CA 95380

Project Summary

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Attached Documents

The following documents are attached and form the basis for the County's decision:

- ☒ Initial Study/Negative Declaration
- ☐ Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration
- ☐ Environmental Impact Report
- ☐ Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan
- ☒ Responses to Comments
- ☐ Findings of Fact

☐ Statement of Overriding Considerations

☐ Other (describe)

Decision

The Stanislaus County Department of Environmental Resources hereby finds as follows:

☒ Approves

☐ Approves as Amended (attach explanation)

☐ Denies

The Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15074(B), by finding that on the basis of the whole record, including the Initial Study and any comments received, there is no substantial evidence the project will have a significant effect on the environment and that the Mitigated Negative Declaration reflects Stanislaus County's independent judgment and analysis.

Jami Aggers

Director, Stanislaus County
Environmental Resources

Print Name

Title

Signature

Date

3/25/2021

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Notice of Determination

Appendix D

BY Jocelyn Rodriguez

To:

☒ Office of Planning and Research

U.S. Mail: Street Address:
P.O. Box 3044 1400 Tenth St., Rm 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 Sacramento, CA 95814

☒ County Clerk

County of: Stanislaus
Address: 1021 I Street, Suite 101
Modesto, CA 95354

From:

Public Agency: Stanislaus County DER
Address: 3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite C
Modesto, CA 95358
Contact: Walter Ward, Water Resources Manager
Phone: (209) 525-6710

Lead Agency: Same as above.

SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse: 2021020262Project Title: Well Permit Application No. 2020-118Project Applicant: Devin Robert Gioletti (209) 545-1185Project Location (include county): 118 N. Blaker Rd. Turlock, CA 95380

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This is to advise that the Stanislaus County Department of Environmental Resources has approved the

(☒ Lead Agency or ☐ Responsible Agency)

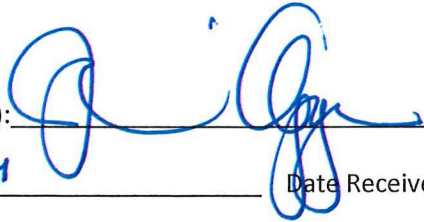
above described project on March 24, 2021 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project.

1. The project [☐ will ☒ will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. ☐ An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
☒ A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation Measures [☐ were ☒ were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan Measures [☐ was ☒ was not] adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [☐ was ☒ was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [☐ were ☒ were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the Negative Declaration is available to the General Public at:

<http://www.stancounty.com/er/groundwater/>

Signature (Public Agency):



Title: Director, Environmental Resources

Date:

3/25/2021

Date Received for filing at OPR:



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2021 ENVIRONMENTAL FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT
DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/21) Previously DFG 753.5a

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RECEIPT NUMBER:

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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

2021020262

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LEAD AGENCY

Stanislaus County Department of Environmental Resources

LEAD AGENCY EMAIL

DATE

03/26/2021

COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING

Stanislaus

DOCUMENT NUMBER

2021-041

PROJECT TITLE

Well Permit Application No. 2020-118

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME

Devin Robert Gioletti

PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL

PHONE NUMBER

(209) 545-1185

PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS

118 N. Blaker Rd.

CITY

Turlock

STATE

CA

ZIP CODE

95380

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

☐ Local Public Agency

☐ School District

☐ Other Special District

☐ State Agency

☒ Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

\$3,445.25

\$

0.00

☒ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)

\$2,480.25

\$

2,480.25

☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW

\$1,171.25

\$

0.00

☐ Exempt from fee

☐ Notice of Exemption (attach)

☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)

☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

☐ Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)

\$850.00

\$

0.00

☒ County documentary handling fee

\$

57.00

☐ Other

\$

PAYMENT METHOD:

☒ Cash

☐ Credit

☒ Check

☐ Other

TOTAL RECEIVED

\$

2,537.25

SIGNATURE

X

Jocelyn Rodriguez

AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

Jocelyn Rodriguez, Legal Clerk

ROBERT GIOLETTI & SONS DAIRY INC
4491

Stanislaus County Clerk - Recorder				3/23/2021	
Date	Type	Reference	Original Amt.	Balance Due	Discount
3/23/2021	Bill		54.00	54.00	
				Check Amount	Payment
					54.00
					54.00

\$3⁰⁰ cash

ROBERT GIOLETTI & SONS DAIRY INC
4490

CA Department of Fish and Wildlife				3/23/2021	
Date	Type	Reference	Original Amt.	Balance Due	Discount
3/23/2021	Bill		2,480.25	2,480.25	
				Check Amount	Payment
					2,480.25
					2,480.25

Technics Bank

2,480.25

REC'T # **0004581226**
 March 26, 2021 ----- 10:58:00

Stanislaus, County Recorder
 Donna Linder Co Recorder Office

Cash	3.00
Check 4490	2,480.25
Check 4491	54.00
REQD BY	
Mit. Neg. Declar	\$2,480.25
County Admin Fee	\$57.00

Total fee	\$2,537.25
Amount Tendered...	\$2,537.25

Change	\$0.00
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CEQA DRAFT SUPPLEMENTARY INITIAL STUDY

Adapted from 2020 CEQA Guidelines APPENDIX G Environmental Checklist Form, Final Text, Revised June 11, 2019

1. **Project title:** Robert Gioletti & Sons Dairy Expansion
Supplemental Well Permit Application 2020-118
2. **Lead agency name and address:** Stanislaus County Environmental Resources
3800 Cornucopia Way
Modesto, California 95358
3. **Contact person and phone number:** Devin Robert Gioletti (209) 667-6024
4. **Project location:** 9769 W. Main Street, Turlock, CA 95380
5. **Project sponsor's name and address:** Robert Gioletti & Sons Dairy, Inc.
118 N. Blaker Road
Turlock, CA 95380
6. **General Plan designation:** Agricultural
7. **Zoning:** General AG 40 Acre
8. **Description of project:**

In 2017, Stanislaus County completed a CEQA Initial Study (IS) to evaluate potential environmental impacts associated with expanding operations at the Robert Gioletti & Sons Dairy (Dairy), located west of the City of Turlock, as shown on Attachment A, Figure 1. The 2017 IS determined that the proposed expansion would result in less than significant impacts to environmental resources, and a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) was issued for the Dairy expansion.

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The proposed well will be located in the southeastern portion of the Dairy facility approximately 850 to 1,000 feet from the facility's wastewater settling basins and storage pond, respectively. It will be drilled in a developed parking area of the Dairy approximately 0.3 mile and 0.5 mile east of Well 1 and Well 2, respectively. The proposed well will be constructed using polyvinyl chloride (PVC) casing and screen in an 18-inch diameter borehole, with a bentonite grout seal extending to a depth of 50 feet below ground surface (bgs). The well is proposed to be completed in the shallow, unconfined aquifer system above the Corcoran Clay. The USGS reports that the Corcoran Clay is located approximately 150 to 250 feet bgs in this area. Review of Well Completion Records for Well 1 and Well 2 indicate that the first substantial clays of the Corcoran Clay were encountered at depths of 210 and 215 feet bgs, respectively. A minor clay unit approximately 5 to 10 feet thick was encountered at approximately 170 feet bgs and may stratigraphically be part of the Corcoran Clay; however, it was found to be underlain by additional sand units above the first clay unit exceeding 10 feet in thickness. The proposed well is therefore anticipated to be completed so it can extract groundwater from these available sand units that are effectively part of the shallow aquifer system. The anticipated depth of the proposed well therefore is approximately 210 to 215 feet bgs, or to the top of the first substantial clay layer (exceeding 10 feet thickness) of the Corcoran Clay. Screen intervals will be determined based on local conditions.

The following water demands are reported by the Dairy operator. The milk barn demand is estimated to be 82,000 gallons per day (gpd), which drains to the wastewater storage pond after use, and is reused for irrigation. An additional volume of approximately 164,000 gpd is estimated to be used for cow drinking, cow cooling, on farm housing and other uses by the dairy facility. Approximately 100,000 gpd of this water is estimated to drain to the wastewater storage pond and is reused for irrigation. Well 1 and Well 2 are reportedly fitted with pumps capable of producing groundwater at rates of 160 and 170 gallons per minute (gpm), respectively, and are used individually or in combination to meet these water demands. The proposed well is targeted to produce groundwater at a rate of 170 gpm and would either be used individually to provide the Dairy water demand, or in combination with the other wells. The average annual groundwater extraction rate from the proposed well, if the entire dairy demand were met from the proposed well, is calculated as summarized in Table 1, below.

Table 1 Robert Gioletti & Sons Dairy Average Annual Water Demand and Groundwater Supply

Dairy Water Balance Component	Average Annual Water Demand/Supply		
	gallons/day	acre-feet/year	gallons/minute
Dairy Water Demand			
Milk Barn	82,000	92	57
Other Operational Demand	163,000	183	113
Subtotal	245,000	275	170
Dairy Groundwater Supply			
Total Groundwater Pumping	245,000	275	170
Minus Recharge of Applied Wastewater			
<i>Milk Barn Wastewater Used for Irrigation</i>	<i>82,000</i>	<i>92</i>	<i>57</i>
<i>Other Wastewater Used for Irrigation</i>	<i>100,000</i>	<i>112</i>	<i>70</i>
Deep Percolation of Applied Water (15%)	(27,300)	(31)	(19)
Net Shallow Aquifer Groundwater Supply	218,000	244	151

Well construction and development work will take place during the spring of 2021. The well will be located north of the dairy barn in an existing parking area. All work and ground disturbance will take place within the footprint of the parking in areas of previous ground disturbance. A temporary well construction work area will be established around the well site. The work area will measure up to approximately 50 by 100 feet and be located within the existing disturbed parking area. Access to the site will be via the existing unpaved access road. The well will be constructed using the reverse mud rotary method. Drilling equipment, typically consisting of a drilling rig, pipe truck water truck, forklift, generators, compressors, pumps, light stands, de-sander, mud

pit and support trucks. Construction of the well will last approximately two to three weeks. Approximately one week for drilling and well construction and another one to two weeks for well development, pump installation, and connection.

10. Surrounding land uses and setting:

The project site is surrounded by actively cultivated agricultural land. The parcel is bounded by the Union Pacific railroad tracks to the east, the Turlock Irrigation District (TID) Lateral Canal to the north, the dairy operation settling ponds to the west, and W. Main Street to the south. The nearest sensitive receptor to the proposed project is a single-family residence located across the Union Pacific railroad tracks, approximately 650 feet to the east of the proposed well location.

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

None.

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.

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

DETERMINATION: (To be completed by the Lead Agency)

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

- ☒ I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a **NEGATIVE DECLARATION** will be prepared.
- ☐ I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A **MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION** will be prepared.
- ☐ I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT** is required.
- ☐ I find that the proposed project MAY have a "potentially significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact on the environment, but at least one effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT** is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.
- ☐ I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or **NEGATIVE DECLARATION** pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or **NEGATIVE DECLARATION**, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.

Walter Ward
Signature

March 26, 2021
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). References 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.

I. AESTHETICS -- Except as provided in Public Resource Code Section 21099, 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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) In nonurbanized areas, substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of public views of the site and its surroundings? (Public views are those that are experienced from publicly accessible vantage point). If the project is in an urbanized area, would the project conflict with applicable zoning and other regulations governing scenic quality?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Discussion: The 2017 Initial Study (IS) completed by the Stanislaus County Planning Commission considered impacts associated with issuing a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for expanded operations at the Gioletti & Sons Dairy. The 2017 IS determined that potential impacts to aesthetic resources are less than significant. In particular, the 2017 IS noted that expanding operations at an existing dairy was consistent with the site and surrounding area developments, and that the site itself is not considered to be a scenic resource or a unique scenic vista.

This Supplemental IS focuses on the potential environmental impacts associated with installation and operation of a supply well. Based on the proposed well location, adjacent to an existing barn, there are no additional impacts to aesthetic resources expected. This determination is consistent with the 2018 Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) completed to evaluate potential environmental impacts associated with the Stanislaus County Discretionary Well Permitting Program. The PEIR determined on a program level that permitting a well located in an unincorporated area of the County not governed by a Groundwater Management Plan or Groundwater Sustainability Plan has a less than significant impact on aesthetic resources.

Mitigation: None.

References:

Jacobson James & Associates, Inc. and Tetra Tech, Inc., 2018. *Final Program Environmental Impact Report for the Stanislaus County Discretionary Well Permitting and Management Program*. Prepared for Stanislaus County Department of Environmental Resources. June 11.

Stanislaus County Planning Commission, 2017. *Initial Study and Negative Declaration. Use Permit Application No. PLN2016-0132 – Robert Gioletti & Sons Dairy, Inc.* December 22.

II. AGRICULTURE AND FOREST RESOURCES: In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Department of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. In determining whether impacts to forest resources, including timberland, are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to information compiled by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection regarding the state's inventory of forest land, including the Forest and Range Assessment Project and the Forest Legacy Assessment project; and forest carbon measurement methodology provided in Forest Protocols adopted by the California Air Resources Board. -- 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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code section 51104(g))?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Discussion:

In 2017, the Stanislaus County Planning Department completed a IS to evaluate issuing a CUP for expanded dairy operations at the Site, and determined that impacts to agriculture and forest resources were less than significant. The 2017 IS noted that each of three parcels included in the proposed expansion is enrolled under a separate Williamson Act Contract (WAC Nos. 73-1422, 78-3118, and 78-3120), and the dairy expansion would not conflict with these contracts. Moreover, the 2017 IS determined that the dairy expansion would not result in any re-zoning, conversion of farmland to non-agricultural use, or conversion of forest land to non-forest use.

The project considered by this Supplemental IS proposes to install a groundwater supply well at the dairy operation. Impacts associated with the proposed project will not change the findings of the 2017 IS. Specifically, construction and operation of the proposed well will not conflict with existing zoning or Williamson Act contracts, or result in conversion of land from one use to another.

In summary, proposed project will have no impacts on agriculture or forest resources. These findings are consistent with the 2018 PEIR completed to evaluate potential impacts associated with the County's Discretionary Well Permitting Program.

Mitigation: None.

References:

Jacobson James & Associates, Inc. and Tetra Tech, Inc., 2018. Final Program Environmental Impact Report for the Stanislaus County Discretionary Well Permitting and Management Program. Prepared for Stanislaus County Department of Environmental Resources. June 11.

Stanislaus County Planning Commission, 2017. *Initial Study and Negative Declaration. Use Permit Application No. PLN2016-0132 – Robert Gioletti & Sons Dairy, Inc.* December 22.

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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is nonattainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Result in other emissions such as those leading to odors adversely affecting a substantial number of people?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Discussion: The 2017 IS prepared by the Stanislaus County Planning Department to evaluate potential impacts associated with issuing a CUP for expanded dairy operations at the Site determined that impacts to air quality are less than significant. Based on the CUP project information, the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD) completed an Ambient Air Quality Analysis (AAQA) and a Risk Management Review (RMR) for the project. The addition of the supply well would not increase the project emissions above the SJVAPCD thresholds for ambient air or toxic air contaminants (TACs), therefore, potential impacts related to the proposed project would remain less than significant.

The 2018 PEIR determined that construction and operation of wells under the County's Discretionary Well Permitting Program will result in less than significant impacts to air quality. These findings are applicable to the proposed project. As discussed in the 2018 PEIR, emissions associated with discretionary well projects would be well below SJVAPD thresholds of significance, as well as the localized impact screening thresholds.

Mitigation: None.

References:

Jacobson James & Associates, Inc. and Tetra Tech, Inc., 2018. Final Program Environmental Impact Report for the Stanislaus County Discretionary Well Permitting and Management Program. Prepared for Stanislaus County Department of Environmental Resources. June 11.

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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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Have a substantial adverse effect on state or federally protected wetlands (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Discussion: The 2017 IS determined that the proposed Dairy expansion would result in less than significant impacts to biological resources. Specifically, the 2017 IS indicated that the proposed expansion in operations would take place on property that was already developed, and would not conflict with an adopted policy, ordinance or plan.

As a conservative measure, a desktop biological analysis was completed for the proposed supply well project. According to the California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDB), there are no known occurrences of special status species within 1-mile of the proposed project. In addition, no rangeland would be converted as part of the proposed project. The proposed well would be installed in an existing unpaved parking area. Therefore, no additional surveys are required.

The installation of the proposed supply well would occur within the existing dairy and would not significantly change the operational noise levels or equipment movement on site. Therefore, it is assumed that any nests near the project area would be acclimated to the existing noise and equipment levels and the installation of the proposed supply well would not change these conditions.

Lastly, Formation Environmental prepared a Groundwater Resources Impact Assessment (GRIA) for the proposed project on behalf of the applicant (Attachment A). As discussed in the GRIA, the proposed well will withdraw water from the unconfined aquifer system, which may be a water source for groundwater dependent ecosystems (GDEs). The distance to predicted drawdown contour after 20 years of pumping is 15,500 feet. No potential GDEs were identified within this distance in the Natural Communities Commonly Associated with Groundwater (NCCAG) dataset of potential GDEs developed for the DWR by

The Nature Conservancy in cooperation with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. As such, impacts to GDEs and interconnected surface waters are not anticipated to be affected by the proposed well.

In summary, impacts to biological resources associate with the proposed project are expected to be less than significant.

Mitigation: None.

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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 § 15064.5?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to § 15064.5?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Discussion: The 2017 IS determined that the proposed dairy expansion would result in less than significant impacts to archeological and cultural resources. The addition of a supply well does not change this finding. The proposed well location is within an existing unpaved parking area and the area of ground disturbance is limited to an 18-inch well borehole. Due to the limited area of ground disturbance, the proposed project is unlikely to demolish, eliminate, or manipulate an historical or archaeological resource. As a conservative measure, the well construction permit will include a "halt work" requirement to be implemented in the unlikely event that a previously unidentified cultural resource is observed during drilling operations. Drilling would resume, or a new well location identified, as appropriate, pending investigation of the observed cultural resource by a qualified professional. This permit condition is in alignment with a mitigation measure included in the 2018 PEIR.

Mitigation: None

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VI. ENERGY:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Included	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Result in potentially significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources, during project construction or operation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Discussion: Construction of the proposed well would require fuel to power a drilling rig, pipe truck water truck, forklift, generators, compressors, pumps, light stands, de-sander, mud pit and support trucks for a duration of two to three weeks for well installation. Energy demands associated with construction of the proposed project would be limited and short term in nature. In addition, there are no unusual project characteristics that would necessitate the use of construction equipment that would be less energy-efficient than at comparable construction sites in other parts of the state.

Well operations would use energy to power electrical well pumps and occasional motor vehicle trips associated with periodic maintenance at the well site. In 2015, Governor Brown signed Senate Bill 350 (SB350) to codify climate, clean energy, and energy efficiency goals. SB350 focuses on the generation of energy through renewable sources and increasing the energy efficiency of buildings. The proposed project does not include new facilities or permanent structures, and the energy demand associated with operation of the proposed wells is limited. Therefore, the proposed project would not conflict with or obstruct SB350 for renewable energy or energy efficiency.

In summary, the proposed project is expected to result in a less than significant impact to Energy resources.

Mitigation: None

References:

California Legislative Information. 2015. SB-350 Clean Energy and Pollution Reduction Act of 2015. October. https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160SB350 (Accessed November 2019).

Stanislaus County Planning Commission, 2017. *Initial Study and Negative Declaration. Use Permit Application No. PLN2016-0132 – Robert Gioletti & Sons Dairy, Inc.* December 22.

VII. GEOLOGY AND SOILS -- Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Included	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Directly or indirectly cause potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
ii. Strong seismic ground shaking?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
iii. Seismic related ground failure, including liquefaction?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
iv. Landslides?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1 B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial direct or indirect risks to life or property?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f. Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Discussion: The 2017 IS determined that Geology and Soils impacts associated with the proposed Dairy expansion were less than significant provided that grading, drainage, and erosion/sediment control measures were implemented in accordance with plans submitted to and approved by Stanislaus County Public Works. Findings from the 2017 IS further indicated that the Dairy is not located near an active fault or within a high earthquake zone, and that landslides are not likely due to the flat terrain of the area.

This Supplemental IS pertains to a supply well located on one of the three parcels evaluated in the 2017 IS. Therefore, the less than significant findings that are solely based on the Dairy location apply to this supply well project. This is the case for checklist items "a", "d", "e", and "f" above. With respect to item "b", the proposed well will be constructed within the footprint of existing dairy operations, and will not result in substantial soil erosion or loss of topsoil. Item "c" is considered below and in the GRIA provided as Attachment A.

Land subsidence can occur when compressible clays are depressurized as a result of groundwater extraction, triggering water to flow from the clays into the surrounding aquifer, and ultimately causing consolidation of the clay under pressure from the overlying sediments. In general, most subsidence occurs when an aquifer is initially depressurized, but can

continue for months, or even years, after clays slowly dewater and adjust to the new pressure regime. If groundwater levels subsequently recover, subsidence generally does not resume (or does not progress as rapidly), until groundwater levels fall below historical low levels. Subsidence can occur especially in confined aquifer conditions, where the drawdown associated with groundwater extraction is greater than in unconfined aquifers. Subsidence in the San Joaquin Valley has occurred mainly when compressible clays are dewatered as a result of drawdown in the confined aquifer system beneath the Corcoran Clay to below historical low levels.

DWR has designated the entire Turlock Subbasin as having a moderate potential for future subsidence (DWR 2014), however, recent subsidence has only been reported further to the west in the Delta Mendota Subbasin. Approximately 2 inches of subsidence have been reported between 2005 and 2015 at continuous monitoring station P259 along State Route 33 near Marshall Road (NAVCO 2020), located approximately 7.6 mile west-southwest of the Dairy. This location represents the northern extent of an area of subsidence that extends southward into Merced County and increases in magnitude to the south. Most of the subsidence at P259 occurred between 2011 and 2015, when groundwater levels reached historical lows in the area, and no additional irrecoverable subsidence has been recorded at this location since groundwater levels began to recover in 2016. The total amount of subsidence recorded near at P259 is not reported to have resulted in damage to, or interfere with the proper functioning of, surface infrastructure. No subsidence has been reported in the area surrounding the dairy (DWR, 2020).

The new well will extract a relatively limited amount of water from the upper, unconfined aquifer system, which is less susceptible to subsidence than the confined aquifer system. The predicted drawdown associated with this extraction will be less than about 15 feet, and drawdown exceeding 5 feet will be limited to a relatively small area within approximately 880 feet of the proposed well. At the same time, the project will decrease the amount of groundwater extracted from, and drawdown effect in, the confined aquifer system. Given the limited amount of drawdown predicted to be associated with operation of the well, the fact that extraction will occur from the unconfined aquifer system, and the lack of reported subsidence near the Dairy during the recent drought, subsidence that substantially interferes with surface land uses and infrastructure is unlikely and no impacts are expected.

In summary, the proposed supply well project will have less than significant impacts on Geology and Soils.

Mitigation: None.

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Jacobson James & Associates, Inc. and Tetra Tech, Inc., 2018. Final Program Environmental Impact Report for the Stanislaus County Discretionary Well Permitting and Management Program. Prepared for Stanislaus County Department of Environmental Resources. June 11.

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VIII. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS -- Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Included	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Discussion: The 2017 IS determined that greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions impacts associated with the proposed Dairy expansion would be less than significant provided that the Dairy comply with USEPA GHG reporting requirements and implements any Best Management Practices (BMPs) adopted locally or by San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD) to reduce GHG emissions from dairy operations. The 2017 IS further indicated that a requirement for compliance with current and future GHG BMPs would be included as a condition in the CUP. The addition of the supply well would not change these findings and impacts would remain less than significant.

A less than significant finding is also consistent with the 2018 PEIR which determined that permitting wells in accordance with the County's Discretionary Well Permitting Program results in less than significant impacts to greenhouse gas emissions.

In summary, installation and operation of the proposed well will have less than significant impact on GHG emissions.

Mitigation: None

References:

Jacobson James & Associates, Inc. and Tetra Tech, Inc., 2018. Final Program Environmental Impact Report for the Stanislaus County Discretionary Well Permitting and Management Program. Prepared for Stanislaus County Department of Environmental Resources. June 11.

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IX. 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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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 or excessive noise for people residing or working in the project area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f) Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g) Expose people or structures, either directly or indirectly, to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Discussion: The 2017 IS concluded that no significant impacts associated with hazards or hazardous materials are anticipated to occur as a result of the Dairy expansion. The addition of the proposed supply well does not change this finding. It is also worth noting that the 2018 PEIR, which evaluated program level impacts associated with the County's Discretionary Well Permitting Program, also determined that hazards and hazardous material related impacts are less than significant.

Note: The above table reflect updates included in the 2019 version of Appendix G that were not included in the version of Appendix G in use for the 2017 IS or 2018 PEIR. Specifically, item "e" now specifies "excessive noise" as a consideration for projects located within an airport land use plan or within two miles of a public airport. The closest private airport to the Site is the Turlock Airpark, located approximately five miles to the east of the site. The nearest public airport is Modesto City-County Airport, approximately nine miles north. These criteria do not change the less than significant finding for this item.

In summary, impacts related to hazards and hazardous materials for the proposed project are presumed to be less than significant.

Mitigation: None.

References:

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X. 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 or otherwise substantially degrade surface or groundwater quality?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Substantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that the project may impede sustainable groundwater management of the basin?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river or through the addition of impervious surfaces, in a manner which would:				
i. result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ii. substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
iii. 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; or per IS <sig	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. In flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zones, risk release of pollutants due to project inundation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e. Conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Discussion: The 2017 IS determined that hydrology and water quality impacts associated with the proposed dairy expansion were less than significant. Based on the potential for the proposed supply well considered in this Supplemental IS to impact groundwater resources, each item in the above checklist is considered below and in the Groundwater Resources Impact Assessment (GRIA) completed by Formation Environmental on behalf of the applicant, and provided as Attachment A.

- a. **Would the project violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade surface or groundwater quality?** As detailed in the GRIA, groundwater quality in the confined aquifer system is relatively good, and there are no known zones of degraded groundwater identified in the vicinity of the site that could be mobilized by pumping of the proposed new well. The only identified release incident identified within one mile of the Dairy is located at the Hatch Milling Company Site, located approximately 2,500 feet southeast of the Dairy (Attachment A, Figure 2). The case was closed and a no-further-action letter was issued in 2004.

The proposed well will withdraw groundwater from the upper aquifer system, which could be affected by long-term agricultural land use in the area or potential leakage from the waste management containments associated with the Dairy, if such leakage were to occur. Waste Discharge Requirements issued by the RWQCB for the proposed Dairy

expansion are intended to prevent impacts to groundwater quality. In addition, the County will require a well sanitary seal extending to a depth of 100 feet in order to prevent potentially degraded shallow groundwater from being drawn deep er into the aquifer system by the proposed well.

- b. **Would the project substantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that the project may impede sustainable groundwater management of the basin?** Per the GRIA, Dairy operations are currently supplied water from two wells screened in the confined aquifer below the Corcoran Clay. These two wells are capable of producing groundwater between 160 to 170 gallons per minute (gpm)

The proposed well will be used to supplement the existing wells to meet the operation's water demand. The proposed well will be situated in the shallow unconfined aquifer above the Corcoran Clay and is anticipated to produce groundwater at 170 gpm. Annual groundwater extraction may also be entirely replaced by the proposed well, approximately 275 acre-feet per year. Drawdown estimates in the GRIA represent a conservative estimate of potential drawdown if the proposed well is used to supply all water for dairy operations, with a maximum predicted drawdown of 15.5 feet occurring at the well, and 5 feet of drawdown extending roughly 880 feet from the well. Therefore, the proposed project would not cause interference drawdown to existing wells or cause groundwater drawdown or storage depletion.

- c) **Would the project substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river or through the addition of impervious surfaces, in a manner which would:**

- i. **Result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site?** The proposed project involves the installation of one dairy supply well. The well will be located north of the dairy barn in an existing parking area. Electrical service will be extended to the well location. A temporary well construction work area will be established around the well site and all work and ground disturbance will take place within the footprint of the existing dairy operation in areas of previous ground disturbance. No substantial increase in the rate or amount of surface run off resulting in flooding or substantial erosion due to the construction of the well, on or off-site is anticipated.

Existing drainage patterns at the site are not anticipated to change based on the installation of the well or associated construction. Work areas for well installation are anticipated to be 50 ft x100 ft in an already disturbed area, and after construction the majority of the disturbed work area will return to its previous state. The addition of a small impervious surface at the borehole location is not anticipated to alter the drainage pattern in the area. The impact associated with item "i" is presumed to be less than significant.

- ii. **Substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site?** The proposed project is not expected to result in modifications to the existing drainage pattern, thus will not cause significant on- or off-site flooding. Therefore, impacts associated with item ii are presumed to be less than significant.

- iii. **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?** The 2018 PEIR determined that impacts associated with item iii above for wells permitted under the County's Discretionary Well

Permitting Program are less than significant. These findings are applicable to the proposed project. Therefore, impacts associated with item iii are presumed to be less than significant.

- d) **Would the project result in a flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zones, risk release of pollutants due to project inundation?** As summarized in the 2017 IS for a CUP to permit expanded Dairy operations, the Site is not located in a tsunami or seiche zone. The Site is located in an area identified by the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) as an Area of Minimal Flood Hazard. However, construction or operation of the proposed well does not present a risk with respect to the release of pollutants during a flood event, should one occur. Therefore, there is no impact with respect to this question.
- e) **Would the project conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan?** The proposed project does not conflict with any existing Groundwater Management Plan. However, the proposed well location is located within the jurisdiction area of the West Turlock Groundwater Sustainability Agency, which is in the process of developing a Groundwater Sustainability Plan, therefore sustainable groundwater management is considered below and in the GRIA (Attachment A) .

The long-term groundwater extraction associated with the proposed new well will be relatively limited. The average annual net water demand for Phase 1A that will be met by the well is at most 244 acre-feet/year (AFY), which is equivalent to a long-term pumping rate of 151 gpm, assuming that the entire Dairy water demand is met by pumping the new well. However, it is important to note that the water demand of the Dairy will not change, but will be shifted, in whole or in part, to the new well. This limited shifting in the CLIBP groundwater demand to supply Phase 1A will not result in less groundwater being available for future supply, insufficient availability of groundwater during dry periods, or a general increase in groundwater supply development costs.

Operation of the proposed new well will result in groundwater level drawdown in the unconfined aquifer ranging from approximately 5 to 15 feet within approximately 880 feet of the proposed well. No off-site wells are reported to be located within this radius (Figure 4). Such limited interference drawdown will not result in an observable decrease in well yield.

Based on the above information, Project impacts to groundwater supplies, aquifer volume, and lowering of the groundwater table will be less than significant.

Mitigation: None

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Federal Emergency Management Administration, 2020. FEMA Flood Map Service Center.
<https://msc.fema.gov/portal/search?AddressQuery=9769%20W.%20Main%20Street%2C%20Turlock%2C%20CA%2095380#searchresultsanchor>. Accessed December 2020.

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XI. 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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b. Cause a significant environmental impact due to a conflict with any land use plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Discussion: As discussed in the 2017 IS, the dairy expansion project site which includes the proposed supply well location is zoned A-2-40 (General Agriculture). The 2017 IS found that the dairy expansion would not conflict with any applicable land use plan or regulation and will not physically divide an established community. The addition of the proposed supply well does not change this determination. Further, a less than significant impact finding is consistent with the 2018 PEIR which determined on a program level that impacts to land use and planning associated with permitting a well in accordance with the County's discretionary well permitting program are less than significant effect.

Mitigation: None.

References:

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XII. 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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Discussion: As discussed in the 2017 IS, there are no known mineral resources at the project site. The area encompassing the proposed well site was designated as Mineral Resource Zone (MRZ)-3a in the Mineral Land Classification of Stanislaus County Special Report 173. A designation of MRZ-3a indicates an area containing known mineral occurrences of undetermined mineral resource significance and further exploration work within these areas could result in the reclassification of specific localities into MRZ-2a or MRZ-2b categories. In the event that mineral resources are located at the proposed project site, proposed project activities would not interfere with the potential extraction of a mineral resource. Further, the 2018 PEIR determined that construction and operation of wells in accordance with the County's Discretionary Well Permitting Program would not impact mineral resources. In summary, installation and operation of the proposed supply well does not warrant further consideration and there is no expected impact on mineral resources.

Mitigation: None

References:

California Department of Conservation, Division of Mines and Geology, 1993. Mineral Land Classification of Stanislaus County, California, Special Report 173. Higgins, C., Dupras, D. 1993.

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XIII. NOISE -- Would the project result in:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Included	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Generation of a substantial temporary or permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the vicinity of the project in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Generation of excessive ground-borne vibration or ground-borne noise levels?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c. For a project located within the vicinity of a private airstrip or an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Discussion:

The 2017 IS determined that construction of the dairy expansion would have a less than significant impact to noise. The potential impacts from the addition of the proposed supply well are addressed below.

The 2018 PEIR determined that construction or operation of wells under the County's Discretionary Well Permitting Program would have no impact related to item "b" in the checklist above. The no impact determination for item "b" applies to the proposed project.

The table above reflects updates included in the 2019 version of Appendix G that were not considered when the 2017 IS, or 2018 PEIR were completed. Specifically, item "c" was updated to include consideration of a project's proximity to a private airstrip. The closest private airport to the Site is the Turlock Airpark, located approximately five miles to the east of the site. The nearest public airport is Modesto City-County Airport, approximately nine miles north. Based on the distance to the closest private or public airports or airstrips, there is no expected impact pertaining to item "c".

Item "a" essentially combines two items included in the previous version of Appendix G that had considered ambient noise levels and local noise standards separately. The 2018 PEIR determined that impacts pertaining to increases in ambient noise levels and generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in a local plan or ordinance are less than significant if construction activities take place more than 200 feet from nearby sensitive receptors on non-agriculturally zoned parcels. The nearest potential receptor is approximately 600 feet from the proposed construction activities.

In summary, noise impacts associated with the proposed project are presumed to be less than significant.

Mitigation: None

References:

Jacobson James & Associates, Inc. and Tetra Tech, Inc., 2018. Final Program Environmental Impact Report for the Stanislaus County Discretionary Well Permitting and Management Program. Prepared for Stanislaus County Department of Environmental Resources. June 11.

Stanislaus County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan adopted October 6, 2016
http://www.stancounty.com/planning/agenda-aluc/draft_alucp.pdf (Accessed November 2019)

Stanislaus County Planning Commission, 2017. *Initial Study and Negative Declaration. Use Permit Application No. PLN2016-0132 – Robert Gioletti & Sons Dairy, Inc.* December 22.

XIV. POPULATION AND HOUSING -- Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Included	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Induce substantial unplanned population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Displace substantial numbers of existing people or housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Discussion: The 2017 IS concluded that the dairy expansion would not create significant service extensions or new infrastructure which could be considered as growth inducing. The proposed supply well would be consistent with these findings. No housing or persons would be displaced by the dairy expansion or the proposed supply well.

A less than significant determination is also consistent with the 2018 PEIR finding that that construction and operation of wells under the County's Discretionary Well Permitting Program will have a less than significant impact on population growth and no impact on displacement of homes. In summary, impacts to population and housing are presumed to be less than significant and do not warrant further consideration.

Mitigation: None.

References:

Jacobson James & Associates, Inc. and Tetra Tech, Inc., 2018. Final Program Environmental Impact Report for the Stanislaus County Discretionary Well Permitting and Management Program. Prepared for Stanislaus County Department of Environmental Resources. June 11.

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XV. PUBLIC SERVICES	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Included	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Would the project result in the 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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Police protection?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Schools?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Parks?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other public facilities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Discussion:

The 2017 IS determined that expanding Dairy operations would have a less than significant impact on public services. Specifically, the 2017 IS noted that the County adopted Public Facilities Fees, as well as a Fire Facility Fee, to address impacts to public services. Such fees are required to be paid at the time of building permit issuance. Further the Dairy expansion project was circulated to all applicable school, fire, police, irrigation, and public works departments and districts during the early consultation referral period and no concerns were identified with regard to public services. The Turlock Irrigation District (TID) did request that any project activity conforms to Turlock Irrigation District standards.

The 2018 PEIR also determined that construction and operation of wells permitted under the County's Discretionary Well Permitting Program would result in less than significant impacts to the public services.

Construction and operation of the proposed well will not result in impacts not addressed in the 2017 IS or 2018 PEIR. Therefore, potential impacts to public services associated with the proposed project are presumed to be less than significant and do not warrant further consideration.

Mitigation: None

References:

Jacobson James & Associates, Inc. and Tetra Tech, Inc., 2018. Final Program Environmental Impact Report for the Stanislaus County Discretionary Well Permitting and Management Program. Prepared for Stanislaus County Department of Environmental Resources. June 11.

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XVI. RECREATION –	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Included	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Discussion:

As discussed in the 2017 IS, the dairy expansion would not increase demands for recreation facilities. Similarly, the proposed supply well would not affect recreation facilities. This determination is also consistent with the 2018 PEIR which determined that construction and operation of wells under the County's Discretionary Well Permitting Program has a less than significant impact on use of existing recreational facilities and not result in additional recreational facilities. In summary, potential impacts to recreation resources associated with the proposed project are presumed to be less than significant and do not warrant further consideration.

Mitigation: None.

References:

Jacobson James & Associates, Inc. and Tetra Tech, Inc., 2018. Final Program Environmental Impact Report for the Stanislaus County Discretionary Well Permitting and Management Program. Prepared for Stanislaus County Department of Environmental Resources. June 11.

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XVII. TRANSPORTATION -- Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Included	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Conflict with a program, plan, ordinance or policy addressing the circulation system, including transit roadway, bicycle and pedestrian facilities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b. Would the project conflict or be inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines section 15064.3, subdivision (b)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c. Substantially increase hazards due to a geometric design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d. Result in inadequate emergency access?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Discussion:

As discussed in the 2017 IS, impacts to traffic from the expansion of the dairy would be less than significant. The addition of the proposed supply well would not change these findings.

In addition, findings from the 2018 PE indicate that the construction and operation of wells under the County's Discretionary Well Permitting Program would have no impact related to transportation resources. The proposed project is consistent with these findings.

Note: Items "a" through "d" included in the above table reflect 2019 updates to Appendix G. Updates included deleting two questions and simplifying item "b". These updates do not change the determination that the proposed project would have no impact on transportation, and no further evaluation of this resource area is warranted.

Mitigation: None

References:

Jacobson James & Associates, Inc. and Tetra Tech, Inc., 2018. Final Program Environmental Impact Report for the Stanislaus County Discretionary Well Permitting and Management Program. Prepared for Stanislaus County Department of Environmental Resources. June 11.

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XVIII. TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES -- Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Included	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource, defined in Public Resources Code section 21074 as either a site, feature, place, cultural landscape that is geographically defined in terms of the size and scope of the landscape, sacred place, or object with cultural value to a California Native American tribe, and that is:				
a. Listed or eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources, or in a local register of historical resources as defined in Public Resources Code section 5020.1(k), or	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. A resource determined by the lead agency, in its discretion and supported by substantial evidence, to be significant pursuant to criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code Section 5024.1. In applying the criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code Section 5024.1, the lead agency shall consider the significance of the resource to a California Native American tribe.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Discussion:

The version of CEQA Appendix G in use when the 2017 IS was completed did not include a separate section to address potential impacts to Tribal Cultural Resources. Therefore, the items above are addressed specifically in this section.

The proposed project would be located within an existing unpaved parking area and the only ground disturbance would be the 18-inch well borehole. Due to the limited ground disturbance, the proposed project would not have the potential to cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource. As part of the permit conditions of approval for the proposed project, if previously unidentified archeological, historical, or paleontological resources, or human remains are observed during well drilling operations, work would be halted and a qualified archaeologist, historian, or paleontologist will review the observation. Therefore, potential impacts to tribal resources would be less than significant.

Mitigation: None

References:

Jacobson James & Associates, Inc. and Tetra Tech, Inc., 2018. Final Program Environmental Impact Report for the Stanislaus County Discretionary Well Permitting and Management Program. Prepared for Stanislaus County Department of Environmental Resources. June 11.

Stanislaus County Planning Commission, 2017. *Initial Study and Negative Declaration. Use Permit Application No. PLN2016-0132 – Robert Gioletti & Sons Dairy, Inc.* December 22.

IXX. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS -- Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Included	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Require or result in the relocation or construction of new or expanded water, wastewater treatment or storm water drainage, electric power, natural gas, or telecommunications facilities, the construction or relocation of which could cause significant environmental effects?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b. Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project and reasonably foreseeable future development during normal, dry and multiple dry years?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d. Generate solid waste in excess of State or local standards, or in excess of the capacity of local infrastructure, or otherwise impair the attainment of solid waste reduction goals?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e. Comply with federal, state, and local management and reduction statutes and regulations related to solid waste?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Discussion: The 2017 IS concludes that potential impacts to utilities and service systems from the expansion of the dairy would result in a less than significant impact. The addition of the proposed supply well would not change the findings for items "a", "c", "d", or "e" in the checklist above. Additional consideration is given to item "b" below and in the GRIA prepared by Formation Environmental, provided as Attachment A.

Chapter 9.37 of the Stanislaus County Code requires that: (1) groundwater quality and quantity are adequate and will not be adversely impacted by the cumulative amount of development and uses allowed in the area; (2) the proposed use will not cause or exacerbate an overdraft condition in a groundwater basin or subbasin; and (3) the proposal not result in groundwater overdraft, land subsidence, or saltwater intrusion. In addition, groundwater use must not result in critical reduction in flow in directly connected surface waters or adverse impacts to groundwater dependent ecosystems. The previous sections of this report provide substantial evidence that these requirements of the Stanislaus County Groundwater Ordinance have been met, and that sufficient groundwater supplies are available for extraction by the proposed new well to supply the Dairy expansion project under both normal and extreme drought conditions. In addition, the Dairy is not located in an adjudicated basin, and based on the available data it is unlikely the local Groundwater Sustainability Agency will need to regulate groundwater extraction in this area to implement its pending GSP. Therefore, there is no foreseeable regulation of groundwater that would limit the ability of the proposed new well to supply of the Dairy. The Dairy would be able to extract groundwater for beneficial use on its property under an overlying groundwater right. No new entitlements would be required, and the Project would therefore have no impact.

In summary, impacts to utilities and service systems associated with the proposed project are less than significant, and no further consideration of this resource area is warranted.

Mitigation: None.

References:

Jacobson James & Associates, Inc. and Tetra Tech, Inc., 2018. Final Program Environmental Impact Report for the Stanislaus County Discretionary Well Permitting and Management Program. Prepared for Stanislaus County Department of Environmental Resources. June 11.

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XX. WILDFIRE – Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Included	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Substantially impair an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b. Due to slope, prevailing winds, and other factors, exacerbate wildfire risks, and thereby expose project occupants to, pollutant concentrations from a wildfire or the uncontrolled spread of a wildfire?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c. Require the installation or maintenance of associated infrastructure (such as roads, fuel breaks, emergency water sources, power lines or other utilities) that may exacerbate fire risk or that may result in temporary or ongoing impacts to the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d. Expose people or structures to significant risks, including downslope or downstream flooding or landslides, as a result of runoff, post-fire slope instability, or drainage changes?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Discussion: State Responsibility Areas are boundaries adopted by the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection. These designated State Responsibility Areas are areas where the California Department of Forestry and Fire (CAL FIRE), has a financial responsibility for fire suppression and prevention. These designated areas can be determined through review of the Stanislaus County Fire Hazard Severity Zone Maps for State Responsibility Area and Local Responsibility Area (CAL FIRE, 2007a and 2007b). Review of the Stanislaus County Fire Hazard Severity Zone Maps for State Responsibility Area and Local Responsibility Area indicate the proposed project is located in a Local Responsibility Area.

The proposed project would not impair an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan. The Project location is not in a State Responsibility Area or lands classified as very high fire hazard severity zones; the nearest is located within the coastal range, approximately 20 miles west of the proposed project. Routine BMPs for construction activities address fire prevention methods such as:

- Restricting vehicles from driving or parking on dry vegetation during fire sensitive times of the year; and,
- Wetting dry areas before commencing activities, and wetting throughout the day, as appropriate, during fire sensitive times of the year.

The proposed project would not require the installation or maintenance of associated infrastructure (such as fuel breaks, emergency water sources, power lines, or other utilities) that may exacerbate fire risk or that may result in temporary or ongoing impacts to the environment and would not impair an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan. The proposed project would not expose people or structures to significant risks, including downslope or downstream flooding or landslides, as a result of runoff, post-fire slope instability, or drainage changes. Based on these findings, there would be no impact.

Mitigation: None.

References:

California Department of Forestry and Fire (CAL FIRE), 2007a. Stanislaus County Fire Hazard Severity Zone Maps in State Responsibility Area. November 7. <https://osfm.fire.ca.gov/divisions/wildfire-prevention-planning-engineering/wildland-hazards-building-codes/fire-hazard-severity-zones-maps/> (Accessed November 13, 2019).

Cal Fire, 2007b. Stanislaus County Draft Fire Hazard Severity Zones in Local Responsibility Area. October 3. <https://osfm.fire.ca.gov/divisions/wildfire-prevention-planning-engineering/wildland-hazards-building-codes/fire-hazard-severity-zones-maps/> (Accessed November 13, 2019).

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XXI. 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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Discussion: Based on the evidence provided in this Supplemental Initial Study, potential impacts related to mandatory findings of significance that are associated with the proposed project are presumed to be less than significant.

Per the GRIA provided as Attachment A, the long-term groundwater extraction associated with the proposed new well will be relatively limited. The average annual net water demand that will be met by the well is at most 244 acre-feet/year (AFY), which is equivalent to a long-term pumping rate of 151 gpm, assuming that the entire Dairy water demand is met by pumping the new well. However, the water demand of the Dairy will not change, but will be shifted, in whole or in part, to the new well. This limited shifting in the groundwater demand to supply the dairy will not result in less groundwater being available for future supply, insufficient availability of groundwater during dry periods, or a general increase in groundwater supply development costs. No cumulative impacts are anticipated due to the proposed project.

Furthermore, findings from the 2018 PEIR indicate that construction and operation of wells under the County's Discretionary Well Permitting Program has a less than significant impact on mandatory findings of significance. These findings apply to the proposed project. Therefore, potential impacts to mandatory findings of significance associated with the proposed project are presumed to be less than significant and do not warrant further consideration.

Mitigation: None.

References:

Jacobson James & Associates, Inc. and Tetra Tech, Inc., 2018. Final Program Environmental Impact Report for the Stanislaus County Discretionary Well Permitting and Management Program. Prepared for Stanislaus County Department of Environmental Resources. June 11.

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