

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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Referral Early Consultation

Date: January 13, 2023

To: Distribution List (See Attachment A)

From: Jeremy Ballard, Senior Planner

Planning and Community Development

Subject: USE PERMIT APPLICATION NO. PLN2022-0122 - EMPIRE HEALTH AND

WELLNESS

Respond By: January 30, 2023

****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: Empire Health & Wellness

Project Location: 4275 Yosemite Boulevard (SR 132), between A Street and B Street, in the

Community of Empire.

APN: 133-012-005

Williamson Act

Contract: N/A

General Plan: Commercial

Current Zoning: General Commercial (C-2)

Project Description: This is a request to obtain a Use Permit to allow operation of an existing retail commercial cannabis business with delivery services, within an existing 3,720 square-foot building, in the General Commercial (C-2) zoning district. In accordance with County Code Section 6.78.120(A)(6)(c)(i), the applicant is also requesting a waiver to the required 200-foot setback from adjacent residences.

Hours of operation are proposed to be seven days a week, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The business will include a maximum of seven employees per shift, with up to two shifts. The applicant anticipates a total of two supply deliveries to the site per day and up to 150 sales deliveries to customers per day. Additionally, the applicant proposes site improvements such as: removal of five existing parking stalls within the SR 132 right-of-way, reconfiguration of the existing parking

lot by repaving and restriping to develop a total of 19 parking stalls, construction of sidewalk along the A Street and SR 132 frontage, construction of an 8-foot-tall masonry wall along the northern property line, development of a valley gutter stormwater capture system within the parking lot, and installation of landscaping along both street frontages. The project site is served by the City of Modesto with public water and sewer services and is located within Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) adopted Sphere of Influence (SOI) of the City of Modesto.

The project was originally approved by the Board of Supervisors on October 19, 2019, under Use Permit (UP) and Development Agreement (DA) Application No. PLN2018-0115 – Empire Health and Wellness. Conditions of Approval for UP and DA No. PLN2018-0115 required completion of site and building improvements no later than December 31, 2020. The applicant did not complete these improvements by this deadline; thus, the Use Permit is now expired and a new use permit is required to be obtained to allow for the continued operation of the business.

Full document with attachments available for viewing at: http://www.stancounty.com/planning/pl/act-projects.shtm



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USE PERMIT APPLICATION NO. PLN2022-0122 – EMPIRE HEALTH AND WELLNESS Attachment A

Distribution List

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	CA DEPT OF CONSERVATION Land Resources	Х	STAN CO ALUC
Χ	CA DEPT OF FISH & WILDLIFE		STAN CO ANIMAL SERVICES
	CA DEPT OF FORESTRY (CAL FIRE)	Χ	STAN CO BUILDING PERMITS DIVISION
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	CA STATE LANDS COMMISSION	Χ	STAN CO ERC
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	CENTRAL VALLEY FLOOD PROTECTION	Χ	STAN CO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS
Χ	CITY OF: MODESTO		STAN CO PARKS & RECREATION
	COMMUNITY SERVICES DIST:	Х	STAN CO PUBLIC WORKS
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	COUNTY OF:	Х	STAN CO SHERIFF
	DER GROUNDWATER RESOURCES DIVISION	Х	STAN CO SUPERVISOR DIST 5: CONDIT
Х	FIRE PROTECTION DIST: STANISLAUS CONSOLIDATED	Х	STAN COUNTY COUNSEL
Х	GSA: STANISLAUS & TUOLUMNE		StanCOG
	HOSPITAL DIST:	Х	STANISLAUS FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU
Χ	IRRIGATION DIST: MID	Χ	STANISLAUS LAFCO
Х	MOSQUITO DIST: EASTSIDE		STATE OF CA SWRCB DIVISION OF DRINKING WATER DIST. 10
X	STANISLAUS COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES		SURROUNDING LANDOWNERS
Х	MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL: EMPIRE		INTERESTED PARTIES
Χ	PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC	Χ	TELEPHONE COMPANY: AT&T
	POSTMASTER:		TRIBAL CONTACTS (CA Government Code §65352.3)
Х	RAILROAD: MODESTO & EMPIRE TRACTION		US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
Х	SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY APCD		US FISH & WILDLIFE
Х	SCHOOL DIST 1: EMPIRE UNION		US MILITARY (SB 1462) (7 agencies)
Х	SCHOOL DIST 2: MODESTO UNION		USDA NRCS
	WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT	Х	CA DEPARTMENT OF CANNABIS CONTROL
Х	STAN CO AG COMMISSIONER		
	TUOLUMNE RIVER TRUST		
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STANISLAUS COUNTY CEQA REFERRAL RESPONSE FORM

TO:	Stanislaus County Planning & Community Development 1010 10 th Street, Suite 3400 Modesto, CA 95354					
FROM:						
SUBJECT:	USE PERMIT APPLICATION NO. PLN2022-0122 - EMPIRE HEALTH AND WELLNESS					
Based on this project:	s agency's partic	cular field(s) of expertise, it is o	our position the above described			
		significant effect on the environi nificant effect on the environmen				
capacity, soil to the following forms of the	are possible mitic E WHEN THE M	etc.) – (attach additional sheet i	sted impacts: PLEASE BE SURE NEEDS TO BE IMPLEMENTED A BUILDING PERMIT, ETC.):			
Response pre	pared by:					
Name		Title	Date			

UP PLN2022-0122

AREA MAP

LEGEND

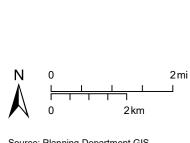
Project Site

Sphere of Influence

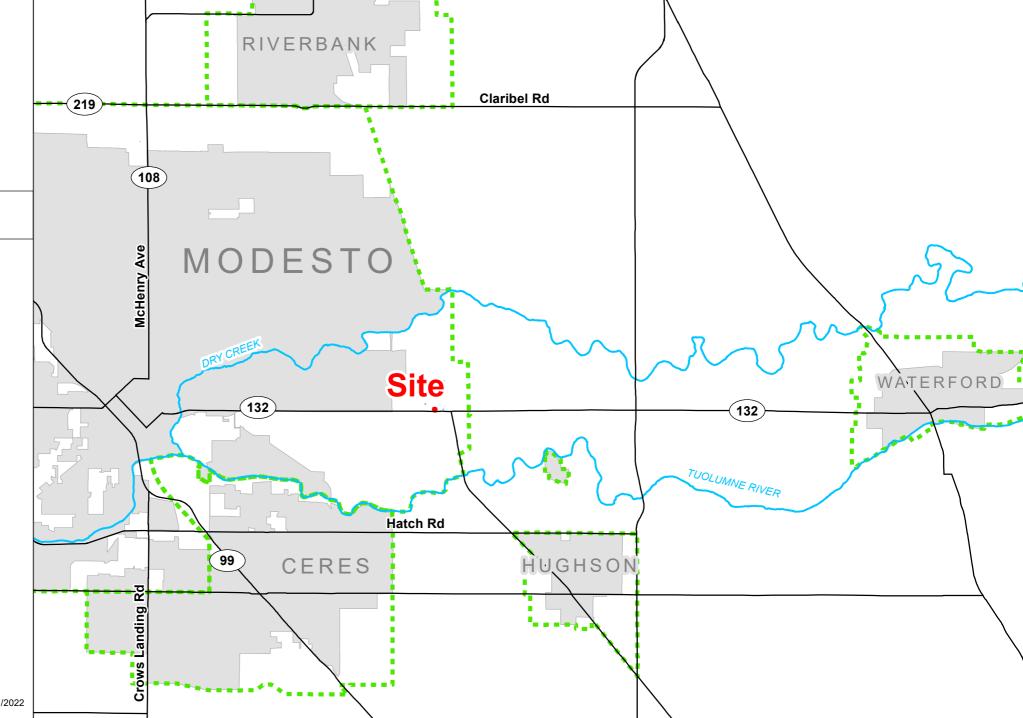
City

Road

River



Source: Planning Department GIS Date: 10/31/2022



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GENERAL PLAN MAP

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Project Site

Parcel

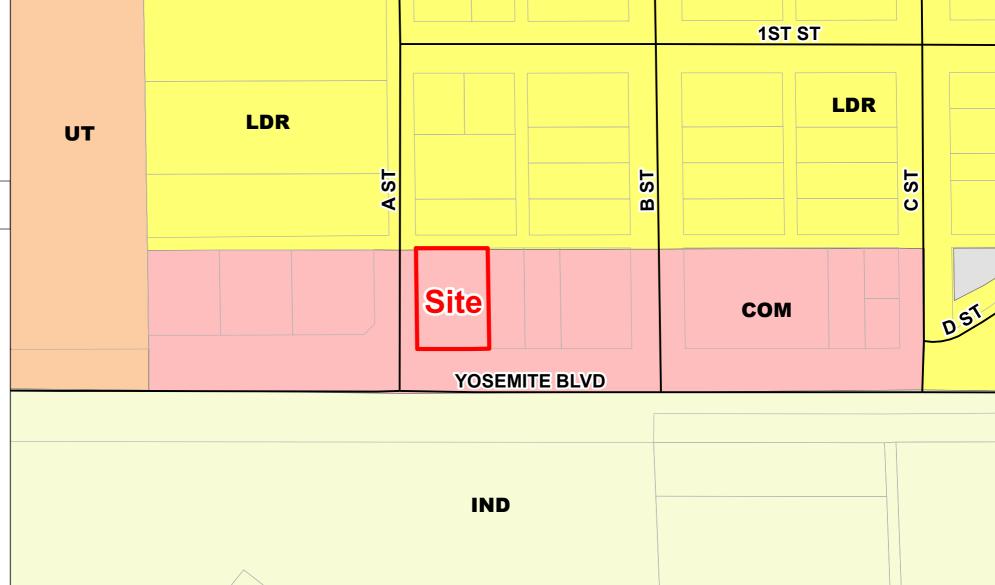
Road

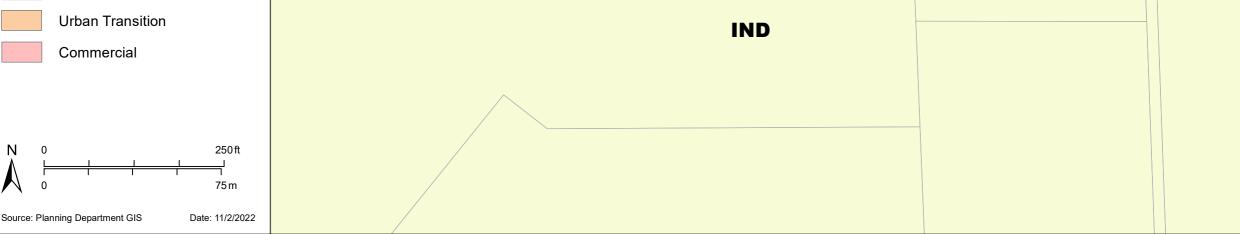
General Plan

Low Density Residential

Industiral







UP PLN2022-0122

ZONING MAP

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Project Site

City of

Parcel

Road

Zoning Designation

General Agriculture 10 Acre

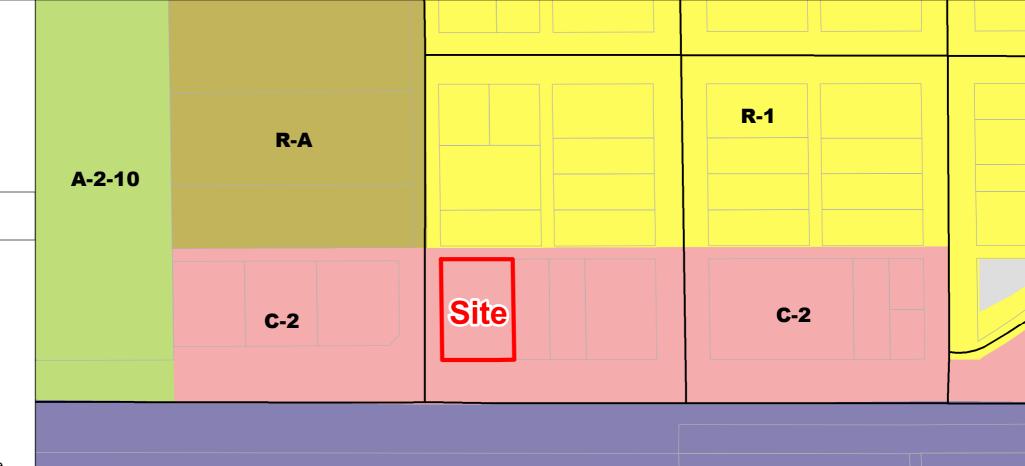
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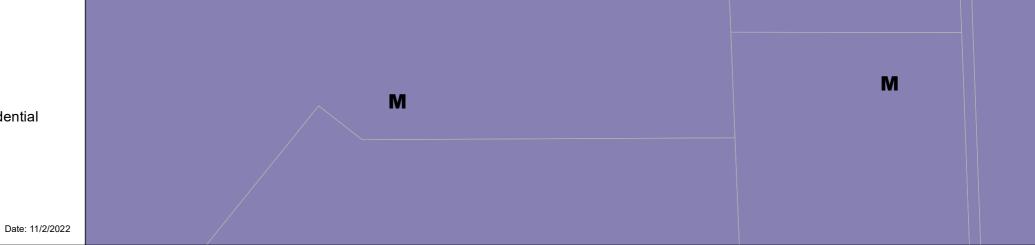
Rural Residential

Commercial

Source: Planning Department GIS

Single Family Residential





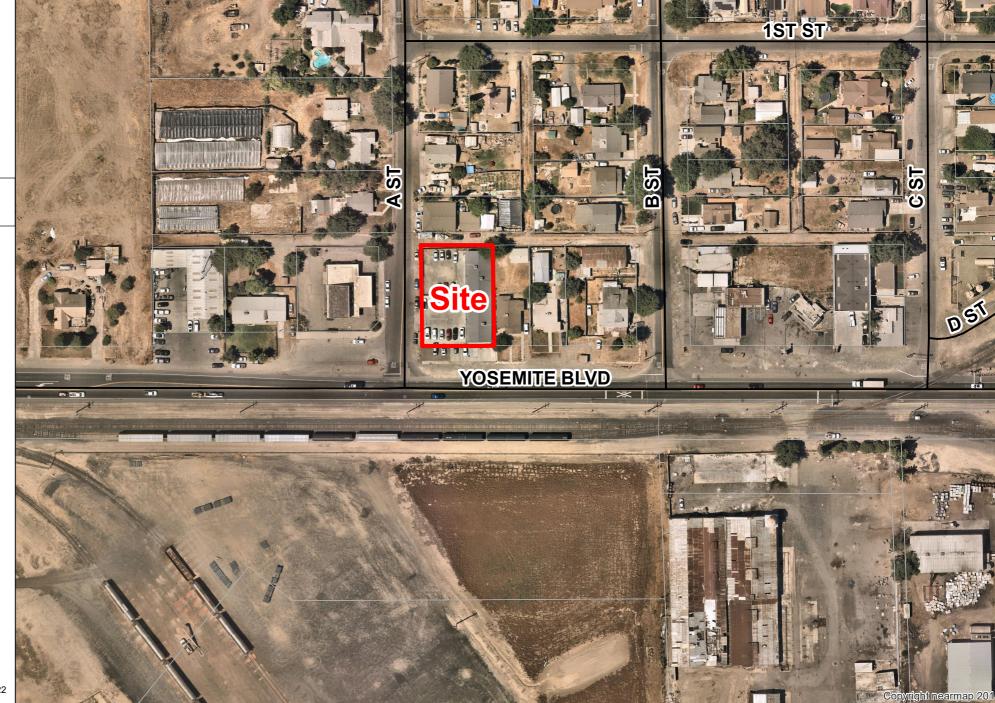
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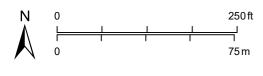
2022 AERIAL AREA MAP

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Road





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2022 AERIAL SITE MAP

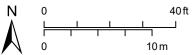
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Project Site

Road

Canal

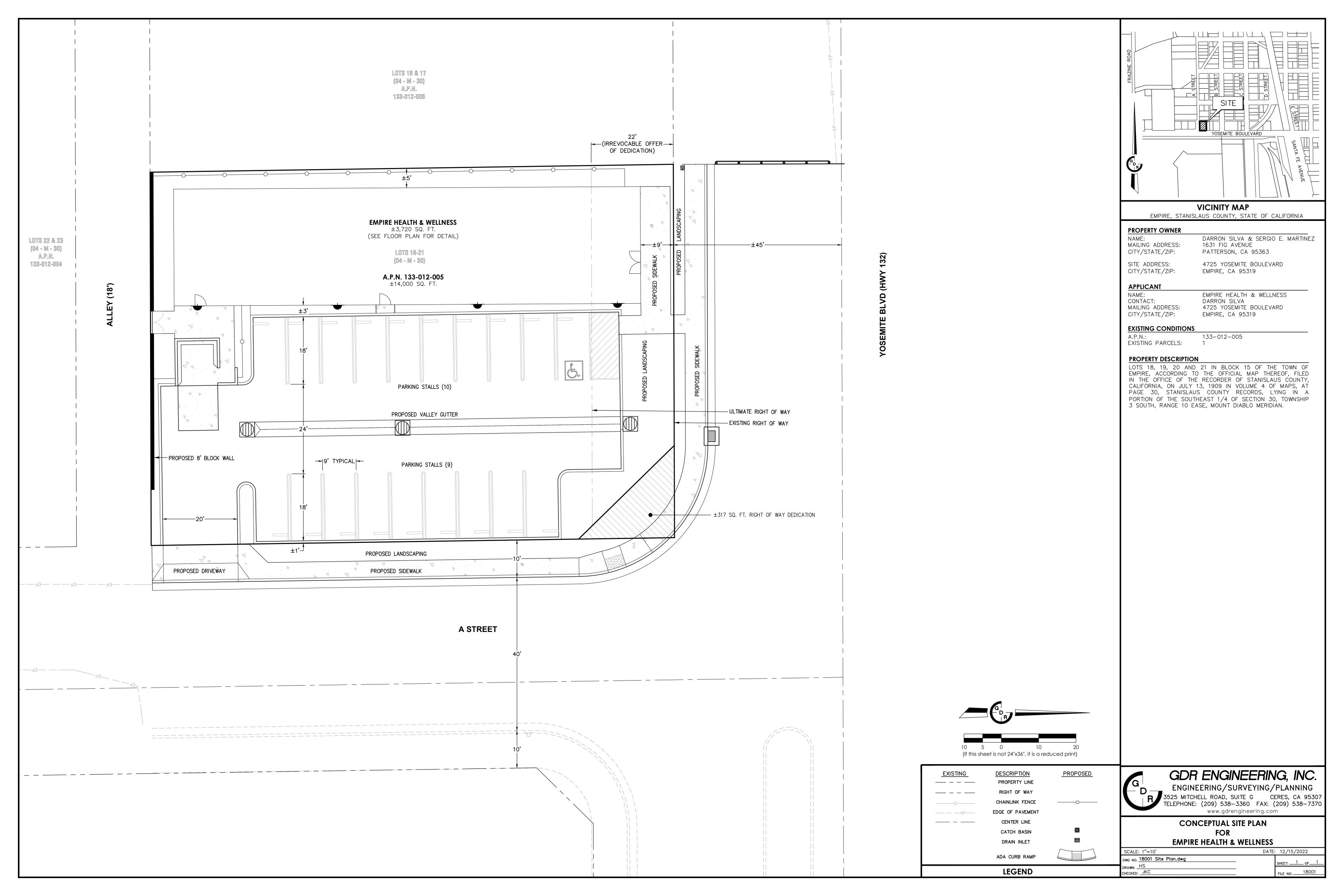


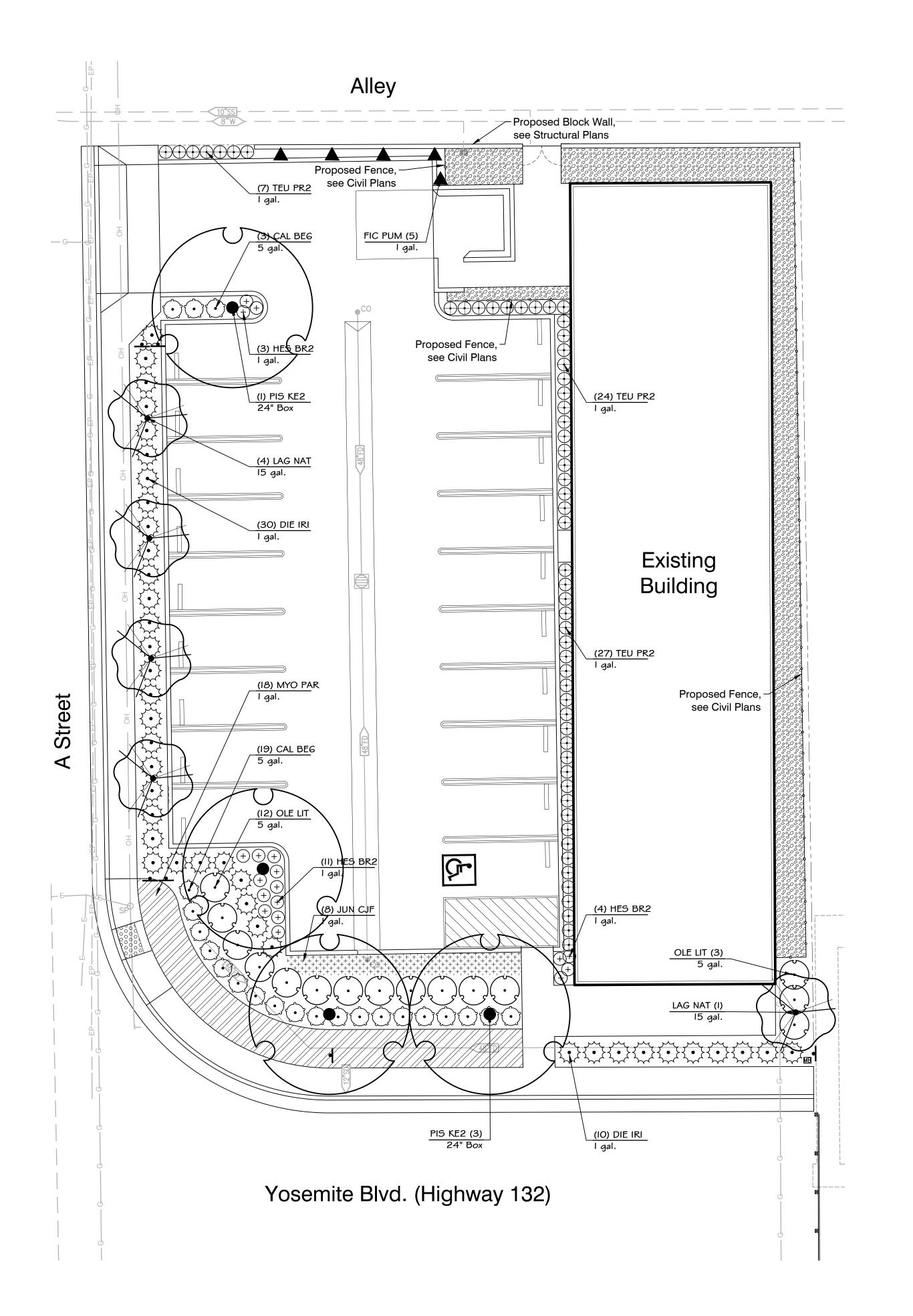


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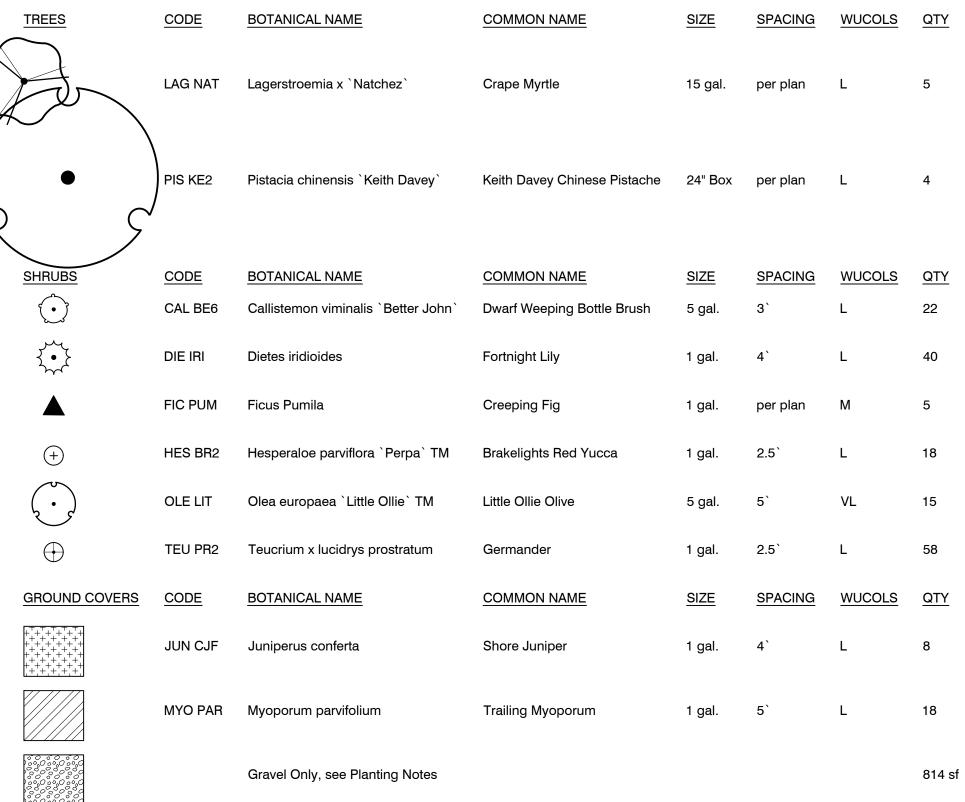
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Planting Legend:



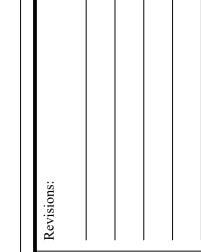
Planting Notes:

- . Before beginning work, Contractor shall inspect the site. If any conditions existing that differ from what is shown on the plans and will affect Contractor's work, notify the owner or Landscape Architect immediately.
- 2. When fine grading, Contractor is to be sure that water cannot pool against buildings or fences. 3. The Contractor shall furnish the City and owner with a landscape soils report from A&L Western Lab in Modesto (209) 529-4080, or equal. The Contractor is to follow the recommendations in accordance with the Model Water Efficiency Landscape Ordinance. All landscape areas are to be amended with compost (9 yards per 1,000 square feet, or approximately 3" deep) before planting. Rototill all planting areas at least 9" deep. Soil amendments and fertilizer shall be based on the soil fertility test and the recommendations from the reputable soil testing laboratory.
- 4. Gravel areas are to be installed in areas shown on plan. Excavate gravel areas at least 3". Line area with landscape fabric (not sheet plastic) and overlap seams by at least 6". Secure with U-pins at least every 2' along seams. Fill area with gravel at least 3" deep, ensuring that all fabric is covered completely. Provide owner with gravel sample prior to buying or installing gravel.
- Edge Myoporum area with steel edging, Permaloc in Bronze color, or equal. Install per detail, sheet L3.
- 6. Contractor to submit 2 photos of each plant (photo of entire plans, plus close-up of plant tag) to the Landscape Architect for approval prior to installation.
- Weed and weed seeds, both existing and potential, are to be addressed at all planting areas. Contractor to use a pre-emergent herbicide throughout the entire project area. All additives and herbicides selected must be safe for animals and young children. If any concerns arise, Contractor is to bring them to the attention of the Landscape Architect or Owner.
- 8. Place 3" of brown bark chip mulch in all planting areas. Replenish the mulch at the end of the maintenance period so that there it is at least 3" deep.
- 9. Trees with cut or broken central leader shall be rejected.
- 10. All plant material is to be of the highest quality, in healthy condition, and of a size expected of the species and container size.
- 11. Wherever trees are within 7' of a paved surface, root barriers are to be used at back of paving. The root barrier is to to be installed linear against the curb or walk at 1" below adjacent finished grades. The gap between the barrier and paved surface shall be backfilled with soil. Use 4 24" DeepRoot panels at each paved
- 12. Contractor to verify quantities listed. Plant quantities are provided as a convenience only. If there is a discrepancy between the quantities provided and what is
- shown on the plans, then Contractor is to refer to the plans. 13. Add OMRI - certified fertilizer tablets to each tree or shrub when planting in the following quantities:
- 1 gallon 1 tablet, 5 gallon 3 tablets, 15 gallon 5 tablets, 24" box 7 tablets
- 14. The backfill mix for tree and shrub pits must use the following: 1 part compost to 2 parts native soil.
- 15. Contractor is responsible to notify the City prior to work commencement and to set up an inspection schedule. 16. Contractor is to maintain all landscape work for 60 days after the landscape has been accepted by the City of Modesto.
- 17. All work is to be guaranteed by the installing Contractor for one (1) full calendar year after acceptance by Owner unless specified otherwise.

MWELO Note:

Changes to the approved plans or field substitutions shall not be permitted without prior written approval from the Landscape Architect and the City of Modesto Parks, Planning and Development Division. If the owner/contractor deviates from the approved plan without prior written approval they will be required to make any corrections, at their own expense, to bring the landscape and irrigation into compliance with the approved plans and the State Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance.





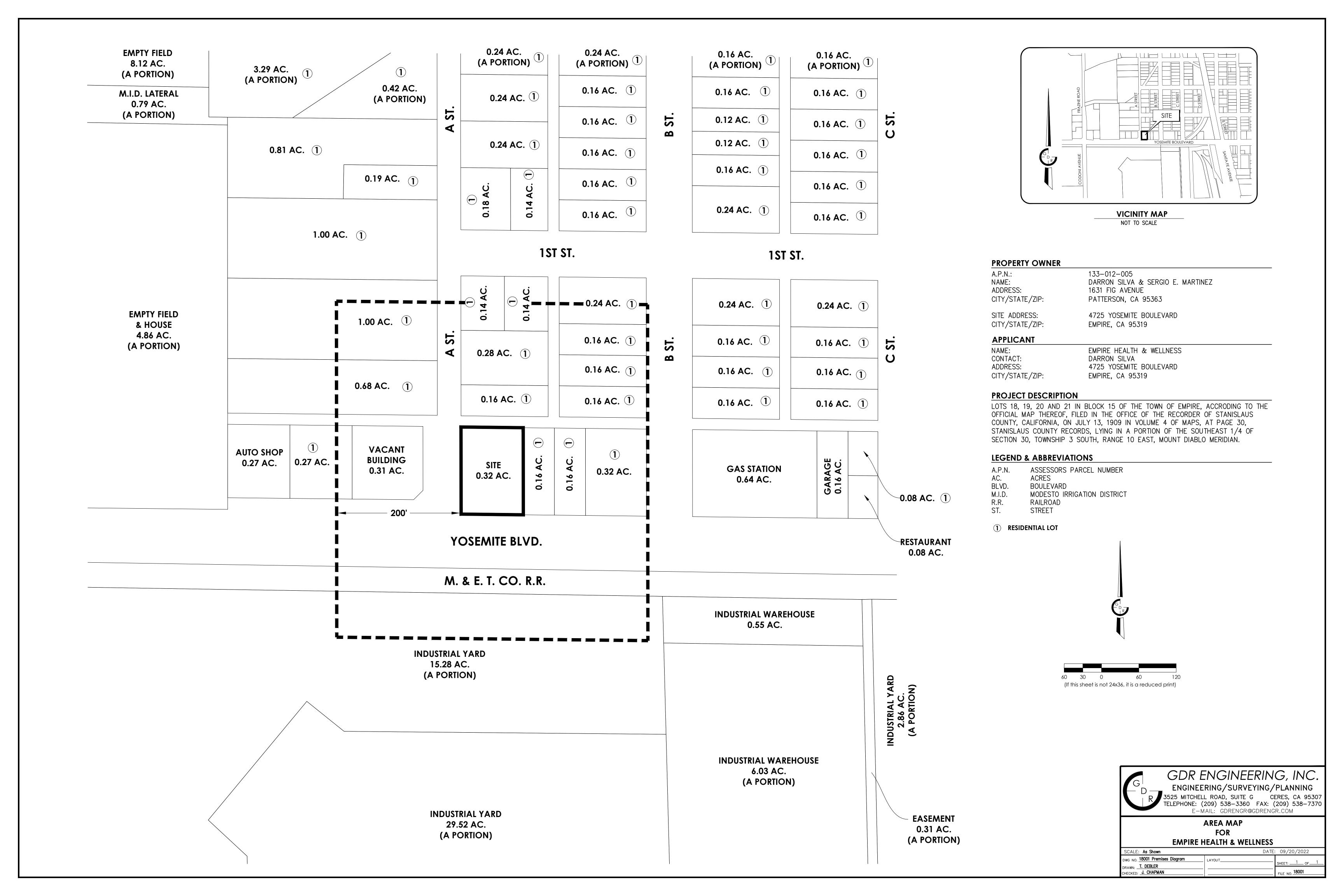


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1"=20-'0"

1-24-20 Drawn:

Sheet Number:



Sign Plan



SOUTH BUILDING ELEVATION

FRONT ENTRY

EMPIRE HEALTH AND WELLNESS 4725 YOSEMITE BOULEVARD, EMPIRE, CA 95319

"CALI KOSHER" SIGN DIMENSIONS: 54" (WIDTH) x 54" (HEIGHT)

STREET NUMBER DIMENSIONS: 45" (WIDTH) x 18" (HEIGHT)



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Form Available Online: http://www.stancounty.com/planning/applications.shtm

APPLICATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Please Check all applicable boxes			PLANNING STAFF USE ONLY:				
APPLICATION FOR:	Application No(s): PLN 2022-0122						
Staff is available to assist you with detern	Date: 1010122						
☐ General Plan Amendment	П	Subdivision Map	s 30 T 3 R 10				
		•	GP Designation: Commercial				
		Parcel Map	Zoning: <u>6-2</u> Fee: <u>35,29500</u>				
⊠ Use Permit		Exception	Receipt No.				
☐ Variance		Williamson Act Cancellation	Received By: _\subseteq \text{\$\infty}				
☐ Historic Site Permit		Other	Notes:				
application, staff has 30 days to determine if the application is complete. We typically do not take the full 30 days. It may 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.							
PROJECT INFORMATION							
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: (Describe the project in detail, including physical features of the site, proposed improvements, proposed uses or business, operating hours, number of employees, anticipated customers, etc. – Attach additional sheets as necessary) *Please note: A detailed project description is essential to the reviewing process of this request. In order to approve a project, the Planning Commission or the Board of Supervisors must decide whether there is enough information available to be able to make very specific statements about the project. These statements are called "Findings". It is your responsibility as an applicant to provide enough information about the proposed project, so that staff can recommend that the Commission or the Board make the required Findings. Specific project Findings are shown on pages 17 – 19 and can be used as a guide for preparing your project description. (If you are applying for a Variance or Exception, please contact staff to discuss special requirements). See attached "Project Description"							

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.

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ASSESSOR'S PARCEL	NUMBER(S):	Book	133	Page	012	Parcel	005
Additional parcel numbers: Project Site Address or Physical Location:			<u> </u>				
Property Area:	Acres:	or	Square	feet:	14,000		
Current and Previous Land Us	se: (Explain exist	ting and previou	us land use	(s) of site	for the last te	n years)	
General Commercial;	Commercial	Cannabis R	Retail Bus	siness			
List any known previous pr project name, type of project, and USE PERMIT AND DEV	date of approval)					•	
Existing General Plan & Zon	ing: General	Plan: Gene	eral Comi	mercia	; Zoning:	C-2	
Proposed General Plan & Zo (if applicable)	oning:						
ADJACENT LAND USE direction of the project site)	: (Describe adj	acent land use	es within 1,	320 feet	(1/4 mile) ar	nd/or two pa	rcels in each
East: General Plan: Ge	eneral Comm	nercial; Zon	ing: C-2				
West: General Plan: Ge	eneral Comm	nercial; Zon	ing: C-2	,			
North: General Plan: Si	ngle Family l	Residential	; Zoning:	: R-1			
South: General Plan: In	dustrial; Zon	ing: M					
WILLIAMSON ACT CON	ITRACT:						
Yes □ No 🗵		currently unde					
	If yes, has a N	otice of Non-Re	enewal bee	n filed?			
	Doto Filod:						

Yes D No	o 🗆	Do you propo	se to cancel any p	ortion of the Co	intract?	
Yes 🔲 No	。 口					easements affecting the son Act Contracts)
		If yes, please	list and provide a	recorded copy:		
SITE CHA	RACTE	RISTICS: (Check one	or more)	Flat 🗵	Rolling \square	Steep
VEGETAT	ION: W	nat kind of plants are gro	owing on your pro	perty? (Check	one or more)	
Field crops		Orchard \square	Pasture/Grassla	and \square	Scattered trees	
Shrubs \square		Woodland \square	River/Riparian		Other 🗵	
Explain Othe	None				·	
Yes □ No	o 🗵	Do you plan to remove plan and provide information				planned for removal on plot
GRADING	×					
Yes □ No	o K	Do you plan to do a disturbed. Please show				bic yards and acres to be
STREAMS	S, LAKES	S, & PONDS:				
Yes D No		Are there any streams on plot plan)	s, lakes, ponds or	other watercou	irses on the prop	erty? (If yes, please show
Yes □ No	o 🗷	Will the project chang needed)				- provide additional sheet if
Yes D No	o Z	Are there any gullies of	or areas of soil ero	sion? (If yes, ple	ease show on plot p	olan)
Yes □ No	o X	low lying areas, seeps	s, springs, streams	s, creeks, river b	anks, or other are	s, ditches, gullies, ponds, ea on the site that carries how areas to be graded on
						otain authorization from epartment of Fish and

Water**:	City of Modesto	Irrig	ation:	N/A
Telephone:	Charter	Gas	s/Propane:	PG&E
Electrical: /	Modesto Irrigation Dist	rict Sev	ver*: City	of Modesto
Who provides, or	will provide the following service	ces to the property?		
Yes 🗵 No 🗆	Are there existing public yes, show location and size	•	າ the site? Includes teleph	hone, power, water, etc. (If
UTILITIES AN	D IRRIGATION FACILITI	IES:		
Concrete par	rking lot for guests and	l employees		
	e material for parking area: ()		ddressing dust control mea	sures if non-asphalt/concrete
N/A				
equipment, light p	ppurtenances, excluding build ooles, etc.): (Provide additional s		ground to highest point ((I.e., antennas, mechanical
Building height in	feet (measured from ground to	o highest point): (Prov	vide additional sheets if neces	ssary) 35 feet
Number of floors	for each building: Single st	ory		
Existing Stru	cture: 3,720 sq. ft.			
Size of new struc	ture(s) or building addition(s) ir	n gross sq. ft.: (Provid	e additional sheets if necess	ary)
BUILDING CH	ARACTERISTICS:			
Proposed Building	g Coverage:	_Sq. Ft.	Paved Surface Area:	9,466 Sq. Ft.
Existing Building			Landscaped Area:	815 Sq. Ft.
PROJECT SIT	E COVERAGE:			
Yes 🗌 No 🗵	Are there buildings of particles on plot plan.)	possible Historical sig	jnificance? (If yes, please e	explain and show location and
Yes 🔲 No 🗵	_	w structures? (If yes,	show location and size on plo	ot plan.)
Yes 🔲 No 🗵	Will structures be move	ed or demolished? (If	yes, indicate on plot plan.)	
	property lines and other	, , ,	please show on plot pla	n. Onow a relationship to
Yes 🗵 No 🗆	_	n the cite? (If wee	nlease show on plot pla	n. Show a relationship to
STRUCTURES	S:			

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

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

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

None									
single fa	mily	resider	nce, it is li	ikely that Was	I by the proposed projecte Discharge Requiremond of quantities, quality, tro	ents will be required by	y the Regional Water		
Yes 🗆	No	X	Are there existing irrigation, telephone, or power company easements on the property? (If yes show location and size on plot plan.)						
Yes 🗆	No	X	Do the existing utilities, including irrigation facilities, need to be moved? (If yes, show location and size on plot plan.)						
Yes 🗆	No	X	Does the	project require	extension of utilities? (If y	yes, show location and size	on plot plan.)		
AFFOR	DAE	BLE HO	OUSING/	SENIOR:					
Yes \square	No	X	Will the p	project include a	affordable or senior housin	g provisions? (If yes, plea	se explain)		
RESIDE	ENTI	AL PR	OJECTS	: (Please comp	ete if applicable – Attach add	ditional sheets if necessary)			
Total No.	Lots			Total Dwelli	ng Units:	Total Acreag	e:		
Net Dens	ity pe	er Acre:			Gross De	Gross Density per Acre:			
(complet	te if a	pplicab		Single Family	Two Family Duplex	Multi-Family Apartments	Multi-Family Condominium/ Townhouse		
Number o	of Uni	ts:							
Acreage:			_						
		•		*	ACTURING, RETAIL, ach additional sheets if nece	•	THER		
Square fo	ootage	e of eacl	n existing o	r proposed buil	ding(s): 3,720 sq. ft.				
Type of u	se(s)	Com	mercial						

Days and hours of opera	tion: 7 days a week, 8:00 A	M - 8:00 PM			
	packing shed, huller, etc.) months a				
	uilding:				
Number of employees: (Maximum Shift): 7	(Minimum Shift):	6		
Estimated number of dail	y customers/visitors on site at peak	time:	±15		
Other occupants: N/A	•				
Estimated number of truc	ck deliveries/loadings per day:	2			
Estimated hours of truck	deliveries/loadings per day:	8:00 AM - 5:	00 PM		
Estimated percentage of	traffic to be generated by trucks:				
Estimated number of rail	road deliveries/loadings per day:	N/A			
Square footage of:					
Office area:	500	Warehouse area:	NIA		
Sales area:	1,200	Storage area:	1,200		
Loading area:	NIA	Manufacturing area:	N/A		
Other: (explain t	ype of area) 600 sq. ft. Waitin	g Area			
Yes No 🗷	Will the proposed use involve toxic o	r hazardous materials or waste	? (Please explain)		
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· <u>-</u>					
ROAD AND ACCES What County road(s) will	S INFORMATION: provide the project's main access?	(Please show all existing and prop	osed driveways on the plot plan)		
Yosemite Blvd & A	Street				

Yes		No	\boxtimes	Are there private or public road or access easements on the property now? (If yes, show location and size on plot plan)							
Yes		No	X	Do you require a private road or easement to access the property? (If yes, show location and size on plot plan)							
Yes	X	No		Do you require security gates and fencing on the access? (If yes, show location and size on plot plan)							
appi	oval	of ar	ո Except	that do not front on a County-maintained road or require special access may require ion to the Subdivision Ordinance. Please contact staff to determine if an exception is the necessary Findings.							
STO	DRM	DR	AINAG	E:							
How	will y	our p	oroject ha	andle storm water runoff? (Check one) Drainage Basin Direct Discharge Direct Discharge							
	Other:	(ple	ase expl	ain)							
If dir	ect di	scha	rge is pro	oposed, what specific waterway are you proposing to discharge to?							
Wate with	er Qu your	ality app		discharge is proposed, you will be required to obtain a NPDES permit from the Regional Board, and must provide evidence that you have contacted them regarding this proposal OL:							
	u plar emen		grading a	any portion of the site, please provide a description of erosion control measures you propose to							
NIA											
Plea Con	se no trol B	ote: Soard	You may I and pre	y be required to obtain an NPDES Storm Water Permit from the Regional Water Quality epare a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan.							
ADI	OITIC	ONA	L INFO	PRMATION:							
	Please use this space to provide any other information you feel is appropriate for the County to consider during review of your application. (Attach extra sheets if necessary)										

Request for Waiver of Local Setback Requirements

Empire Health and Wellness requests a waiver of the local setback requirement based on the fact that the waiver will not result in a material detriment to the welfare or the property or persons located in the vicinity based on a finding of fact.

Empire Health and Wellness is located in commercially zoned building on Yosemite Boulevard. It is in a very secure building with only front access and side access through a gated and fenced area. The building only has windows in the front and those windows are composed of tinted security glass and have roll down security doors for after hours. Therefore, there is no ability to see into the building from the outside. The front windows only lead into a general waiting area. There are no cannabis products visible from this waiting area.

The dwelling located directly to the east is the nearest dwelling and is separated by Empire's exterior easterly wall. That exterior wall contains no doors or windows or access of any type. The dwelling directly north of our location is separated by a fence which contains secure barbed wire at the top in addition to being separated by an ally way.

All employee parking is within the secure gated and fenced area. All delivery vehicles enter the secured and fenced parking area and into the building through a side door. Delivery products are unloaded inside the building in a secure room where there is no visible access from the exterior of the building.

The dwelling located directly to the west is a vacant unused commercial building

There is no dwelling to the south of the building as that is Yosemite Boulevard. Across Yosemite Boulevard is an industrial parking area.

The uniquely situated commercial building provides a very secure and protected area to conduct a cannabis business. The secure nature of the building does not allow for any visibility of cannabis activities whatsoever. There is no access through any openings, doors or windows on the side nearest a dwelling. For these reasons Empire believes there will be no detriment to the welfare of the property or persons located in the vicinity.

Empire Health and Wellness is also willing to install a cinderblock wall should the County deem it necessary.