DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



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Referral Early Consultation

Date: January 8, 2025

To: Distribution List (See Attachment A)

From: Teresa McDonald, Associate Planner

Planning and Community Development

Subject: USE PERMIT APPLICATION NO. PLN2023-0105 – MADRIGAL

Respond By: January 28, 2025

****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 guestions.

Applicant: Anamiria Madrigal

Project Location: 4600, 4718, and 4638 E Service Road, between Lockwood and Washington

Roads, in the Ceres area.

APN: 045-001-034 and 045-001-035 (portion)

Williamson Act

Contract: N/A

General Plan: Agriculture

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

Project Description: Request to allow for the operation of an existing outdoor event venue on a 3-acre parcel and a 0.3± acre portion of an 18.04-acre parcel in the General Agriculture (A-2-40) zoning district. The 3-acre and 18.04-acre parcels are further identified as Assessor Parcel Numbers (APNs) 045-001-034 and -035, respectively. The project site is currently improved with a 1,630 square-foot single-family dwelling, a 1,978 square-foot two story covered patio to be used as the event space, a 3,326 square-foot storage building (with four restrooms located at the rear), and an attached 394-square-foot covered patio to be used as an outdoor bar within a 1,500 square-foot area.

The applicant proposes to rent the venue out for private events such as birthdays, weddings, receptions, business meetings, memorial services, etc. Hours of operation for private events are Monday through Sunday, 12:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. All attendees are expected to arrive no earlier than 11:30 a.m. and depart from the site no later than 12:30 a.m. (event set up and tear down may occur outside of these hours). Events are expected to primarily occur on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. A maximum of 300 events are anticipated per year with a maximum of 450 attendees per each event. The number of employees on-site will vary depending on the type of event with an estimated four employees on a maximum shift, up to two shifts per-day. Additionally, vendors such as caterers, florists, photographers, videographers, live musicians, and DJs may be contracted by the client depending on the nature of the event. The venue will provide one security staff for every 50 guests and up to two parking ushers. Outside of the security and parking staff, one event staff are anticipated on-site per event. Amplified sound for the venue will consist of pre-recorded or live music. Temporary tents may be utilized in the back yard as necessary due to weather conditions. No on-site cooking will take place as all food will be prepared by the caterer off-site.

Access is proposed to be taken from County-maintained E Service Road, with ingress and egress from the eastern end of a paved 18-foot-wide horseshoe driveway. The applicant proposes a 22,000 square-foot parking area on the subject property and an additional 13,300 square-foot parking area, both improved with crushed walnut shells, located on Parcel 035, for which an access easement will be recorded. The two parking areas combined can accommodate up to 80 parking spaces. A six-foot-tall wrought-iron fence is located along northern property line and a combination of six-foot-tall wrought iron and solid wood fencing is located along the north half of the western property line. No fencing exists or is proposed along the southern half of the western property line, eastern property line, or southern property line. Five 20-foot-tall light poles are proposed to be located in the lawn area to provide lighting for events. Landscaping consisting of a combination of trees, shrubs, and turf are located throughout the interior of the project site and along the property frontage, and the southern half of the project site is planted in 1.5± acres of almonds.

The on-site residence is currently served by an on-site wastewater treatment system and domestic well, which will remain.

The applicant has requested an alternative agricultural buffer of 172-feet to the north across E Service Road, 69-feet to the east, and 10-feet to the west. The project site meets the buffer requirement of 300-feet to the south. The alternative buffer request also includes existing six-foothigh fencing (consisting of wrought iron and solid wood) constructed adjacent to the northern and portion of the western property lines, and landscaping consisting of mature cypress trees adjacent to the western and northern property line.

The subject application process was initiated following a code enforcement investigation (CE22-0300) resulting from a complaint pertaining to events occurring on the property.

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



USE PERMIT APPLICATION NO. PLN2023-0105 – MADRIGAL Attachment A

Distribution List

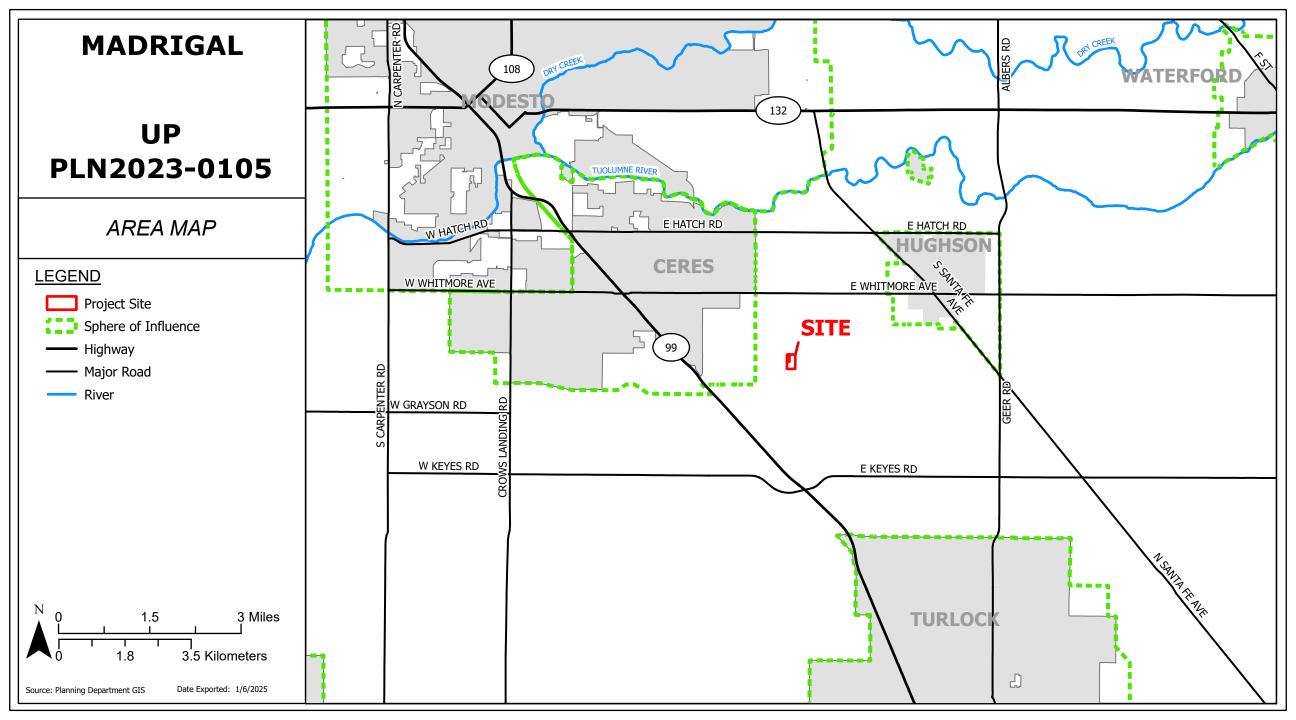
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Х	CA DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION DIST 10	Х	STAN CO CEO
Х	CA OPR STATE CLEARINGHOUSE		STAN CO CSA
Х	CA RWQCB CENTRAL VALLEY REGION	Х	STAN CO DER
	CA STATE LANDS COMMISSION		STAN CO ERC
	CEMETERY DISTRICT	Х	STAN CO FARM BUREAU
	CENTRAL VALLEY FLOOD PROTECTION	Х	STAN CO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS
	CITY OF:	Х	STAN CO PARKS & RECREATION
	COMMUNITY SERVICES DIST:	Х	STAN CO PUBLIC WORKS
Χ	COOPERATIVE EXTENSION	Х	STAN CO PUBLIC WORKS - SURVEY
	COUNTY OF:		STAN CO RISK MANAGEMENT
Х	DER GROUNDWATER RESOURCES DIVISION	Х	STAN CO SHERIFF
Х	FIRE PROTECTION DIST: KEYES	Х	STAN CO SUPERVISOR DIST 5: C. CONDIT
Χ	GSA: WEST TURLOCK SUBBASIN	Χ	STAN COUNTY COUNSEL
	HOSPITAL DIST:		StanCOG
Χ	IRRIGATION DIST: TURLOCK	Χ	STANISLAUS FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU
Χ	MOSQUITO DIST: TURLOCK	Χ	STANISLAUS LAFCO
Х	STANISLAUS COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES	Х	STATE OF CA SWRCB DIVISION OF DRINKING WATER DIST. 10
	MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL:	Χ	SURROUNDING LAND OWNERS
Χ	PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC		INTERESTED PARTIES
	POSTMASTER:	Х	TELEPHONE COMPANY: AT&T
Х	RAILROAD: SOUTHERN PACIFIC		TRIBAL CONTACTS (CA Government Code §65352.3)
Х	SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY APCD		US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
Х	SCHOOL DIST 1: CERES UNIFIED		US FISH & WILDLIFE
	SCHOOL DIST 2:		US MILITARY (SB 1462) (7 agencies)
	WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT		USDA NRCS
Х	STAN CO AG COMMISSIONER		
	TUOLUMNE RIVER TRUST		
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STANISLAUS COUNTY CEQA REFERRAL RESPONSE FORM

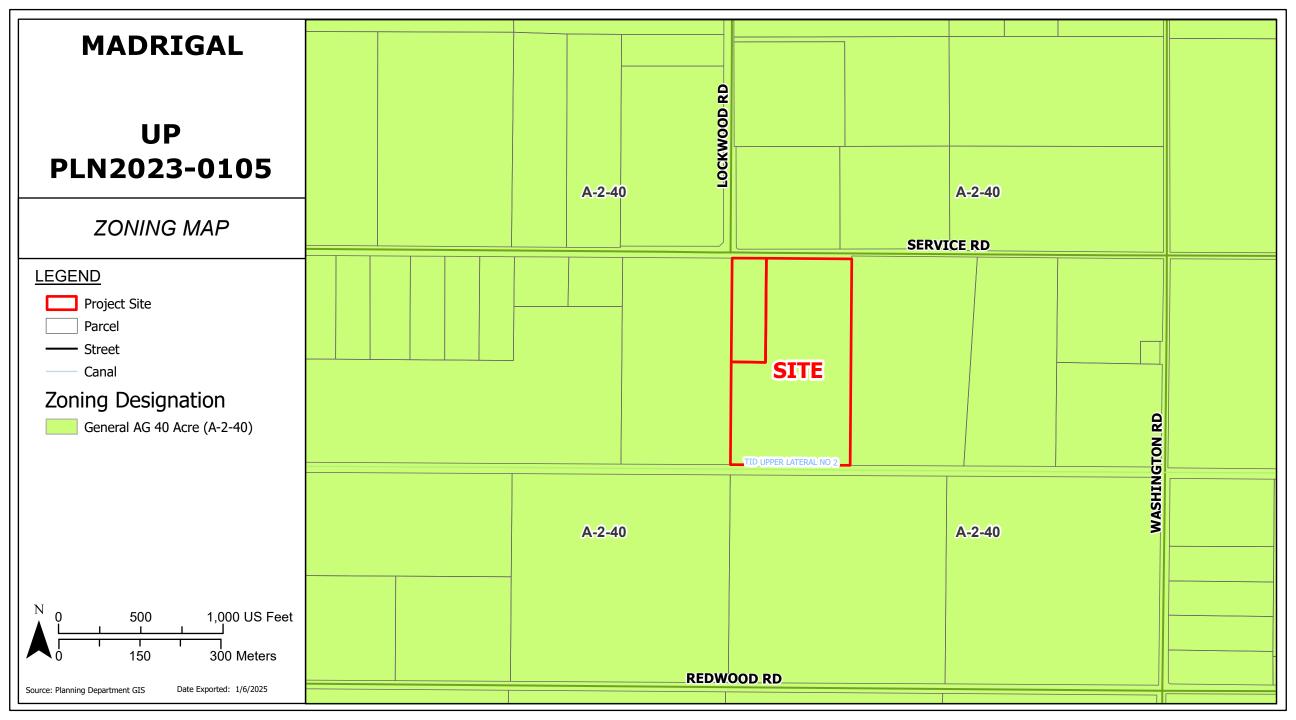
Stanislaus County Planning & Community Development

TO:

	1010 10 th Street, Suite 3400 Modesto, CA 95354						
FROM:							
SUBJECT:	USE PERMIT A	PPLICATION NO. PLN2023-010	05 – MADRIGAL				
Based on this project:	s agency's partic	ular field(s) of expertise, it is o	ur position the above described				
		significant effect on the environm nificant effect on the environmen					
		cts which support our determinat etc.) – (attach additional sheet if	ion (e.g., traffic general, carrying necessary)				
TO INCLUDE	E WHEN THE M		sted impacts: <i>PLEASE BE SURE</i> IEEDS TO BE IMPLEMENTED A BUILDING PERMIT, ETC.):				
In addition, ou	ur agency has the	following comments (attach add	itional sheets if necessary).				
Response pre	epared by:						
Name		Title	Date				





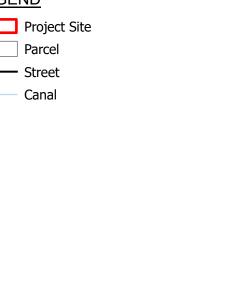


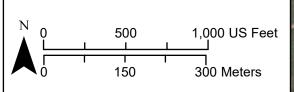
MADRIGAL

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2023 AERIAL AREA MAP

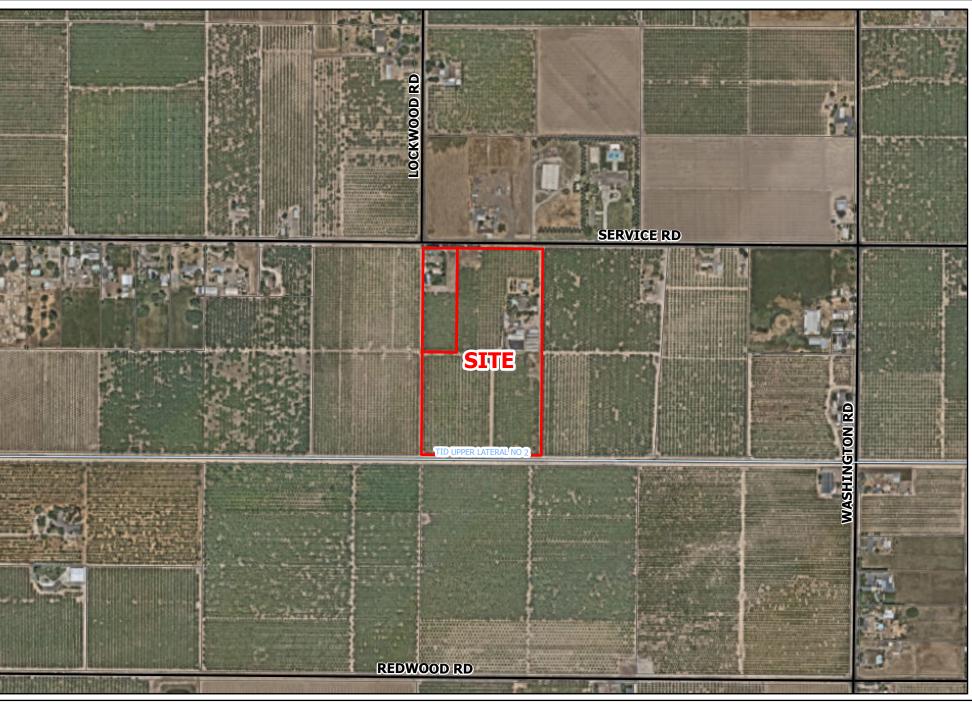
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2023 AERIAL SITE MAP

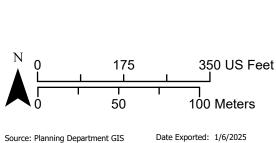
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Project Site

Parcel

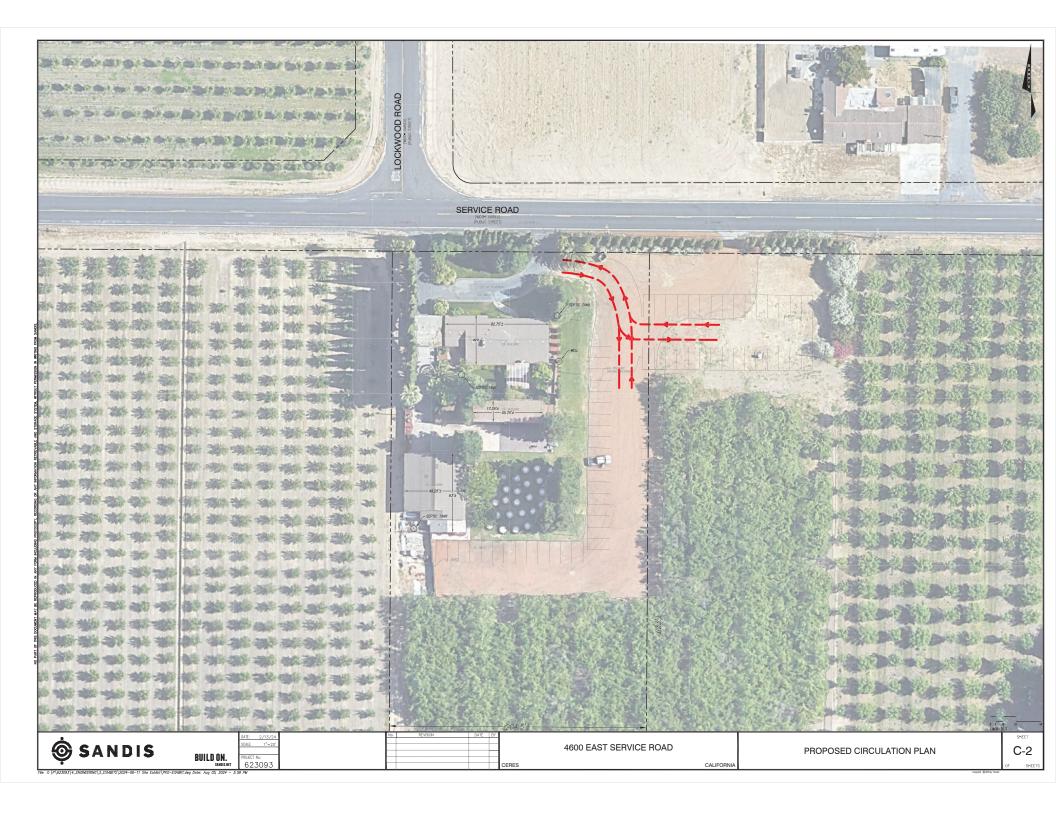
Street

Canal











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Madrigal Estate Event Venue Project Statement

Project Description:

The proposed event center is located at 4600 E. Service Road, Ceres. The site is designated as Agriculture on the County's Comprehensive Plan. The current zoning of the site is Agriculture (A-2 40). The subject parcel is 3.0 acres and is accessed by E. Service Road. The site contains a single family residence and several outbuildings. The property is also cultivated with Almonds across the rear southerly portion and along the easterly side of the lot.

The applicant is requesting a Conditional Use Permit to operate a Wedding/Reception/Special Events Venue (Madrigal Estate) on a portion of the property not cultivated with Almonds. Events will take place on the back lawn area (southerly of the existing residence). All events are outdoor events. The site has a covered patio area (1,978 sq. ft.) where food and drink will be set up. Clients will be responsible for providing their own caterers, and, other vendors as necessary, i.e. photographers, DJ's, live musicians, and, florists. Clients will be responsible for securing the necessary insurance for each event. Alcohol will be allowed in accordance with any applicable State and Local regulations. No food will be prepared or provided by the venue. Also, no potable water will be available for caterers. Madrigal Estate Event Venue will provide Security personnel, parking ushers, tables and chairs.

The venue is proposed to operate seven days a week, with the majority of events occurring Friday, Saturday and Sundays. Hours of operation are proposed to be 12:00 pm to 12:00 am. It is anticipated that attendance at events will range from 150 to 450 guests.

The entrance to the site is proposed to be the main entrance to the Estate with a one-way driveway into the parking area. A one-way exit driveway is proposed to be on the Easterly end of the parking area. The parking area is provided with a walnut shell surface material. The parking area will have approximately 64 parking spaces. The parking layout responds to the minimum 15 foot front yard setback requirement. An additional driveway is located on the westerly edge of the property and will provide access for deliveries and caterers. This driveway will not be used by guests for events.

The site has existing landscaping consisting of mature Palm Trees, Pines and an Almond orchard. Additional landscaping including shrubs and roses are also existing. The seating and tables will be on provided on the existing lawn area. Concrete walkways provide access from the parking area to the event area and to the existing restrooms. No new landscaping is proposed.

The site is provided with outdoor lighting attached to the existing residence, the restrooms, storage shed building. There are also landscape lighting and pathway lights.



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APPLICATION QUESTIONNAIRE

APP	e Check all applicable boxes LICATION FOR:			PLANNING STAFF USE ONLY:		
	is available to assist you with determ	Application No(s):				
		Date:				
	General Plan Amendment		Subdivision Map	S T R		
	Rezone		Parcel Map	GP Designation:		
X	Use Permit			Fee:		
			Exception	Receipt No.		
	Variance	Ц	Williamson Act Cancellation	Received By:		
	Historic Site Permit		Other	Notes:		
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	PR	0.	IECT INFORMA	TION		
impro	JECT DESCRIPTION: (vernents, proposed uses or but onal sheets as necessary)	Desc	cribe the project in detail, including s, operating hours, number of employ	physical features of the site, proposed yees, anticipated customers, etc. – Attach		
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PROJECT SITE INFORMATION

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

ASSESSO	OR'S PARCEL	NUMBER(S):	Book()45 Pa	ige001	Parcel_	034
Project Site		4600 E S	ervice Road				
or Physical	Location:						
		Ceres, Ca	95307	·	····		
Property Ar	rea:	Acres:	3 or	Square feet:	130,680	_	
Current and	Previous Land Use	e: (Explain exis	ting and previou	s land use(s) o	f site for the last te	n years)	
project name,	own previous pro type of project, and			such as a Us	e Permit, Parcel I	Map, etc.: ((Please identify
NIA					*****		
	IT LAND USE: he project site)	(Describe adj	jacent land uses	within 1,320	feet (1/4 mile) an	id/or two pa	rcels in each
East: Far	mland						
West: Far	mland/Home s	site					
North: Far	mland/Home :	site					
South: Far				2			
WILLIAMS	ON ACT CON	TRACT:					
Yes No	· 🗵		currently under		Act Contract?	_	
		If yes, has a N	otice of Non-Rei	newal been file	d?		
		Date Filed:				_	

STRUC	TUF	RES:				
Yes 🗵	No		Are there structures on the site property lines and other features	e? (If yes, please of the site.	show on plot plan.	Show a relationship to
Yes 🔲	No	X	Will structures be moved or demo	olished? (If yes, ind	icate on plot plan.)	
Yes 🔲	No	×	Do you plan to build new structur	res? (If yes, show lo	cation and size on plot	plan.)
Yes 🗖	No	Z	Are there buildings of possible I size on plot plan.)	Historical significan	ce? (If yes, please exp	plain and show location and
PROJE	CT S	ITE CO	OVERAGE:			
Existing B	Buildin	g Cover	age: <u>6,934</u> Sq. Ft.	La	ndscaped Area:	6,400Sq. Ft.
Proposed	Build	ing Cove	erage:Sq. Ft.	Par	ved Surface Area:	9,700 Sq. Ft.
BUILDIN	NG C	HARA	CTERISTICS:			
Size of ne	w str	ucture(s)	or building addition(s) in gross sq.	. ft.: (Provide addition	nal sheets if necessary	N/A
None						,
Number of	f floor	s for eac	ch building: One			
Building h	eight	in feet (n	neasured from ground to highest p	oint): (Provide addi	ional sheets if necessa	ry)
Height of o	other , light	appurter poles, e	nances, excluding buildings, meastc.): (Provide additional sheets if nec	sured from ground	to highest point (i.e.	., antennas, mechanical
Home 8', 8	3" fee	t, Shed 1	0 feet, Light Poles 20 feet high (5)	2	1917/00-0003-000
Proposed material to b	surfa ce use		rial for parking area: (Provide inf	formation addressing	dust control measure	es if non-asphalt/concrete
Walnut Sh	ells					
UTILITIE	SAI	ND IRR	IGATION FACILITIES:			
Yes 🗵 I	No l		Are there existing public or private yes, show location and size on plot pla		? Includes telephon	e, power, water, etc. (If
Nho provid	les, o	r will pro	vide the following services to the p	property?		
Electrical:		Turloc	ck Irrigation District	Sewer*:	Septio	c Tank
Telephone:		V	erizon (Cell Phone)	Gas/Propand	e:	PG&E
Nater**			Well	Irrigation:	Turlock Irria	ation District

Yes LI No	Do you propose to cancel any portion of the Contract?
Yes No	Are there any agriculture, conservation, open space or similar easements affecting the use of the project site. (Such easements do not include Williamson Act Contracts)
	If yes, please list and provide a recorded copy:
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SITE CHARA	CTERISTICS: (Check one or more) Flat 🗵 Rolling 🗌 Steep 🔲
VEGETATION	What kind of plants are growing on your property? (Check one or more)
Field crops	Orchard Pasture/Grassland Scattered trees
Shrubs 🗷	Woodland ☐ River/Riparian ☐ Other ☐
Explain Other: _	
Yes No E	
GRADING:	
Yes No E	Do you plan to do any grading? (If yes, please indicate how many cubic yards and acres to be disturbed. Please show areas to be graded on plot plan.)
STREAMS 1	AKES, & PONDS:
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Yes I No 2	Are there any streams, lakes, ponds or other watercourses on the property? (If yes, please show on plot plan)
Yes 🔲 No 🛭	Will the project change any drainage patterns? (If yes, please explain – provide additional sheet if needed)
Yes 🔲 No 🗵	Are there any gullies or areas of soil erosion? (If yes, please show on plot plan)
Yes 🔲 No 🗵	Do you plan to grade, disturb, or in any way change swales, drainages, ditches, gullies, ponds, low lying areas, seeps, springs, streams, creeks, river banks, or other area on the site that carries or holds water for any amount of time during the year? (If yes, please show areas to be graded on plot plan)
	Please note: If the answer above is yes, you may be required to obtain authorization from other agencies such as the Corps of Engineers or California Department of Fish and Game.

*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				
Please Note: Should an single family residence, Quality Control Board.	it is likely that Waste	Discharge Requireme	ents will be required b	y the Regional Water
	Are there existing irrigation, telephone, or power company easements on the property? (If yes, show location and size on plot plan.)			
	Do the existing utilities, including irrigation facilities, need to be moved? (If yes, show location and size on plot plan.)			
Yes No 🗵 D	oes the project require e	extension of utilities? (If y	ves, show location and size	on płot plan.)
AFFORDABLE HOUS	SING/SENIOR:			
Yes No 🗵 V	/ill the project include aff	ordable or senior housing	g provisions? (If yes, plea	se explain)
RESIDENTIAL PROJ	ECTS: (Please complete	e if applicable – Attach add	litional sheets if necessary)	
Total No. Lots: NIA	Total Dwelling	g Units:	Total Acreag	e:
Net Density per Acre:		Gross De	nsity per Acre:	MAN CONTRACTOR OF THE CONTRACT
(complete if applicable)	Single Family	Two Family Duplex	Multi-Family Apartments	Multi-Family Condominium/ Townhouse
Number of Units:	<u> </u>	-		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Acreage:		8		
COMMERCIAL, INDU PROJECTS: (Please co				THER
Square footage of each ex	isting or proposed buildi	ng(s): (1) 1,630sqft, (2)	1,978sqft (3) 3,326sqft	
Type of use(s): (1) Home	(2) Covered Patio (3) St	orage		

Seasonal operation (i.e., packing Weddings, Receptions, a Occupancy/capacity of building:		A STATE OF THE SECOND S	y-Year Round
	special Events 12.00		
	Outdoor	opin to 12:00am	
Number of employees: (Maximum	m Shift):4	(Minimum Shift):	2
Estimated number of daily custor			450
Other occupants:			
Estimated number of truck delive	ries/loadings per day:	NIA	
Estimated hours of truck deliverie	s/loadings per day:	NIA	
Estimated percentage of traffic to	be generated by trucks: _	NIA	·
Estimated number of railroad deli	veries/loadings per day: _	Non	e
Square footage of:			
Office area:	NIA	Warehouse area:	NIA
Sales area:	NIA	Storage area:	3,326sqft
Loading area:	NIA	Manufacturing area:	NIA
Other: (explain type of a	ea)		
Yes No E Will the p	roposed use involve toxic of	or hazardous materials or waste?	(Please explain)
ROAD AND ACCESS INFO			
What County road(s) will provide t Service Road	ne projects main access?	(Please snow all existing and propo	sed driveways on the plot plan

Yes 🗆	No		Are there private or public road or access easements on the property now? (If yes, show location and size on plot plan)
Yes 🗖	No	X	Do you require a private road or easement to access the property? (If yes, show location and size on plot plan)
Yes 🔲	No	Z	Do you require security gates and fencing on the access? (If yes, show location and size on plot plan)
approval	of a	n Except	that do not front on a County-maintained road or require special access may require tion to the Subdivision Ordinance. Please contact staff to determine if an exception is the necessary Findings.
STORM	DR	AINAG	E:
How will y	our p	oroject ha	andle storm water runoff? (Check one) Drainage Basin Direct Discharge Overland
Other:	(ple	ase expl	ain) Soil Percolation
If direct di	scha	rge is pro	oposed, what specific waterway are you proposing to discharge to?
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	ality	Control	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
EROSIC	N C	ONTRO	OL:
If you plan		grading a	ny portion of the site, please provide a description of erosion control measures you propose to
None			
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			be required to obtain an NPDES Storm Water Permit from the Regional Water Quality pare a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan.
ADDITIO	NA	L INFO	RMATION:
Please use your applic	e this catior	space to n. (Attacl	o provide any other information you feel is appropriate for the County to consider during review of h extra sheets if necessary)

