NORCAL LOGISTICS CENTER

Initial Study (Project File No. P12-110)

Prepared for City of Stockton Community Development Department October 2012



October 31, 2012

To: (See attached list)

CITY OF STOCKTON **NOTICE OF PREPARATION**

From:

Lead Agency

City of Stockton

c/o Community Development Dept.

Planning Division

425 North El Dorado Street Stockton, CA 95202-1997

ASSESSOR RECORDER COUNTY CLERK KENNETH W. BLAKEMORE

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SUBJECT:

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT PURSUANT TO PUB. RES. CODE SEC. 21080.4 AND CAL. CODE OF REGULATIONS TITLE 14. SEC 15082(a) FOR THE NORCAL LOGISTICS CENTER PROJECT (P12-110)

The City of Stockton will be the Lead Agency and will prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the project identified below. We need to know the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information which is germane to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project.

The project description, location and the probable environmental effects are discussed within the Initial Study which may be viewed at the following web address: http://www.stocktongov.com/government/departments/communityDevelop/cdPlanEnv.html or is alternatively available for purchase at the Community Development Department at the above-noted address.

Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible date but not later than 30 days after receipt of this notice. We respectfully request that you return your comments to the above-noted Lead Agency address by December 3, 2012. If no comments are received by the date indicated, it will be assumed that the document is acceptable.

Scoping Meeting: A public scoping meeting will be held from 4:00 to 6:00 PM on November 14, 2012 at the Robert J. Cabral Agricultural Center, located at 2101 E. Earhart Avenue, Suite 100 in Stockton, Responsible agencies and members of the public are invited to attend and provide input on the scope of the EIR. All interested parties are welcome to attend the scoping meeting.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Adam Brucker, Senior Planner at (209) 937-7564 or by email at Adam.Brucker@stocktongov.com

PROJECT TITLE: NorCal Logistics Center Project

PROJECT FILE #: P12-110 APPLICANT: Arch Road LTD PTP

APN(s): 179-220-27, 28, 30; 181-110-23; 181-100-15

PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION: The project site is located on the north side of Arch Road, west of Austin Road and south of Mariposa Road. Regional access to the approximately 331-acre project site is provided by Highway 99. The applicant proposes to subdivide five parcels zoned for industrial use within the City of Stockton. The southern parcel is 56 acres and would be subdivided into 6 lots. The northern four parcels total approximately 275 acres and would be subdivided into 14 lots. The site is served by existing public utilities, which would be extended to the new lots. The proposed project includes internal circulation improvements, including the extension of Newcastle Road to a connection with Mariposa Road.

STEVE CHASE, DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Adam Brucker, Senior Planner

Date: October 31, 2012

AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING AND POSTING

I declare that on _____10/31/2012 - , I deposited in the United States mail facilities in the City of Stockton, State of California, a true copy of the above Notice of Preparation (NOP) with any attachments, with the postage thereon prepaid, addressed to each public agency and other interested parties on the attached distribution list. A copy of the NOP has also been mailed or delivered to the San Joaquin County Clerk who is required to post said NOP for a period of 30 days in accordance with Public Resources Code Section 21092.3.

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ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

Initial Study

1. **Project Title:** NorCal Logistics Center

File # P12-110

2. Lead Agency Name and Address: City of Stockton

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3. Contact Person and Phone Number: Adam Brucker, Senior Planner

(209) 937-8266

4. Project Location: North of Arch Road and west of Austin Road

Stockton, CA 95215

5. Project Sponsor's Name and Address: Arch Road L.P.

10350 Bren Road W. Minnetonka, MN 55343

6. General Plan Designation(s): Industrial (I)

7. Zoning Designation(s): Industrial, Limited (IL)

8. Description of Project:

Introduction

The applicant, Arch Road L.P., proposes to develop light industrial and warehouse uses within the City of Stockton. The project consists of subdividing five parcels zoned for industrial use within the City of Stockton. The southern parcel is 56 acres and would be subdivided into 6 lots. The northern parcels cover 275 acres, and would be subdivided into 15 lots. The site is served by existing public utilities, which would be extended to the new lots. The proposed project includes internal circulation improvements, including a new connection to Mariposa Road.

The project site is located within an existing industrial area known as Arch Road Units 3 and 4. Arch Road Units 3 and 4 consists of eight industrially-zoned parcels covering 475 acres in the City of Stockton at Arch Road and Newcastle Road. This development has been the subject of several prior environmental studies including an EIR prepared in 1988, a supplemental EIR in 1995, and cultural survey in 2007 that was updated in 2008. The project site is located northwest of the intersection of Arch and Austin Roads. The project site is within the existing corporate boundaries of the City of Stockton. As discussed in greater detail below, the project site is currently designated

by the City's General Plan as "Industrial" (I), and under the City's Zoning as "Industrial Limited" (IL). Under this designation and zoning, Industrial uses are permitted "as of right," the only City permit needed is a Building Permit, no City discretion is involved in the issuance of such Building Permits, and hence the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) does not normally apply. However, several ministerial planning reviews are required prior to any submittal of a building permit application, these include site plan and architectural design review. As discussed below, the applicant, Arch Road L.P., has already developed a portion of the project site with Industrial uses. The applicant now proposes the subdivision of a portion of the project site to allow greater user flexibility (ownership of the land versus leasing of the land), although the creation of new lots on the project site will not change the Industrial uses allowed, nor the density or intensity of that Industrial use. However, because the approval of a subdivision map by the City is "discretionary," CEQA applies to the subdivision approval. The proposed subdivision and lot creation will involve two separate areas of the project site: land immediately adjacent to Arch Road, and land adjacent to Mariposa Road. These two separate portions of the project site will involve two separate Vesting Tentative Maps, processed with the City under the Subdivision Map Act and local City Subdivision Ordinance. The Vesting Tentative Map for the parcel adjacent to Arch Road is referred to as VTM 1. VTM 1 is comprised of approximately 56 acres and proposed the creation of 6 lots. The Vesting Tentative Map for the parcel adjacent to Mariposa Road is referred to as VTM 2. VTM 2 is comprised of approximately 275 acres and proposes the creation of 15 lots. The EIR will analyze the collective development of both VTM 1 and VTM 2. The project includes a phasing plan that will provide for orderly development and timed implementation of on-site and off-site improvements required to serve the development.

The project site has a City of Stockton General Plan designation of Industrial (I). This designation applies to a wide variety of industrial uses including uses with nuisance or hazardous characteristics, warehousing, construction contractors, light manufacturing, offices, retail sales, service businesses, public and quasi-public uses, and other similar and compatible uses. The proposed project is zoned Industrial Limited (IL) by the City of Stockton Zoning Ordinance. The IL zoning district is applied to areas appropriate for light manufacturing uses that may generate more nuisance impacts than acceptable in commercial zoning districts and whose operations are totally conducted indoors. Other uses permitted within the IL zoning district include ancillary office uses and warehousing. The IL zoning district is consistent with the Industrial land use designation of the General Plan. Unlike the Industrial General (IG) zoning designation, uses may not occur outdoors or be associated with nuisance or hazardous impacts in the IL zoning district.

Surrounding Land Uses and Setting

Located near the center of San Joaquin County, the City of Stockton (City) serves as the County seat. San Joaquin County is located at the northern end of the San Joaquin Valley. The City is located 83 miles east of the San Francisco Bay area and 40 miles south of Sacramento. Interstate 5 runs north-south near the western border of the City and State Route 99 runs north-south near the eastern border of the City. Both roadways provide access to other communities surrounding the City (including the City of Lodi to the north and the cities of Lathrop and Manteca to the south) and regional access to other parts of the State. The Primary Zone of the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta (Delta) is located to the west of the City. Much of the western most part of the City is located

within the secondary zone of the Delta. Rural residential, industrial, and agricultural uses are the primary land uses within the City.

The project site is five separate parcels of the applicant's larger property located in southeast Stockton (see **Figure 1**), north of Arch Road, southwest of Mariposa road, and extending to either side of Newcastle Road (see **Figure 2**). The overall property consists of approximately 495 acres, whereas the project site portions of that larger property consists of approximately 331± acres. North Littlejohns Creek and Weber Slough run east to west through portions of the project site.

Existing Land Uses

The project site is located on land historically utilized for agricultural uses. Project areas are a mix of vacant land (previously used for agriculture), and developed land. North Littlejohns Creek and Weber Slough run east to west through portions of the project site.

The entirety of the project site has a City of Stockton General Plan land use designation of Industrial (I). This designation applies to a wide variety of industrial uses including uses with nuisance or hazardous characteristics, warehousing, construction contractors, light manufacturing, offices, retail sales, service businesses, public and quasi-public uses, and other similar and compatible uses.

Additionally, the entirety of the proposed project is already zoned Industrial Limited (IL) by the City of Stockton Zoning Ordinance. The IL zoning district is applied to areas appropriate for light manufacturing uses that may generate more nuisance impacts than acceptable in commercial zoning districts and whose operations are totally conducted indoors. Other uses permitted within the IL zoning district include ancillary office uses and warehousing. The IL zoning district is consistent with the Industrial land use designation of the General Plan. Unlike the Industrial General (IG) zoning designation, uses may not occur outdoors or be associated with nuisance or hazardous impacts in the IL zoning district.

The Department of Conservation's Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program has designated land located on the project site as "Prime Farmland" and "Farmland of Statewide Importance." However, in practice, the land comprising the project site has not been farmed for years, is designated for Industrial development by the City's land use regulations, and is currently either vacant or in Industrial use. "Prime Farmland" is defined as farmland with the best combination of physical and chemical features able to sustain long-term agricultural production. This land has the soil quality, growing season, and moisture supply needed to produce sustained high yields. Land must have been used for irrigated agricultural production at some time during the four years prior to the mapping date. "Farmland of Statewide Importance" is defined as farmland similar to Prime Farmland but with minor shortcomings, such as greater slopes or less ability to store soil moisture. Land must have been used for irrigated agricultural production at some time during the four years prior to the mapping date. The parcels included in the proposed project are not zoned or otherwise designated for agricultural land uses.

The land to the north of the project site is primarily agricultural, although it is designated for Industrial (north) and "Village J" (northeast of Mariposa Road) in the 2035 General Plan. The BNSF Intermodal Facility is to the east. The Northern California Youth Correctional Center (NCYCC) is to the south (designated as Institutional in the 2035 General Plan), along with some fallow

agricultural lands designated for future Industrial and Institutional land uses. Existing industrial development is to the west.

Project Objectives

CEQA Guidelines Section 15124(b) requires that the project description contain a clearly written statement of project objectives, including the underlying purpose of the project. The statement of project objectives is an important determinant for the lead agency when it develops a reasonable range of alternatives to evaluate in the EIR. The project applicant's objectives for the proposed project include the following:

- To provide the industrial development contemplated by, and consistent with, the City's General Plan;
- To provide for flexibility of number of users and size of structures and legal parcels (large and small), thereby maximizing the industrial development potential of the land by providing additional legal parcels that can be sold to different users and upon which parcels industrial structures of varying sizes can be located;
- To develop additional industrial uses in this particular location to take advantage of existing General Plan and related regulations, available or easily supplemented industrial-ready infrastructure, such as adjacent highways, roadways, wastewater, water, drainage, rail, and similar services and facilities, and applicant's ownership of this land;
- To place new industrial development in areas where impacts to sensitive natural resources can be reduced and/or avoided, and where other impacts can be reduced and/or avoided through site design, phasing and landscaping.

Proposed Subdivision

The project is the "subdivision" of the portions of the larger applicant property that comprises the project site to allow greater user flexibility (allowing different sized lots to attract a wider range of Industrial users), although the creation of such new lots on the project site will not change the Industrial uses already allowed, nor will it increase or decrease the density or intensity of that existing Industrial use. Because the approval of a subdivision map by the City is "discretionary," CEQA applies to the subdivision approval. However, it is important to note that if no subdivision maps were proposed (and approved) on the project site, the same level of Industrial use development already allowed on the project site could and likely would take place, the only permits needed to develop the project site with such Industrial uses would be building permits, and that no additional CEQA review would take place in that scenario, since no discretionary development permits would be involved (building permits are ministerial).

The proposed subdivision maps (and the lots that they will create when the lots appear on a recorded final map) will involve two separate areas of the project site: land immediately adjacent to Arch Road, and land adjacent to Mariposa Road. These two separate portions of the project site will involve two separate Vesting Tentative Maps, processed with the City under the Subdivision Map Act and local City Subdivision Ordinance. The Vesting Tentative Map for the land adjacent to Arch Road and [other locator] is referred to as "VTM 1." VTM 1 is comprised of approximately 56 acres and proposes the creation of 6 new lots. The Vesting Tentative Map for the land adjacent to Mariposa Road is referred to as "VTM 2." VTM 2 is comprised of approximately 275 acres

and proposes the creation of 15 new lots. VTM 1 and VTM 2 will have a combined total size of approximately 331± acres, yielding approximately 6,337,980 square-feet of future industrial use (assuming a 0.5 floor area ratio) and will result in the creation of 21 new developable lots (see Figure 3 and Figure 4). Some of these lots may be adjusted (and/or merged) to provide the ultimate industrial user with the most efficient site plan. Consistent with the IL zoning, the site would provide for warehouse, light industrial, and ancillary office uses. This EIR analyzes the collective development of both VTM 1 and VTM 2, again with the "baseline" being the level of industrial development already allowed without the proposed VTM 1 and VTM 2.

Infrastructure

The project includes an extension of Newcastle Road (a two-lane road north of Arch Road) to Mariposa Road. The extended Newcastle Road will provide access to the northern parcels, and will alleviate traffic on Austin Road by providing another direct connection between Mariposa Road and Arch Road. Logistics Drive ends in a cul-de-sac and is located north of Arch Road between the proposed project and the Sanchez property (the parcel northwest of the intersection of Arch Road and Austin Road). The project will also provide street improvements (1/2 road section and frontage improvements) on Mariposa Road.

Sanitary sewer is provided for the project by connecting to the existing sewer lines in Newcastle Road which then connects to an east-west main sewer line. Existing water lines near the project site extend from Arch Road, Fite Court, and Carpenter Road as well as internal locations within Arch Road Units 3 and 4. Development of the project will require additional water lines to be constructed on Mariposa Road, Austin Road, the extension of Newcastle Drive, Logistics Drive, and Arch Road between Newcastle and Austin Road. Sanitary sewer service to the southern parcel (VTM 1) will be provided by a new sewer trunk line on Arch Road. Sewer will be discharged into the new trunkline and then will head west to the Arch Road Regional Sanitary Sewer Pump Station. This sewer trunkline is scheduled to state construction in the spring of 2013.

A Storm Drainage Master Plan was prepared for the proposed project. The Master Plan defines the area that the runoff detention basins would serve and the general location of the storm drain system. The Storm Drain Master Plan area covers approximately 611 acres, comprised of two drainage basins, N3 and W3. This plan area includes the 331-acre project site. Two detention basins have been constructed that would serve the Master Plan area and the project site. The drainage basin (N3) located just south of North Littlejohns Creek has a capacity of 113 acre feet (ac-ft) and primarily collect runoff from the northern portion of the project site. The drainage basin (W3) located west of Newcastle Road and north of Arch Road has a capacity of 108 ac-ft and collect runoff from the southern section of the project site. Basin N3 would discharge stormwater to North Littlejohns Creek and Basin W3 would discharge stormwater to Weber Slough. The drainage system for Basin N3 would include a pump station with an emergency natural gas engine generator.

9. Other public agencies whose approval is required (e.g., permits, financing approval, or participation agreement. Indicate whether another agency is a responsible or trustee agency.)

This EIR provides the environmental information and analysis necessary for the range of development evaluated in this EIR. This EIR provides the foundational CEQA compliance documentation upon which the City's, responsible agencies' and all other applicable agencies' consideration of and action on all necessary and/or desirous permits, approvals, and other grants of authority (collectively, "approvals") shall be based. This includes without limitation all those approvals set forth in this EIR, as well as any additional approvals necessary and/or desirous to such project planning, development, construction, operation and maintenance (e.g., any and all discretionary plans and approvals).

Lead Agency Approvals

The project requires the following discretionary approval from the City of Stockton:

• **Subdivision Maps.** The creation of lots on the project site would require the approval of vesting tentative subdivision map(s) and final subdivision maps.

Other ministerial approvals for the implementation of the project will include site plan review, architectural design review, the issuance of building permits, and encroachment permits for work within City right-of-way.

Other Agency Approvals

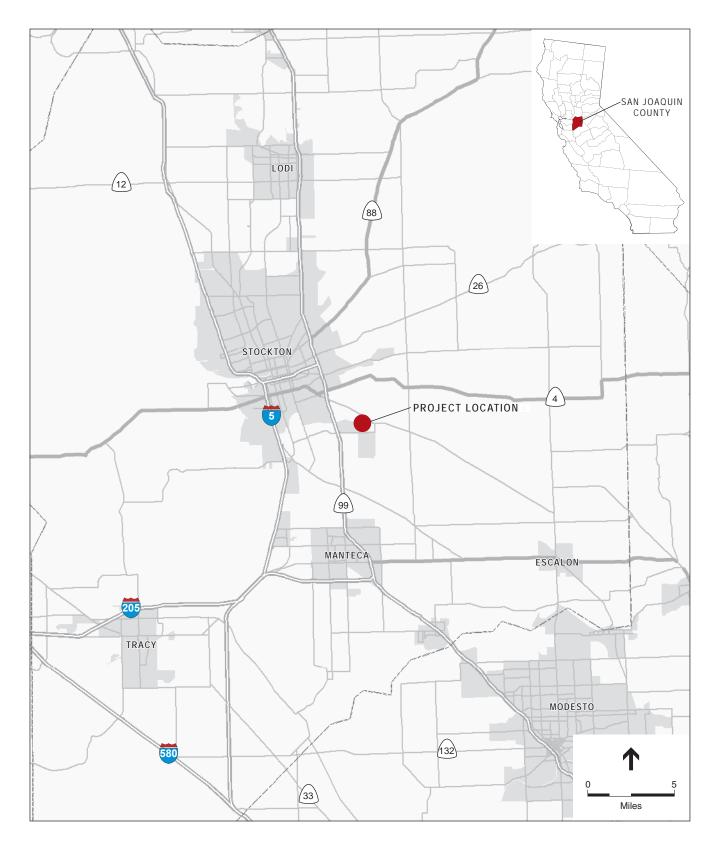
The following discretionary approvals/permits from other public agencies may be required for implementation of the project.

- Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) The proposed project will require grading of an area greater than one acre; therefore, an NPDES Permit from the RWQCB and preparation of a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) will be required. The RWQCB may also issue Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for discharge from Basin N3 into North Little Johns Creek. If a 404 Clean Water Act permit (see below) is required, a Section 401 water quality certification would be required from the RWOCB.
- San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD) As a major industrial development, the project may be subject to Indirect Source Review (ISR) by the SJVAPCD. The storm drainage pump station for Basin N3 may require an authority to construct and a permit to operate for the natural gas engine generator.

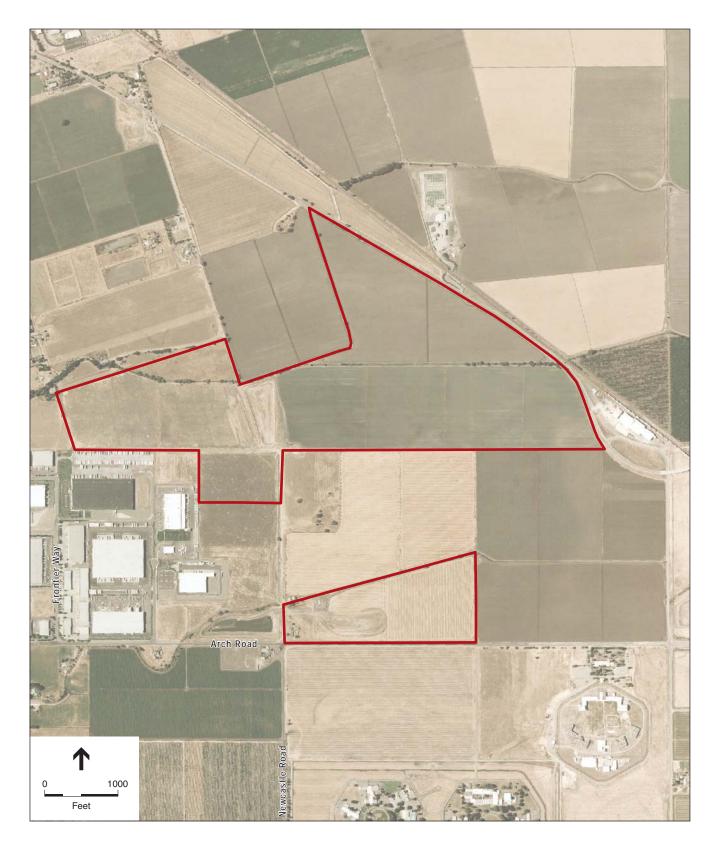
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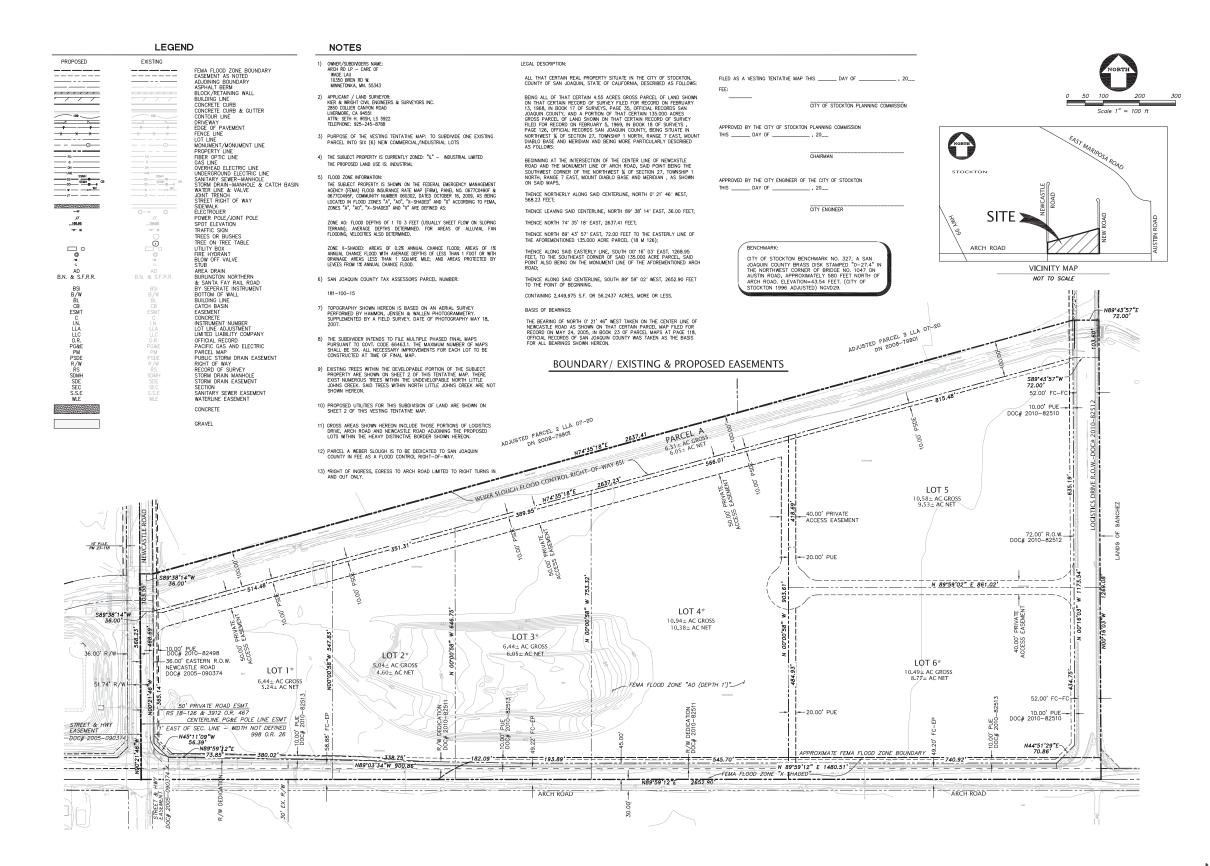
The following approvals/permits have already been obtained by the project applicant:

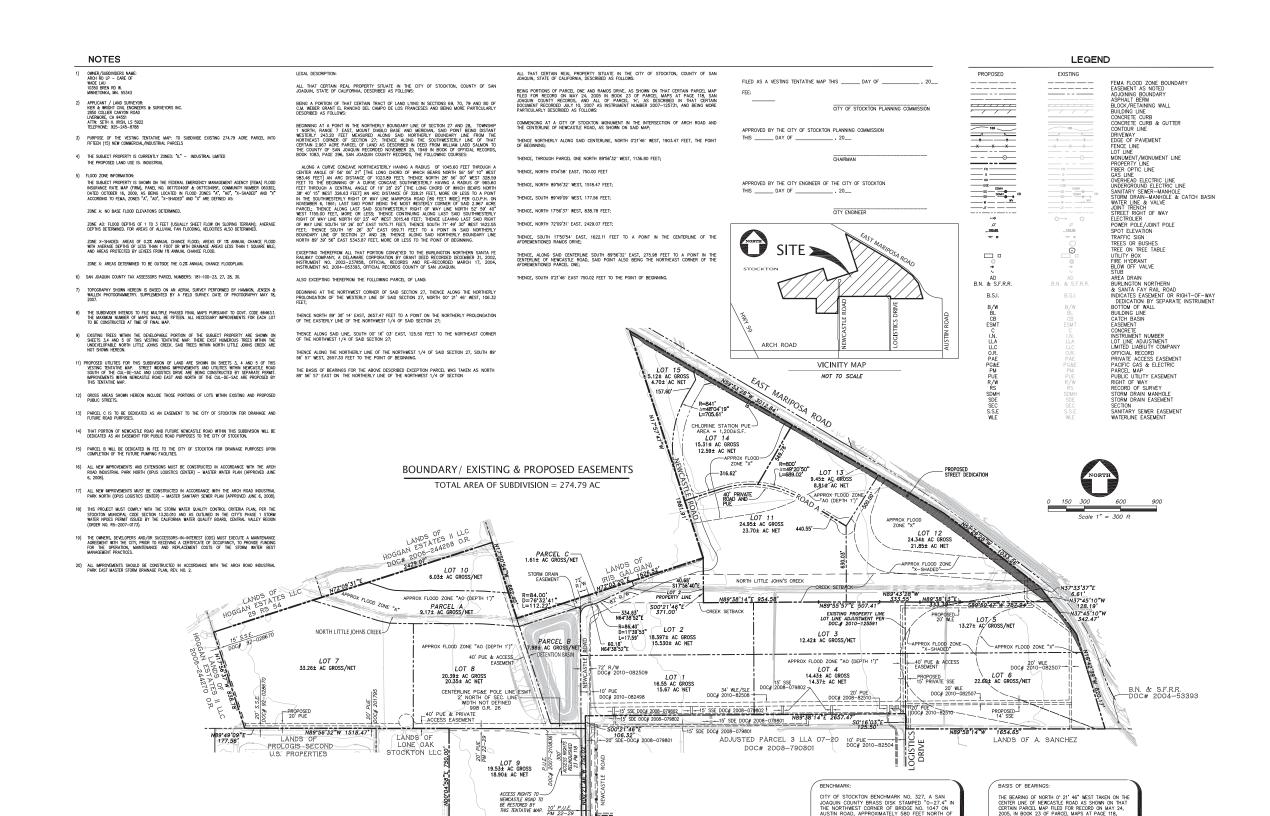
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) Construction within North Littlejohns Creek and/or Weber Slough required a Section 404 Clean Water Act permit from the ACOE.
- California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) For any modification of the bank or channel of North Littlejohns Creek and/or Weber Slough, a 1602 Streambed Alteration Agreement with CDFG was required.
- San Joaquin Council of Governments Approval of work within or adjacent to North Littlejohns Creek and/or Weber Slough required compliance with the ITMMs issued under the San Joaquin County Multi-Species Habitat Conservation and Open Space Plan (SJMSCP).



SOURCE: ESRI, 2007; and ESA, 2012







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SOURCE: Kier & Wright, 2012; and ESA, 2012
Figure 4

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Environmental Factors Potentially Affected

The proposed project could potentially affect the environmental factor(s) checked below. The following pages present a more detailed checklist and discussion of each environmental factor.

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Evaluation of Environmental Impacts

Aesthetics

Issues (and Supporting Information Sources):		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
1.	AESTHETICS—Would the project:				
a)	Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?			\boxtimes	
b)	Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway corridor?				
c)	Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings?	\boxtimes			
d)	Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect daytime or nighttime views in the area?	\boxtimes			

Discussion

- a) The proposed project site is located on flat land that is currently vacant. The site is in a largely undeveloped area where the adjacent land uses include agricultural lands and existing industrial uses. According to the City of Stockton General Plan there are no designated scenic vistas and no notable geographic features in the vicinity of the proposed project; as a result, the proposed project would not have an effect on a scenic vista. Therefore, this impact is **less-than-significant**.
- b) A review of the current Caltrans Map of Designated Scenic Routes indicates that there are no officially designated state scenic highways in the City of Stockton; however there are two officially designated state scenic highways within San Joaquin County. Interstate 5 (I-5) from the Stanislaus County Line to Interstate 580 (0.7 miles) and Interstate 580 from I-5 to the Alameda County Line (15.4 miles) are officially designated state scenic highways. These highways are located in the southwest portion of San Joaquin County and are not in the vicinity of the proposed project. Furthermore, Arch Road, Mariposa Road, Newcastle Road, and Austin Road, the closest streets to the proposed project site are not identified as a scenic roadway by any City, County, or State planning document. Therefore, the proposed project would have **no impact** on scenic resources associated with a scenic highway or roadway, and no mitigation is required.
- c) The development of urban uses has the potential degrade the character and quality of the existing visual environment. The EIR will include an aesthetics analysis that will assess the visual character of the existing project area, address the City's General Plan policies, and evaluate the consistency of the project with the visual quality requirements of the General

- Plan and other relevant planning documents. Mitigation measures will be implemented where feasible in order to minimize and/or avoid impacts to visual resources.
- d) The placement of buildings on lands where no building currently exist may create substantial new sources of light and glare. The EIR will address the impacts of the project's sources of glare during daytime hours and light during nighttime hours.

References

California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), 2008. California Scenic Highway Program. Available at: http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LandArch/scenic/scpr.htm

City of Stockton, 2007. 2035 General Plan, December 2007.

San Joaquin County, 1992. 2010 General Plan, July 1992.

Agricultural Resources

Issu	ues (and Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Inan Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
2.	AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES In determining whether impacts to agricultural resource refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Department of Conservation as an optional model to Would the project:	d Site Assessm	ent Model (1997)	prepared by the	e California
a)	Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance, as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?				
b)	Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?				
c)	Result in the conversion of forest land to non- forest use?				\boxtimes
d)	Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland to non-agricultural use?				

Discussion

- a) The Department of Conservation's Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program has designated land located on the proposed site as "Prime Farmland" and "Farmland of Statewide Importance." "Prime Farmland" is defined as farmland with the best combination of physical and chemical features able to sustain long term agricultural production. This land has the soil quality, growing season, and moisture supply needed to produce sustained high yields. Land must have been used for irrigated agricultural production at some time during the four years prior to the mapping date. "Farmland of Statewide Importance" is defined as farmland similar to Prime Farmland but with minor shortcomings, such as greater slopes or less ability to store soil moisture. Land must have been used for irrigated agricultural production at some time during the four years prior to the mapping date. Because land on the proposed project has been classified as "Prime Farmland" and "Farmland of Statewide Importance," this impact is considered **potentially significant** and will be addressed in the EIR. The project would be subject to the City's Agricultural Land Mitigation Program.
- b) The proposed project is not zoned or otherwise designated for agricultural land uses and is not currently subject to a Williamson Act contract. Therefore, there is **no impact**.
- c) The proposed project site does not contain forest land or land zoned for forest land or timberland. Therefore, there is **no impact**.

d) Land uses adjacent to the proposed project site include important agricultural lands. Because the proposed project site is currently vacant, it is possible that development of the site may have some minor impacts on adjacent agricultural lands (i.e., dust generation); however it is unlikely that uses associated with the proposed project would have any permanent detrimental impact to the adjacent farmlands. Because IL zoning requires nuisance generating uses to be indoors; this impact would be **less-than-significant**.

References

California Department of Conservation, 2006. Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program.

Air Quality

Issu	ues (and Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Impact	Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
3.	AIR QUALITY Where available, the significance criteria establish control district may be relied upon to make the fol			management or	air pollution
	Would the project:				
a)	Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?				
b)	Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?				
c)	Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?				
d)	Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?				
e)	Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?			\boxtimes	

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Discussion

a-e) The EIR will address whether potentially significant impacts to air quality on the project site or in the vicinity could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project. Construction impacts include fugitive dust and emissions from heavy construction equipment. Operational impacts include both stationary and mobile sources (automobiles and heavy trucks). Due to the limitations imposed by the IL zoning, it is not anticipated that odor-producing uses would be developed at the project site. Air quality impacts will be fully examined in the EIR and feasible mitigation measures will be identified.

Biological Resources

loou	es (and Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant	No Impact
4.	BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES— Would the project:	Impact	mcorporation	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?				
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?				
c)	Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?				
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?				
e)	Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?				
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?				

Discussion

- a-d) Although the project area has been used for agricultural operations, Littlejohns Creek runs through the north side of the property. Portions of Littlejohns Creek may provide habitat for special status species including the giant garter snake. Biological impacts are **potentially significant.**
- e-f) The project site is included within the San Joaquin County Multi-species Habitat Conservation and Open Space Plan (SJMSCP). The SJMSCP covers 97 special status plant, fish, and wildlife species in five designated zones. The project site is located entirely within the Central Zone. While it is anticipated that the project will participate in the SJMSCP and all City ordinances, construction of the project could potentially conflict with the provisions of the SJMSCP. This impact is considered **potentially significant** and will be addressed in the EIR.

Cultural Resources

Issues (and Supporting Information Sources):		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
5.	CULTURAL RESOURCES— Would the project:				
a)	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in §15064.5?				
b)	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a unique archaeological resource pursuant to §15064.5?				
c)	Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?	\boxtimes			
d)	Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?	\boxtimes			

Discussion

a-d) The project area was examined in a cultural resources report by Michael Brandman Associates in 2007, and updated in 2008 by ASI. The Brandman report recorded three historic resourced within 0.25 miles of the site, and a demolished resource on-site, the Ira Ladd Ranch residence. The ASI report did not find any significant cultural resources within the project area. However, undiscovered archaeological or paleontological may exist on the project site, therefore this impact is considered **potentially significant**. The EIR will address the proposed project's impact on cultural resources including historical, archaeological, and paleontological resources, as well as the possible discovery or disturbance of human remains.

Geology, Soils, and Seismicity

Issu	ies (ai	nd Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
6.		OLOGY, SOILS, AND SEISMICITY— uld the project:				
a)	adv	ose people or structures to potential substantial erse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or th involving:				
	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.)				
	ii)	Strong seismic ground shaking?			\boxtimes	
	iii)	Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?				
	iv)	Landslides?			\boxtimes	
b)	Res	sult in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?			\boxtimes	
c)	that and	located on geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or would become unstable as a result of the project, potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral eading, subsidence, liquefaction, or collapse?				
d)	Tab	located on expansive soil, as defined in le 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), ating substantial risks to life or property?				
e)	of s syst	re soils incapable of adequately supporting the use eptic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal tems where sewers are not available for the cosal of wastewater?				

Discussion

- a) The proposed project site is relatively flat and is located in an area of low surface rupture or fault-related surface disturbance. According to the Department of Conservation, Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42, the proposed project site is not located within a delineated Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zone; therefore this impact is considered less-than-significant.
- b) The proposed land use would include structures and landscaping that would minimize bare soil subject to erosion. Compliance with the City of Stockton grading ordinance (Sec. 13-501 of the Municipal Code) would minimize construction impacts relating to top soil erosion. This is a **less-than-significant** impact.
- c) The proposed project site's topography is relatively flat and is not located within a delineated Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zone. Additionally, the probability of soil liquefaction actually taking place on the project site is considered to be a low to moderate hazard.

With adherence to all applicable codes and regulations, including the Uniform Building Code, geologic hazard impacts associated with on-or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction, or collapse would be minimized. The impact is considered to be **less-than-significant**.

- d) The presence of expansive soils on the project site could pose a risk to property and life as a result of development of the project. This impact is considered **potentially significant** and will therefore be further analyzed in an EIR.
- e) The proposed project will connect to existing sewer systems; septic tanks will not be used as part of the proposed project, therefore there is **no impact**.

References

California Department of Conservation, 1999. Division of Mines and Geology, Fault-Rupture Hazard Zones in California, Special Publication 42.

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). 1992. Soil Survey of San Joaquin County, California. October 1992.

Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Issues (and Supporting Information Sources):		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
7.	GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS — Would the project:				
a)	Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?	\boxtimes			
b)	Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?				

Discussion

- a) Development of industrial uses would potentially greenhouse gas emissions, including area sources, mobile (vehicular) sources, and indirect (energy usage) sources. This potentially significant impact will be examined in the EIR.
- b) The City of Stockton has developed a draft climate action plan, as part of the implementation of its 2035 General Plan. The proposed project will be analyzed for consistency with this and any other applicable plans, policies, and regulations.

References

City of Stockton, 2012. Draft Climate Action Plan. February 2012.

Hazards and Hazardous Materials

Issu	ues (and Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
7.	HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS Would the project:				
a)	Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?				
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?				
c)	Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?				
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?				
e)	For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?				
f)	For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?				
g)	Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?				
h)	Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?				

Discussion

a,b) Two Phase I Environmental Site Assessments (Phase I) were prepared for the proposed project. A Phase I and Screening Level Phase II was prepared for a 460-acre, nine parcel agricultural property located at Arch Road and Newcastle Road (GeoTrans, Inc., 2007a). No Recognized Environmental Conditions were identified for these properties. However, there were several significant findings identified in each of the Phase Is and the Phase II.

The following were identified as significant findings in the Phase I and Screening Level Phase II Environmental Site Assessment Report, 460-Acre Property (GeoTrans, Inc., 2007a):

• 5365 Arch Road (APN 181-10-05) is listed on the HAZNET database. The listing indicates 2.18 tons of unspecified oil containing waste was

- transported from the property to a Treatment, Storage, Disposal (TSD) facility in Yolo County.
- Due to existing and former agricultural uses of this site, agricultural pesticide and chemical use has occurred on the property.
- Household debris, oil containers, and empty pesticide/herbicide containers
 are found in various locations throughout the property. Additionally, soil
 staining was found in conjunction with some of the locations of oil containers
 and pesticide/herbicide containers. The soil was sampled and tested as part
 of the Phase II.
- Three large soil stockpiles are located on the property. Soil sampling and testing of the soil stockpiles was conducted as part of the Phase II.
- The potential for elevated pesticide concentrations in on-site soils is considered low.

The Screening Level Phase II Environmental Site Assessment Report identified the following results from soil sampling and testing conducted for the proposed project site:

• Seven oil-stained areas and a collection of empty agricultural chemical containers were identified at the abandoned farm site on APN 181-10-02 (Parcel 2) and APN 181-10-05 (Parcel 5), located at the northeast corner of the intersection of Arch Road and Newcastle Road. One soil sample from Parcel 5 contained motor oil concentrations in the soil of 5,100 mg/kg motor oil and another sample taken from Parcel 2 showed concentrations of motor oil at 1,100 mg/kg. The Environmental Screening Level (ESL) for motor oil is 1,000 mg/kg. No evidence of soil impact was found in connection with the three soil stockpiles or beneath the empty agricultural chemical containers (GeoTrans, Inc., 2007a).

Construction and operation of the proposed project would potentially require the use of various types and quantities of hazardous materials. A wide range of uses are allowed under the Industrial Limited zoning designation, including light manufacturing, recycling and waste collection, research and development, machine and welding shops, and equipment repair and maintenance to name a few. However, all allowed uses are required to remain indoors. At this time, no specific operations are planned as part of the proposed project, as a result, it is unknown what types of hazardous materials might be utilized by future operations on the project site. It is assumed that any hazardous materials that are used, disposed of, or transported to and from the project site will be done so in accordance with federal, state, and local laws regulating hazardous materials. During construction, there is the potential for accidental release of hazardous materials or the disturbance of unidentified prior contamination. Existing contaminated soil or hazards associated with debris located on the proposed project site could be disturbed during grading and construction activities as part of the proposed project and result in the exposure of construction workers to

hazardous materials. This impact is considered **potentially significant** and will be examined in the EIR.

- c) The proposed project is not located within one-quarter mile of an existing school. Venture Academy, a charter school, is the nearest school facility at approximately two miles from the project site. Please refer to (a,b) for further discussion of potential hazards related to the proposed project. This impact is **less-than-significant**.
- d) A portion of the proposed project site is listed on a regulatory agency database for hazardous materials. 5365 Arch Road is listed on HAZNET as having removed oil containing waste and disposing of it at a TSD facility (GeoTrans, Inc., 2007a). Since the listed contaminated material was removed, as identified in the database record, the site is not expected to pose a significant hazard to the environment or the public. This impact is considered less-than-significant.
- e) The EIR will address whether the proposed project is located within two miles of the Stockton Metropolitan Airport (Airport) and whether or not the proposed project would result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area.
- f) The proposed project site is not located within the vicinity of a private airstrip. There is **no impact**.
- g) The proposed project will not interfere with an emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan. Prior to approval, the applicant will be required to demonstrate compliance with all emergency access requirements and other emergency standards in place in the City of Stockton. This impact is **less-than-significant**.
- h) The proposed project area is not located near any existing wildlands, so no potential impact is expected. Consequently, there is a **less-than-significant** impact due to wildland fire threat.

References

GeoTrans, Inc. 2007a. Phase I and Screening Level Phase II Environmental Site Assessment Report, 460-Acre Property Arch Road at Newcastle Road, Stockton, California. Prepared for Opus West Corporation. July 2007.

GeoTrans, Inc. 2007b. Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Report, 149-Acre Sanchez Property 6001 South Austin Road, Stockton, California. Prepared for Opus West Corporation. October 17, 2007.

San Joaquin County Council of Governments (SJCOG). 1983. Airport Land Use Plan. October 25, 1983.

Hydrology and Water Quality

Issi	ues (and Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
8.	HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY— Would the project:				
a)	Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?				
b)	Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?				
c)	Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of a site or area through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or by other means, in a manner that would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site?				
d)	Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of a site or area through the alteration of the course of a stream or river or, by other means, substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner that would result in flooding on- or off-site?				
e)	Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?				
f)	Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?	\boxtimes			
g)	Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other authoritative flood hazard delineation map?				
h)	Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures that would impede or redirect flood flows?				
i)	Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam?				
j)	Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?				

Discussion

a,f) Development of the proposed project site has the potential to expose bare soil and potentially generate other water quality pollutants that could be exposed to precipitation and subsequent entrainment in surface runoff. Construction activities involving soil disturbance, excavation, cutting/filling, and grading activities could result in increased erosion and sedimentation to surface waters. Construction materials such as asphalt, concrete, and equipment fluids

could be exposed to precipitation and subsequent runoff. These impacts are considered **potentially significant** and will be further addressed in the EIR.

Furthermore, the property owner is required to file a Notice of Intent (NOI) with the State Water Resources Control Board prior to commencement of construction activity. Upon receipt of the completed NOI, the property owner will be sent a receipt letter containing the Waste Discharger's Identification Number (WDID). The City requires the WDID from the State of California Water Resources Control Board to be submitted prior to issuance of a Grading Permit or plan approval. The SWPPP is required to be available on site. In addition, an Erosion Control Plan is also required to be incorporated into the project plans and/or grading plans prior to approval.

The project must also comply with the Storm Water Quality Control Criteria Plan, as outlined in the City's Phase 1 Storm Water NPDES permit issued by the California Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Order No. R5-2007-0173). The owners, developers, and/or successors-in-interest (ODS) must establish maintenance entity acceptable to the City to provide funding for the operation, maintenance and replacement costs of the Storm Water Best Management Practices. The property owners, developers, and/or successors-in-interest shall comply with any and all requirements, and pay all associated fees, as required by the City's Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program as set forth in its NPDES Storm Water Permit.

- b) The project does not include on-site wells. The project would increase the area of impervious surfaces. Upon development, the project will be required to design and construct a storm drainage collection and discharge outfall into a waterway in accordance with the Stockton Municipal Code, and applicable master plans. Water for the project will be supplied by the City of Stockton, and includes groundwater supplies. A water supply assessment will be required as part of the EIR. Therefore, impacts to groundwater levels are considered **potentially significant** and will be analyzed in the EIR.
- c,d,e) The project site is currently undeveloped, with large open areas of generally pervious surfaces. Implementation of the project would create impervious surfaces (roofs, concrete, and asphalt) over a significant portion of the project site, thereby preventing precipitation from infiltrating and causing it to pond and/or runoff. Therefore, development would increase runoff, potentially causing flooding onsite and/or contributing to offsite flooding in downgradient locations. In addition, site runoff may be discharged more efficiently, decreasing the time necessary to reach drainage facilities and exceeding conveyance system capacity. Drainage and runoff impacts resulting from the proposed project will be evaluated in the EIR.
- g,h) No residences are included as part of the proposed project. A large portion of the project site is located within a FEMA designated 100-year flood hazard area, therefore there is potential for structures created by the proposed project to impede or redirect flood flows. This impact is considered **potentially significant** and will be analyzed in the EIR.

- i) Flood protection for the project site is provided by a large system of levees and upstream impoundments. These structures are subject to risks associated with inadequate maintenance, rising sea level, and regional land subsidence. However, in applying the significance thresholds, these risks are not directly or indirectly influenced by the project. In recognition of these findings, the impact is considered **less-than-significant**.
- j) The proposed project site is located on and near flat topography remote from any major water bodies, thus precluding any potential for these impacts; therefore implementation of the proposed project would have **no impact** from seiche, tsunami, or mudflows.

References

City of Stockton, 2004. South Stockton Water Master Plan Update, November 2004.

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), 2002. Flood Insurance Rate Maps for Stockton, California. Community Panel Number 0603020040E & 0603020045E, revised April 2, 2002.

Land Use and Planning

Issues (and Supporting Information Sources):		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
9.	LAND USE AND LAND USE PLANNING— Would the project:				
a)	Physically divide an established community?				\boxtimes
b)	Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?				
c)	Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan?	\boxtimes			

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Discussion

- a) The project vicinity is located in a largely undeveloped area that has historically been used for agriculture. The project will not divide an established community; therefore there is **no impact**.
- All of the parcels included in the proposed project are located within the City of Stockton and are designated for industrial uses (by both the general plan and zoning ordinance). The IL zoning district is applied to areas appropriate for light manufacturing uses that may generate more nuisance impacts than acceptable in commercial zoning districts and whose operations are totally conducted indoors. Includes ancillary office uses. The IL zoning district is consistent with the Industrial land use designation of the General Plan. Unlike the Industrial General zoning district, uses may not occur outdoors or be associated with nuisance or hazardous impacts in the IL zoning district.

Due to the proposed site's location near the Stockton Metropolitan Airport, the proposed project is subject to review by the Airport Land Use Commission for consistency with the San Joaquin County Airport Land Use Plan. The project applicant is also required to coordinate with Stockton Metropolitan Airport to submit FAA Form 7460.1 ("Notice of Proposed Construction or Alteration") to the FAA 30 days prior to filing an application for a construction permit to the City. The proposed project is subject to building height limitations, light and glare restrictions, and wildlife attractant restrictions. At this time, no specific industrial uses are identified. However, the proposed project includes a stormwater detention basin. This detention basin could be filled in the event of a major storm event. It is assumed that standing water collected in the basin from major storm events would remain in the detention basin for less than 24-48 hours. As stated above, the FAA recommends that wildlife attractants be separated from an airport serving turbine-operated aircraft by 10,000 feet. Although the proposed detention basin will only hold water for intermittent periods of time, a potentially significant impact could remain from

- the location of a potential wildlife attractant less than 10,000 feet from an airport. The proposed project's consistency with all allocable land use plans, policies, and regulations will be further addressed in the EIR.
- c) To the extent that construction activities would not avoid, minimize, or mitigate impacts to special-status species, riparian habitat, or other sensitive natural communities, the project could conflict with the goals of the SJMSCP (see also Biological Resources, above). This impact is considered **potentially significant** and will be addressed in the EIR.

References

- California Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics (Caltrans), 2002. California Airport Land Use Planning Handbook. January 2002.
- Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), 2007. FAA Advisory Circular 150/5200-33B: Hazardous Wildlife Attractants on or Near Airports. August 28, 2007.
- San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG), 2000. San Joaquin County Multi-species Habitat Conservation and Open Space Plan. November 2000.

San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG), 1993. Airport Land Use Plan. August 24, 1993.

San Joaquin County, 1992. 2010 General Plan, July 1992.

Mineral Resources

Issu	ues (and Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
10.	MINERAL RESOURCES—Would the project:				
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?				
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?				

Discussion

a,b) An initial review of the project area indicates that no mineral resources are known to exist within the vicinity. Most of the City is classified as MRZ-1 by the Department of Conservation, indicating that there is no evidence of important mineral resources.

References

City of Stockton, 2007. 2035 General Plan. December 2007.

Noise

Issu	es (and Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
	NOISE—Would the project:	•			•
a)	Result in exposure of persons to, or generation of, noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?				
b)	Result in exposure of persons to, or generation of, excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?				
c)	Result in a substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?				
d)	Result in a substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?				
e)	For a project located within an airport land use plan area, or, where such a plan has not been adopted, in an area within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the area to excessive noise levels?				
f)	For a project located in the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?				
Di	scussion				
a-d	Construction and operation of the propogroundborne vibrations, and ambient no impact is considered potentially signific associated with noise and vibration.	ise levels wi	thin the proje	ct vicinity. T	his
e)	The project is located approximately 1. Airport; therefore, this impact is considered whether the project would expose people relevels.	ed potentiall	y significant.	The EIR will	address
f)	The project is not located in the vicinity would occur.	y of a privat	e airstrip, the	refore no im	pact

Population and Housing

Issu	nes (and Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
12.	POPULATION AND HOUSING— Would the project:				
a)	Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?				
b)	Displace substantial numbers of existing housing units, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				
c)	Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				\boxtimes

Discussion

- a,b) The project will provide temporary (construction) and permanent jobs in the project area. It is anticipated that the majority of these jobs will be filled by current residents of the Stockton area. Additional housing will not be needed to serve the project. This impact is less-than-significant.
- b,c) The proposed project does not include demolition of existing housing; therefore there is **no impact**.

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Public Services

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			Potentially Significant	Significant with Mitigation	Less Than Significant	
Issu	es (a	nd Supporting Information Sources):	Impact	Incorporation	Impact	No Impact
13.	PUE	BLIC SERVICES— Would the project:				
a)	or p con env acce perf	sult in substantial adverse physical impacts ociated with the provision of, or the need for, new obspically altered governmental facilities, the struction of which could cause significant irronmental impacts, in order to maintain eptable service ratios, response times, or other formance objectives for any of the following public vices:				
	i)	Fire protection?	\boxtimes			
	ii)	Police protection?			\boxtimes	
	iii)	Schools?				\boxtimes
	iv)	Parks?				\boxtimes
	v)	Other public facilities?				\boxtimes
Di	scı	ussion				
a.i)		The proposed project site will be served SFD provides fire protection, fire prevent medical services to all areas of the City Fire Department include fire fighting, fire training, fire dispatch, hazardous materia. The nearest SFD station is #12, located at from the proposed project site. Capital contact accounted for by the City's Public Facility Fees will be paid as required at the time the considered potentially significant .	ntion service of Stockton re preventionals intervent 4010 East 10 ests of Fire I ties Fee programmer.	es, and param . Specific serv on, fire hydrar ion, and weed Main Street, ap Department ex gram. All Fire	edic emerge ices provide at maintenant abatement so oproximately pansion are Station Expa	d by the ce, ervices. 4 miles
a.ii)	Law enforcement services will be the res Capital costs of Police Department expansion Facilities Fee program. All Police Station time they are due; therefore this impact is	on are account Expansion	nted for by the Fees will be	e City's Pub paid as requi	lic

The project site is within the boundaries of the Stockton Unified School District

whole; therefore there is no impact.

See recreation discussion, below.

(SUSD). The proposed project will not generate any additional residential population that will increase the demand for additional schools in the project neighborhood or the City as a

References

City of Stockton, Stockton Fire Department, 2008. Available at: http://www.stocktongov.com/Fire/

Recreation

Issu	es (and Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
14.	RECREATION—Would the project:				
a)	Increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facilities would occur or be accelerated?				
b)	Include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities that might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?				

Discussion

The proposed project area is currently vacant agricultural lands. The proposed project will not contribute to an increase in the local population, and no additional demand on existing neighborhood and regional parks would be created. Furthermore, warehouse/low density projects are exempt from Parkland Public Facilities Fees. The proposed project would have **no impact** on the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks.

Transportation and Traffic

Issu	res (and Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
15.	TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC— Would the project:		<u> </u>		
a)	Conflict with an applicable plan, ordinance or policy establishing measures of effectiveness for the performance of the circulation system, taking into account all modes of transportation including mass transit and non-motorized travel and relevant components of the circulation system, including but not limited to intersections, streets, highways and freeways, pedestrian and bicycle paths, and mass transit?				
b)	Conflict with an applicable congestion management program, including, but not limited to, level of service standards and travel demand measures, or other standards established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways?				
c)	Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location, that results in substantial safety risks?				
d)	Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?				
e)	Result in inadequate parking capacity?	\boxtimes			
f)	Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs regarding public transit, bicycle, or pedestrian facilities, or otherwise decrease the performance or safety of such facilities?				

Discussion

a-f) The estimated trip generation for the project, both phases, is 21,500 average daily trips. These additional trips may affect the following intersections and freeway segments/ramps:

Intersections

- 1. Arch-Airport Road/Quantas Lane
- 2. Arch-Airport Road/State Route (SR) 99 Ramps
- 3. Arch-Airport Road/Frontage Road
- 4. Arch Road/Frontier Way
- 5. Arch Road/Fite Court
- 6. Arch Road/Newcastle Road
- 7. Arch Road/Austin Road
- 8. Austin Road/Mariposa Road
- 9. Carpenter Road/Mariposa Road

- 10. Stagecoach Road/Mariposa Road
- 11. SR 99 East Frontage Road/Mariposa Road
- 12. SR 99 Northbound Mariposa Off-Ramp/SR 99 East Frontage Road
- 13. SR 99 East Frontage Road/Peterson Road
- 14. SR 99 Southbound Ramps/Mariposa Road
- 15. SR 99 Northbound Off-Ramp/Mariposa Road/SR 99 West Frontage Road/SR 99 Southbound On-Ramp

Freeway Segments and Ramps

- 1. SR 99, north of Mariposa Road
- 2. SR 99, north of Arch-Airport Road
- 3. SR 99, south of Arch-Airport Road
- 4. SR 99 at Arch-Airport Road northbound on-ramp merge
- 5. SR 99 at Arch-Airport Road northbound on-ramp diverge
- 6. SR 99 at Arch-Airport Road southbound on-ramp merge
- 7. SR 99 at Arch-Airport Road southbound on-ramp diverge

The impacts from vehicular traffic are considered **potentially significant** and the EIR will include a complete traffic study. The project would not alter air traffic patterns.

Utilities and Service Systems

Issu	nes (and Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
16.	UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS—Would the project:				
a)	Conflict with wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?				
b)	Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?				
c)	Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities, or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?				
d)	Require new or expanded water supply resources or entitlements?				
e)	Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider that would serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?				
f)	Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs?				
g)	Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?				

Discussion

- a) There is no evidence that the proposed project, which would include uses allowed under the Industrial Limited zoning district, would violate RWQCB standards. This impact is considered **less than significant.**
- b) The project site is served by existing utilities municipal water. Water laterals will need to be extended to the proposed lots. This impact is considered **less than significant**.
- c) Implementation of the proposed project will result in large areas of impervious surfaces where before there were none; this will cause a change in both the path and runoff flow rate of stormwater. The project area includes existing detention basins. The EIR will assess the adequacy of the proposed stormwater drainage system. This impact is considered **potentially significant.**
- d) The project site is currently planned and zoned for industrial uses, and should be included in long-term water supply assessments for the City. The project will be assessed, using the most current Urban Water Management Plan, to determine the adequacy of the water

- supply. This impact is therefore considered **potentially significant** and will be examined in the EIR.
- f) The anticipated construction of new buildings as part of the proposed project would increase the amount of solid waste that is received by the local landfill. The EIR will evaluate whether there is capacity at service area landfills to accommodate the additional solid waste contributed by the proposed project. This impact is considered **potentially significant.**
- g) There is no evidence that the proposed project, which would include uses allowed under the Industrial Limited zoning district, would violate applicable federal, state, and local statues and regulations related to solid waste. This impact is considered **less than significant.**

Mandatory Findings of Significance

Issu	es (and Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
17.	MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE— Would the project:				
a)	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?				
b)	Have impacts that would be 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.)				
c)	Have environmental effects that would cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?				

Discussion

- a) Per Issue 4, Biological Resources, above, the project has the potential to substantially degrade the environment; therefore this impact is considered **potentially significant**.
- b) Implementation of the project has the potential to involve impacts of "cumulatively considerable" scope that may affect the quality of the environment and in doing so might indirectly impact human beings. The EIR will provide a complete study of the potential impacts of the project regarding "mandatory significance." Where feasible, mitigation measures will be introduced in order to offset any potential impacts resulting from the project. This impact is considered **potentially significant.**
- c) Potentially significant impacts related to hazardous materials, air quality, and noise have been identified in this initial study. Therefore this impact is considered **potentially significant** and will be further examined in the EIR.

Appendix A

Environmental Information Form



STOCKTON
ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION AND INITIAL STUDY FORM
(Pursuant to Cal. Code of Regulations, Title 14, Sections 15063-15065)

		INITIAL STUDY FILE NO: EIR FILE NO: INITIAL STUDY FILING DATE	<u>IS</u>	C C P 3 S	EAD AGENCY city of Stockton community Development lanning Division 45 North El Dorado Str tockton, CA 95202 209) 937-8266	•
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A.	<u>GE</u>	NERAL INFORMATION/PROJ	ECT DESCRIPTION (Co	mpleted by Applicant)		
	1.	Project Title:	NorCal Logistics Cent	er		
	2.	Property Owner(s):	Arch Road L.P.			
		Address:		V., Minnetonka, MN.	z ip <u>55343</u>	Phone 925-245-8788
	3.	Applicant/Proponent:	Arch Road L.P.		Contact Person: T	
		Address:	10350 Bren Road W	., Minnetonka, MN	Zip 55343	Phone 925-245-8788
	4.	Consulting Firm:	ESA		Contact Person:	
		Address:	2600 Capitol Ave., #2	00, Sacramento CA	Zip <u>95816</u>	Phone 916-564-4500
		 a. Address (if applicable) North of Arch Road and we b. Assessor's Parcel Num c. Legal Description [Atta or list existing lots of research of the second of the se	ber(s): 179-220-27, 28, ach metes and bounds becord from recorded decords	kton, CA 95215 30; 181-110-23; 181-10 (bearings and dimension	ns) description and co	erresponding map(s)
	6.7.	General Project Description support, or offsite features See attached. Applications Currently Under	necessary for its impler			
		File Number(s): City Planning		nd LTD – Vesting Tentative Maps	(VTM 1 - Tract No. 3732 and	VTM 2 - Tract NO. 3733).
	8.	Other permits/reviews requi	ired by the City, County ermits/Reviews:	, State, Federal or other a	agencies for project im	plementation:
		NPDES	Permit and preparat	ion of a SWPPP		
		SJVAPCD	Indirect Source Review	w (ISR)		
	9.	Describe proposed General <u>Existing GP Designation Property</u>	•			

grading, cuts and fills, vegetation/tree removal, alterations to drainage, removal of existing structures, etc.) 11. **Specific Project Description/Operational Characteristics:** a. Describe Proposed Commercial, Industrial, Institutional, and Recreational Uses (all non-residential uses): Site Structure Required Parking Proposed Land Use(s) <u>Acreage</u> Provided (1) Zoning Sq. Ft. Parking Industrial ____ 331 6,337,980 TBD (2) Describe project phasing (location/timing): See attached. Days/Hours of operation: Potentially 24 hours/day ; Work shifts per day: 3 (3) Total number of employees: 4300 ; Number of employees per work shift: unknown (4) Number of company vehicles/trucks: TBD (5) Estimated number of vehicle trip ends (TE) per day generated by project: Trucks TE/Day; (6) Passenger Vehicles, ___ TE/Day; Total, 22,950 TE/Day. Estimated maximum number of TE/Day based on proposed General Plan Designation: 22,950 TE/Day, (7) and/or Proposed Zoning: 22,950 TE/Day (8) Will land use-related noise produced on site exceed adopted noise standards (i.e.: 45 Leg dB during nighttime or 55 Leg dB during daytime hours at nearest residential property line; 75 Lmax dB at nearest commercial property line; and/or 80 Lmax dB at nearest industrial property line)? No<u>√</u> Yes ____ If yes, describe sources and levels of noise: Other operational or design characteristics: (9) See Initial Study b. Describe Proposed Residential Land Uses: [Check (4) or specify applicable types] Apartments Townhouses Conventional 1-F , 2-F , or 3-F Condominiums Elderly Apartments Dormitory/Rooming/Boarding Houses Residential Care Facility Employee Housing PURD | | Mobile Homes Occupancy Facilities Other ____ Motel/Hotel/B&B; Extended Stay/Single Rm. **Residential Land Use Summary:** (1) Type of Unit Zoning Acreage Proposed Units Units/Acre Max. Units Allowed Max. Density (2) Describe Project Phasing: (3) Population Projection for Proposed Project: Projected Population Density (Persons/Unit): 2

Describe any site alterations which result from the proposed project: (Address the amount and location of

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	(5) Estimated total number o	f vehicle trip ends (TE) per o	day generated by proposed	project: =
	(6) Estimated maximum num	nber of TE/Day based on pro	posed General Plan Designa	ation:T
	and/or Proposed Zoning:	TE/Day		
12.	Will the project generate any	substantial short-term an	d/or long-term air qualit	y impacts, inc
	regional/cumulative contributions?		If so, estimate the type and	d amount of emi
	below (e.g., tons per year of PM10, I	•		
	a. Construction Emissions: To be			
	b. Stationary Source Emissions:			
	c. Mobile Source Emissions: Tob	e analyzed in the EIR.		
PRO	DJECT SITE CHARACTERISTICS (Com	nleted by Applicant and/or I	ead Agency as applicable):	
				•
1.	Total Site Acreage (Ac.) (or) Square	Footage (S.F.): 6,337,980		A
2.	Ex. General Plan Designations		oning (City or County)	<u>Acres</u>
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C.	If the site is under contract, has a "Notice of Non-Ren	ewal" been f	iled? No _	Yes	_
	If yes, when will the contract expire? Date:		_		
Des	cribe important on-site and/or adjacent topographical a	nd water feat	ures:		
	Site: Littlejohns Creek and Weber Slough				
	acent: N/A				
Auj	accini.				
Des	cribe any important on-site and/or adjacent vegetation/v	vildlife habita	ıt:		
On-	Site: Littlejohns Creek				
Adj	acent: Weber Slough				
Des	cribe any general and special status wildlife species kr	own to inhal	bit the site	or for which	ch the site provide
	ortant habitat: Species may include Giant Garter Snake and			0. 10	on the one provide
р	ortant nuoltat.				
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Sur	vey", and/or other documentation, if applicable): See Init	al Study.			
lder	ntify and describe any on-site or nearby public healt	h and safety	hazards	or hazardo	us areas (attach
"Pr	eliminary Site Assessment" and/or "Remediation Plan",	if applicable)	:		
See	e Initial Study.				
lder	ny portion of the site subject to a 100-year flood? No	l on-site aml	bient noise	levels whi	ch exceed adopte
a.	Do on-site ambient noise levels from existing land us	-	-		
	off-site exceed adopted noise standards? Yes	No . If so.	describe:		•
	To be analyzed in the EIR.				
b.	Does or will transportation-related noise exceed 60	dB Ldn at a	ny exterior	location o	r 45 dB Ldn at an
	interior location? Yes No If so, describe:				
	To be analyzed in the EIR.				
or ı sub	cate by checking (4) whether the following public facility readily available to the project site and whether the stantial improvements or expansion of existing facilities	proposed pro	oject can l	be adequat	ely served withou
or s	services are necessary, explain below.	Yes	<u>No</u>	N/A	
a.	Water supply/treatment facilities	<u> </u>			
b.	Wastewater collection/treatment facilities	<u> </u>			
с.	Storm drainage, flood control facilities	<u></u>			
d.	3 -,	✓			
е.	Solid waste collection/disposal/recycling services	1 7 1			
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f.	Energy/communication services	✓			
	Energy/communication services Public/private roadway and access facilities	✓ ✓			
f. g. h.	Energy/communication services	✓			

		(public transit, railway, water or air transport, etc.)						
i	i.	Fire and emergency medical services	\checkmark					
j	j.	Police/law enforcement services	V					
J	k.	Parks and recreation services	✓					
i	I.	Library services	√					
ı	m.	General government services	\checkmark					
ı	n.	School facilities	V					
Explanation(s): SIGNATURE (Completed by Owner or Legal Agent) I certify, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct and that I am (check one): Legal property owner (owner includes partner, trustee, trustor, or corporate officer) Owner's legal agent, authorized project applicant, or consultant (attach proof of consent to file on owner's behalf)								
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- C. <u>ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE CHECKLIST (Completed by Lead Agency or Authorized Consultant - Check (4)</u>
 Responses and Provide Supporting Documentation and References, as applicable1:)
 - In completing this Checklist, the Lead Agency shall evaluate each environmental issue based on the preceding Sections A and B of this Initial Study and shall consider any applicable previously-certified or adopted environmental analysis. The decision as to whether a project may have one or more significant effects shall be based on substantial evidence in light of the whole record before the Lead Agency. All answers must take into account the whole action involved, including offsite as well as onsite, cumulative as well as project-level, indirect as well as direct, and construction as well as operational impacts.
 - Following each section of this Checklist is a subsection to incorporate environmental documentation and to cite references in support of the responses for that particular environmental issue. A brief explanation is required for all answers except "No Impact" answers that are adequately supported by the information sources the Lead Agency cites (in parentheses) at the end of each section. This subsection provides (a) the factual basis for determining whether the proposal will have a significant effect on the environment; (b) the significance criteria or threshold, if any, used to evaluate each question; and (c) the new or revised mitigation measures and/or previously-adopted measures that are incorporated by reference to avoid or mitigate potentially significant impacts. Mitigation measures from Section D, "Earlier Analyses", may be cross-referenced. In addition, background and support documentation may be appended and/or incorporated by reference, as necessary. This section is required to support a "Mitigated Negative Declaration". If an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) will be prepared, this section shall provide an "EIR Scope of Work" in order to focus on issues to be addressed in the Draft EIR
 - 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 site is not subject to flooding). A "No Impact" answer should be explained if 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).
 - Once the lead agency has determined that a particular physical impact may occur, the checklist answers must indicate whether the impact is "Potentially Significant", "Less-than-Significant with Mitigation Incorporated", or "Less-than-Significant". "Potentially Significant Impact" is appropriate if there is substantial evidence that an effect may be significant and mitigation measures to reduce the impact to a less-than-significant level have not been identified or agreed to by the project applicant. If there are one or more "Potentially Significant Impact" entries upon completing the Checklist, an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is required.
 - The "Less-than-Significant with Mitigation Incorporated" category applies when revisions in the project plans or proposals made, or agreed to, by the applicant would avoid or mitigate the effect(s) of the project to a point where, clearly, no significant adverse environmental effect would occur. The lead agency must describe the mitigation measures and briefly explain how they reduce the effect to a less-than-significant level. Upon completing the Checklist, if there is no substantial evidence in light of the whole record before the Lead Agency that the project, as revised, may have a significant effect on the environment, then, a "Mitigated Negative Declaration" shall be prepared.
 - The Checklist shall incorporate references to common or comprehensive information sources [e.g., the City's General Plan, redevelopment plans, infrastructure master plans, zoning ordinance/development code(s), and related environmental documents, etc.] for potential regional (Citywide) and cumulatively considerable impacts. In addition, any prior site-specific environmental documents and/or related studies (e.g., traffic studies, geotechnical/soils reports, etc.) should be cited and incorporated by reference, as applicable. Reference to a previously prepared or outside document should, when appropriate, include a reference to the page or pages where the statement is substantiated. Referenced documents shall be available for public review in the City of Stockton Community Development Department, Planning Division, 345 N. El Dorado St., Stockton, CA.
 - Supporting Information Sources: A source list should be attached and other sources used and/or individuals contacted should be cited in the discussion.

ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE CHECKLIST

1. AESTHETICS - Would the project:

a. Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?

Less than Significant Impact

b. Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings along a scenic highway?

No Impact

c. Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings? Potentially Significant Impact

d. Create a new source of substantial light or glare that would adversely affect daytime or nighttime views in the area?

Potentially Significant Impact

Supporting Documentation/References Cited:

NorCal Logistics Center Initial Study, October 2012.

2. <u>AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES</u> - In determining whether impacts on 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. Would the project:

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?

Potentially Significant Impact

b. Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use or conflict with a Williamson Act contract?

No Impact

c. Involve other changes in the existing environment that, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland to non-agricultural use?

Less than Significant Impact

Supporting Documentation/References Cited:

NorCal Logistics Center Initial Study, October 2012.

3. <u>AIR QUALITY</u> - When 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:

a. Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan? Potentially Significant Impact

b. Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?

Potentially Significant Impact

c. Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is a nonattainment area for an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions

d. Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?

Potentially Significant Impact

e. Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?

Less than Significant Impact

Supporting Documentation/References Cited:

NorCal Logistics Center Initial Study, October 2012.

that exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?

4. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES- Would the project:

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?

Potentially Significant Impact

b. Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?

Potentially Significant Impact

c. Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marshes, vernal pools, coastal wetlands, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?

Potentially Significant Impact

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?

Potentially Significant Impact

e. Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?

Potentially Significant Impact

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?

Potentially Significant Impact

Supporting Documentation/References Cited:

NorCal Logistics Center Initial Study, October 2012.

5. <u>CULTURAL RESOURCES</u> - Would the project:

a. Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in Section 15064.5?

Potentially Significant Impact

b. Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to Section 15064.5?

Potentially Significant Impact

c. Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature? Potentially Significant Impact

d. Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?

Potentially Significant Impact

Supporting Documentation/References Cited:

NorCal Logistics Center Initial Study, October 2012.

6. GEOLOGY AND SOILS - Would the project:

- a. Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:
 - (1) 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.

Less than Significant Impact

(2) Strong seismic groundshaking?

Less than Significant Impact

(3) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?

Less than Significant Impact

(4) Landslides?

Less than Significant Impact

b. Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?

Less than Significant Impact

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 an onsite or Less than Significant Impact offsite landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction, or collapse?

d. Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property?

Potentially Significant Impact

Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems in areas where sewers are not No Impact available for the disposal of wastewater?

Supporting Documentation/References Cited:

NorCal Logistics Center Initial Study, October 2012.

HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS - Would the project:

a. Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?

Less than Significant Impact

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?

Potentially Significant Impact

c. Emit hazardous emissions or involve handling hazardous or acutely

Less than Significant Impact hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?

d. Be located on a site that is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result. Less than Significant Impact would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?

Be located within an airport land use plan area or, where such a plan has not been adopted, be within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, and result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?

Potentially Significant Impact

Be located within the vicinity of a private airstrip and result in a safety No Impact hazard for people residing or working in the project area?

g. Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?

Less than Significant Impact

h. Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury, or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?

Less than Significant Impact

Supporting Documentation/References Cited:

NorCal Logistics Center Initial Study, October 2012.

HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY - Would the project:

Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?

Potentially Significant Impact

b. Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge, resulting in a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level that would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?

Potentially Significant Impact

c. Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, Potentially Significant Impact including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner that would result in substantial erosion or siltation onsite or offsite?

d. Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, Potentially Significant Impact including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner that would result in flooding onsite or offsite?

e. Create or contribute runoff water that would exceed the capacity of existing Potentially Significant Impact or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?

Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?

Potentially Significant Impact

g. Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area, as mapped on a federal $\,$ No Impact Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map?

h. Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures that would impede or Potentially Significant Impact redirect floodflows?

Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury, or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam?

No Impact

Contribute to inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?

No Impact

Supporting Documentation/References Cited:

NorCal Logistics Center Initial Study, October 2012.

LAND USE AND PLANNING - Would the project:

a. Physically divide an established community?

No Impact

b. Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to, a general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?

Potenially Significant Impact

c. Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural Potenially Significant Impact community conservation plan?

Supporting Documentation/References Cited:

NorCal Logistics Center Initial Study, October 2012.

10. MINERAL RESOURCES - Would the project:

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?

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?

No Impact

Supporting Documentation/References Cited:

NorCal Logistics Center Initial Study, October 2012.

11. NOISE - Would the project:

a. Expose persons to or generate noise levels in excess of standards established in a local general plan or noise ordinance or applicable standards of other agencies?

Potentially Significant Impact

b. Expose persons to or generate excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?

Potentially Significant Impact

c. Result in a substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?

Potentially Significant Impact

d. Result in a substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?

Potentially Significant Impact

e. Be located within an airport land use plan area, or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport and expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?

Potentially Significant Impact

f. Be located in the vicinity of a private airstrip and expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels

No Impact

Supporting Documentation/References Cited:

NorCal Logistics Center Initial Study, October 2012.

12. POPULATION AND HOUSING - Would the project:

a. Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (e.g., by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (e.g., through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?

Less than Significant Impact

b. Displace a substantial number of existing housing units, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?

Less than Significant Impact

c. Displace a substantial number of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?

No Impact

Supporting Documentation/References Cited:

NorCal Logistics Center Initial Study, October 2012.

13. PUBLIC SERVICES - Would the project:

Result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities or a 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 following public services:

(1) Fire protection? Potentially Significant Impact

(2) Police protection? Less than Significant Impact

(3) Schools? No Impact

(4) Parks? No Impact

(5) Other public facilities? No Impact

Supporting Documentation/References Cited:

NorCal Logistics Center Initial Study, October 2012.

14. RECREATION - Would the project:

a. Increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other No Impact recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?

b. Include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities that might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?

No Impact

Supporting Documentation/References Cited:

NorCal Logistics Center Initial Study, October 2012.

15. TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC - Would the project:

a. Cause an increase in traffic that is substantial in relation to the existing traffic load and capacity of the street system (i.e., result in a substantial increase in the number of vehicle trips, the volume-to-capacity ratio on roads, or congestion at intersections)?

Potentially Significant Impact

b. Cause, either individually or cumulatively, exceedance of a level-of-service standard established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways?

Potentially Significant Impact

c. Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks?

Potentially Significant Impact

d. Substantially increase hazards because of a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?

Potentially Significant Impact

Result in inadequate emergency access?

Potentially Significant Impact

Result in inadequate parking capacity?

Potentially Significant Impact

Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation (e.g., bus turnouts, bicycle racks)?

Potentially Significant Impact

Supporting Documentation/References Cited:

NorCal Logistics Center Initial Study, October 2012.

16. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS - Would the project:

Water Quality Control Board?
 Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could

Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional

- cause significant environmental effects?
- c. Require or result in the construction of new stormwater drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?

Less than Significant Impact

- d. Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or would new or expanded entitlements be needed?
- e. Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider that 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?
- f. Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate Potentially Significant Impact the project's solid waste disposal needs?
- g. Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?

 Less than Significant Impact

Supporting Documentation/References Cited:

NorCal Logistics Center Initial Study, October 2012.

17. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

- 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?
- 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.)
- c. Does the project have environmental effects that will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?

Supporting Documentation/References Cited:

NorCal Logistics Center Initial Study, October 2012.

D. <u>EARLIER ANALYSIS</u> (Completed by Lead Agency or Authorized Consultant):

Earlier analyses may be used where, pursuant to the tiering, Program EIR, or other CEQA process, one or more effects have been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or Initial Study/Negative Declaration [Section 15063(c)(3)(D) of the State CEQA Guidelines]. The previously-certified or adopted environmental document(s) and any applicable adopted mitigation measures, CEQA "Findings", statements of overriding consideration, and mitigation monitoring/reporting programs are incorporated by reference, as cited below, and discussed on attached sheet(s) to identify the following:

- (a) Earlier Analysis Used Identify and state where earlier analyses are available for review.
- (b) Impacts Adequately Addressed Identify which effects from the above Checklist (Section C) 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 Incorporated," describe the mitigation measures that were incorporated or refined from the earlier document and the extent to which they address site-specific conditions for the project.
- (d) CEQA Findings, Statements of Overriding Consideration, and Mitigation Monitoring/Reporting Programs Identify any applicable previously adopted CEQA Findings, overriding considerations, and mitigation monitoring/reporting provisions that have been relied upon and incorporated into the proposed project, pursuant to Sections 15150 (Incorporation by Reference) and 15152(f)(3) (Tiering) of the State CEQA Guidelines.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUE:				, IMPACTS ADEQUATELY TIGATION AND FINDINGS:		
1. <u>AESTHETICS</u>						
2. AGRICULTURAL RESOURCE	CES					
3. AIR QUALITY						
4. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES	<u>5</u>					
5. CULTURAL RESOURCES						
6. GEOLOGY AND SOILS						
7. HAZARDS AND HAZARDO	US MATERIALS					
8. <u>HYDROLOGY AND WATER</u>	QUALITY					
9. LAND USE AND PLANNING	<u> </u>					
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16. <u>UTILITIES AND SERVICE S</u>	YSTEMS					
17. MANDATORY FINDINGS O	F SIGNIFICANCE					
ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS PO Check (4), as applicable]: The environmental factors check least one impact that is a "Potent Earlier Analysis (Section D):	ed below would po	tentially be affected by	this project (i.e.,	the project would involve at		
Aesthetics	✓ Agricultu	cultural Resources		✓ Air Quality		
Biological Resources	✓ Cultural	Cultural Resources		✓ Geology/Soils		
☐ Hazards and Hazardous Materials	s ✓ Hydrolog	Irology/Water Quality		✓ Land Use/Planning		
Mineral Resources	√ Noise		Pop	Population/Housing		
Public Services	Recreation	on	✓ Trans	✓ Transportation/Traffic		
Utilities/Service Systems	✓ Mandato	ndatory Findings of Significance				

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F. OTHER REFERENCES AND PERSONS CONSULTED (Completed by Lead Agency or Authorized Consultant):

Reference: Public Resources Code Sections 21080(c), 21080.1, 21080.3, 21082.1, 21083, 21083.3, 21093, 21094, 21151; Sundstrom v. County of Mendocino, 202 Cal. App. 3d 296 (1988); Leonoff v. Board of Supervisors, 222 Cal. App. 3d 1337(1990). DETERMINATION [Completed by Lead Agency - - Check (4), as applicable]: G. On the basis of this initial evaluation and on substantial evidence in light of the whole record before the Lead Agency: 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, however, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions to the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent (see attached Mitigation Agreement). A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION or an ADDENDUM to 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 (EIR), SUBSEQUENT EIR, SUPPLEMENT to an EIR, or an ADDENDUM to an EIR is required. I find that the proposed project MAY have an impact on the environment that is "potentially significant" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" 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 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT or MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT or MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the project, nothing further is required. Specifically, the environmental documentation for the proposed project is provided by the following document(s): (1) Negative Declaration/Initial Study (I.S.) File No.: State Clearinghouse No.: Title: (2) Final EIR File No: State Clearinghouse No.: (3) Other Environmental Document(s): (Pursuant to the State and City Guidelines for Implementation of CEQA, the determination of the Community Development Director may be appealed to the City Planning Commission by submitting a written appeal with the applicable fee to the Community Development Department within ten (10) calendar days following this date of the determination.) STEVE CHASE, DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (Signature of Planner) (Date of Determination)

Authority: Public Resources Code Sections 21083 and 21087.

Adam Brucker, Senior Planner

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