

Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

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SCH #

Project Title: CUP 3629 Environmental Compliance Center/Solid Waste Transfer Station for Household Hazardous Waste

Lead Agency: County of Fresno Contact Person: Marianne Mollring
Mailing Address: 2220 Tulare Street, Sixth Floor Phone: 559-600-4569
City: Fresno Zip: 93721 County: Fresno

Project Location: County: Fresno City/Nearest Community: Fresno
Cross Streets: West Avenue and Dan Ronquillo Drive Zip Code:
Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): Total Acres: 2.67
Assessor's Parcel No.: 458-060-26T Section: 6 Twp.: 14S Range: 20E Base: MDB&M
Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: 180 Waterways: None
Airports: Chandler Executive Airport Railways: None Schools: Pershing Continuation HS

Document Type:

- CEQA: [] NOP [] Draft EIR [] Early Cons [] Supplement/Subsequent EIR [] Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) [] Mit Mit Neg Dec
NEPA: [] NOI [] EA [] Draft EIS [] FONSI
Other: [] Joint Document [] Final Document [] Other:

Local Action Type:

- [] General Plan Update [] Specific Plan [] Rezone [] Annexation
[] General Plan Amendment [] Master Plan [] Prezone [] Redevelopment
[] General Plan Element [] Planned Unit Development [] Use Permit [] Coastal Permit
[] Community Plan [] Site Plan [] Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) [] Other:

Development Type:

- [] Residential: Units Acres
[] Office: Sq.ft. Acres Employees
[] Commercial: Sq.ft. Acres Employees
[X] Industrial: Sq.ft. Acres 2.67 Employees 10
[] Educational:
[] Recreational:
[] Water Facilities: Type MGD
[] Transportation: Type
[] Mining: Mineral
[] Power: Type MW
[] Waste Treatment: Type MGD
[] Hazardous Waste: Type
[] Other:

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

- [X] Aesthetic/Visual [] Fiscal [X] Recreation/Parks [] Vegetation
[X] Agricultural Land [X] Flood Plain/Flooding [X] Schools/Universities [X] Water Quality
[X] Air Quality [X] Forest Land/Fire Hazard [] Septic Systems [X] Water Supply/Groundwater
[X] Archeological/Historical [X] Geologic/Seismic [X] Sewer Capacity [X] Wetland/Riparian
[X] Biological Resources [X] Minerals [X] Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading [X] Growth Inducement
[] Coastal Zone [X] Noise [X] Solid Waste [X] Land Use
[X] Drainage/Absorption [X] Population/Housing Balance [X] Toxic/Hazardous [X] Cumulative Effects
[] Economic/Jobs [X] Public Services/Facilities [X] Traffic/Circulation [X] Other: Wildfire, GHG

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Vacant/Light Industrial/Light Industrial

Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)

Allow a County of Fresno operated Regional Environmental Compliance Center (Solid Waste Transfer Station), with modular office, sanitary facilities, collection structure, and hazardous materials storage containers on 2.67 acres of County-owned property in the City of Fresno's IL (Light Industrial) Zone District.

Note: The State Clearinghouse will assign identification numbers for all new projects. If a SCH number already exists for a project (e.g. Notice of Preparation or previous draft document) please fill in.

Reviewing Agencies Checklist

Lead Agencies may recommend State Clearinghouse distribution by marking agencies below with and "X".
If you have already sent your document to the agency please denote that with an "S".

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Resources Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Historic Preservation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boating & Waterways, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Public School Construction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> California Emergency Management Agency | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol | <input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District #6 | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional WQCB #5F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Resources Agency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Central Valley Flood Protection Board | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy | <input type="checkbox"/> S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Colorado River Board | <input type="checkbox"/> San Joaquin River Conservancy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corrections, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> State Lands Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Delta Protection Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Clean Water Grants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education, Department of | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Quality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish & Game Region #4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Tahoe Regional Planning Agency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food & Agriculture, Department of | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toxic Substances Control, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Resources, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Services, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Community Development | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission | |

Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date _____ Ending Date _____

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

Consulting Firm: _____	Applicant: <u>County of Fresno</u>
Address: _____	Address: <u>2220 Tulare Street, Sixth Floor</u>
City/State/Zip: _____	City/State/Zip: <u>Fresno, CA 93721</u>
Contact: _____	Phone: <u>559-600-4569</u>
Phone: _____	

Signature of Lead Agency Representative: M. MAURINO **Date:** 4/5/19

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.



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County of Fresno

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING
STEVEN E. WHITE, DIRECTOR

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

FILED
MAY 14 2019 TIME 10:36 AM
FRESNO COUNTY CLERK
By Agnik Ouzo DEPUTY

For County Clerk's Stamp

Notice is hereby given that the County of Fresno has prepared Initial Study Application (IS) No. 7561 pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act for the following proposed project:

INITIAL STUDY APPLICATION NO. 7561 and UNCLASSIFIED CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION (CUP) NO. 3629 filed by **THE COUNTY OF FRESNO**, proposing to allow a County of Fresno operated Regional Environmental Compliance Center (Solid Waste Transfer Station), with modular office, sanitary facilities, collection structure, and hazardous materials storage containers on 2.67 acres of County-owned property in the City of Fresno's IL (Light Industrial) Zone District. The project site is located on the southwest corner of Dan Ronquillo Drive and S. West Avenue, within the city limits of the City of Fresno (310 S. West Avenue, Fresno) (SUP. DIST. 4) (APN 458-060-72). Adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for Initial Study Application No. 7561, and take action on Unclassified CUP No. 3629 with Findings and Conditions.

(hereafter, the "Proposed Project")

The County of Fresno has determined that it is appropriate to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Proposed Project. The purpose of this Notice is to (1) provide notice of the availability of IS Application No. 7561 and the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration, and request written comments thereon; and (2) provide notice of the public hearing regarding the Proposed Project.

Public Comment Period

The County of Fresno will receive written comments on the Proposed Project and Mitigated Negative Declaration from May 22, 2019 through June 21, 2019.

Email written comments to mmollring@fresnocounty.gov, or mail comments to:

Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning
Development Services and Capital Projects Division
Attn: Marianne Mollring
2220 Tulare Street, Suite A
Fresno, CA 93721

IS Application No. 7561 and the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration may be viewed at the above address Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (except holidays), or at www.co.fresno.ca.us/initialstudies. An electronic copy of the

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AND CAPITAL PROJECTS DIVISION
2220 Tulare Street, Sixth Floor / Fresno, California 93721 / Phone (559) 600-4497 / 600-4022 / 600-4540 / FAX 600-4200
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draft Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Proposed Project may be obtained from Marianne Mollring at the addresses above.

Public Hearing

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider approving the Proposed Project and the Mitigated Negative Declaration on June 27, 2019, at 8:45 a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, in Room 301, Hall of Records, 2281 Tulare Street, Fresno, California 93721. Interested persons are invited to appear at the hearing and comment on the Proposed Project and draft Mitigated Negative Declaration.

For questions please call Marianne Mollring (559) 600-4569.

Published: May 22, 2019

File original and one copy with: Fresno County Clerk 2221 Kern Street Fresno, California 93721		Space Below For County Clerk Only. CLK-2046.00 E04-73 R00-00	
Agency File No: IS 7561	LOCAL AGENCY PROPOSED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION		County Clerk File No: E-
Responsible Agency (Name): Fresno County	Address (Street and P.O. Box): 2220 Tulare St. Sixth Floor	City: Fresno	Zip Code: 93721
Agency Contact Person (Name and Title): Marianne Mollring Senior Planner	Area Code: 559	Telephone Number: 600-4569	Extension: N/A
Project Applicant/Sponsor (Name): County of Fresno	Project Title: CUP 7561 Regional Environmental Compliance Center (Solid Waste Transfer Station)		
Project Description: Allow a County of Fresno operated Regional Environmental Compliance Center (Solid Waste Transfer Station), with modular office, sanitary facilities, collection structure, and hazardous materials storage containers on 2.67 acres of County-owned property in the City of Fresno's IL (Light Industrial) Zone District.			
Justification for Negative Declaration: Based upon the Initial Study prepared for Unclassified Conditional Use Permit Application No. 3629, staff has concluded that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment. It has been determined that there would be no impacts to Agricultural and Forestry Resources, Biological Resources, Mineral Resources, Population and Housing, Recreation, nor Wildfire. Potential impacts related to Air Quality, Energy, Geology and Soils, Hydrology and Water Quality, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Land Use and Planning, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Noise, Public Services, Utilities and Service Systems, and Transportation have been determined to be less than significant. Potential impacts relating to Aesthetics, Cultural Resources, and Tribal Cultural Resources have determined to be less than significant with compliance with the Mitigation Measures. A Mitigated Negative Declaration is recommended and is subject to approval by the decision-making body. The Initial Study is available for review at 2220 Tulare Street, Suite A, street level, located on the southwest corner of Tulare and "M" Street, Fresno, California.			
FINDING: The proposed project will not have a significant impact on the environment.			
Newspaper and Date of Publication: Fresno Business Journal – May 22, 2019		Review Date Deadline: Planning Commission – June 27, 2019	
Date:	Type or Print Signature: Chris Motta Principal Planner	Submitted by (Signature): Marianne Mollring Senior Planner	

State 15083, 15085

County Clerk File No.: _____

**LOCAL AGENCY
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife

2018 ENVIRONMENTAL FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT

DFW 753.5a (Rev. 01/03/18) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:
E201910000169
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (if applicable)

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LEAD AGENCY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE
COUNTY OF FRESNO		05/14/2019
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING	DOCUMENT NUMBER	
FRESNO COUNTY	E201910000169	

PROJECT TITLE
ISA NO. 7561 AMD UNCLASSIFIED CUP APP. NO. 3629

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER
COUNTY OF FRESNO		(559) 600-4569
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	CITY	STATE
2220 TULARE ST SUITE A	FRESNO	CA
		ZIP CODE
		93721

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency
 School District
 Other Special District
 State Agency
 Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$3,271.00 \$	<u>0.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,354.75 \$	<u>0.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program document (CRP)	\$1,077.00 \$	<u>0.00</u>

- Exempt from fee
 Notice of Exemption (attach)
 CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)
 Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$1,112.00 \$	<u>0.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee	\$50.00 \$	<u>0.00</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other NOTICE OF INTENT	\$	<u>0.00</u>

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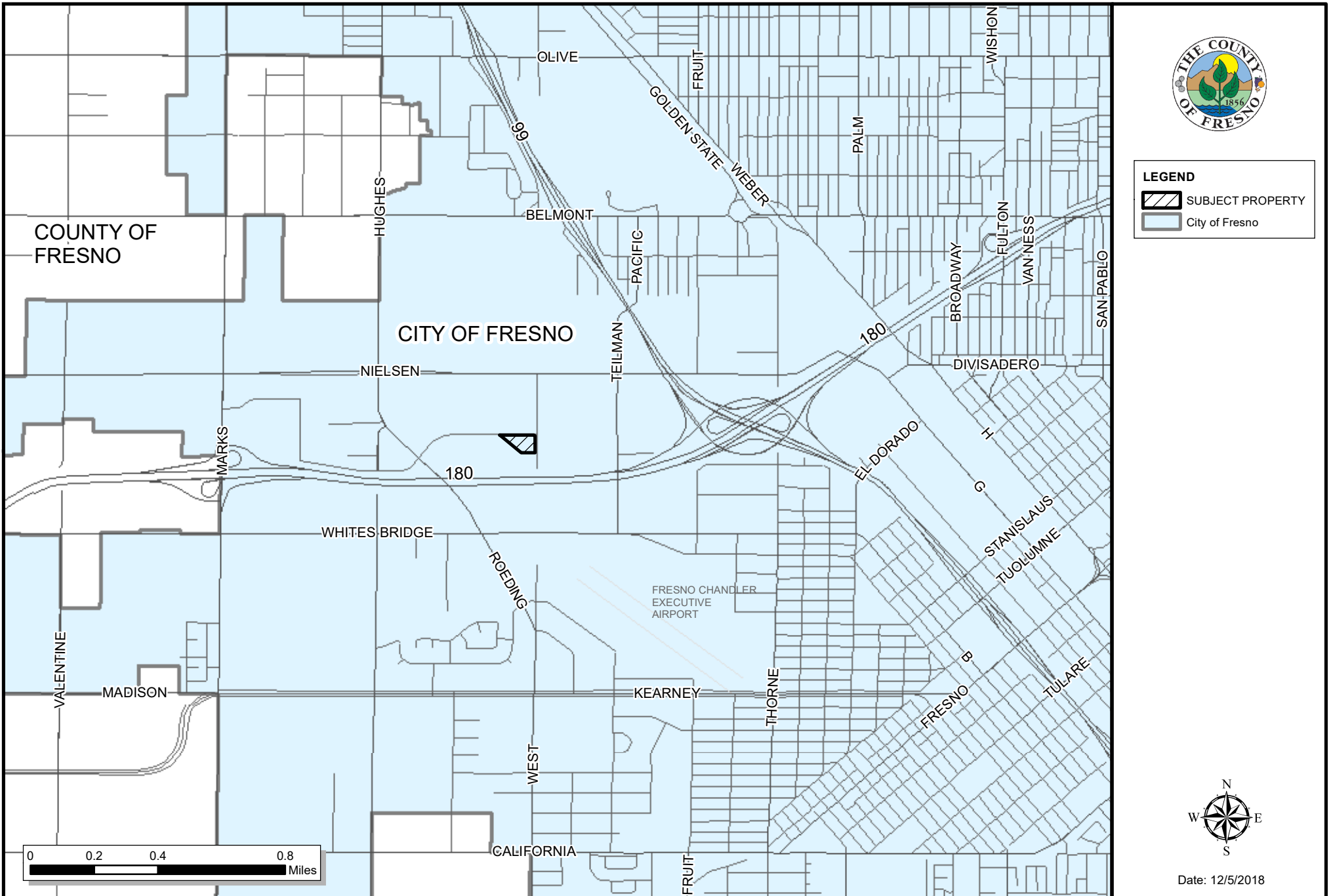
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LOCATION MAP

CUP 3629



LEGEND

- SUBJECT PROPERTY
- City of Fresno



Date: 12/5/2018



County of Fresno

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING
STEVEN E. WHITE, DIRECTOR

INITIAL STUDY ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST FORM

- 1. Project title:**
CUP 7561 Regional Environmental Compliance Center (Solid Waste Transfer Station).
- 2. Lead agency name and address:**
County of Fresno Department of Public Works and Planning
Development Services and Capital Projects Division
2220 Tulare Street, Sixth Floor
Fresno, CA 93721
- 3. Contact person and phone number:**
Marianne Mollring, Senior Planner
(559) 600-4569
- 4. Project location:**
The project site is located on the southwest corner of Dan Ronquillo Drive and S. West Avenue, within the city limits of the City of Fresno (310 S. West Avenue, Fresno) (SUP. DIST. 4) (APN 458-060-26T)
- 5. Project sponsor's name and address:**
County of Fresno Department of Public Works and Planning
Resources Division
2220 Tulare Street, Sixth Floor
Fresno, CA 93721
- 6. General Plan designation:**
Light Industrial (City of Fresno)
- 7. Zoning:**
IL (Light Industrial - City of Fresno)
- 8. Description of project: (Describe the whole action involved, including, but not limited to, later phases of the project, and any secondary, support, or off-site features necessary for its implementation. Attach additional sheets if necessary.)**
Allow a County of Fresno operated Regional Environmental Compliance Center (Solid Waste Transfer Station), with modular office, sanitary facilities, collection structure, and hazardous materials storage containers on 2.67 acres of County-owned property in the City of Fresno's IL (Light Industrial) Zone District.
- 9. Surrounding land uses and setting: Briefly describe the project's surroundings:**
The property is located in the City of Fresno in an area typified by light industrial development and vacant land.
- 10. Other public agencies whose approval is required (g., permits, financing approval, or participation agreement.)**
County of Fresno Department of Public Works and Planning (Site Plan Review Unit, Building and Safety Unit,
County of Fresno Department of Public Health, Environmental Health Division, CUPA Program
Fresno County Fire Protection District
California Regional Water Quality Control Board
California Department of Toxic Substances Control
California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery.

11. Have California Native American tribes traditionally and culturally affiliated with the project area requested consultation pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.3.1? If so, is there a plan for consultation that includes, for example, the determination of significance of impacts to tribal cultural resources, procedures regarding confidentiality, etc.?

All four tribes (Dumna Wo Wah, Picayune Rancheria of the Chuckchansi Indians, Santa Rosa Rancheria Tachi Yokut Tribe, and Table Mountain Rancheria), which had previously requested notification of land use projects, were notified of the project and the opportunity to consult pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.3.1. None of the tribes responded to the notice or requested consultation.

NOTE: Conducting consultation early in the CEQA process allows tribal governments, lead agencies, and project proponents to discuss the level of environmental review, identify and address potential adverse impacts to tribal cultural resources, and reduce the potential for delay and conflict in the environmental review process. (See Public Resources Code section 21080.3.2.) Information may also be available from the California Native American Heritage Commission's Sacred Lands File per Public Resources Code section 5097.96 and the California Historical Resources Information System administered by the California Office of Historic Preservation. Please also note that Public Resources Code section 21082.3(c) contains provisions specific to confidentiality.

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:

The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project, involving at least one impact that is a "Potentially Significant Impact" as indicated by the checklist on the following pages.

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

DETERMINATION OF REQUIRED ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT:

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

- I find that the proposed project **COULD NOT** have a significant effect on the environment. **A NEGATIVE DECLARATION WILL BE PREPARED.**
- I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because the Mitigation Measures described on the attached sheet have been added to the project. **A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION WILL BE PREPARED.**
- I find the proposed project **MAY** have a significant effect on the environment, and an **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT** is required
- I find that as a result of the proposed project, no new effects could occur, or new Mitigation Measures would be required that have not been addressed within the scope of a previous Environmental Impact Report.

PERFORMED BY:

REVIEWED BY:

Marianne Mollring, Senior Planner

Chris Motta, Principal Planner

Date: _____

Date: _____

**INITIAL STUDY
ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST FORM
(Initial Study Application No. 7561 and
Unclassified Conditional Use Permit
Application No. 3629)**

The following checklist is used to determine if the proposed project could potentially have a significant effect on the environment. Explanations and information regarding each question follow the checklist.

1 = No Impact

2 = Less Than Significant Impact

3 = Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated

4 = Potentially Significant Impact

I. AESTHETICS

Except as provided in Public Resources Code Section 21099, would the project:

- 1 a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?
- 1 b) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?
- 2 c) In non-urbanized areas, substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of public views of the site and its surroundings? (Public views are those that are experienced from publicly accessible vantage point). If the project is in an urbanized area, would the project conflict with applicable zoning and other regulations governing scenic quality?
- 3 d) Create a new source of substantial light or glare that would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?

II. AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY RESOURCES

In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Dept. of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. In determining whether impacts to forest resources, including timberland, are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to information compiled by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection regarding the state's inventory of forest land, including the Forest and Range Assessment Project and the Forest Legacy Assessment project; and forest carbon measurement methodology in Forest Protocols adopted by the California Air Resources Board. Would the project:

- 1 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?
- 1 b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act Contract?
- 1 c) Conflict with existing zoning for forest land or timberland zoned Timberland Production?
- 1 d) Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?
- 1 e) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?

III. AIR QUALITY

Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management district or air pollution control district may be relied upon to make the following determinations. Would the project:

- 2 a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable Air Quality Plan?
- 2 b) 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?
- 2 c) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?
- 2 d) Result in other emissions (such as those leading to odors) adversely affecting a substantial number of people?

IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

Would the project:

- 1 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 Wildlife or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?
- 1 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 Wildlife or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?
- 1 c) Have a substantial adverse effect on state or federally-protected wetlands (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?
- 1 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?
- 1 e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?
- 1 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?

V. CULTURAL RESOURCES

Would the project:

- 3 a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource pursuant to Section 15064.5?
- 3 b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to Section 15064.5?
- 3 c) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?

VI. ENERGY

Would the project:

- 2 a) Result in potentially significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources, during project construction or operation?
- 1 b) Conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency?

VII. GEOLOGY AND SOILS

Would the project:

- a) Directly or indirectly cause potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:
 - 1 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?
 - 1 ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?
 - 1 iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?
 - 1 iv) Landslides?
- 2 b) Result in substantial soil erosion or loss of topsoil?
- 1 c) Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction, or collapse?
- 1 d) Be located on expansive soil as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial direct or indirect risks to life or property?
- 1 e) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water?
- 1 f) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?

VIII. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

Would the project:

- 2 a) Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?
- 2 b) Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?

IX. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Would the project:

- 2 a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?
- 2 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?
- 2 c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?
- 2 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?
- 2 e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard or excessive noise for people residing or working in the project area?
- 1 f) Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?
- 1 g) Expose people or structures, either directly or indirectly, to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires?

X. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY

Would the project:

- 2 a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade surface or ground water quality?
- 2 b) Substantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that the project may impede sustainable groundwater management of the basin?
- 2 c) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river or through the addition of impervious surfaces, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on or off site?
 - 2 i) Result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site;
 - 2 ii) Substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or offsite;
 - 2 iii) Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff; or
 - 2 iv) Impede or redirect flood flows?
- 1 d) In flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zones, risk release of pollutants due to project inundation?
- 2 e) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan?

XI. LAND USE AND PLANNING

Would the project:

- 1 a) Physically divide an established community?
- 2 b) Cause a significant environmental impact due to a conflict with any land use plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?

XII. MINERAL RESOURCES

Would the project:

- 1 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?
- 1 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?

XIII. NOISE

Would the project result in:

- 2 a) Generation of a substantial temporary or permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the vicinity of the project in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?
- 2 b) Generation of excessive ground-borne vibration or ground-borne noise levels?
- 2 c) For a project located within the vicinity of a private airstrip or an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?

XIV. POPULATION AND HOUSING

Would the project:

- 1 a) Induce substantial unplanned population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and

businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?

- 1 b) Displace substantial numbers of existing people or housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?

Resources Code Section 5024.1. In applying the criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resource Code Section 5024.1, the lead agency shall consider the significance of the resource to a California Native American tribe?

XIX. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS

Would the project:

- 2 a) Require or result in the relocation or construction of new or expanded water, wastewater treatment or storm water drainage, electric power, natural gas, or telecommunications facilities, the construction or relocation of which could cause significant environmental effects?
- 2 b) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project and reasonably foreseeable future development during normal, dry and multiple dry years?
- 2 c) Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?
- 2 d) Generate solid waste in excess of State or local standards, or in excess of the capacity of local infrastructure, or otherwise impair the attainment of solid waste reduction goals?
- 2 e) Comply with federal, state, and local management and reduction statutes and regulations related to solid waste?

XV. PUBLIC SERVICES

Would the project:

- 2 a) Result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically-altered governmental facilities, or the need for new or physically-altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:
- 2 i) Fire protection?
- 2 ii) Police protection?
- 2 iii) Schools?
- 2 iv) Parks?
- 2 v) Other public facilities?

XVI. RECREATION

Would the project:

- 1 a) Increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?
- 1 b) Include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities, which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?

XX. WILDFIRE

If located in or near state responsibility areas or lands classified as very high fire hazard severity zones, would the project:

- 1 a) Substantially impair an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?
- 1 b) Due to slope, prevailing winds, and other factors, exacerbate wildfire risks, and thereby expose project occupants to, pollutant concentrations from a wildfire or the uncontrolled spread of a wildfire?
- 1 c) Require the installation or maintenance of associated infrastructure (such as roads, fuel breaks, emergency water sources, power lines or other utilities) that may exacerbate fire risk or that may result in temporary or ongoing impacts to the environment?
- 1 d) Expose people or structures to significant risks, including downslope or downstream flooding or landslides, as a result of runoff, post-fire slope instability, or drainage changes?

XVII. TRANSPORTATION

Would the project:

- 2 a) Conflict with a program, plan, ordinance or policy addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadway, bicycle and pedestrian facilities?
- 2 b) Would the project conflict or be inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines section 15064.3, subdivision (b)?
- 1 c) Substantially increase hazards due to a geometric design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?
- 1 d) Result in inadequate emergency access?

XXI. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

Would the project:

- 3 a) Have the potential to substantially 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, substantially 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?
- 2 b) 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)
- 1 c) Have environmental effects, which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?

XVIII. TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES

Would the project:

- 3 a) Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource, defined in Public Resources Code section 21074 as either a site, feature, place, cultural landscape that is geographically defined in terms of the size and scope of the landscape, sacred place, or object with cultural value to a California Native American tribe, and that is:
- 3 i) Listed or eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources, or in a local register of historical resources as defined in Public Resources Code section 5020.1(k), or
- 3 ii) A resource determined by the lead agency, in its discretion and supported by substantial evidence, to be significant pursuant to criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public

Documents Referenced:

This Initial Study is referenced by the documents listed below. These documents are available for public review at the County of Fresno, Department of Public Works and Planning, Development Services and Capital Projects Division, 2220 Tulare Street, Suite A, Fresno, California (corner of M & Tulare Streets).

- Fresno County General Plan, Policy Document, Background Report, and Final EIR
- Fresno County Zoning Ordinance
- Important Farmland Map, State Department of Conservation, 2016
- California Department of Finance, Population Estimate Table E-1, 2018
- City of Fresno, Fresno Area Transportation (FAX) route maps
- Fresno County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan, 2018
- Greenhouse Gas Analysis, LSA Associates, 2019
- Cultural Resource Inventory, Applied EarthWorks, 2019

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County of Fresno

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING
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EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

- APPLICANT: County of Fresno
- APPLICATION NOS.: Initial Study Application No. 7561 and Unclassified Condition Use Permit Application No. 3629
- DESCRIPTION: Allow a County of Fresno operated Regional Environmental Compliance Center (Solid Waste Transfer Station), with modular office, sanitary facilities, collection structure, and hazardous materials storage containers on 2.67 acres of County-owned property in the City of Fresno's IL (Light Industrial) Zone District.
- LOCATION: The project site is located on the southwest corner of Dan Ronquillo Drive and S. West Avenue, within the city limits of the City of Fresno (310 S. West Avenue, Fresno) (SUP. DIST. 4) (APN 458-060-72).

I. AESTHETICS

Except as provided in Public Resources Code Section 21099, would the project:

- A. Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista; or
- B. Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project site is located in an industrial area which is urbanizing with industrial uses, but still has several vacant parcels. The site is not located in an area that has been designated as a scenic vista. Dan Ronquillo Drive, which provides access to the site is not a scenic drive. Roads with a potential to view the site include S. West Avenue and SR 180, which are not designated scenic drives or highways. There are no scenic resources in the area.

- C. In non-urbanized areas, substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of public views of the site and its surroundings? (Public views are those that are experienced from publicly accessible vantage point). If the project is in an urbanized area, would the project conflict with applicable zoning and other regulations governing scenic quality?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The project site is located in an industrial area which is urbanizing with industrial uses, but still has several vacant parcels. Parcels surrounding the site are zoned Light Industrial. There is a mattress factory directly to the east, a rubber company to the north, and a municipal well site to the south. The parcel directly to the west is vacant. Review of the project elevations show that the design of the facility will be compatible with adjacent structures. Therefore, there is a less than significant impact to the visual character of this industrial area and the proposed project will not conflict with zoning or other regulations governing scenic quality.

- D. Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT WITH MITIGATION INCORPORATED:

The installation of site security lighting and streetlights may increase the amount of glare in the area, but this will have a reduced impact because the site is not near a residential area and already has streetlights installed. However, in order to reduce any lighting and glare impact resulting from this proposal, a Mitigation Measure would require that all outdoor lighting shall be hooded and directed to not shine toward adjacent properties and public streets. With implementation of this measure, impact associated with new sources of light would be less than significant.

* **Mitigation Measure(s)**

1. *All outdoor lighting shall be hooded and directed so as not to shine toward adjacent properties and public streets.*

II. AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY RESOURCES

In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Dept. of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. In determining whether impacts to forest resources, including timberland, are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to information compiled by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection regarding the state's inventory of forest land, including the Forest and Range Assessment Project and the Forest Legacy Assessment project; and forest carbon measurement methodology in Forest Protocols adopted by the California Air Resources Board. Would the project:

- 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; or
- B. Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act Contract; or

- C. Conflict with existing zoning for forest land, timberland or timberland zoned Timberland Production; or
- D. Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use; or
- E. Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project site is located in an industrial park in the City of Fresno and the land is vacant. The subject parcel is not restricted under a Williamson Act Contract. The California Important Farmlands Map (2016) designates land on the subject parcel as farmland of local importance; however, the site is located in an industrial park, which is being developed with light industrial uses and the surrounding land is designated developed.

III. AIR QUALITY

Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management district 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; or
- B. 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; or
- C. Would the project result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under a Federal or State ambient air quality standard; or
- D. Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations; or
- E. Result in other emissions (such as those leading to odors) adversely affecting a substantial number of people?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The County of Fresno is considered a non-attainment region for the following pollutants: one-hour ozone (state standard); eight-hour ozone (state and federal); Particulate Matter (PM) 10 (state); and PM2.5 (state and federal). The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (District) has developed rules and regulations which ensure that projects which release criteria pollutants are operated in a manner that does not interfere with attainment or maintenance of Air Quality Standards.

This project was routed to the District, for review and comments. The District did not comment on the project, but the applicant will be required to follow District rules and regulations concerning the construction and operation of the proposed facility, which may include: District Rule 2201 (New and Modified Stationary Source Review Rule); Rule 2010 (Permits required) pursuant to District Rule 9510, Section 4.4.3; Regulation VIII – (Fugitive PM10 Prohibitions), Rule 4102 (Nuisance), Rule 4601 (Architectural Coatings), Rule 4641 (Cutback, Slow Cure, and Emulsified Asphalt, Paving and Maintenance Operations), and Rule 4002 (National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants). A project note would require the applicant to contact the District's Small Business Assistance Office for compliance to these rules.

Therefore, with compliance to these existing regulations, this project will have a less than significant impact on incremental, cumulative contributions towards the exceedance of Federal or State ambient air quality standards.

IV. 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 Wildlife or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; or
- 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 Wildlife or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; or
- C. Have a substantial adverse effect on state or federally-protected wetlands (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means; or
- 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; or
- E. Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance; or
- 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?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The proposed project is within an industrial area in the City of Fresno and is subject to street traffic, weed abatement, and human contact, making the site inhospitable for

wildlife. As such, the site does not provide habitat for protected species, is not riparian in nature, contains no wetlands, and is not on a wildlife corridor. This project was routed to the US Department of Fish and Wildlife and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for review and comments. Neither agency commented on the project.

Therefore, no impacts were identified in regards to: 1) any candidate, sensitive, or special-status species; 2) any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations, or by the California Dept. of Fish and Game or U.S Fish and Wildlife Service; 3) federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act; and 4) 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. The project will not conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources.

V. CULTURAL RESOURCES

Would the project:

- A. Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource pursuant to Section 15064.5; or
- B. Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to Section 15064.5; or
- C. Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT WITH MITIGATION INCORPORATED:

The subject parcel is not located in an area which has been designated as moderately or highly sensitive to archaeological finds. On April 30, 2019, the applicant provided a Cultural Resource Inventory, prepared by Applied EarthWorks, Inc. of the project area, which concluded that even though cultural resources have not been located on the site, there is still a potential for such resources to be discovered during construction. Therefore, the following mitigation measure is proposed to ensure that impacts to previously unknown cultural resources can be reduced to less than significant.

* **Mitigation Measure(s)**

1. *In the event that cultural resources are unearthed during ground-disturbing activities, all work shall be halted in the area of the find. An Archeologist shall be called to evaluate the findings and make any necessary mitigation recommendations. If human remains are unearthed during ground disturbing activities, no further disturbance is to occur until the Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner has made the necessary findings as to origin and disposition. All normal evidence procedures shall be followed by photos, reports, video, and etc. If such remains are determined to be Native American, the Sheriff-Coroner must notify the Native American Commission within 24 hours.*

VI. ENERGY

Would the project:

- A. Result in potentially significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources, during project construction or operation; or

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

By nature, the project operation will predominantly consist of Fresno County residents, driving passenger vehicles and light trucks, arriving at the site to drop-off Household Hazardous Waste and weekly removal of collected waste to other waste handlers/recyclers by truck. While at the site, customer vehicles will wait in line to drop off waste material and then drive into the drop-off area and park while facility staff unload the waste material from their vehicles. It is expected that these site visits will be short in duration and not result in significant energy waste.

The project will be built to current California Green Building Code standards, which promote energy efficiency, to reduce energy waste and meet federal and state energy efficiency requirements. The construction process will be approximately 6-months in duration and place pre-manufactured structures on the site, which will mitigate energy consumption during construction, resulting in a less than significant impact to energy resources.

- B. Conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The site is not subject to a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency. The project will be constructed to California Green Building Code standards.

VII. GEOLOGY AND SOILS

Would the project:

- A. Directly or indirectly cause 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?
 2. Strong seismic ground shaking?
 3. Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?

4. Landslides?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

According to the Fault Activity Map of California (2010), the subject parcel is not located near a known fault line. Figure 9-5 of the Fresno County General Plan Background Report (FCGPBR) indicates that the project site is located in an area with a zero to twenty percent peak horizontal ground acceleration. Figure 9-6 (FCGPBR) indicates that the project site is not in an area of landslide hazards.

B. Result in substantial soil erosion or loss of topsoil?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

This site is generally flat in topography, however, changes in topography and erosion could result from grading activities associated with this proposal. According to the Development Engineering Section of the Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning, an Engineered Grading and Drainage Plan demonstrating how additional storm water runoff generated by the project will be handled without adversely impacting adjacent properties shall be provided to that Section for review and approval. With adherence to this requirement, which will be included as a project note, potential erosion impacts are reduced to a less than significant level.

- C. Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction, or collapse; or
- D. Be located on expansive soil as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial direct or indirect risks to life or property?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project is not located in an area at risk of landslide, subsidence or lateral spreading. Topography at the project site is generally flat. Soil at the site is classified as Greenfield coarse sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slope. The Greenfield soil consists of deep, well drained soils that formed in moderately coarse and coarse textured alluvium derived from granitic and mixed rock sources. Figure 7-1 (FCGPBR) indicates that the project site is not in an area with expansive soils.

- E. Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

There are no septic systems associated with this proposal as the proposed use does not entail utilization of on-site sewage treatment/disposal systems. The project will connect to the City of Fresno municipal sewer system for on-site sanitary facilities.

- F. Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The subject parcel is not located in an area which has been designated as moderately or highly sensitive to archaeological or paleontological finds and there are no known paleontological resources in the area. On April 30, 2019, the applicant provided a Cultural Resource Inventory, prepared by Applied EarthWorks, Inc. and no evidence of unique paleontological resources was noted in the report.

VIII. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

Would the project:

- A. Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment; or
- B. Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The applicant provided a greenhouse gas study prepared by LSA on April 5, 2019, which was prepared using methods and assumptions recommended by the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD). The SJVAPCD prepared the Guidance for Assessing and Mitigating Air Quality Impacts (GAMAQI) to assist lead agencies and project applicants in evaluating the potential air quality impacts of projects in the SJVAB. The GAMAQI provides SJVAPCD-recommended procedures for evaluating potential air quality impacts during the CEQA environmental review process. The GAMAQI provides guidance on evaluating short-term (construction) and long-term (operational) air emissions. The most recent version of the GAMAQI, adopted March 19, 2015, was used in this evaluation

The SJVAPCD's Guidance for Valley Land-use Agencies in Addressing GHG Emission Impacts for New Projects under CEQA3 presents a tiered approach to analyzing project significance with respect to GHG emissions. Project GHG emissions are considered less than significant if they can meet any of the following conditions, evaluated in the order presented:

- Project is exempt from CEQA requirements;
- Project complies with an approved GHG emission reduction plan or GHG mitigation program;
- Project implements Best Performance Standards (BPS); or
- Project demonstrates that specific GHG emissions would be reduced or mitigated by at least 29 percent compared to Business-as-Usual (BAU),

including GHG emission reductions achieved since the 2002-2004 baseline period.

Construction of the Center is scheduled to begin November 4, 2019 and end by March 31, 2020. All new structures proposed at the Center are planned to be temporary, easily relocated structures to be removed at the time of Center closure. Construction activities, such as site preparation, site grading, on-site heavy-duty construction vehicles, equipment hauling materials to and from the project site, and motor vehicles transporting the construction crew would produce combustion emissions from various sources. During construction of the proposed project, GHGs would be emitted through the operation of construction equipment and from worker and builder supply vendor vehicles, each of which typically uses fossil-based fuels to operate.

Long-term operation of the project would generate GHG emissions from mobile, area, stationary, waste, and water sources as well as indirect emissions from sources associated with energy consumption. Mobile source GHG emissions would include project-generated vehicle trips to and from the project site. Area source emissions would be associated with activities such as landscaping and maintenance on the project site.

Consistent with SJVAPCD guidance, GHG emissions were estimated for the project using CalEEMod. Absent any other local or regional Climate Action Plan, the proposed project was analyzed for consistency with the goals of AB 32 and the AB 32 Scoping Plan. The project's estimated annual GHG emissions are approximately 277.2 metric tons of CO₂e under Business as Usual (BAU) Conditions (2005) and 149.3 metric tons of CO₂e in 2020 for project operations. This represents a 46 percent decrease in emissions, which meets the SJVAPCD reduction criteria of 29 percent reduction from BAU. Therefore, the project would not result in emissions exceeding the SJVAPCD criteria for GHG emissions.

Based on this analysis, it was determined the project would not result in the emission of substantial GHG emissions during construction or operation of the project. Additionally, the project would not conflict with the goals and objectives of the SJVAPCD's Climate Change Action Plan, with the provisions of the California Scoping Plan, or any other State or regional plan, policy or regulation of an agency adopted for the purpose of reducing GHG emissions. Therefore, the proposed project's incremental contribution to cumulative GHG emissions would not be cumulatively considerable.

VIII. 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; or
- 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?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The proposed solid waste transfer station will collect, store, and transport material classified as Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and universal waste. The Household Hazardous Waste to be collected at the site includes: cleaners and polishes, automotive products, paints & related materials, thinners & solvents, adhesives, aerosol products, pesticides and fertilizers, hobby supplies, medical sharps, pharmaceuticals, treated wood, aerosol cans, waste oil & oil filters, and small tanks. Other wastes include: household batteries, electronic items, fluorescent tubes and lamps, electronic items (computers, cell phones, televisions, etc.), communication items, appliances and such.

The facility will be required to obtain a Permanent Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility Permit by Rule Notification (DTSC Form 1094B) (11/08) from the County of Fresno Department of Public Health, Environmental Health Division, Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) Program.

Prior to occupancy, facilities proposing to use and/or store hazardous materials and/or hazardous wastes shall meet the requirements set forth in the California Health and Safety Code (HSC), Division 20, Chapter 6.95, and the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 22, Division 4.5. Any business that handles a hazardous material or hazardous waste may be required to submit a Hazardous Materials Business Plan. The default State reporting thresholds that apply are: >55 gallons (liquids), >500 pounds (solids), >200 cubic feet (gases), or at the threshold planning quantity for extremely hazardous substances. All hazardous waste shall be handled in accordance with requirements set forth in the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 22, Division 4.5. This Division discusses proper labeling, storage and handling of hazardous wastes.

Other agency permitting requires a Permanent Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility Permit by Rule from the California Department of Toxic Substances Control.

With adherence to permit requirements, the facility will have a less than significant impact on 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?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The project site is located approximately 1,430 feet west of Pathway Community Day School and Pershing Continuation High School, which is slightly more than one quarter-mile away. The proposed facility will accept/collect, store, and transport Household Hazardous Waste under permit from the Fresno County Department of Health, which is the area CUPA. Operation of the facility in compliance with the Hazardous Waste Collection Facility Permit and Hazardous Materials Business Plan will reduce the chance of hazardous emissions to less than significant.

- 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?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The project is not located on a hazardous materials site. Pleasant Mattress, located directly east of the site is a regulated chemical storage facility. City of Fresno Well 313, located directly south of the site is a regulated chemical storage facility. Right Now Couriers, north of the site is a chemical storage facility and hazardous waste generator. Central Sanitary Supply, northeast of the site is a chemical storage facility. The adjacent regulated facilities are permitted by the Fresno County Health Department and monitored for permit compliance. The Fresno County Health Department requires this use to obtain a Permanent Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility Permit from the CUPA program and meet the requirements set forth in the California Health and Safety Code (HSC), Division 20, Chapter 6.95, and the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 22, Division 4.5. Adherence to these permit requirements will result in a less than significant impact to 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 or excessive noise for people residing or working in the project area?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The proposed project site is within the Airport Influence Area (AIA) and Inner Turning Safety Zone 3 of the Fresno Chandler Executive Airport, but is approximately 750 feet outside of the 60 CNEL (Community Noise Exposure Level) noise contour for that airport, according to the Fresno County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan. Fresno-Chandler Executive Airport is owned and operated by the City of Fresno and is located approximately two miles west of downtown Fresno. The Airport covers 200 acres at an elevation of 280 feet above mean sea level. It is a public use facility, classified in the 2017 – 2021 National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS) as a regional reliever airport and as a regional airport in the California Aviation System Plan (CASP). The airport traffic is typically composed of light private and commercial aircraft.

Prohibited land uses in the Inner Turning Safety Zone 3 include most residential uses, schools, hospitals, churches, landfills, and structures over three stories. Industrial uses, such as the proposed solid waste transfer station are allowed.

The project was reviewed by the Fresno Airport Land Use Commission on February 4, 2019. The Commission approved a Conditional Finding of Consistency with the Fresno County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan provided the project is constructed and operated per Section 3.2.4 of the Plan.

Section 3.2.4 of the Plan discusses hazardous uses in proximity to airports:

Hazardous uses, including facilities involving the manufacture, processing, or storage of hazardous materials, can pose serious risks to the public in case of aircraft accidents. Hazardous materials of particular concern in this compatibility plan, and which are covered by the safety compatibility criteria in Table 3B, are the following:

- A. Aboveground fuel storage: This includes aboveground storage tanks with capacities greater than 10,000 gallons of any substance containing at least five percent petroleum per State of California, California Health and Safety Code, Section 25270. Project sponsors must provide evidence of compliance with all applicable regulations prior to the issuance of development permits.
- B. Facilities where toxic substances are manufactured, processed, or stored: Proposed land use projects involving the manufacture or storage of toxic substances may be allowed if the amounts of the substances do not exceed the threshold planning quantities for hazardous and extremely hazardous substances specified by the EPA in Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 355, Subpart D, Appendices A & B.
- C. Explosives and fireworks manufacturing and storage: Proposed land use projects involving the manufacture or storage of explosive materials may be allowed in safety zones only in compliance with the applicable regulations of the California Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Section 5252, Table EX-1). Project sponsors must provide evidence of compliance with applicable state regulations prior to the issuance of any development permits.
- D. Medical and biological research facilities handling highly toxic or infectious agents: These facilities are classified in biosafety levels. Biosafety Level 1 does not involve hazardous materials and is not subject to the restrictions on hazardous uses in Table 3A. Definitions of the other three biosafety levels are quoted from Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories, 5th Edition, 2009, below.
 - a. Biosafety Level 2 practices, equipment, and facility design and construction are applicable to clinical, diagnostic, teaching, and other laboratories in which work is done with the broad spectrum of indigenous moderate-risk agents that are present in the community and associated with human disease of varying severity.
 - b. Biosafety Level 3 practices, safety equipment, and facility design and construction are applicable to clinical, diagnostic, teaching, research, or production facilities in which work is done with indigenous or exotic agents with a potential for respiratory transmission, and which may cause serious and potentially lethal infection.
 - c. Biosafety Level 4 practices, safety equipment, and facility design and construction are applicable for work with dangerous and exotic agents that pose a high individual risk of life-threatening disease, which may be transmitted via the aerosol route and for which there is no available vaccine or therapy.

- E. Other High-Risk Uses: Uses that involve the storage of hazardous materials (e.g., gas stations) should be avoided in locations where aircraft may be operating at low altitudes, or where data has shown the risk of accidents to be greater.

With adherence to the construction and operational limits described, the proposed facility will have a less than significant impact to safety hazards.

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

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project site is located in an industrial area and will not impair the implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted Emergency Response or Evacuation Plan.

- G. Expose people or structures, either directly or indirectly, to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The proposed project site is within the incorporated boundaries of the City of Fresno in an area designated for industrial uses and is not in a wildland or fire-hazard area.

X. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY

Would the project:

- A. Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade surface or ground water quality?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The project was reviewed by the California Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board and will require coverage under the NPDES General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Industrial Activities, NPDES NO CAS000001, (2014-0057-DWQ) (Storm Water General Permit). Their review of the Conditional Use Permit application indicates that the operation involves assembling, sorting, and distributing waste materials. The Facility's industrial activity is best described by Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) code 5093 (Scrap and Waste Materials), which requires coverage under the Storm Water General Permit. With adherence to NPDES permit requirements, the project will have a less than significant impact on surface and groundwater quality.

- B. Substantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that the project may impede sustainable groundwater management of the basin?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The project, as proposed, will require very little water with expected use being for sanitary purposes and minimal landscape irrigation, which is estimated to be 400 gallons per week at full build-out. The facility will be required to connect to the City of Fresno municipal water system, which has production and service capacity for this use.

- C. Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river or through the addition of impervious surfaces, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on or off site?
1. Result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site;
 2. Substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or offsite?
 3. Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff; or
 4. Impede or redirect flood flows?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The project site is not near a stream or river and will be served by the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District (FMFCD) for drainage. The following FMFCD requirements will apply to this project, thus reducing its impact on erosion and runoff to less than significant.

In an effort to improve storm runoff quality, outdoor storage areas shall be constructed and maintained such that material that may generate contaminants will be prevented from contact with rainfall and runoff and thereby prevent the conveyance of contaminants in runoff into the storm drain system.

The District encourages, but does not require that roof drains from non-residential development be constructed such that they are directed onto and through a landscaped grassy swale area to filter out pollutants from roof runoff.

Runoff from areas where industrial activities, product, or merchandise come into contact with and may contaminate storm water must be treated before discharging it off-site or into a storm drain. Roofs covering such areas are recommended. Cleaning of such areas by sweeping instead of washing is to be required unless such wash water can be directed to the sanitary sewer system. Storm drains receiving untreated runoff from such areas shall not be connected to the District's system. Loading docks, depressed areas, and areas servicing or fueling vehicles are specifically subject to these requirements.

The Federal Clean Water Act and the State General Permits for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction and Industrial Activities (State General Permits) require developers of construction projects disturbing one or more acres, and discharges associated with industrial activity not otherwise exempt from National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permitting, to implement controls to reduce pollutants, prohibit the discharge of waters other than storm water to the municipal storm drain system, and meet water quality standards. These requirements apply both to pollutants generated during construction, and to those which may be generated by operations at the development after construction.

- D. In flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zones, risk release of pollutants due to project inundation?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project is located on generally flat terrain and within the City of Fresno. The site is not subject to inundation by flood, seiche, or tsunami.

- E. Conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The project will be served by the City of Fresno water system, which has capacity to serve the project. The volume of water used at the site will be very low (estimated at 400 gallons per week) and will consist of water use for sanitary purposes and irrigation of minimal landscape, in accordance with the County of Fresno Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance. The City of Fresno receives a surface water allocation for the provision of treated potable water in order to provide a sustainable source of water and reduce the reliance on groundwater. The project will not obstruct a sustainable groundwater management plan.

The Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District reviewed the project and recommended conditions of approval to address storm runoff quality through site design. These requirements will be incorporated into the conditions of approval and project design documents to ensure that the project has a less than significant impact on water quality. See the analysis and proposed conditions of approval in Section X.-C. above.

XI. LAND USE AND PLANNING

Would the project:

- A. Physically divide an established community?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project will be located on a 2.67 acre site in a developing industrial area, just north of SR 180, and will not physically divide an established community.

- B. Cause a significant environmental impact due to a conflict with any land use plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The site is located in the City of Fresno in an area designated by the City of Fresno General Plan for light industrial uses. The zoning is consistent with the General Plan designation and the use is allowed with a conditional use permit. The project will have a less than significant impact on land use as it has been designed in accordance with General Plan policies and City of Fresno zone district standards for Light Industrial uses.

With regard to the Fresno County General Plan, the following policies apply to this project:

Policy HS-B.1: The County shall review project proposals to identify potential fire hazards and to evaluate the effectiveness of preventive measures to reduce the risk to life and property. The project will incorporate fire suppression systems and alarms into its design.

Policy HS-B.10: The County shall ensure that existing and new buildings of public assembly incorporate adequate fire protection measures to reduce potential loss of life and property in accordance with State and local codes and ordinances. The project will incorporate fire suppression systems and alarms into its design and be constructed to current Building Codes.

Policy HS-F. 1: The County shall require that facilities that handle hazardous materials or hazardous wastes be designed, constructed, and operated in accordance with applicable hazardous materials and waste management laws and regulations. The project will comply with Hazardous Waste permitting, handling, and reporting requirements.

Policy HS-F.2: The County shall require that applications for discretionary development projects that will use hazardous materials or generate hazardous waste in large quantities include detailed information concerning hazardous waste reduction, recycling, and storage. The project is the collection, appropriate disposal, and recycling of Household Hazardous Waste, which will divert Household Hazardous Waste from the waste stream.

Policy LU-F.29: The County may approve rezoning requests and discretionary permits for new industrial development or expansion of existing industrial uses subject to conditions concerning the following criteria or other conditions adopted by the Board of Supervisors:

- a. *Operational measures or specialized equipment to protect public health, safety, and welfare, and to reduce adverse impacts of noise, odor,*

- vibration, smoke, noxious gases, heat and glare, dust and dirt, combustibles, and other pollutants on abutting properties.*
- b. Provisions for adequate off-street parking to handle maximum number of company vehicles, salespersons, and customers/visitors.*
- c. Mandatory maintenance of non-objectionable use areas adjacent to or surrounding the use in order to isolate the use from abutting properties.*
- d. Limitations on the industry's size, time of operation, or length of permit.*

The project will comply with all laws and regulations required by the County of Fresno and Permitting Agencies. Off-street parking will be incorporated into the design consistent with approved parking standards. The operation will be limited by site size and will operate during daylight hours.

Policy LU-F.30: The County shall generally require community sewer and water services for industrial development. Such services shall be provided in accordance with the provisions of the Fresno County Ordinance, or as determined by the State Water Quality Control Board. The project will connect to the City of Fresno municipal water and sanitary sewer system.

Policy LU-F.31: To the extent feasible, the County shall require that all industrial uses located adjacent to planned non-industrial areas or roads carrying significant nonindustrial traffic be designed with landscaping and setbacks comparable to the nonindustrial area. The project is entirely within an industrial area, served by adequate local roads, and has been designed with compatible landscaping and setbacks to adjacent industrial uses and zoning requirements.

Policy LU-F.32: Since access to industrial areas by way of local roads not designed for industrial traffic is generally inappropriate; the County may require facility design, traffic control devices, and appropriate road closures to eliminate this problem. At the project site, collector roads surround the industrial development and local roads serve the interior circulation. The project has been designed to circulate traffic efficiently through the site.

Policy LU-F.33: The County shall require that permanent parking facilities permitted within designated industrial areas be designed to be compatible with the surrounding land use patterns. The project has incorporated adequate parking into the site design in accordance with approved parking standards..

Policy PF-F.2: The County shall locate all new solid waste facilities including disposal sites, resource recovery facilities, transfer facilities, processing facilities, composting facilities, and other similar facilities in areas where potential environmental impacts can be mitigated and the facilities are compatible with surrounding land uses. Site selection for solid waste facilities shall be guided by the following criteria:

- a. Solid waste facility sites shall not be located within the conical surface, as defined by Federal Aviation Regulations, Part 77, of a public use airport, except for enclosed facilities;*
- b. Solid waste facilities shall not be sited on productive agricultural land if less productive lands are available;*

- c. *Solid waste facilities shall be located in areas of low concentrations of people and dwellings; and*
- d. *Solid waste facilities shall be located along or close to major road systems. Facility traffic through residential neighborhoods should not be permitted. It is preferable that the roadways used for solid waste transfer conform to approved truck routes.*
- e. *Solid waste facilities shall not be located adjacent to rivers, reservoirs, canals, lakes, or other waterways.*

The project site is located within the interior of a developing industrial area, and is not adjacent to residences, agricultural land, or waterways. The project was reviewed by the Fresno Airport Land Use Commission on February 4, 2019. The Commission approved a Conditional Finding of Consistency with the Fresno County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan provided the project is constructed and operated per Section 3.2.4 of the Plan.

Policy PF-F.3: The County shall protect existing or planned solid waste facilities from encroachment by incompatible land uses that may be allowed through discretionary land use permits or changes in land use or zoning designations. The project is within an industrial area, which is compatible with its use as a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility. Incompatible uses would not be able to develop in the City of Fresno Light Industrial zone district.

Policy PF-F.6: The County shall impose site development and operational conditions on new solid waste facilities in order to mitigate potential environmental impacts on existing and planned land uses in the area. The project will be subject to appropriate mitigation measures, conditions of approval, project notes, and permitting requirements.

Policy PF-F.9: The County shall support the development of accessible waste transfer stations for county residents, and require the following siting criteria for transfer/processing stations:

- a. *Sites shall be of adequate size to accommodate proposed transfer/processing station operations and vehicle storage and should be of adequate size to provide for expansion to accommodate future shifts in resource recovery technology;*
- b. *Transfer stations shall be located within designated commercial or industrial areas except where commercial and industrial lands are only limitedly available within the Sierra-North and Sierra-South Regional Plans. Landfills closed under appropriate closure regulations may be considered for transfer station sites; and*
- c. *Transfer station sites with direct access to or in transportation corridors are preferable.*

The project will be an accessible waste transfer station for receipt of Household Hazardous Waste intended to serve the Fresno/Clovis Metropolitan Area and surrounding County of Fresno residents. The proposed site is located in an industrial area and has direct access to transportation corridors through the hierarchy of street networks.

XII. 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; or
- 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?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

No mineral resource impacts were identified in the analysis. According to Figure 7-7(FCGPBR), the project is not in an oil development zone or mineral resource area.

XIII. NOISE

Would the project result in:

- A. Generation of a substantial temporary or permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the vicinity of the project in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies; or
- B. Generation of excessive ground-borne vibration or ground-borne noise levels?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The project is the construction and operation of a Regional Environmental Compliance Center (solid waste transfer station), which will accept Household Hazardous Waste products from residential and business customers. The noise generated by this facility will be typical light construction noise (during construction) and noise from motor vehicles and trucks, dropping off or picking up waste (during operation). The project will not expose people to excessive ground-borne vibration or noise. As such, the project will have a less than significant impact on ambient noise levels.

The Fresno County Department of Public Health, Environmental Health Division reviewed the project and did not identify any potential noise-related impacts. However, the project will be subject to conformance with the Fresno County Noise Ordinance related to construction noise limiting noise-generating construction activities to the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

- C. For a project located within the vicinity of a private airstrip or an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The proposed project site is within the Airport Influence Area (AIA) and Inner Turning Safety Zone 3 of the Fresno Chandler Executive Airport. Fresno-Chandler Executive Airport is owned and operated by the City of Fresno. It is approximately two miles west of downtown Fresno. The Airport covers 200 acres at an elevation of 280 feet above mean sea level. It is a public use facility, classified in the 2017 – 2021 National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS) as a regional reliever airport and as a regional airport in the California Aviation System Plan (CASP). The airport traffic is typically composed of light private and commercial aircraft.

Prohibited land uses in the Inner Turning Safety Zone 3 include most residential uses, schools, hospitals, churches, landfills, and structures over three stories. Industrial uses, such as the proposed solid waste transfer station are allowed.

The proposed project site is approximately 750 feet outside of the 60 CNEL (Community Noise Exposure Level) noise contour for the airport, and as such, would not expose persons working at or visiting the proposed facility to excessive noise levels.

The project was reviewed by the Fresno Airport Land Use Commission on February 4, 2019. The Commission approved a Conditional Finding of Consistency with the Fresno County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan provided the project is constructed and operated per Section 3.2.4 of the Plan. See the discussion in Section VIII. E. Hazards and Hazardous Materials above.

XIV. POPULATION AND HOUSING

Would the project:

- A. Induce substantial unplanned population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?; or
- B. Displace substantial numbers of existing people or housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project site is currently vacant and the project will construct and operate a solid waste transfer station for Household Hazardous Waste in an industrial area, which will not induce population growth nor displace housing and people.

XV. PUBLIC SERVICES

Would the project:

- A. Result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically-altered governmental facilities, or the need for new or physically-altered

governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services?

1. Fire protection;
2. Police protection;
3. Schools;
4. Parks; or
5. Other public facilities?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The facility will have integrated security and fire suppression systems and will be served by the City of Fresno Police and Fire Departments. This facility is not expected to generate a significant number of calls for service to public safety agencies. Additionally, as an industrial use, the facility will not will not generate the need for additional schools, public facilities, or parks.

XVI. 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 facility would occur or be accelerated; or
- B. Include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities, which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project is industrial in nature and will not increase the use of existing parks or cause physical deterioration of recreational facilities. Nor will the project require the construction of expansion of recreational facilities.

XVI. TRANSPORTATION

Would the project:

- A. Conflict with a program, plan, ordinance or policy addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadway, bicycle and pedestrian facilities?
- B. Would the project conflict or be inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines section 15064.3, subdivision (b)?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

This project was reviewed by the Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning Design Division and the City of Fresno Traffic Operations and Planning Division. Neither agency had comments on the project nor requested a Traffic Impact Study.

The current Fresno County Household Hazardous Waste facility is located approximately 17 miles west of the Fresno/Clovis Metropolitan Area. The proposed Solid Waste Transfer Facility (Household Hazardous Waste) will be located 17 miles northeast of the existing County of Fresno Household Hazardous Waste Facility, currently located at the American Avenue Landfill. The facility is being relocated to provide additional space at the Landfill and to make the facility closer to the Fresno/Clovis Metropolitan Area user base, estimated to be 652,213 persons (California Department of Finance, 2018), which is approximately 65% of the County's estimated population of 1,007,229).

The current Household Hazardous Waste facility serves approximately 35 customers per week, which is a very low user rate for the over one million citizens of Fresno County. It is believed that the distance to the facility, from the major Fresno County metropolitan area (Fresno/Clovis), discourages users from participating in the Household Hazardous Waste diversion program. By relocating the facility closer to the metropolitan area, Vehicle Miles Traveled will be reduced by 34 miles per visit (round-trip) for the majority of the metropolitan users, haulers (3), and facility employees (10), thus creating a positive impact on transportation and Vehicle Miles Traveled.

Bicycle lanes are available on Dan Ronquillo Drive (adjacent to the site), Nielsen Avenue (approximately 0.20 miles to the north), and Hughes Avenue (0.30 miles west of the site). Additionally, Fresno Area Transportation (FAX) bus service is available within one mile of the proposed site, providing opportunities for users without traditional automotive transportation options.

The relocation of the facility is anticipated to increase program participation to 170 users per week by 2025, due to the proximity to the metropolitan area, thus diverting a greater percentage of Household Hazardous Waste from the landfill, than the existing site.

- C. Substantially increase hazards due to a geometric design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?; or

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The existing roads in the vicinity of the project site are generally arranged in a rectilinear pattern, do not have sharp curves, and serve local businesses and industries. Local and collector road intersections, near the project site, are controlled with stop signs. No new roads will be constructed with this project and the addition of minimal traffic from this use will have no impact on road hazards or design.

D. Result in inadequate emergency access?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project will be constructed on a parcel within an industrial area already served by an adequate street network for the proposed use. The site will be designed to accommodate emergency vehicles, such as fire apparatus, hence there will be no impact to emergency access.

XVIII. TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES

Would the project:

A. Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource, defined in Public Resources Code section 21074 as either a site, feature, place, cultural landscape that is geographically defined in terms of the size and scope of the landscape, sacred place, or object with cultural value to a California Native American tribe, and that is:

1. Listed or eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources, or in a local register of historical resources as defined in Public Resources Code section 5020.1(k), or
2. A resource determined by the lead agency, in its discretion and supported by substantial evidence, to be significant pursuant to criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code Section 5024.1. In applying the criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resource Code Section 5024.1, the lead agency shall consider the significance of the resource to a California Native American tribe?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT WITH MITIGATION INCORPORATED:

Under the provisions of Assembly Bill 52, the County of Fresno was required to provide notice that this Initial Study was being prepared to Native American Tribes who had previously indicated interest in reviewing CEQA projects. Notices were sent on December 10, 2018 to Robert Ledger of the Dumna Wo Wah, Robert Pennell of Table Mountain Rancheria, Ruben Barrios of Santa Rosa Rancheria, and Tara Estes-Harter of the Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians. None of these tribes requested consultation.

A records search from the Native American Heritage Commission was negative for records of cultural resources in the area of potential project effect and no records of sacred lands were found. The subject parcel is not located in an area which has been designated as moderately or highly sensitive to archaeological finds. On April 30, 2019, the applicant provided a Cultural Resource Inventory, prepared by Applied EarthWorks, Inc. of the project area, which concluded that even though tribal cultural resources have not been located on the site, there is still a potential for such resources to be discovered during construction. Therefore, application of the mitigation measure for Section V.-C.

Cultural Resources should be followed to reduce any potential impact to Tribal Cultural Resources to less than significant.

* **Mitigation Measure(s)**

1. See Mitigation Measure 1, Section V.-C

XIX. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS

Would the project:

- A. Require or result in the relocation or construction of new or expanded water, wastewater treatment or storm water drainage, electric power, natural gas, or telecommunications facilities, the construction or relocation of which could cause significant environmental effects?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The project would be served by the existing City of Fresno municipal water and sewer systems, and the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District stormwater drainage system. There is capacity in each of these systems to serve the project.

Electrical power, natural gas, and telecommunications facilities will not require additional capacity or need to be relocated due to this project.

- B. Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project and reasonably foreseeable future development during normal, dry and multiple dry years?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The project would be served by the City of Fresno municipal water system, which has capacity for this use, and would not require new water entitlements or wells. The project will use approximately 400 gallons of potable water per week. The City of Fresno water system is metered to identify overuse of water resources.

- C. Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider, which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The project will be served by the City of Fresno sanitary sewer system. There is existing sewage capacity at the regional wastewater treatment plant and in the trunk lines that serve the project area (City of Fresno Wastewater Collection System Master Plan, 2006).

- D. Generate solid waste in excess of State or local standards, or in excess of the capacity of local infrastructure, or otherwise impair the attainment of solid waste reduction goals; or
- E. Comply with federal, state, and local management and reduction statutes and regulations related to solid waste?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The project will comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to handling and disposal of solid wastes and will be served by the County of Fresno American Avenue Landfill, which has sufficient permitted capacity to serve this use. The proposed solid waste transfer station will be operated to divert Household Hazardous Waste from the landfill, which is in compliance with waste stream reduction regulations. The Fresno County Health Department requires this use to obtain a Permanent Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility Permit from the CUPA program and meet the requirements set forth in the California Health and Safety Code (HSC), Division 20, Chapter 6.95, and the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 22, Division 4.5. Adherence to these permit requirements will result in a less than significant impact to the environment.

XX. WILDFIRE

If located in or near state responsibility areas or lands classified as very high fire hazard severity zones, would the project:

- A. Substantially impair an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan, or telecommunications facilities, the construction or relocation of which could cause significant environmental effects; or
- B. Due to slope, prevailing winds, and other factors, exacerbate wildfire risks, and thereby expose project occupants to, pollutant concentrations from a wildfire or the uncontrolled spread of a wildfire; or
- C. Require the installation or maintenance of associated infrastructure (such as roads, fuel breaks, emergency water sources, power lines or other utilities) that may exacerbate fire risk or that may result in temporary or ongoing impacts to the environment; or
- D. Expose people or structures to significant risks, including downslope or downstream flooding or landslides, as a result of runoff, post-fire slope instability, or drainage changes?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project site is not in or near a state responsibility area or land classified as a very high fire hazard severity zone. The terrain is flat and located in an urban area. Fire suppression equipment will be integrated into the design of the project per the California Fire and Building Codes.

XXI. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

Would the project:

- A. Have the potential to substantially 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, substantially 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; or

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT WITH MITIGATION INCORPORATED:

No potential impacts to fish, wildlife species, plant, or animal communities were identified. Potential impacts to cultural and tribal cultural resources were identified. However, incorporation of the Mitigation Measures indicated in Section IV will ensure that these impacts are not significant.

- B. 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); or

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The Project was evaluated to assess potential cumulative impacts by Fresno County and public agencies. All appropriate project specific mitigation measures were developed to reduce the project’s impacts and potential cumulative impacts to less than significant levels. Potential cumulative impacts include, but are not limited to impacts to aesthetics. Cumulative impacts on aesthetics are considered to be less than significant with all lighting required to be hooded and directed downward. The project will not impact groundwater quality or quantity as determined by the county staff. The project will comply with all applicable County policies and ordinances. Given these considerations, the project will not have cumulative considerable impacts on the environment.

- C. Have environmental effects, which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

No substantial impacts on human beings, either directly or indirectly, were identified in the analysis.

CONCLUSION/SUMMARY

Based upon the Initial Study prepared for Unclassified Conditional Use Permit Application No. 3629, staff has concluded that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment. It has been determined that there would be no impacts to Agricultural and Forestry Resources, Biological Resources, Mineral Resources, Population and Housing, Recreation, nor Wildfire.

Potential impacts related to Air Quality, Energy, Geology and Soils, Hydrology and Water Quality, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Land Use and Planning, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Noise, Public Services, Utilities and Service Systems, and Transportation have been determined to be less than significant. Potential impacts relating to Aesthetics, Cultural Resources, and Tribal Cultural Resources have determined to be less than significant with compliance with the Mitigation Measures.

A Mitigated Negative Declaration is recommended and is subject to approval by the decision-making body. The Initial Study is available for review at 2220 Tulare Street, Suite A, street level, located on the southwest corner of Tulare and "M" Street, Fresno, California.

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No. 3629 - **Revised** - revised from routing of 12/10/2018

APPLICANT: County of Fresno

DUE DATE: December 28, 2018

The Department of Public Works and Planning, Development Services and Capital Projects Division is reviewing the subject application proposing to allow a County of Fresno operated Regional Environmental Compliance Center (Solid Waste Transfer Station) on County-owned property in the City of Fresno's IL (Light Industrial) Zone District (310 S. West Avenue) APN 458-060-26T.

The Department is also reviewing for environmental effects, as mandated by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and for conformity with plans and policies of the County. Based upon this review, a determination will be made regarding conditions to be imposed on the project.

We must have your comments by **December 28, 2018**. Any comments received after this date may not be used.

NOTE - THIS WILL BE OUR ONLY REQUEST FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS. If you do not have comments, please provide a "NO COMMENT" response to our office by the above deadline (e-mail is also acceptable; see email address below).

Please address any correspondence or questions related to environmental and/or policy/design issues to me, Marianne Mollring, Senior Planner, Development Services and Capital Projects Division, Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning, 2220 Tulare Street, Sixth Floor, Fresno, CA 93721, or call (559) 600-4569, or email mmollring@co.fresno.ca.us.

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Activity Code (Internal Review): 2384

Enclosures



Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning

Date Received: 12-5-18

CUP 3629
157561

MAILING ADDRESS:

Department of Public Works and Planning
Development Services Division
2220 Tulare St., 6th Floor
Fresno, Ca. 93721

LOCATION:

Southwest corner of Tulare & "M" Streets, Suite A
Street Level
Fresno Phone: (559) 600-4497
Toll Free: 1-800-742-1011 Ext. 0-4497

(Application No.)

APPLICATION FOR:

- Pre-Application (Type)
Amendment Application
Amendment to Text
Conditional Use Permit
Variance (Class)/Minor Variance
Site Plan Review/Occupancy Permit
No Shoot/Dog Leash Law Boundary
General Plan Amendment/Specific Plan/SP Amendment
Time Extension for
Director Review and Approval
for 2nd Residence
Determination of Merger
Agreements
ALCC/RLCC
Other

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED USE OR REQUEST:

To site, construct and operate a Permanent Regional Environmental Compliance Center in the Dan Ronquillo Industrial Park for the benefit of local residents and small businesses in the County of Fresno.

CEQA DOCUMENTATION: Initial Study PER N/A

PLEASE USE FILL-IN FORM OR PRINT IN BLACK INK. Answer all questions completely. Attach required site plans, forms, statements, and deeds as specified on the Pre-Application Review. Attach Copy of Deed, including Legal Description.

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: The Southwest corner side of South West Avenue and Dan Ronquillo Drive
between and
Street address: 310 South West Avenue

APN: 458-060-26T Parcel size: 2.67 acres Section(s)-Twp/Rg: S 6 - T 14 S/R 20 E

ADDITIONAL APN(S):

I, Gurinder Singh Sira (signature), declare that I am the owner, or authorized representative of the owner, of the above described property and that the application and attached documents are in all respects true and correct to the best of my knowledge. The foregoing declaration is made under penalty of perjury.

Table with 5 columns: Name, Address, City, Zip, Phone. Rows include Gurinder Singh Sira, John Thompson, PWP, and Rachel Brandon, Resources.

CONTACT EMAIL: rbrandon@fresnocountyca.gov

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Application Type / No.: CUP 3629 Fee: \$9,123
Application Type / No.: 157561 Fee: \$151
PER/Initial Study No.: Fee: \$
Ag Department Review: Fee: \$
Health Department Review: Fee: \$
Received By: MMOLZING Invoice No.: TOTAL: \$15,266

UTILITIES AVAILABLE:

WATER: Yes [X] / No []
Agency: City of Fresno
SEWER: Yes [X] / No []
Agency: City of Fresno

STAFF DETERMINATION: This permit is sought under Ordinance Section:

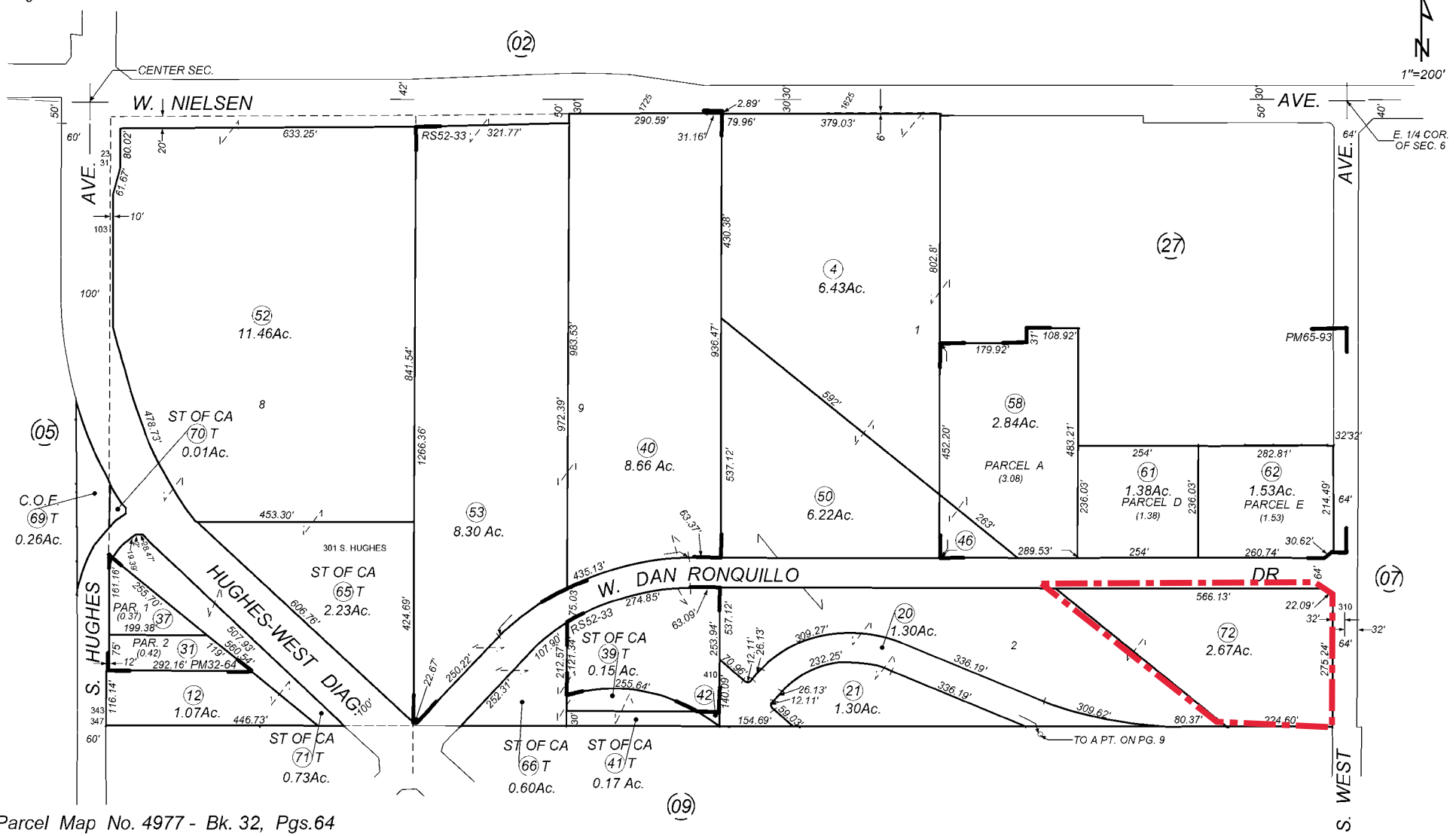
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Related Application(s): N/A
Zone District:
Parcel Size:

Sect-Twp/Rg: - T - S/R - E
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-NOTE-
This map is for Assessment purposes only.
It is not to be construed as portraying legal
ownership or divisions of land for purposes
of zoning or subdivision law.

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5-989



Parcel Map No. 4977 - Bk. 32, Pgs.64
Parcel Map No. 2005-15, Bk. 65, Pgs.93-95
Record of Survey - Bk. 52, Pgs.33-34
Subdivision of Sec. 6, T.14 S., R.20 E. - Plat Bk.2, Pg.18

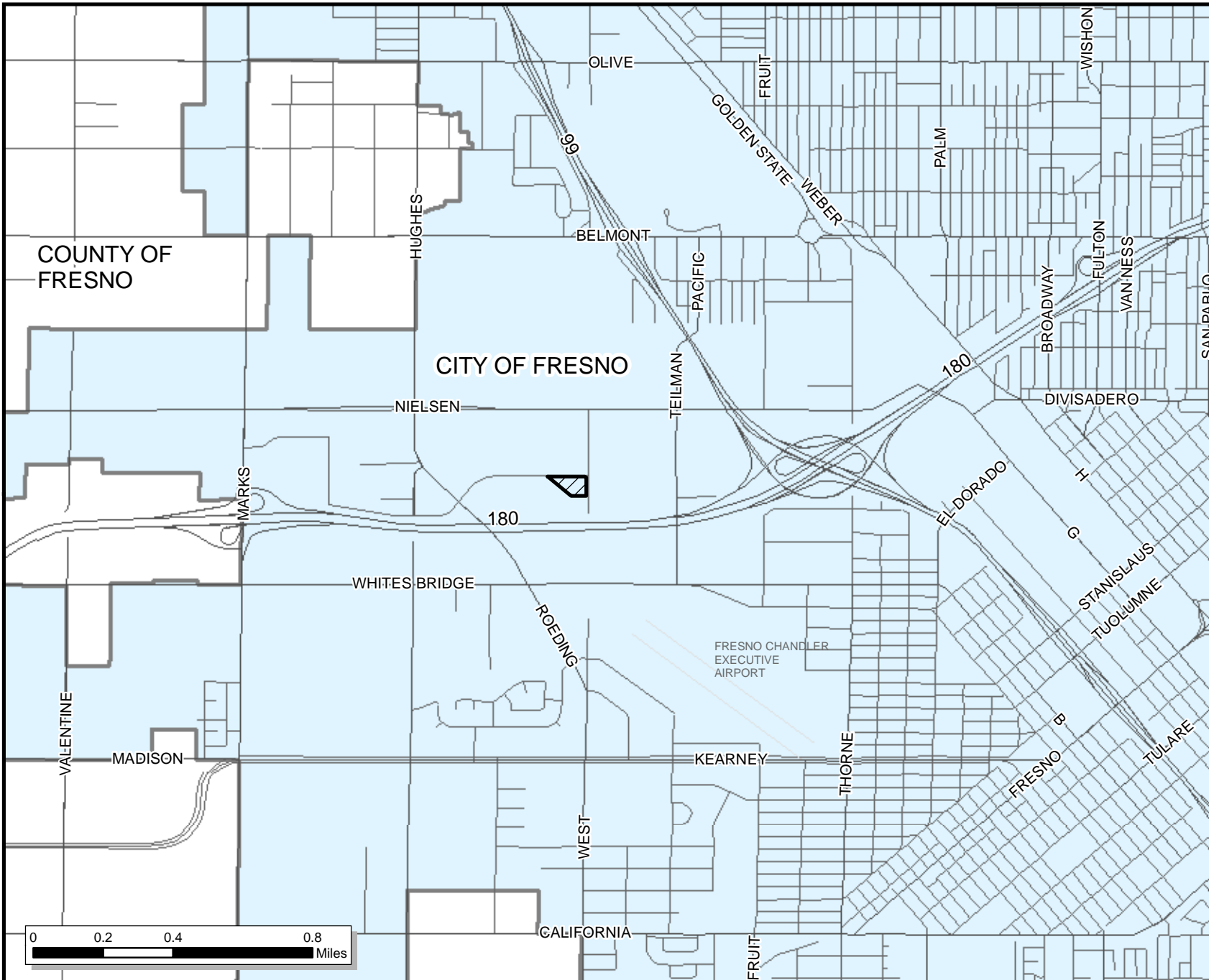
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County of Fresno, Calif.

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Assessor's Parcel Numbers Shown in Circles



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LOCATION MAP

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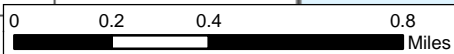


LEGEND

-  SUBJECT PROPERTY
-  City of Fresno

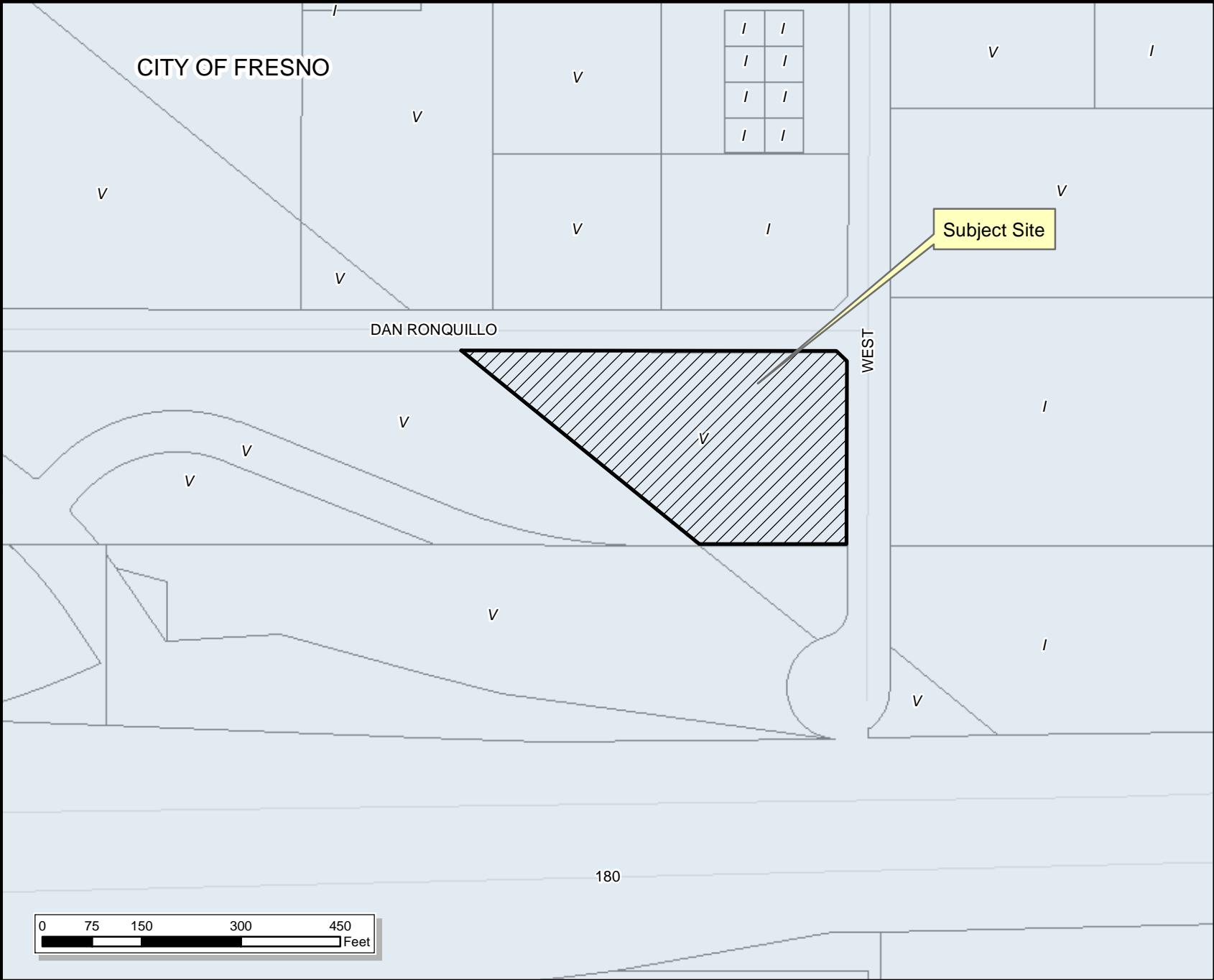




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EXISTING LAND USE MAP

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 SUBJECT PROPERTY
 Fresno

V - VACANT
I - INDUSTRIAL





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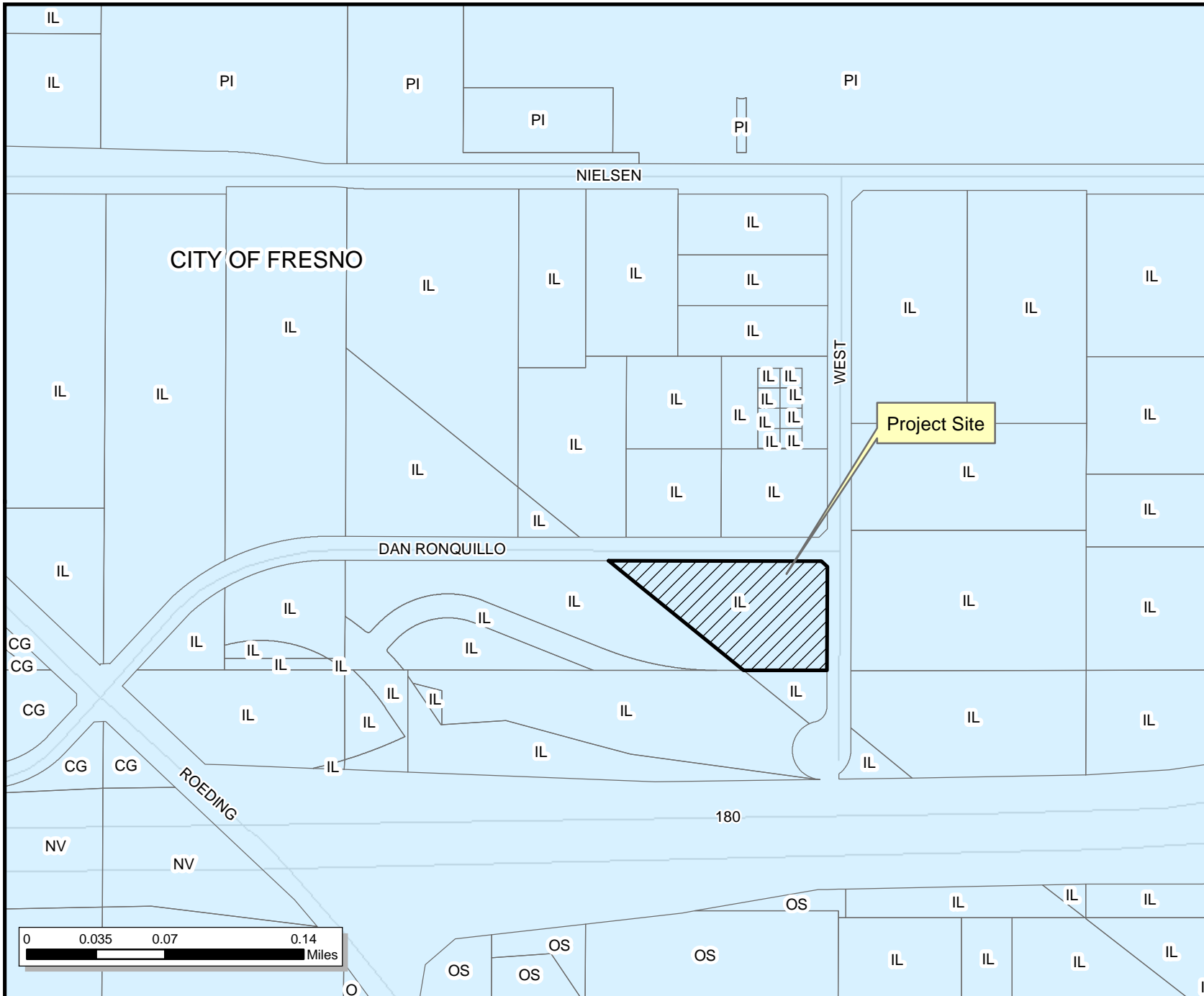
EXISTING ZONING

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- CITY OF FRESNO ZONING
- IL - LIGHT INDUSTRIAL
 - CG - COMMERCIAL GENERAL
 - PI - PUBLIC & INDUSTRIAL
 - NV - FREEWAY
 - OS - OPEN SPACE



Date: 12/5/2018



County of Fresno

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING
STEVEN E. WHITE, DIRECTOR

INITIAL STUDY APPLICATION

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer all questions completely. An incomplete form may delay processing of your application. Use additional paper if necessary and attach any supplemental information to this form. Attach an operational statement if appropriate. This application will be distributed to several agencies and persons to determine the potential environmental effects of your proposal. Please complete the form in a legible and reproducible manner (i.e., USE BLACK INK OR TYPE).

OFFICE USE ONLY

IS No. _____

Project No(s). _____

Application Rec'd.: _____

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. **Property Owner :** Gurinder Singh Sira **Phone/Fax** _____

Mailing Address: 5383 W. Oswego Avenue Fresno CA 93722
Street City State/Zip

2. **Applicant :** John Thompson, PWP **Phone/Fax:** 559-600-4259

Mailing Address: 2220 Tulare Avenue, 8th Floor Fresno CA 93721
Street City State/Zip

3. **Representative:** Rachel Brandon **Phone/Fax:** 559 -600-4061

Mailing Address: 2220 Tulare Avenue, 6th Floor Fresno CA 93721
Street City State/Zip

4. **Proposed Project:** To site, construct and operate a Permanent Regional Environmental Compliance Center within the City of Fresno for the benefit of local residents and small businesses of Fresno County

5. **Project Location:** Site will be located on the Southwest Corner of South West Avenue and West Dan Ronquillo Drive in the City of Fresno

6. **Project Address:** 310 South West Avenue, Fresno CA 93706

7. **Section/Township/Range:** 6 / 14S / 20E 8. **Parcel Size:** 2.67 acres

9. **Assessor's Parcel No.** 458-060-26T

10. Land Conservation Contract No. (If applicable): _____

11. What other agencies will you need to get permits or authorization from:

- | | |
|---|---|
| _____ LAFCo (annexation or extension of services) | _____ SJVUAPCD (Air Pollution Control District) |
| _____ CALTRANS | _____ Reclamation Board |
| _____ Division of Aeronautics | _____ Department of Energy |
| _____ Water Quality Control Board | _____ Airport Land Use Commission |
| _____ Other _____ | |

12. Will the project utilize Federal funds or require other Federal authorization subject to the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969? _____ Yes _____ No

If so, please provide a copy of all related grant and/or funding documents, related information and environmental review requirements.

13. Existing Zone District¹: M-1 Light Industrial

14. Existing General Plan Land Use Designation¹: UGM

ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION

15. Present land use: unimproved land, city curb and gutter
Describe existing physical improvements including buildings, water (wells) and sewage facilities, roads, and lighting. Include a site plan or map showing these improvements:

Utilities are at the street, with access to electricity, water and sewer

Describe the major vegetative cover: wild grass and weeds

Any perennial or intermittent water courses? If so, show on map: No

Is property in a flood-prone area? Describe: _____

FMFCD – Zone 2 Section RR (see map attached)

16. Describe surrounding land uses (e.g., commercial, agricultural, residential, school, etc.):

North: Delta Rubber, Food Safety Network (food testing lab)

South: City of Fresno Water Dept. Pumping Station, Highway 180

East: Pleasant Mattress Company

West: Open land, for sale

17. What land use(s) in the area may be impacted by your Project?: none, residents will bring their household waste items on Saturdays when traffic in the industrial park is light. Planning to queue vehicles onsite

18. What land use(s) in the area may impact your project?: Future development may affect traffic flows

19. Transportation:

NOTE: The information below will be used in determining traffic impacts from this project. The data may also show the need for a Traffic Impact Study (TIS) for the project.

A. Will additional driveways from the proposed project site be necessary to access public roads?
 Yes No

B. Daily traffic generation:

I. Residential - Number of Units _____
Lot Size _____
Single Family _____
Apartments _____

II. Commercial - Number of Employees 1
Number of Salesmen _____
Number of Delivery Trucks 1
Total Square Footage of Building ~10000sf

III. Describe and quantify other traffic generation activities: Saturdays: 30 to 40 vehicles entering and exiting the Center total between the hours of 9 am and 1 pm, personal vehicles of county residents with items, 1 semi-truck with trailer to pick up consolidated materials for recycling/disposal

20. Describe any source(s) of noise from your project that may affect the surrounding area: none

21. Describe any source(s) of noise in the area that may affect your project: none

22. Describe the probable source(s) of air pollution from your project: vehicle exhaust

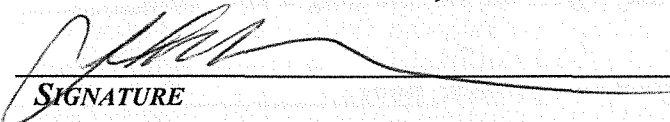
23. Proposed source of water:

() private well

() community system³--name: City of Fresno

24. Anticipated volume of water to be used (gallons per day)²: approximately 100 gallons /week
25. Proposed method of liquid waste disposal:
 septic system/individual
 community system³-name City of Fresno
26. Estimated volume of liquid waste (gallons per day)²: only incidental to restroom use
27. Anticipated type(s) of liquid waste: sanitary affluent
28. Anticipated type(s) of hazardous wastes²: see Table 1 in Operational Statement attached
29. Anticipated volume of hazardous wastes²: see page 10 of Operational Statement attached
30. Proposed method of hazardous waste disposal²: sort & consolidate, ship via licensed authorized waste hauler to properly licensed and authorized disposal facility(ies)
31. Anticipated type(s) of solid waste: incidental trash from residents' packaging, as well as cleaning materials
32. Anticipated amount of solid waste (tons or cubic yards per day): approximately several pounds per day
33. Anticipated amount of waste that will be recycled (tons or cubic yards per day): ~ 7 cu. yds. Per month
34. Proposed method of solid waste disposal: Regular pick-up by City of Fresno contracted Solid Waste
35. Fire protection district(s) serving this area: City of Fresno Fire Department
36. Has a previous application been processed on this site? If so, list title and date: No
37. Do you have any underground storage tanks (except septic tanks)? Yes No
38. If yes, are they currently in use? Yes No

TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, THE FOREGOING INFORMATION IS TRUE.


SIGNATURE

11/20/11
DATE

¹Refer to Development Services Conference Checklist

²For assistance, contact Environmental Health System, (559) 600-3357

³For County Service Areas or Waterworks Districts, contact the Resources Division, (559) 600-4259

NOTICE AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

INDEMNIFICATION AND DEFENSE

The Board of Supervisors has adopted a policy that applicants should be made aware that they may be responsible for participating in the defense of the County in the event a lawsuit is filed resulting from the County's action on your project. You may be required to enter into an agreement to indemnify and defend the County if it appears likely that litigation could result from the County's action. The agreement would require that you deposit an appropriate security upon notice that a lawsuit has been filed. In the event that you fail to comply with the provisions of the agreement, the County may rescind its approval of the project.

STATE FISH AND WILDLIFE FEE

State law requires that specified fees (effective January 1, 2017: \$3,078.25 for an EIR; \$2,216.25 for a (Mitigated/Negative Declaration) be paid to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) for projects which must be reviewed for potential adverse effect on wildlife resources. The County is required to collect the fees on behalf of CDFW. A \$50.00 handling fee will also be charged, as provided for in the legislation, to defray a portion of the County's costs for collecting the fees.

The following projects are exempt from the fees:

- 1. All projects statutorily exempt from the provisions of CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act).*
- 2. All projects categorically exempt by regulations of the Secretary of Resources (State of California) from the requirement to prepare environmental documents.*

A fee exemption may be issued by CDFW for eligible projects determined by that agency to have "no effect on wildlife." That determination must be provided in advance from CDFW to the County at the request of the applicant. You may wish to call the local office of CDFW at (559) 222-3761 if you need more information.

Upon completion of the Initial Study you will be notified of the applicable fee. Payment of the fee will be required before your project will be forwarded to the project analyst for scheduling of any required hearings and final processing. The fee will be refunded if the project should be denied by the County.



Applicant's Signature

11/20/18

Date

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION/OPERATIONAL STATEMENT:
SITING, CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE PERMANENT
REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE CENTER
TO SERVE RESIDENTS OF FRESNO COUNTY**

Nature of Proposal/Operation – Phase I (to be completed by June 2021)

(See Phase II & Phase III on page 8)

The County of Fresno, proposes to site, construct and operate an approximately 20,000 square foot permanent regional Environmental Compliance Center (Center) within the metropolitan Fresno/Clovis area. The purpose of the Center is to provide a safe and convenient means for Fresno County residents (Residential Participants) and small quantity business generators (Business Participants) to dispose of household waste items not allowed for regular disposal.

These household waste items consist of:

"...small quantities of a variety of materials that are the by-products of the operation and maintenance of a place of residence and which exhibit one or more of the following characteristics: toxicity, ignitability, reactivity and corrosivity." (Health and Safety Code, section 25218)

With few exceptions, the majority of these household waste items accepted at the Center can be found in the average garage, under the kitchen sink, or for sale at a local "home store." The applicable State regulations also allow a business that generates small quantities of these items to utilize this center and participate in some of its programs, if that business is able to qualify as a Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator (limited to generation of 27 gallons or 220 pounds of these materials monthly). For illustrative purposes only, a generic list of some of the most common items managed at the environmental compliance center appears in Table 1.

Table 1

Household Waste Items		Universal Wastes (UW)	
Cleaners & Polishes	Pool chemicals	VCR/DVD players	Printers
Automotive products (including batteries)	Hobby supplies (art supplies, photographic chemicals, etc.)	Household batteries (alkaline & rechargeable)	Compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs)
Paints & related materials	Medical sharps (needles & lancets)	Small electronic appliances	Cell phones & telephones
Thinners & solvents	Aerosol Cans	Fluorescent tubes	Radios
Adhesives	Treated Wood	Fax machines	Televisions
Aerosol products	Waste oil & oil filters	Copy machines	Computer monitors
Pesticides and fertilizers	Small tanks (BBQ gas, extinguishers)	Hair dryers, curling irons	Cordless battery-operated tools

In addition to accepting and managing household waste items brought to the Center by Residential and Business Participants, the Facility will:

- Operate a Reuse Center (for the distribution of useable household products brought to the Center);
- Serve as:
 - A Certified Used Oil & Automotive Fluids Collection Center
 - A Designated Sharps Collection Point
 - A battery collection point; and
- Participate in the PaintCare Program for the recycling of acceptable paints.

Additionally, a variety of off-site programs will be operated out of the Center, allowing household waste items to be collected and brought back to the Center for consolidation and management. Off-site programs may include, but are not limited to:

- A Door-To-Door (DTD) Program, to serve the homebound and the infirm;
- A Mobile Program, to provide periodic temporary collection events, primarily at locations outside of the Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan Area; and
- A Drop-off Program, utilizing local businesses within Fresno County to collect various types of Universal Waste (UW).

As specified in the applicable regulations, some of the programs described above will be “Full-Service,” dealing with all types of household waste items, and some programs will provide “Limited Service,” dealing only with UW and/or specific waste streams such as sharps. Additional programs (such as that being developed for recycling solar panels, with an anticipated minimum amount of one pallet of approximately ten (10) panels per pallet accepted per month) may be added as applicable state regulatory requirements change and the county complies accordingly.

No household waste items will be buried at the proposed site; no household waste items will remain on the site when the Center is no longer operational. All household waste items that are brought to the Center will be sorted, consolidated, and shipped out to appropriate management/recycling facilities on a regular basis by properly licensed haulers throughout the life of the Center, in accordance with Title 22, Division 4.5, Chapter 22. The County has budgeted sufficient funds in Org. 9015 to meet State Closure/Financial Assurance Plan (Plan) requirements. The Plan for the Center will regulate and ensure that adequate funding is available for the removal of all household waste items from the Facility at closure.

Proposed Operational Time Limits

The Center is anticipated to operate within the following Hours/Days of Operation:

- Center open 12 months per year; operating Monday – Saturday from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm
- Initially open to Residents Saturday from 9 am to 1 pm (except Holiday weekends), however, the days available for residential use will be amended as the participation level increases; open for Small Businesses on Friday and Saturday by scheduled appointment only, as with the residential program, as participation increases, the days available for use by Business Participants will be amended.

Number of Customers/Participants

At the current Center, the majority of program participants (Off-Site Participants) rarely visit the Center because of the large distance from the Fresno/Clovis Metropolitan Area. Their household waste items - mostly UW is collected at off-site locations throughout the County and transported to the Center by staff (Local Network Sites). Several factors unique to this Center are reflected in the Participant Count projections provided in Table 2. These factors include:

Table 2

Participant Counts								
Participant Type	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Annual Total	Weekly Average
Currently								
Residential	0	0	0	0	0	30-40	1,732	~35
Business	0	0	0	0	0-1	0	26	~0.5
<i>Total Customers</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>1732</i>	<i>1,758</i>	<i>~35.5</i>
Projected By 2025								
Residential	~10	~20	~20	~30	~30	~50	~8,000	~160
Business	~2	~2	~2	~2	~2	0	~500	~10
<i>Total Customers</i>	<i>600</i>	<i>~1,100</i>	<i>~1,100</i>	<i>~1,600</i>	<i>~1600</i>	<i>~2,500</i>	<i>~8,500</i>	<i>~170</i>

Visitors

From time to time individuals and small groups of people (Visitors) may be granted access to participate in a variety of outreach, educational and/or training programs, including an occasional Center tour or committee meeting, by appointment only, during normal operating hours. The number of visitors is anticipated to average no more than 25 individual guests on any day of the week. One or two groups of 10 to 25 visitors each could be accommodated by appointment.

It is anticipated these visitors will utilize passenger vehicles (cars and small trucks) to access the site. Personnel from fire, health and police departments may occasionally access the site at any time for inspections or enforcement-related reasons, and/or to dispose of household waste items collected in the line of duty.

Numbers of Employees

The current Center contracts approximately four personnel (Facility Staff) to manage and staff the Facility (including the Reuse Center) and to collect from the Local Network (e.g., DTD, Mobile Event, Drop-off Programs and Sharps Collection). Center Staff will be scheduled to work within the proposed operational time limits described in Section 2. Subject to changes in customer demand, it is anticipated that initially, there will be one "full-time" (eight hours a day) employee, working five days per week, throughout the year and three part-time employees, working hours and days as needed. At full capacity, there may be as many as ten (10) employees, some working full-time and others part-time weekly throughout the year. There will be no on-site live-in caretaker.

Service and Delivery Vehicles

It is anticipated that the Primary Hauler will come to the Center in a large tractor-trailer an estimated twelve times per year (e.g., one truck pick-up per month) during the first year the Center is fully operational. The number of visits required could increase to two to three times that amount over the next five years in order to remove the material from the site as required. Certain service and maintenance vehicles will make periodic site visits, anticipated to be less than 2 to 3 vehicles monthly.

Site Access

The Center will be designed for public traffic flow, allowing queuing of approximately 10 to 20 vehicles on-site, with the collection area able to service two or more vehicles at a time. In addition, the bulk of the Facility's traffic will initially be confined to Saturdays, which is a relatively slow day for most industrial businesses. Participants will take a paved drive with signage, drive through the open Entrance Gate that will take them directly to the Center. Upon reaching the Center, Participants will pull up onto the concrete pad to the designated Unloading and Collection area where staff will unload their household waste items. Participants must remain in their vehicles when dropping off their household waste items. After staff remove the materials, vehicles will proceed past the Reuse Center and exit out from the Center on the paved Exit Drive and through the Exit Gate. Participants visiting the Reuse Center shall be required to park in the designated parking spaces provided, then exit via the drive to the Exit Gate.

Parking

Approximately nine (9) standard and one (1) handicap accessible parking space(s) are anticipated to be provided. During Center Hours, parking will be used by Center Staff and by Participants wishing to visit the Reuse Center. Service providers, vendors and Haulers will load and unload their vehicles in the covered Unloading and Collection area during normal operating hours.

No Products Produced or Sold

The primary function of the Center is to collect and properly manage household waste items generated by residents of Fresno County for shipping and proper recycling/disposal at an off-site approved facility. No products will be produced or sold at the site. No processing will be undertaken, although materials collected (and/or their containers) will be separated, consolidated, packaged, and/or similarly handled to make them more manageable, reusable or recyclable. Whenever practical, items including, but not limited to, packaging, cardboard boxes, empty containers, and office paper that may be generated at the site will be consolidated and sent to a recycling facility/program.

Residential household waste items shall be collected from Residential Participants at no charge. Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator (CESQG) Waste will be collected from Business Participants (appointment required) during normal operating hours. Business Participants shall be required to reimburse the Center Operator for the cost of

recycling/disposal at the rates specified in the Consultant Agreement. The Primary Subcontractor shall provide free cost estimates to Business Participants.

Major Equipment, Materials and Supplies

Minor equipment at the Center shall include, but not be limited to a forklift and/or pallet jack, small power tools, shop vacuum, and a small commercial scale. Appropriate storage units will be provided for items such as hand tools, solid waste, UW, recyclables and supplies, including but not limited to personal protective gear, cleaning equipment, packaging materials, storage boxes/drums, wiping cloths, brooms and absorbent. Paper goods and hand soap serving the toilet and hand wash sink shall be scheduled for restocking weekly or sooner as needed.

Specific major on-site equipment is anticipated to include, but not be limited to (sizing and number of units are anticipated at initial opening of the Center):

- Two (2) 8'-0" x 40'-0" ISO (Seatrail) storage units to store E-Waste and Universal waste, not to exceed four (4) units at full capacity
- One (1) 500 gallon used oil storage tank with secondary containment (Not to exceed 2 at full capacity)
- One (1) 300 gallon antifreeze storage tank with secondary containment (Not to exceed 2 at full capacity)
- Several transportable items such as two (2) roll-off bins for trash and recycling, and multiple pallets or crates for packaged e-waste (these will be placed inside the ISO containers for storage until pick up by authorized hauler)
- One (1) 6' x 4' Automobile Battery storage unit, not to exceed four(4) at full capacity
- One (1) emergency eye wash/shower station, not to exceed two (2) at full capacity
- One Storage unit for items such as protective gear, packaging, absorbent and cleaning materials, lab materials, empty packing cartons and drums. Increase in size up to 8'0" x 40", no more than four (4) units at full capacity

Noise, Glare, Dust and Odors

Given the size and nature of the Center, it is unlikely that the small increase in noise, glare, dust and odors due to Center operations will reach detectable levels beyond the perimeter of the Center.

Noise - The primary activities to take place at the Center (collection, consolidation and storage) are not inherently noisy. Some of the noise will be attributable to the use of hand tools (e.g., impact wrenches, rubber hammers) and the forklift. However, this noise is anticipated to be intermittent and of relatively short duration. Traffic noise associated with the arrival and departure of the estimated Participant vehicles during Business Hours should not be significant. Periodically, service providers, regulatory agencies and/or Visitors vehicles may enter the Center. Congestion, emissions, noise and odors should not be an issue given the small number of such vehicles.

Dust - None of the proposed activities associated with the Center are anticipated to increase the generation of dust. Household waste items handling protocols to be used at the Center are designed to prevent the disbursement of friable materials. Absorbents used are designed to be as dust-free as possible. Given that most of the Center's area is paved and covered, this project should result in an overall reduction rather than any increase in the potential for dust creation.

Glare - Center pole mounted security and fluorescent task lighting shall be hooded to shield light from neighboring properties and roads.

Odor - Center operating procedures require most packages to not be opened. Oil-based and latex paint, as well as other materials, will not be opened or consolidated on site. No organic material other than small amounts of treated wood will be collected. Therefore air and odor emissions associated with this project should be well below regulatory limits, as well as undetectable by neighbors and any sensitive receptors in the area.

Generation of Liquid and Solid Wastes

Liquid Wastes - All liquid waste generated at this Center shall be collected and contained within underground containment tanks and vaults. The toilet will be connected to the sanitary sewer system. Discharged emergency eye wash/shower liquid shall be diverted to the onsite underground tank. A licensed contractor, under contract with the County of Fresno, shall conduct pumping of all underground tanks and vaults. Water shall not be used for managing the household waste items. All program-related clean up is conducted with absorbents and wiping cloths, which are then incorporated with the household waste items and transported to appropriate off-site management facilities or programs.

Precipitation - All waste handling activities shall occur either within a storage module equipped with secondary containment devices or beneath the Center roof. The storage units and the roof protect the household waste items from exposure to the elements, as it is unloaded and sorted, as well as for all stored materials and equipment. With potential contaminants protected and all spills quickly contained and remediated, rainwater will not “take-on” contaminants from the Center and should be safely and legally incorporated with similar rainwater run-off generated by neighboring businesses.

Solid Waste - Solid waste may be generated while collecting household waste items from the public, including empty boxes, buckets, containers and bags. In addition, empty oil and antifreeze containers will be added to the solid waste as Center staff will be bulking these items directly into above-ground storage tanks. Solid waste designated for disposal will be placed into one or two small debris boxes on site for subsequent periodic disposal by the private solid waste hauler that serves the Center. Empty boxes along with small quantities of office paper, plastic bottles and cans, deemed recyclable, will be collected in a separate debris box for recycling.

Water

Water for the Center shall be supplied to the site from the City's existing water service. Approximate water usage is estimated to be 100 gallons per week initially, increasing to up to 400 gallons per week at full capacity.

Advertising and Signage

Signage identifying the Center, along with directional and informational signage as required by law and as needed to ensure that Participants have a safe, and productive experience will be posted. The placement of directional signage is anticipated to be at the main entrance, and adjacent access roads. Additional needed signs will be placed within the site to meet various regulatory and logistic requirements (e.g., “No Smoking”, “Stay in your vehicle”, “Keep Right”). All signage shall be designed and placed in such a manner as to comply with all applicable regulatory and development standards. Pavement marking signs will assist in Participant traffic control.

Existing Structures

Currently, there are no structures on the site. The site consists of ungraded, unimproved land.

Proposed Structures

All new structures within the Facility are planned to be temporary, easily relocated structures to be removed at the time of Center Closure. New structures within the Center are anticipated as follows (sizing and number of units are estimated for time of opening):

- One (1) portable 8'-0" x 20'-0" modular office equipped with electrical power, lighting and electrical heating/cooling air conditioner unit.
- One (1) prefabricated 12'-0" x 12'-0" concrete unisex vault toilet equipped with water closet, hand washing lavatory, electric hand dryer and associated paper goods. Toilet vault shall be equipped with a high-level alarm.
- Two (2) 8'-0" x 40'-0" Hazardous Materials storage containers equipped with explosion relief panels, dry chemical fire suppression system, interior lighting and secondary containment system. An approved Alarm Company under contract with the County of Fresno shall monitor the dry chemical fire suppression system. Not to exceed 4 at full capacity.
- One (1) 13'-6" x 10'-0" Hazardous Materials storage unit for collection and storage of used automotive oil (to hold 500 gallon used oil tank listed in Equipment section on page 5) and one (1) 8' x 20' Materials storage unit to hold a 300-gallon antifreeze tank as listed in the Equipment section on Page 5. Not to exceed 2 of each at full capacity.
- One (1) 12'-0" x 20'-0" Reuse Center hazardous materials container equipped with explosion relief panels, dry chemical fire suppression system, interior lighting and secondary containment system. An approved Alarm Company under contract with the County of Fresno shall monitor the dry chemical fire suppression system. Not to exceed 2 containers at full capacity.
- One (1) 80'-0" x 80'-0" permanent metal roof equipped with skylights, fluorescent task lighting, and a fire suppression system serving the Unloading and Collection area.

Modular Conference/Education Center

A modular office structure of approximately 36' x 60' will be added to the site and placed on an appropriately sized concrete pad, and utilities routed to this structure. This building will serve as a Conference and Education Center for meetings and Group Education such as high school field trips, etc. Additional parking and driveway access will be included in the site plan.

At Center Closure, all structures, underground tanks and utilities shall be dismantled and removed from the site. Abandoned paved roads, onsite paved areas and demolished concrete slabs shall be hauled away and recycled. Testing of the abandoned site for soil contamination will be conducted to confirm the abandoned site area is free of Center-generated contaminants.

Outdoor Lighting and Sound Amplification

Lighting - The Center is anticipated to have approximately ten - 20-foot high pole-mounted photocell-controlled 2-stage LED security lights spaced evenly around the Center perimeter. Photocell activated fluorescent lighting fixtures are anticipated to be provided below the roofed area. Fluorescent task lighting is anticipated to be located above the emergency eye wash/shower. All lighting is anticipated to be hooded to direct the light down and away from

adjacent properties and roadways. All lighting shall conform to California Energy Efficiency Standards for outdoor lighting.

Sound Amplification - An outdoor public address sound amplification system shall be installed at the Center to address Participants and Visitors when needed. In most cases, Participants will be addressed individually by staff members without the use of the amplification system. Staff members will communicate with each other and outside the Center via cell phones or handheld radios.

Landscaping and Fencing

Landscaping will be designed to integrate with neighborhood landscape standards and will be water efficient. The perimeter of the Center is anticipated to be enclosed with a galvanized, 8-foot high chain-link fence equipped with three strands of barbed wire (total approximately 10 feet high). The fence is also anticipated to have a pair of 8-foot chain link rolling gates at the Customer Entrance and a pair of 8-foot chain link rolling gates at the Customer Exit to the Center. The exit gate will serve as a delivery/transport truck entrance/exit on non-customer use days.

Phase II – Addition of Storage Warehouse Building (Estimated to be completed by June 2023)

In Phase III of the Center Construction, after the Modular Conference/Education Center has been completed, A metal storage warehouse building of approximately 50' x 100' will be added to the site with an appropriately sized concrete pad with grading and drainage to an underground 1,500 gallon sump tank. The Storage Warehouse will include a man door and two roll-up doors to accommodate loading and unloading of hauler/supplier trucks, and access by employees and forklift. It will also include a fire suppression system, alarm system and surveillance cameras.

Additional Information

The definitions, regulations and detection thresholds pertaining to hazardous household waste items are constantly being revised by a variety of regulatory agencies. The Center does not intend to be limited to managing only those items in Table 1. Nor does the Center have any obligation to accept every item as defined. For example, the Center will not accept radioactive or explosive material. Only small cylinders of compressed gases, such as those used for barbecues or camp stoves, and fire extinguishers, will be accepted. Items such as ammunition and fireworks are directed to law enforcement for management elsewhere. Small quantities of treated wood waste (e.g., railroad ties, utility poles) may be accepted from Participants who abide by all current regulations applicable to this waste stream. The Center will ONLY accept household waste items that are manageable by the Center staff. The required Operations/Emergency Plan will provide detailed information on how the Center will manage both acceptable and unacceptable waste streams, including but not limited to procedures for initiating tracking of any items turned away.

Household waste items brought to the Center by each Participant will be limited to household quantities. Health and Safety Codes limit County Residential Participants from transporting more than 15 gallons or 125 pounds of these materials to the Center from their place of residence. Business Participants, also known as Conditional Exempt Small Quantity Generators or CESQGs, are limited to bringing 27 gallons or 220 pounds of these materials from their place of business on a monthly basis. Large commercial or industrial generators of

these materials are prohibited from using this Center. The Center will accept small quantities of abandoned household waste items brought for management by "first responders," such as the County Public Health Department, as well as fire and police personnel.

Residents dropping off household waste items at the Center are required to remain in their vehicles. Acceptable materials are removed from vehicles by Center staff within the roof-covered Staging Area, transferred to the sorting area within the material storage units, sorted, and then appropriately packaged into Department of Transportation (DOT) approved shipping containers.

Most of the household waste items collected will be stored in the original containers unless the container is found to be unsound or leaking. This method allows for tertiary storage of the container contents within the packing drum and modular unit providing additional levels of security.

Waste oil and used antifreeze will be directly bulked appropriately into large capacity containers located inside a regulated materials container, equipped with secondary containment. These bulk wastes will be stored until the volume approaches maximum capacity, at which time transportation to the appropriate reclamation collection facility will be arranged using a licensed hauler.

Home-generated sharps will also be accepted in approved containers. Staff will subsequently place the sharps containers inside a medical waste container. When full, they will be transported by a Medical Waste Transporter to an appropriate certified management facility.

A key element to operating a cost-effective collection program is maximizing the reuse of these household waste items. Materials eligible for reuse by the public includes, but is not limited to paint, fertilizer, household cleaners, stain, varnish, automotive products, garden products and aerosol products at least half full with an operating nozzle. Reusability of a product will be determined by the Center staff and will depend upon factors such as age, amount of product remaining, potential hazard and demand. Items selected will be in the original container with readable labels and judged by the staff to be uncontaminated. All participants electing to take reuse materials will be required to sign a waiver of liability. Items brought to the Center, which are suitable for reuse, will be placed in the prefabricated modular material storage unit designated as the Reuse Center. Under the direct supervision of staff, Participants will be allowed to select items to take home from the Reuse Center during Business Hours.

The Center will store household waste items on site until enough is collected to warrant pick-up by the certified hauler. As soon as enough household waste items have been accumulated to warrant a pick-up, it will be removed from the Facility by an appropriate Hauler. Most waste streams will be removed once a month. However, no specific unit of these materials is allowed to remain on site more than one year (without special dispensation from the local enforcement agency).

It is anticipated that On-site Participants will bring the bulk of the household waste items directly to the Center. In addition, household waste items managed at off-site locations, which are brought to the Local Network Sites by the public, will be transported to the Center by staff for consolidation, storage and management.

Security of the Center is addressed in multiple ways. When closed, the Center will be monitored by an alarm/surveillance system. An eight-foot high chain link fence, topped with

barbwire will surround the Center itself. There will be perimeter lighting to facilitate surveillance after hours. The storage units on-site are constructed of reinforced steel and are secured at all times with an appropriate security-locking device when Center staff is not present.

Day-to-day operations of the Center will be subcontracted (Primary Subcontractor). Besides collecting, identifying, sorting, consolidating, packing, tracking and reporting the household waste items, the Primary Subcontractor will be responsible for maintaining a contract with a licensed management company (Hauler) to collect the household waste items from the Center and take it to approved/permitted facilities for management. The Hauler is anticipated to provide service at least once a month. Frequency of service will increase as needed. (Please note that the Primary Subcontractor must have the ability to request service from the Hauler as frequently as needed, in order to remove the manifested material from the Facility as required by law.) The initial Primary Subcontractor shall be Stericycle, Inc., who currently operates the American Avenue Permanent Regional Facility, its associated off-site programs, and the Local Network Program, as well as similar programs for various jurisdictions throughout California. Stericycle currently utilizes its own vehicles to remove the household waste items to approved/permitted recycling and appropriate management facilities.

The County of Fresno has operated the Permanent Regional HHW Facility at the American Avenue landfill for 4 years without any accidents or incidents to date. The distance from county residents, approximately 25 miles west of the Fresno County population center, has been prohibitive to resident participation. That site will no longer be available for use by this facility (the landfill needs the site for solid waste disposal). For these reasons, the County of Fresno and the 15 incorporated cities within the county are looking to site, build and operate an Environmental Compliance Center within the Fresno area, where the majority of the County population resides. This will provide a safe and convenient place for residents and small businesses to bring their Household Waste items for proper handling, storage, and shipping out for proper disposal.

Our statistics for 2017 were as follows:

Annual Participants:	1,732 residents	26 businesses
Annual Facility weight collected:	164,005 lbs.	
Annual Event weight collected:	93,753 lbs.	
Total Annual weight collected:	257,758 lbs.	

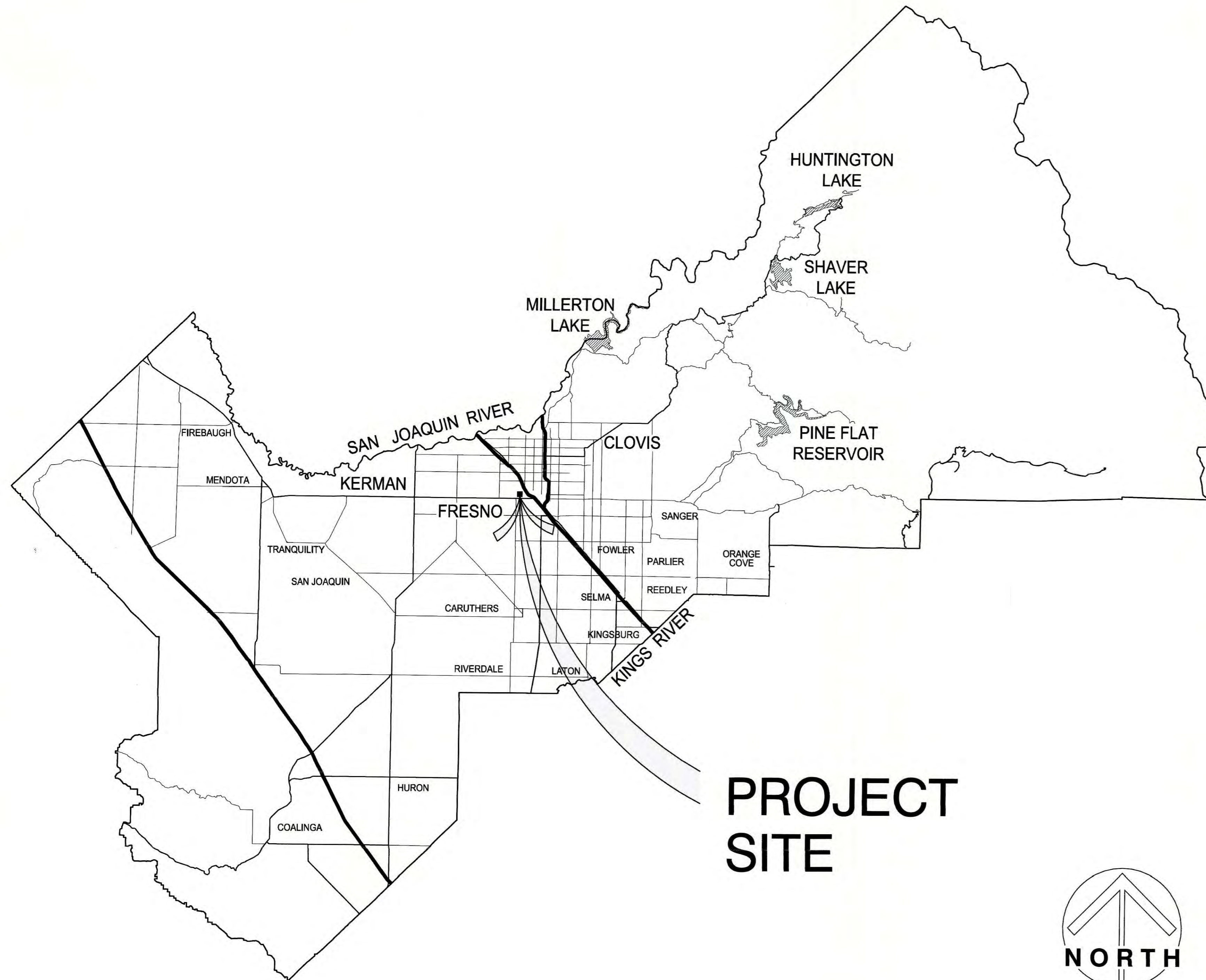
The statistics for the future at the new site are anticipated to increase over time, doubling within the first one to three years of operation.

Anticipated participation by 2025:

Annual Participants:	5,000 residents	75 businesses
Annual Center weight collected:	500,000 lbs.	
Annual Event weight collected:	100,000 lbs.	
Total Annual weight collected:	600,000 lbs.	

New Environmental Compliance Center at:

310 S. West Avenue, Fresno CA 93706



**PROJECT
SITE**



Project Data:

Owner: The County of Fresno
2220 Tulare Avenue,
Fresno, California 93721
Fresno County Department
of Public Works and Planning,
Resources Division.

Site Address: 310 West Avenue, Fresno
County, California 93706

A.P.N.: 458-060-26T

Zone: Past: M-1- Light Manufacturing
Present: IL- Light Industrial

Site Area: (+/-) 2.69 acres

Construction Type: Type V-A (Table 601)
Fire Sprinklers (wet)

Occupancy Type: H: High- Hazard
B: Business

ECC Facility Use: Collection and Management of
Common Household Hazardous
Waste

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The information on this Drawing is acceptable and shall define the Scope of Work to develop this Project. Any significant changes to the Scope of Work shall be approved by the Client Department.

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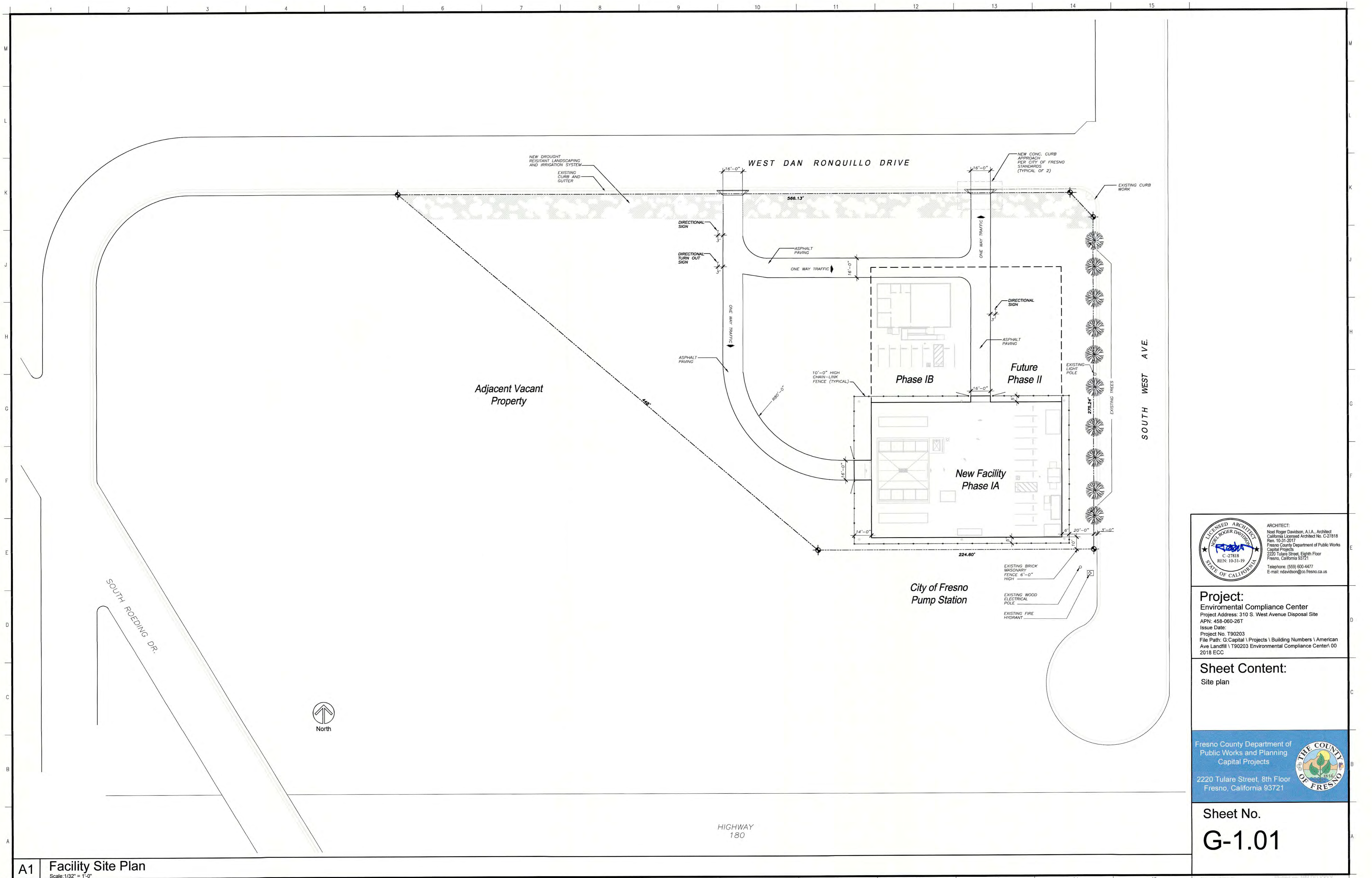


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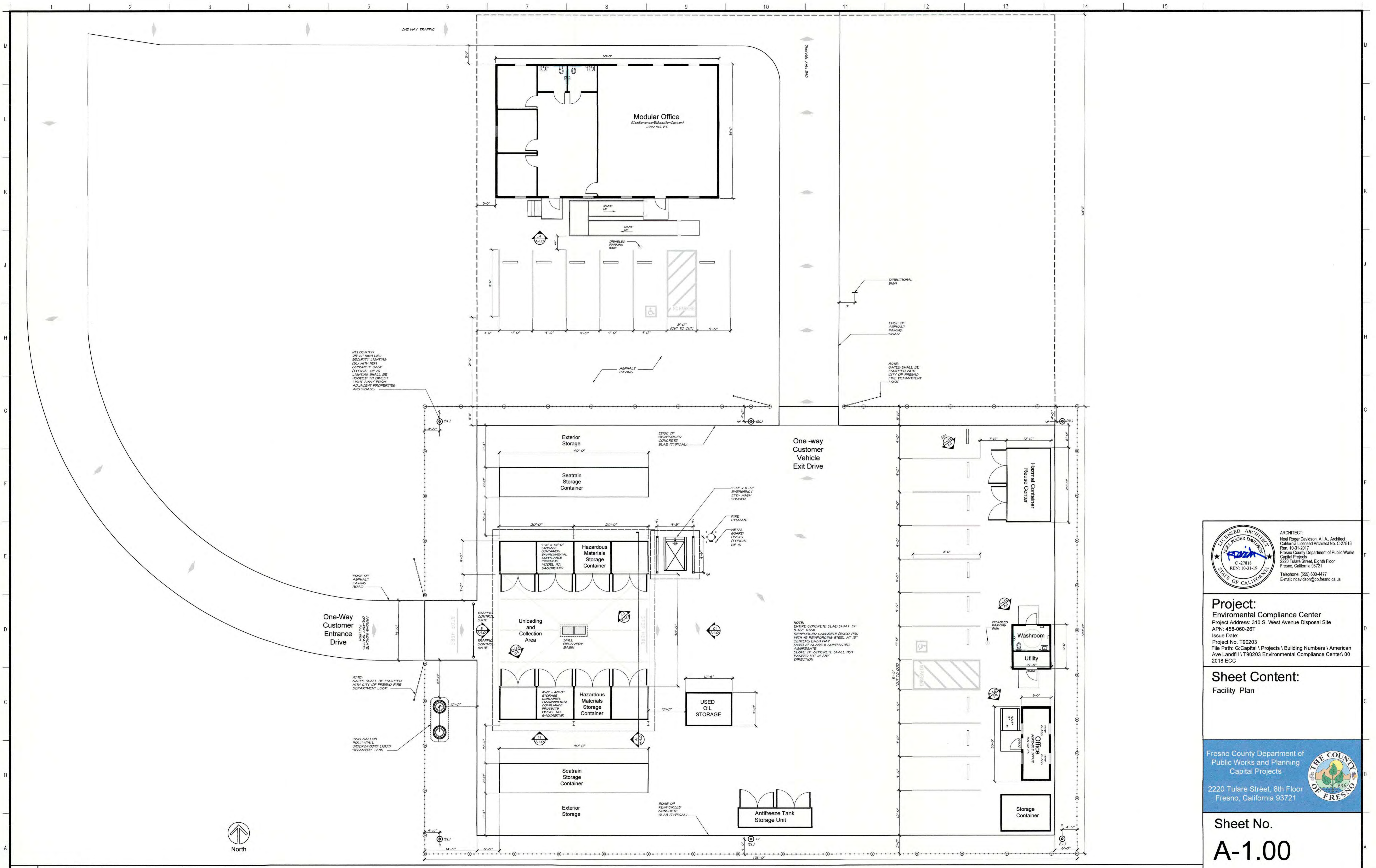
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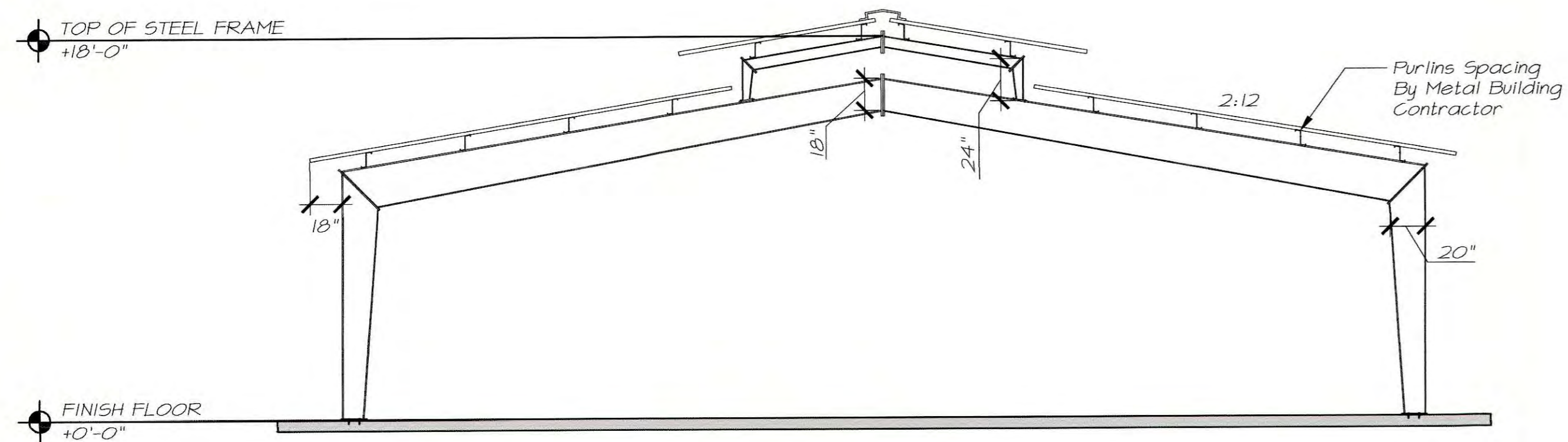
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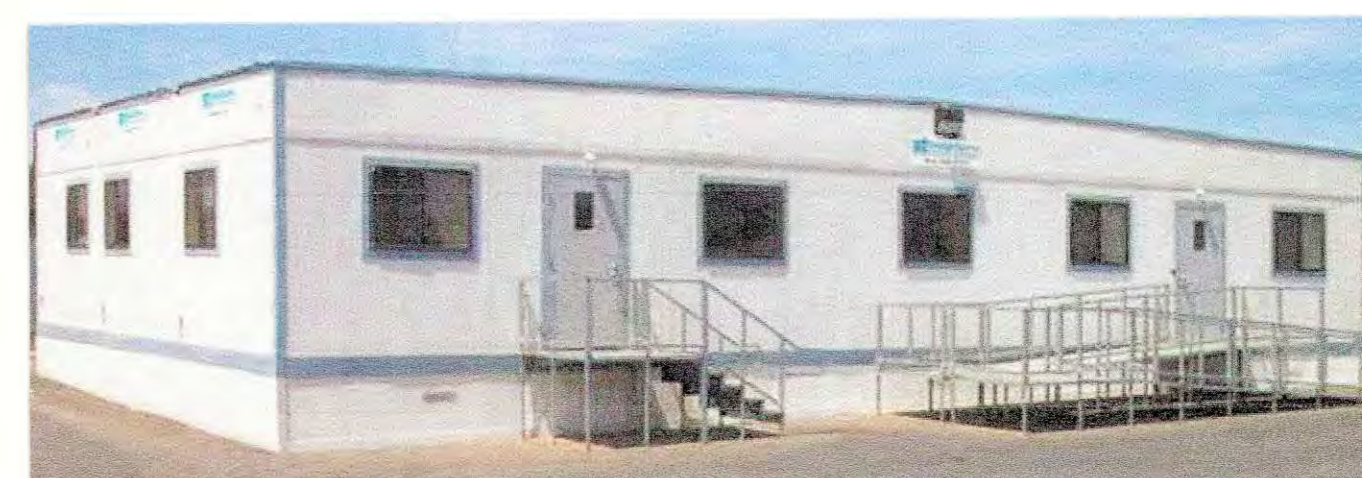


J1 Shade Structure Front Elevation

Scale: 3/16" = 1'-0"

Supplier: DesignSpace Modular Buildings

The unit is 2160 Sq.FT metal clad. It has two ADA restrooms, three private offices and a large conference room. It is insulated and includes central heating and air conditioning.

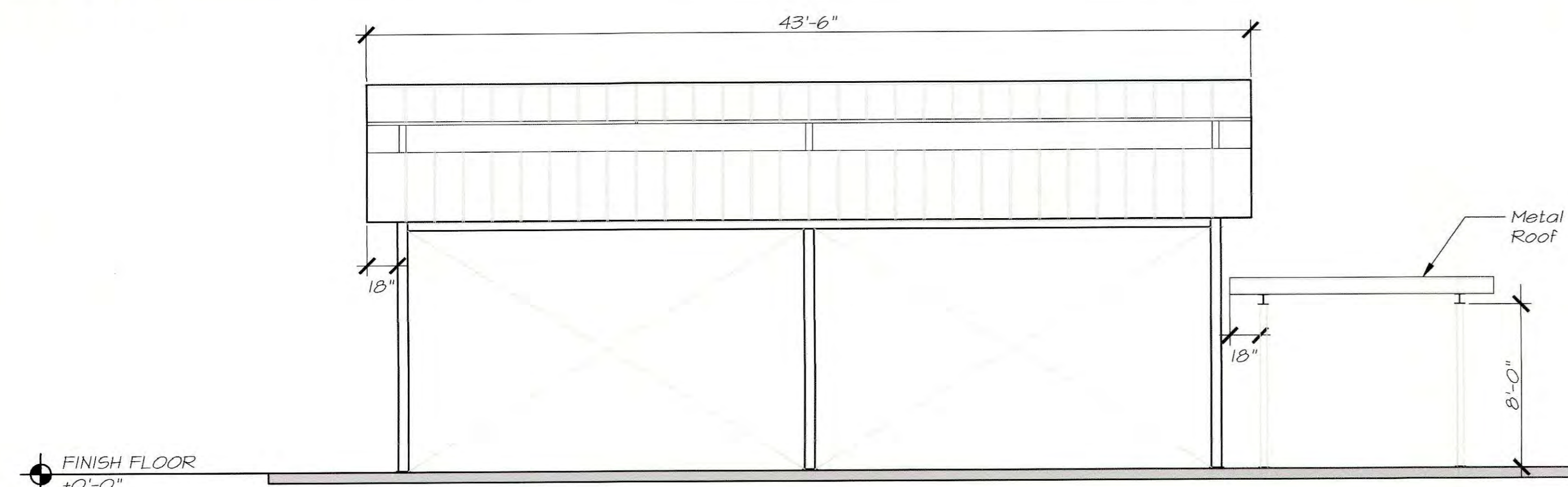


J9 36' x 60' Modular Office - New

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Supplier: DesignSpace Modular Buildings

The unit is 160 Sq.Ft metal clad. It has an office space with built-in workstation. It is fully insulated and includes a HVAC system.



F1 Shade Structure Side Elevation

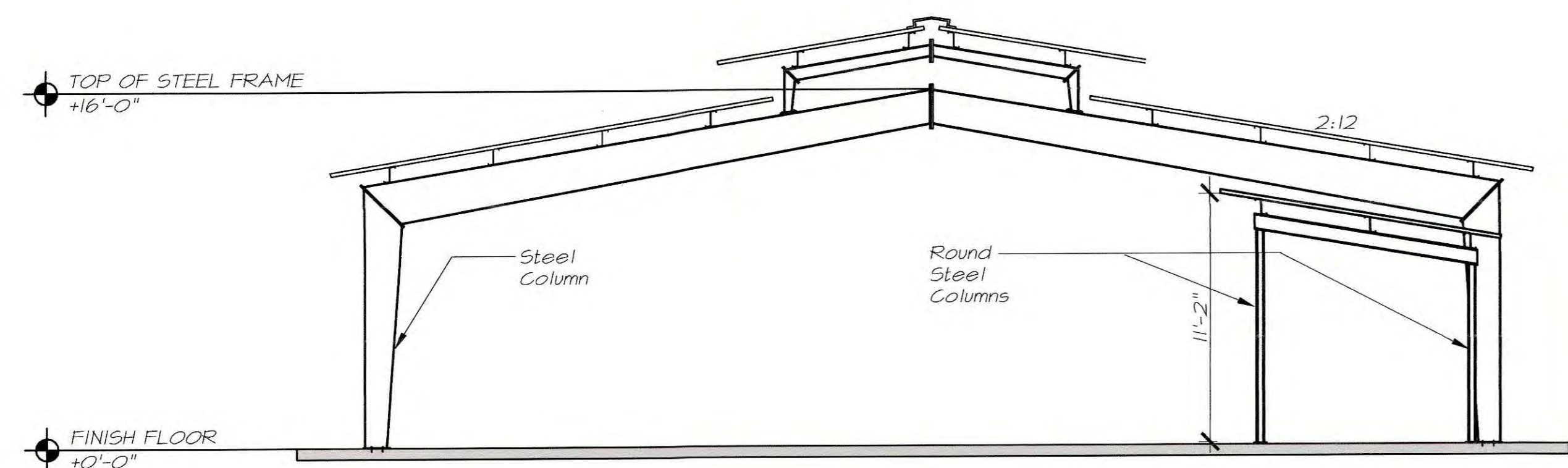
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F9 8' x 20' Modular Office - Relocated

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Supplier: ECP Environmental Compliance Products

The storage buildings are explosion proof and have been designed to provide a safe and secure storage area with secondary containment for chemicals and hazardous materials.



C1 Shade Structure Back Elevation

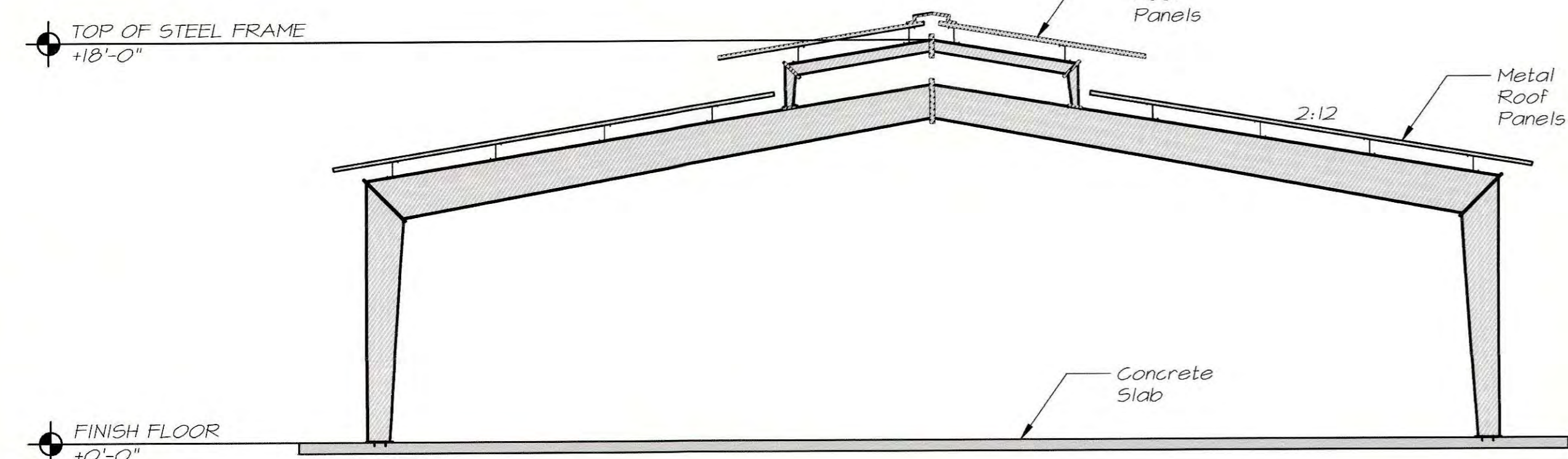
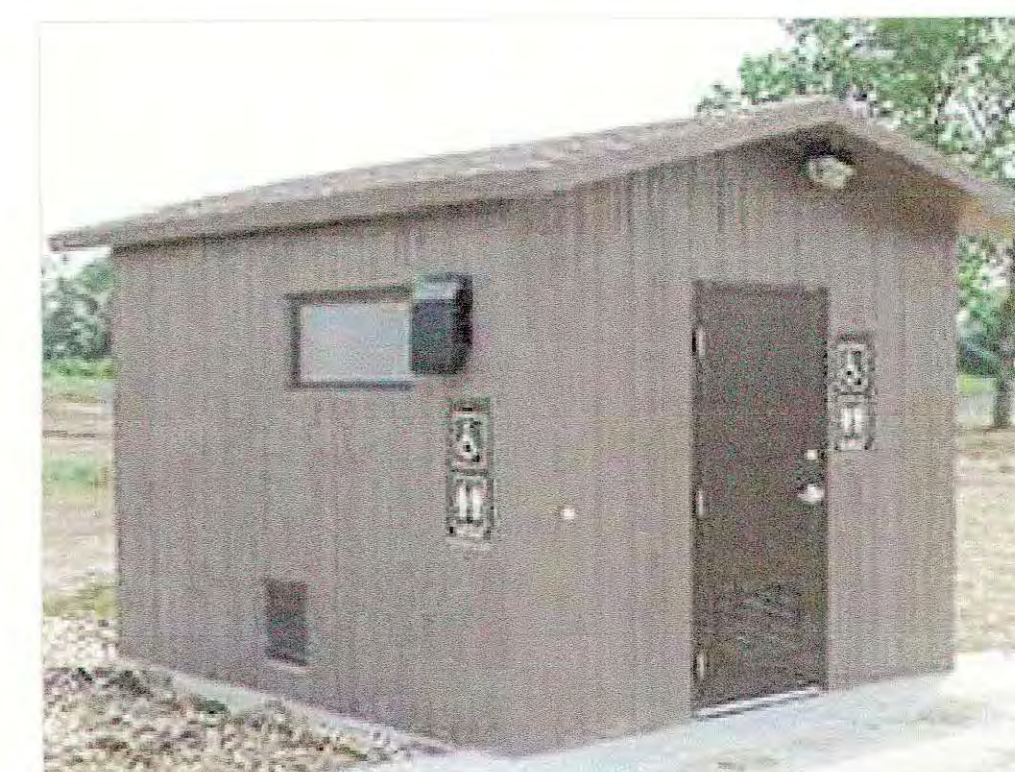
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C9 Hazardous Materials Storage Container - Relocated

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Supplier: CXT Incorporated

OZARK 1 is a single stall unisex restroom that meets ADA and Title 24 status of the State of California.



A1 Shade Structure Section

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A9 Pre-Manufactured Concrete Washroom - Relocated

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CROWN PLUMBING

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