



County of Fresno

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING
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EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

- APPLICANT: Mike Dawson
- APPLICATION NOS.: Initial Study No. 7794 and Variance Application No. 4083
- DESCRIPTION: Reduce the minimum parcel size requirement to allow creation of a 2-acre parcel from an approximately 50-acre site in the AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) Zone District.
- LOCATION: The subject parcel is located on the northeast corner of State Route 180 (W. Whitesbridge Avenue) and N. Dickenson Avenue, approximately 4 miles east of the City of Kerman (9874 W. Whitesbridge Avenue, Fresno, CA) (APN 025-071-62S) (SUP. DIST. 1)

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 proposes to allow a reduction in the minimum parcel size requirement of the AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) Zone District to allow creation of a 2-acre parcel from an existing approximately 50-acre parcel. The subject parcel is located in an agricultural area fronting State Route 180 and N. Dickenson Avenue. There is no scenic vista, and the aforementioned public right-of-way are not designed scenic roads or scenic highways. Therefore, the project is not likely to have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista or substantially damage scenic resources.

- 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: NO IMPACT:

The project site is located in a mainly agricultural area. The proposal would result in the creation of a homesite parcel already improved with a single-family residence. The remaining land will still be utilized for agricultural purposes. There is no direct impact resulting from this project on the existing visual character of the site and its surroundings. Public views may be impacted if development of the remaining land were to occur, but the underlying zone district ensures that uses related to agriculture would still be the prevalent by-right use in the area. Any more intensive development would be subject to additional review under the applicable land-use permit.

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

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project does not propose any development and is only associated with creation of a parcel from an existing parcel. The project would not directly result in the creation of a new source of light or glare.

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?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

Per the 2016 Fresno County Important Farmland Map, the subject parcel is designated Prime Farmland. The project intends to create a homesite parcel from an existing 50.24-acre parcel. The proposed homesite parcel is already improved with a single-family residence. There is no additional development of either the proposed parcel or existing parcel associated with this project. As the homesite parcel is already improved, and the existing parcel is expected to continue being utilized for agricultural production, the project would not convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance.

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

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The project proposes to create a substandard parcel in the AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) Zone District. Approval of a Variance Application would allow the creation of a substandard parcel and would then result in no conflict with the existing zoning for agricultural use.

The subject is Williamson Act Contracted and was determined that the project proposal would be inconsistent with the Williamson Act. The Policy Planning Section has reviewed the project and determined that the proposed 2-acre parcel does not qualify to remain in the Williamson Act Program and is required to be removed from the program through the contract cancellation process. The Applicant is required to submit a Partial Cancellation petition to the Policy Planning Section with the petition then being presented to the Agricultural Land Conservation Committee. A recommendation for cancellation from the Agricultural Land Conservation Committee and/or approval of the cancellation from the Board of Supervisors is required to allow the subject proposed parcel to partially cancel the Williamson Act Contract.

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?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project site is not located in forest land or zoned for forest land. Therefore, the project will not conflict with zoning for forest land, timberland, or timberland zoned Timberland Production, and will not result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use.

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 proposed parcel split will not involve changes to the existing environment that could result in conversion of Farmland to non-agricultural use. The proposed parcel is already improved with a single-family residence and the remainder parcel will still be utilized for agricultural production.

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?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project is to allow creation of a parcel under the minimum parcel size standard of the underlying zone district from an existing parcel. The project will not result in a conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable Air Quality Plan and will not result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant.

- C. Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations; or
- D. Result in other emissions (such as those leading to odors) adversely affecting a substantial number of people?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The subject parcel is currently utilized for residential and agricultural purposes. The project will split the land dedicated to the residential use away from the land dedicated to agricultural production. There is no additional development proposed. The project will not result in substantial pollutant concentrations or other emissions adversely affecting a substantial number of people.

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?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

Per the California Natural Diversity Database, the project site is not located on or near any reported occurrences of a special-status species. The subject parcel is currently improved with a single-family residence and agricultural crops. Due to the nature of disturbance, the site is unlikely to be occupied by special-status species. There is no riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified on the project site.

- 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?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

Per the National Wetlands Inventory, the subject site has a riverine classified wetland located on the northern boundaries of the subject parcel. Upon further investigation of the identified wetland, the wetland appears to be man-made irrigation facilities. The proposed parcel split is located on the southern end of the subject parcel and would not influence the irrigation facilities. Therefore, the project will not have a substantial adverse effect on wetlands.

- 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?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

There are no migratory wildlife corridor or native wildlife nursery site identified on the project site. There are no proposed structural improvements associated with this project and would not result in the interference of the movement of any native resident or wildlife species.

- 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:

There were no local policies or ordinance protecting biological resources, or an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state Habitat Conservation Plan identified that would be in conflict with the project proposal.

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: NO IMPACT:

The project does not propose any development. The subject site is already improved with a single-family residence, accessory structures, and agricultural crops. Based on the existing improvements to the property, there is considerable ground disturbance with no evidence of cultural resources on the project site. Therefore, it is unlikely that there are any cultural resources occurring on the project site.

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

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project does not propose additional development or any new operation on the existing or proposed parcel. Future development or new operation on the subject site would be regulated by applicable State and local standards for energy efficiency. Therefore, the project will not result in potentially significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient or unnecessary consumption of energy resources and will not conflict with or obstruct state or local plans 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. 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?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

According to the Earthquake Hazard Zone Application and Figure 9-3 of the Fresno County General Plan Background Report, there are no known earthquake hazard zones located on or in close proximity of the project site.

- 2. Strong seismic ground shaking?

3. Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

Per Figure 9-5 of the Fresno County General Plan Background Report, the subject site is located in an area designated as having a probabilistic seismic hazard with a 10% probability in 50 years and a peak horizontal ground acceleration of 0% to 20% which is the minimum condition. As the subject site is not likely to be susceptible to strong seismic ground shaking or seismic-related ground failure, and taking into consideration building code and standards to mitigate the effects of these scenarios, no impact is seen.

4. Landslides?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project site is located in a relatively flat agricultural area. Per Figure 9-6 of the Fresno County General Plan Background Report, the subject site is not located in an area identified as being in a landslide hazard area.

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

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project proposal requests to allow a parcel division to create a substandard sized parcel. There is no new development associated with the subject application. Future development of the site, not associated with the project, would be subject to state and local standards and regulations. Therefore, in considering the project scope, the project would not result in substantial soil erosion or loss of topsoil.

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?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

No geologic unit or unstable soil has been identified on the project site. As noted, the subject application is to allow creation of a substandard sized parcel. Past development of the site did not result in hazardous conditions.

C. 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:

According to Figure 7-1 of the Fresno County General Plan Background Report (FCGPBR), the subject parcel is not located near land designated as having expansive soil potential.

- D. Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water; or
- E. Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The subject application does not propose the development of an additional septic tank or alternative waste-water disposal system. The subject property is already improved with a septic system in connection with the existing single-family residence. There were no unique paleontological or unique geologic feature identified on the subject site.

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: NO IMPACT:

The subject application would not result in the generation of additional greenhouse gas emissions. The application does not conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation for the purpose of reducing the emission of greenhouse gases.

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: NO IMPACT:

The project proposal will not result in the creation of a significant hazard to the public or the environment as the project will only result in the division of land. The existing residential and agricultural use will remain.

- 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: NO IMPACT:

The project site is not located within a one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school.

- D. Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

Based on the NEPAassist database, the project site is not located on a hazardous material site.

- 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: NO IMPACT:

The project site is not located within an airport land use plan or within two miles of a public airport or public use airport.

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

- 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 project is for creation of a substandard sized parcel. The proposed substandard parcel will be utilized as a home site with the remainder parcel continuing to be utilized for agricultural purposes. The project will not impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan and would not expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires.

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; or

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

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The State Water Resources Control Board and the Water and Natural Resources Division have reviewed the subject application and did not express concern with the project to indicate that the project would result in conflict with water quality standards or substantially degrade surface or ground water quality. There were no concerns expressed with the project to indicate that the project would result in substantial decreased groundwater supplies.

- 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;

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

Per the project scope, there is no additional development that would result in erosion or siltation of the 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?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The subject site is already developed with a single-family residence and accessory structures. The project will result in minimal change to the built environment. Fresno County standards require that all runoff be kept on site and not cross property lines. There are no planned stormwater drainage systems in the vicinity of the project site. With minimal change occurring on the project site, the project will not result in substantial increase surface or stormwater runoff that would adversely affect the project site or adjacent properties. Additionally, per County standards, runoff generated by the site will be required to stay on site and not move over property lines.

- 4. Impede or redirect flood flows?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

Per FEMA FIRM Panel C2100H, the project site is located in Zone X, Area of Minimal Flood Hazard. Therefore, the project is not likely to impede or redirect flood flows.

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

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The subject property is not located in a flood hazard zone and is not located near a body of water that would indicate increased risk from a tsunami or seiche. The project would not result in increased risk of release of pollutants due to project inundation from flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zone.

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

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency (NKGSA) was notified of the project proposal. No concerns were expressed by the NKGSA. No other reviewing agency or department commented on the project to indicate that the project would conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan.

XI. LAND USE AND PLANNING

Would the project:

- A. Physically divide an established community?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project 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:

Development in Fresno County is required to be consistent with the Fresno County General Plan. Goal LU-A reads "To promote the long-term conservation of productive and potentially productive agricultural lands and to accommodate agricultural-support services and agriculturally-related activities that support the viability of agriculture and further the County's economic development goals." This goal relates to the environmental impacts of the loss of farmland and is supported by the following policies:

- LU-A.6: The County shall maintain twenty acres as the minimum permitted parcel size in areas designated Agriculture, except as provided in Policies LU-A.9, LU-A.10, and LU-A.11. The County may require parcel sizes larger than twenty (20) acres, based on zoning, local agricultural conditions, and to help ensure the viability of agricultural operations.
- LU-A.7: The County shall generally deny requests to create parcels less than the minimum size specified in Policy LU-A.6 based on concerns that these parcels are less viable economic farming units and that the resultant increase in residential density increases the potential for conflict with normal agricultural practices on adjacent parcels...the decision-making body shall consider the negative incremental and cumulative effects such land divisions have on the agricultural community.

The above-mentioned policies are intended to address the environmental concern that an increase in the number of homesite parcels and general decrease in parcel size in Fresno County could lead to a conversion of productive agricultural land.

This application is not consistent with the above policies because the proposed 2-acre parcel does not qualify for any of the exemptions under Policy LU-A.9 (financing parcel; gift to family to assist with farming; or ownership prior to adoption of AE-20 Zoning), LU-A.10 (agricultural commercial center), or LU-A.11 (resource recovery location). However, these policies are codified in the Fresno County Zoning Ordinance under Section 816.5.A, where this Variance application is requesting relief from the 20-acre minimum parcel size.

The subject parcel is enrolled in the Williamson Act Program. The proposed substandard parcel does not qualify to remain the Williamson Act Program and must be removed from the Program through the contract cancellation process. A Notice of Non-Renewal has been filed by the Applicant for the proposed parcel as a requirement for cancellation. The Agricultural Land Conservation Committee will determine if the requested early cancellation of the Contract should be granted and make recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for a final decision. If the cancellation request is not granted, the Variance request will not be effective, since the proposed parcel would not meet the minimum acreage requirements for the Contract. This application is for a Variance from the minimum parcel size required by the Zone District; however, no Variance is available in regard to the Williamson Act.

If the cancellation request is approved, the Contract will be cancelled, and the property owner will no longer be limited to compatible uses stated under the Williamson Act. The parcel would be allowed to split into the proposed 2-acre parcel. No immediate development is associated with the application, but the property owners would no longer be obligated to maintain the existing agricultural operation and would be permitted to develop the proposed parcel following approval of the Variance application and mapping application.

Although the project proposal is in conflict with the identified policies, this is not considered to be a significant environmental impact as the nonrenewal of the contract

established a 10-year wind-down period during which time that applicant is still subject to the terms of the agreement. The Applicant has already filed for non-renewal, so the contract will end either through the early cancellation process or through expiration of the 10-year period. The loss of 2.5 acres of active farmland on this parcel is not a significant loss of agricultural resources and has a less than significant impact on conflict with plans and policies adopted to avoid an environmental effect.

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:

According to Figure 7-7 and Figure 7-8 of the Fresno County General Plan Background Report, the project site is not located on identified mineral resource locations or principal mineral producing locations.

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: NO IMPACT:

There is no new use or development associated with the subject application that would result in generation of ambient noise levels or excessive ground-borne noise levels. The project intends to create a homesite parcel with the remaining land to be utilized for agricultural purposes, therefore no change in the existing conditions is expected.

- 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; or

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project is not located within two miles of a public airport or public use airport and is not within the vicinity of a private airstrip.

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 intends to create a homesite parcel with the remaining land to be utilized for agricultural production. The underlying zone district for Agricultural uses will not change. Therefore, in considering the project scope and existing conditions, the project will not induce substantial unplanned population growth in the area and would not displace people or housing necessitating construction of replacement housing elsewhere.

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: NO IMPACT:

Department and Agency review of the project did not result in comments requiring the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities that could potentially cause significant environmental impacts. The project will create a substandard parcel with the

remaining land utilized for agricultural purposes. There will be no significant impact on the listed public services and facilities.

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 will not result in substantial population change that would increase the use of existing neighborhood or regional parks that would deteriorate from use nor will this project require the construction or 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; or
- B. Would the project conflict or be inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines section 15064.3, subdivision (b)?; or
- 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
- D. Result in inadequate emergency access?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The existing subject parcel currently has road frontage along N. Dickenson Avenue and State Route 180 (W. Whitesbridge Avenue). State Route 180 is maintained by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and N. Dickenson Avenue is a County-maintained road. The project will not have any effect on the identified roadways as there is no proposed use or development associated with the project, minimal change is expected on circulation system. There were no identified program, plan, ordinance or policy addressing the circulation system that would be in conflict with the project. Review of the project indicates that the project would not conflict with CEQA Guidelines section 15064.3, subdivision (b). The project would no result in hazards due to design or result in inadequate 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: NO IMPACT:

Participating California Native American Tribes were notified of the subject application and given the opportunity to enter into consultation with the County on addressing potential impacts on tribal cultural resources. No concerns were expressed by the notified tribes and no evidence was submitted to indicate the presence of tribal cultural resources.

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: NO IMPACT:

The project proposes to create a homesite parcel that does not meet the minimum parcel size of the underlying zone district. The homesite parcel is already developed with a single-family residence and the remaining land is to be utilized for agricultural production. The project will not require the relocation or construction of new or expanded utilities and services systems.

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

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The State Water Resources Control Board, the Water and Natural Resources Division, and the North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency have reviewed the project and did not express concern in terms of available water supplies.

- 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: NO IMPACT:

The proposed homesite parcel is already improved with a single-family residence and private septic system. There are no plans for development of a new septic system. If development of a new septic system were to occur, the system would be subject to building permit and inspection.

- 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: NO IMPACT:

Review of the project did not indicate that the proposal would generate solid waste in excess of local infrastructure or conflict with federal, state, or local management and reduction statutes. As noted, the project will result in one additional parcel, but would not impact the current solid waste generated by the parcel.

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:

Per the 2007 Fire Hazard Severity Zones in LRA Map produced by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, the project site is not located in any identified fire hazard severity zones.

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?

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

The project proposes to create a homesite parcel with the remaining land to remain in agricultural production. The proposed homesite parcel is already improved with a single-family residence and the remainder parcel improved with a vineyard. There will be no change in the use of either parcel and would not degrade the quality of the environment or reduce habitat of a wildlife species.

- 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)?

FINDING: LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The project will create an approximately 2-acre parcel from the existing approximately 50-acre project site. The proposed 2-acre parcel will be utilized as a homesite and is already improved with a single-family residence. This project will separate the 2-acre site from the approximately 50-acre parcel that is utilized for agricultural. Reducing the amount of farmable acreage could have a cumulative impact, but in considering the approximately 48-acres of remaining land for agricultural purposes and a majority of land in the proposed 2-acre site is improved and was not previously farmable space, the impact will be less than significant.

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

FINDING: NO IMPACT:

Review of the project did not identify any substantial adverse effects on human beings.

CONCLUSION/SUMMARY

Based upon the Initial Study prepared for Variance Application No. 4083, staff has concluded that the project will not/will have a significant effect on the environment. It has been determined that there would be no impacts to Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Energy, Geology and Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Mineral Resources, Noise, Population and Housing, Public Services, Recreation, Transportation, Tribal Cultural Resources, Utilities and Service Systems, and Wildfire.

Potential impacts related to Agricultural and Forestry Resources and Land Use Planning have been determined to be less than significant.

A 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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County of Fresno

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

INITIAL STUDY ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST FORM

- 1. Project title:**
Initial Study No. 7794 and Variance Application No. 4083
- 2. Lead agency name and address:**
County of Fresno, Department of Public Works and Planning
2220 Tulare Street, 6th Floor
Fresno, CA 93721
- 3. Contact person and phone number:**
Thomas Kobayashi, Planner
(559) 600-4224
- 4. Project location:**
The subject parcel is located on the northeast corner of State Route 180 (W. Whitebridge Avenue) and N. Dickenson Avenue approximately 4.09 miles east of the city limits of the City of Kerman (9874 W. Whitesbridge Avenue, Fresno, CA) (APN 025-071-62S) (SUP. DIST. 1).
- 5. Project sponsor's name and address:**
Mike Dawson
1540 W. Sample Avenue
Fresno, CA 93711
- 6. General Plan designation:**
Agriculture
- 7. Zoning:**
AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) Zone District.
- 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.)**
The project proposes to reduce the minimum parcel size requirement to allow creation of a 2-acre parcel from an approximately 50-acre site in the AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) Zone District.
- 9. Surrounding land uses and setting: Briefly describe the project's surroundings:**
The subject site is located in a mainly agricultural region with single-family residences located throughout area.
- 10. Other public agencies whose approval is required (g., permits, financing approval, or participation agreement.)**
County of Fresno, Department of Public Works and Planning
- 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.?**

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.

Per Assembly Bill 52 (AB 52), participating California Native American Tribes were notified of the subject application and given the opportunity to enter into consultation with the County of Fresno on identifying and addressing potential cultural resources on the project site. Participating California Native American Tribes did not enter in consultation with the County and did not express concern with the application.

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 |
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| <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:



 Thomas Kobayashi, Planner

Date: 7/27/21

REVIEWED BY:



 David Randall, Senior Planner

Date: 7.27.21

**INITIAL STUDY
ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST FORM
(Initial Study No. 7794 and
Variance Application No. 4083)**

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?
- 1 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?
- 1 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?
- 2 b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act Contract?
- 1 c) Conflict with existing zoning for forest land, timberland 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:

- 1 a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable Air Quality Plan?
- 1 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?
- 1 c) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?
- 1 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:

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

VI. ENERGY

Would the project:

- 1 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?
- 1 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:

- 1 a) Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?
- 1 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:

- 1 a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?
- 1 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?
- 1 c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?
- 1 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?
- 1 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:

- 1 a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade surface or ground water quality?
- 1 b) Substantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that the project may impede sustainable groundwater management of the basin?
- 1 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 i) Result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site;
 - 1 ii) Substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or offsite;
 - 1 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
 - 1 iv) Impede or redirect flood flows?
- 1 d) In flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zones, risk release of pollutants due to project inundation?
- 1 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:

- 1 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?
- 1 b) Generation of excessive ground-borne vibration or ground-borne noise levels?
- 1 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?

XV. PUBLIC SERVICES

Would the project:

- 1 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 i) Fire protection?
1 ii) Police protection?
1 iii) Schools?
1 iv) Parks?
1 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?

XVII. TRANSPORTATION

Would the project:

- 1 a) Conflict with a program, plan, ordinance or policy addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadway, bicycle and pedestrian facilities?
- 1 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?

XVIII. TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES

Would the project:

- 1 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 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
- 1 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

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:

- 1 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?
- 1 b) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project and reasonably foreseeable future development during normal, dry and multiple dry years?
- 1 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?
- 1 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?
- 1 e) Comply with federal, state, and local management and reduction statutes and regulations related to solid waste?

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?

XXI. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

Would the project:

- 1 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?

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 and Final EIR
Fresno County Zoning Ordinance
Important Farmland 2016 Map, State Department of Conservation
Fire Hazard Severity Zone 2007 Map, State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

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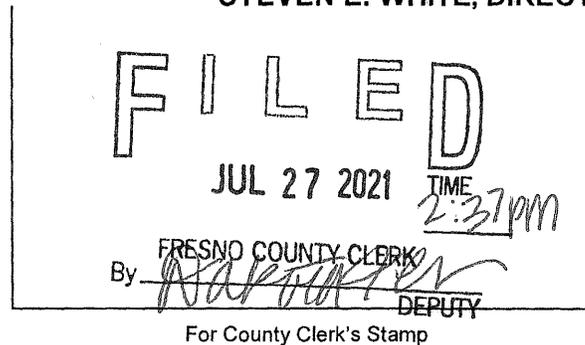


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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING
STEVEN E. WHITE, DIRECTOR

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION



Notice is hereby given that the County of Fresno has prepared Initial Study (IS) No. 7794 pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act for the following proposed project:

INITIAL STUDY NO. 7794 and **VARIANCE APPLICATION NO. 4083** filed by **MIKE DAWSON**, proposing to reduce the minimum parcel size requirement to allow creation of a 2-acre parcel from an approximately 50-acre site in the AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) Zone District. The project site is located on the northeast corner of State Route 180 (W. Whitesbridge Avenue) and N. Dickenson Avenue approximately 4.09 miles east of the city limits of the City of Kerman (SUP. DIST. 1) (APN 025-071-62S). Adopt the Negative Declaration prepared for Initial Study No. 7794, and take action on Variance Application No. 4083 with Findings and Conditions. (hereafter, the "Proposed Project")

The County of Fresno has determined that it is appropriate to adopt a Negative Declaration for the Proposed Project. The purpose of this Notice is to (1) provide notice of the availability of IS No. 7794 and the draft 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 Negative Declaration from July 30, 2021 through August 30, 2021.

Email written comments to tkobayashi@fresnocountyca.gov, or mail comments to:

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

IS Application No. 7794 and the draft 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 draft Negative Declaration for the Proposed Project may be obtained from Thomas Kobayashi at the addresses above.

*** SPECIAL NOTICE REGARDING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION DUE TO COVID-19 ***

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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Due to the current Shelter-in-Place Order covering the State of California and Social Distance Guidelines issued by Federal, State, and Local Authorities, the County is implementing the following changes for attendance and public comment at all Planning Commission meetings until notified otherwise. The Board chambers will be open to the public. Any member of the Planning Commission may participate from a remote location by teleconference pursuant to Governor Gavin Newsom's executive Order N-25-20.

Instructions about how to participate in the meeting will be posted to:

<https://www.co.fresno.ca.us/planningcommission> 72 hours prior to the meeting date.

- The meeting will be broadcast. You are strongly encouraged to listen to the Planning Commission meeting at: <http://www.co.fresno.ca.us/PlanningCommission>.
- If you attend the Planning Commission meeting in person, you will be required to maintain appropriate social distancing, i.e., maintain a 6-foot distance between yourself and other individuals. Due to Shelter-in-Place requirements, the number of people in the Board chambers will be limited. Members of the public who wish to make public comments will be allowed in on a rotating basis.
- If you choose not to attend the Planning Commission meeting but desire to make general public comment on a specific item on the agenda, you may do so as follows:

Written Comments

- Members of the public are encouraged to submit written comments to: Planningcommissioncomments@fresnocountyca.gov. Comments should be submitted as soon as possible, but not later than 8:30am (15 minutes before the start of the meeting). You will need to provide the following information:
 - Planning Commission Date
 - Item Number
 - Comments
- Please submit a separate email for each item you are commenting on.
- Please be aware that public comments received that do not specify a particular agenda item will be made part of the record of proceedings as a general public comment.
- If a written comment is received after the start of the meeting, it will be made part of the record of proceedings, provided that such comments are received prior to the end of the Planning Commission meeting.
- Written comments will be provided to the Planning Commission. Comments received during the meeting may not be distributed to the Planning Commission until after the meeting has concluded.
 - If the agenda item involves a quasi-judicial matter or other matter that includes members of the public as parties to a hearing, those parties should make arrangements with the Planning Commission Clerk to provide any written materials or presentation in advance of the meeting date so that the materials may be presented to the Planning Commission for consideration. Arrangements

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should be made by contacting the Planning Commission Clerk at (559) 600-4230.

PROGRAM ACCESSIBILITY AND ACCOMMODATIONS: The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Title II covers the programs, services, activities and facilities owned or operated by state and local governments like the County of Fresno ("County"). Further, the County promotes equality of opportunity and full participation by all persons, including persons with disabilities. Towards this end, the County works to ensure that it provides meaningful access to people with disabilities to every program, service, benefit, and activity, when viewed in its entirety. Similarly, the County also works to ensure that its operated or owned facilities that are open to the public provide meaningful access to people with disabilities.

To help ensure this meaningful access, the County will reasonably modify policies/ procedures and provide auxiliary aids/services to persons with disabilities. If, as an attendee or participant at the meeting, you need additional accommodations such as an American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter, an assistive listening device, large print material, electronic materials, Braille materials, or taped materials, please contact the Current Planning staff as soon as possible during office hours at (559) 600-4497 or at imoreno@fresnocountyca.gov. Reasonable requests made at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting will help to ensure accessibility to this meeting. Later requests will be accommodated to the extent reasonably feasible.

Public Hearing

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider approving the Proposed Project and the Negative Declaration on September 9, 2021, 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 Negative Declaration.

For questions please call Thomas Kobayashi (559) 600-4224.

Published: July 30, 2021

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 7794	LOCAL AGENCY 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): Thomas Kobayashi Planner	Area Code: 559	Telephone Number: 600-4224	Extension: N/A
Project Applicant/Sponsor (Name): Thomas Kobayashi	Project Title: Variance Application No. 4083		
Project Description: Reduce the minimum parcel size requirement to allow creation of a 2-acre parcel from an approximately 50-acre site in the AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) Zone District.			
Justification for Negative Declaration: Based upon the Initial Study prepared for Variance Application No. 4083, staff has concluded that the project will not/will have a significant effect on the environment. It has been determined that there would be no impacts to Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Energy, Geology and Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Mineral Resources, Noise, Population and Housing, Public Services, Recreation, Transportation, Tribal Cultural Resources, Utilities and Service Systems, and Wildfire. Potential impacts related to Agricultural and Forestry Resources and Land Use Planning have been determined to be less than significant.			
FINDING: The proposed project will not have a significant impact on the environment.			
Newspaper and Date of Publication: Fresno Business Journal – July 30, 2021		Review Date Deadline: Planning Commission – September 9, 2021	
Date:	Type or Print Signature: David Randall Senior Planner	Submitted by (Signature): Thomas Kobayashi Planner	

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**LOCAL AGENCY
NEGATIVE DECLARATION**



County of Fresno

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

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

To: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

County Clerk, County of Fresno
2221 Kern Street
Fresno, CA 93721

From: Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning, Development Services and Capital Projects
2220 Tulare Street (corner of Tulare and "M") Suite "A", Fresno, CA 93721

Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21152 of the Public Resource Code

Project: Initial Study No. 7794, Variance Application No. 4083

Location: The subject parcel is located on the northeast corner of State Route 180 (W. Whitesbridge Avenue) and N. Dickenson Avenue approximately 4.09 miles east of the city limits of the City of Kerman (9874 W. Whitesbridge Avenue, Fresno, CA) (APN 025-071-62S) (SUP. DIST. 1)

Sponsor: Mike Dawson

Description: Reduce the minimum parcel size requirements to allow creation of a 2-acre parcel from an approximately 50-acre site in the AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) Zone District.

This is to advise that the County of Fresno (Lead Agency Responsible Agency) has approved the above described project on September 9, 2021, and has made the following determination:

1. The project **will** **will not** have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) **was not** prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA. / A Negative Declaration **was** prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation Measures **were** **were not** made a condition of approval for the project.
4. A statement of Overriding Consideration **was** **was not** adopted for this project.

This is to certify that the Initial Study with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the General Public at Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning, 2220 Tulare Street, Suite A, Corner of Tulare and "M" Streets, Fresno, California.

Thomas Kobayashi, Planner

Date

(559) 600-4224 / EMAIL TKobayashi@FresnoCountyCA.gov

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

DATE: January 24, 2020

TO: Development Services and Capital Projects, Attn: William M. Kettler, Division Manager
Development Services and Capital Projects, Attn: Chris Motta, Principal Planner
Development Services and Capital Projects, Current Planning, Attn: Marianne Mollring, Senior Planner
Development Services and Capital Projects, Policy Planning, ALCC, Attn: Mohammad Khorsand, Senior Planner
Development Services and Capital Projects, Zoning & Permit Review, Attn: Daniel Gutierrez/James Anders
Development Services and Capital Projects, Building & Safety/Plan Check, CASp, Attn: Dan Mather
Development Engineering, Attn: Laurie Kennedy, Grading/Mapping
Road Maintenance and Operations, Attn: John Thompson/Nadia Lopez
Design Division, Transportation Planning, Attn: Mohammad Alimi/Dale Siemer/Brian Spauhurst/Gloria Hensley
Water and Natural Resources Division, Attn: Glenn Allen, Division Manager; Roy Jimenez
Department of Public Health, Environmental Health Division, Attn: Deep Sidhu/Steven Rhodes
Agricultural Commissioner, Attn: Melissa Cregan
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, San Joaquin Valley Division, Attn: Matthew Nelson, Biologist
CA Regional Water Quality Control Board, Attn: Dale Harvey
CALTRANS, Attn: Dave Padilla
CA Department of Fish and Wildlife, Attn: Craig Bailey, Environmental Scientist & R4CEQA@wildlife.ca.gov
State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water, Fresno District, Attn: Jose Robledo, Caitlin Juarez
Dumna Wo Wah Tribal Government, Attn: Robert Ledger, Tribal Chairman/Eric Smith, Cultural Resources Manager/Chris Acree, Cultural Resources Analyst
Picayune Rancheria of the Chukchansi Indians, Attn: Heather Airey/Cultural Resources Director
Santa Rosa Rancheria Tachi Yokut Tribe, Attn: Ruben Barrios, Tribal Chairman/Hector Franco, Director/Shana Powers, Cultural Specialist II
Table Mountain Rancheria, Attn: Robert Pennell, Cultural Resources Director/Kim Taylor, Cultural Resources Department/Sara Barnett, Cultural Resources Department
San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District (PIC-CEQA Division), Attn: PIC Supervisor
North Kings GSA, Attn: Kassy D. Chauhan, P.E. at kchauhan@fresnoirrigation.com
Fresno Irrigation District, Attn: Engr-Review@fresnoirrigation.com; Kassy D. Chauhan, P.E. at kchuhan@fresnoirrigation.com
Kings River Conservation District, Attn: Rick Hoelzel
North Central Fire Protection District, Attn: George Mavrikis, Fire Marshall

FROM: Thomas Kobayashi, Planner
Development Services and Capital Projects Division

SUBJECT: Initial Study Application No. 7794 and Variance Application No. 4083

APPLICANT: Mike Dawson

DUE DATE: February 10, 2020

The Department of Public Works and Planning, Development Services and Capital Projects Division is reviewing the subject application proposing to waive the minimum parcel size to allow creation of a 2-acre parcel from an approximately 50-acre site in the AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) Zone District (APN 025-071-31S & 40S) (9900 W. Whitesbridge Avenue, Fresno, CA).

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, including necessary on-site and off-site improvements.

We must have your comments by **February 10, 2020**. 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, Thomas Kobayashi, 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) 600-4224, or email TKobayashi@FresnoCountyCA.gov.

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Activity Code (Internal Review): 2377

Enclosures



Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning

Date Received: 1/17/20

VA4083 IS RR 7794 (Application No.)

MAILING ADDRESS: Department of Public Works and Planning Development Services and Capital Projects 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

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:

PARCEL SPLIT FOR 2 ACRES OFF OF APPROX 50.

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: NORTH side of WHITESBRIDGE between DICKENSON and ROLINDA Street address: 9900 W. WHITESBRIDGE

APN: 025 071 315 Parcel size: 51 ACRES Section(s)-Twp/Rg: S - T S/R E

ADDITIONAL APN(s): 025-071-465

I, MIKE DAWSON (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.

HARLOW DAWSON 6355 N THIRD FRESNO 93710 287-2301 Owner (Print or Type) Address City Zip Phone

MIKE DAWSON 1540 W. SAMPLE FRESNO 93711 905-6264 Applicant (Print or Type) Address City Zip Phone

Representative (Print or Type) Address City Zip Phone

CONTACT EMAIL:

OFFICE USE ONLY (PRINT FORM ON GREEN PAPER)

Application Type / No.: VA4083 Fee: \$ 6,049.00
Application Type / No.: Pre-App 19-107294 Fee: \$ -247.00
Application Type / No.: Fee: \$
Application Type / No.: Fee: \$
PER Initial Study No.: 35 7794 Fee: \$ 1,212.00
Ag Department Review: Fee: \$ 76.00
Health Department Review: Fee: \$ 703.00
Received By: Thomas K. Invoice No.: 126499 TOTAL: \$ 7,793.00

UTILITIES AVAILABLE:

WATER: Yes [X] No []
Agency: WELL
SEWER: Yes [X] No []
Agency: SEPTIC

STAFF DETERMINATION: This permit is sought under Ordinance Section:

Sect-Twp/Rg: - T S/R E

Related Application(s):

APN # - - -

Zone District:

Parcel Size:

over.....



Development Services
and
Capital Projects
Division

Mail To:
1540 W. Sample
Fresno, CA 93711

Email To:
DAWSMIK@GMAIL.
COM

Pre-Application Review

Department of Public Works and Planning

NUMBER: 19-107294
APPLICANT: DAWSON HARLOW S & NOLA E TRS
PHONE: 559-905-6364

PROPERTY LOCATION: 9874 W. WHITES BRIDGE AVE., FRESNO, CA 93706
APN: 025-071-31S & 40S ALCC: No Yes # AP-7955 VIOLATION NO. N/A
CNEL: No Yes (level) LOW WATER: No Yes WITHIN 1/2 MILE OF CITY: No N/A Yes
ZONE DISTRICT: AE-20; SRA: No Yes HOMESITE DECLARATION REQ'D.: No Yes
LOT STATUS:

Zoning: Conforms; () Legal Non-Conforming lot; () Deed Review Req'd (see Form #236)
Merger: May be subject to merger: No Yes ZM# Initiated In process
Map Act: () Lot of Rec. Map; On '72 rolls; () Other; () Deeds Req'd (see Form #236)

SCHOOL FEES: No Yes DISTRICT: PERMIT JACKET: Yes No
FMFCD FEE AREA: Outside () District No.: FLOOD PRONE: No Yes
PROPOSAL VARIANCE TO WAIVE LOT AREA PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT STANDARD WITHIN THE AE-20
ZONE DISTRICT. IF APPROVED A MAPPING PROCEDURE TO CREATE A 2 ACRE PARCEL FROM AN (E) 50 AC
PARCEL.

COMMENTS: The parcel is Subject to a Williamson Act Contract and Clearance from Policy Planning is Required.
ORD. SECTION(S): 816.5 BY: O. Ramirez DATE: 10/02/2019

GENERAL PLAN POLICIES:

LAND USE DESIGNATION: Agriculture () GPA:
COMMUNITY PLAN: () AA:
REGIONAL PLAN: () CUP:
SPECIFIC PLAN: () DRA:
SPECIAL POLICIES: (X) VA: \$6,049.00
SPHERE OF INFLUENCE: () AT:
ANNEX REFERRAL (LU-G17/MOU): () TT:

PROCEDURES AND FEES:

() MINOR VA:
(X) HD: \$703.00
(X) AG COMM: \$76.00
() ALCC:
(X) ISIPER: \$1,212.00
() Viol. (35%):
() Other:
Filing Fee: \$ 8,040.00
Pre-Application Fee: - \$247.00
Total County Filing Fee: \$7,793.00

COMMENTS:

FILING REQUIREMENTS:

- Land Use Applications and Fees
- This Pre-Application Review form
- Copy of Deed / Legal Description
- Photographs
- Letter Verifying Deed Review
- IS Application and Fees* * Upon review of project materials, an Initial Study (IS) with fees may be required.
- Site Plans - 4 copies (folded to 8.5"x11") + 1 - 8.5"x11" reduction
- Floor Plan & Elevations - 4 copies (folded to 8.5"x11") + 1 - 8.5"x11" reduction
- Project Description / Operational Statement (Typed)
- Statement of Variance Findings
- Statement of Intended Use (ALCC)
- Dependency Relationship Statement
- Resolution/Letter of Release from City of _____
Referral Letter # _____

OTHER FILING FEES:

- Archaeological Inventory Fee: \$75 at time of filing
(Separate check to Southern San Joaquin Valley Info. Center)
- CA Dept. of Fish & Wildlife (CDFW): (\$50) (\$50+\$2,354.75)
(Separate check to Fresno County Clerk for pass-thru to CDFW.
Must be paid prior to IS closure and prior to setting hearing date.)

BY: Thomas Kobayashi DATE: 10/3/19
PHONE NUMBER: (559) 600 - 4224

NOTE: THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS MAY ALSO APPLY:

- COVENANT
- MAP CERTIFICATE
- PARCEL MAP
- FINAL MAP
- FMFCD FEES
- ALUC or ALCC
- SITE PLAN REVIEW
- BUILDING PLANS
- BUILDING PERMITS
- WASTE FACILITIES PERMIT
- SCHOOL FEES
- OTHER (see reverse side)

PLU # 113 Fee: \$247.00
Note: This fee will apply to the application fee if the application is submitted within six (6) months of the date on this receipt.

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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. 7794

Project No(s) VA 4083

Application Rec'd.: _____

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Property Owner: HARLOW DAWSON Phone/Fax: 559 287 2301

Mailing Address: 6355 W. THIRD FRESNO CA 93710
Street City State/Zip

2. Applicant: MILE DAWSON Phone/Fax: 559 905-6564

Mailing Address: 1540 W. SAMPLE FRESNO CA 93710
Street City State/Zip

3. Representative: _____ Phone/Fax: _____

Mailing Address: _____
Street City State/Zip

4. Proposed Project: CREATION OF 2 AC PARCEL FROM A 50 ACRE PARCEL

5. Project Location: 9874 W. WHITES BRIDGE

NEAR 180 AND DICKENSON

6. Project Address: 9874 W. WHITES BRIDGE FRESNO, CA 93706

7. Section/Township/Range: 1 1 8. Parcel Size: 2 ACRES

9. Assessor's Parcel No. 025-071-315 AND 405 OVER.....

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: AG-20

14. Existing General Plan Land Use Designation¹: AE-20

ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION

15. Present land use: 2 FARM HOUSES + SHOP PLUS VINEYARD + ORCHARD
Describe existing physical improvements including buildings, water (wells) and sewage facilities, roads, and lighting. Include a site plan or map showing these improvements:

2 HOMES W/ 1 WELL AND 2 SEPTICS 1 AG. SHOP

Describe the major vegetative cover: TREES, ORCHARD, VINES, YARD

Any perennial or intermittent water courses? If so, show on map: _____

Is property in a flood-prone area? Describe:

NO

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

North: AG W/ HOUSE

South: AG W/ HOUSE

East: AG W/ HOUSE

West: AG

17. What land use(s) in the area may be impacted by your Project?: NONE THERE
WILL BE NO CHANGE IN HOW THE LAND IS USED

18. What land use(s) in the area may impact your project?: NONE

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 0
Lot Size 0
Single Family 0
Apartments 0

II. Commercial - Number of Employees 0
Number of Salesmen 0
Number of Delivery Trucks 0
Total Square Footage of Building 0

III. Describe and quantify other traffic generation activities: NO NEW
STRUCTURES.

20. Describe any source(s) of noise from your project that may affect the surrounding area: NONE. NO CONSTRUCTION WILL BE DONE.

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: NONE

23. Proposed source of water:
(X) private well ALREADY EXISTING.
() community system³--name: _____ OVER.....

- 24. Anticipated volume of water to be used (gallons per day)²: 200 - SAME AS BEFORE
- 25. Proposed method of liquid waste disposal:
 septic system/individual
 community system³-name _____
- 26. Estimated volume of liquid waste (gallons per day)²: 100?
- 27. Anticipated type(s) of liquid waste: POOP, PEE, WATER
- 28. Anticipated type(s) of hazardous wastes²: 0
- 29. Anticipated volume of hazardous wastes²: 0
- 30. Proposed method of hazardous waste disposal²: 0
- 31. Anticipated type(s) of solid waste: HOUSEHOLD TRASH
- 32. Anticipated amount of solid waste (tons or cubic yards per day): ONE CAN PER WEEK
- 33. Anticipated amount of waste that will be recycled (tons or cubic yards per day): ONE CAN PER WEEK
- 34. Proposed method of solid waste disposal: TRASH SERVICE
- 35. Fire protection district(s) serving this area: FRESNO
- 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 

DATE 10/27/19

¹Refer to Development Services and Capital Projects 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

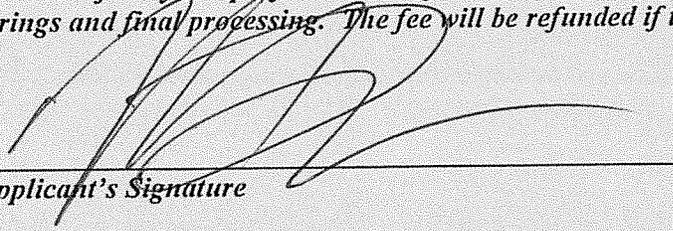
State law requires that specified fees (effective January 1, 2019: \$3,271.00 for an EIR; \$2,354.75 for a Mitigated/Negative Declaration) be paid to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) for projects which must be reviewed for potential adverse effect on wildlife resources. The County 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.

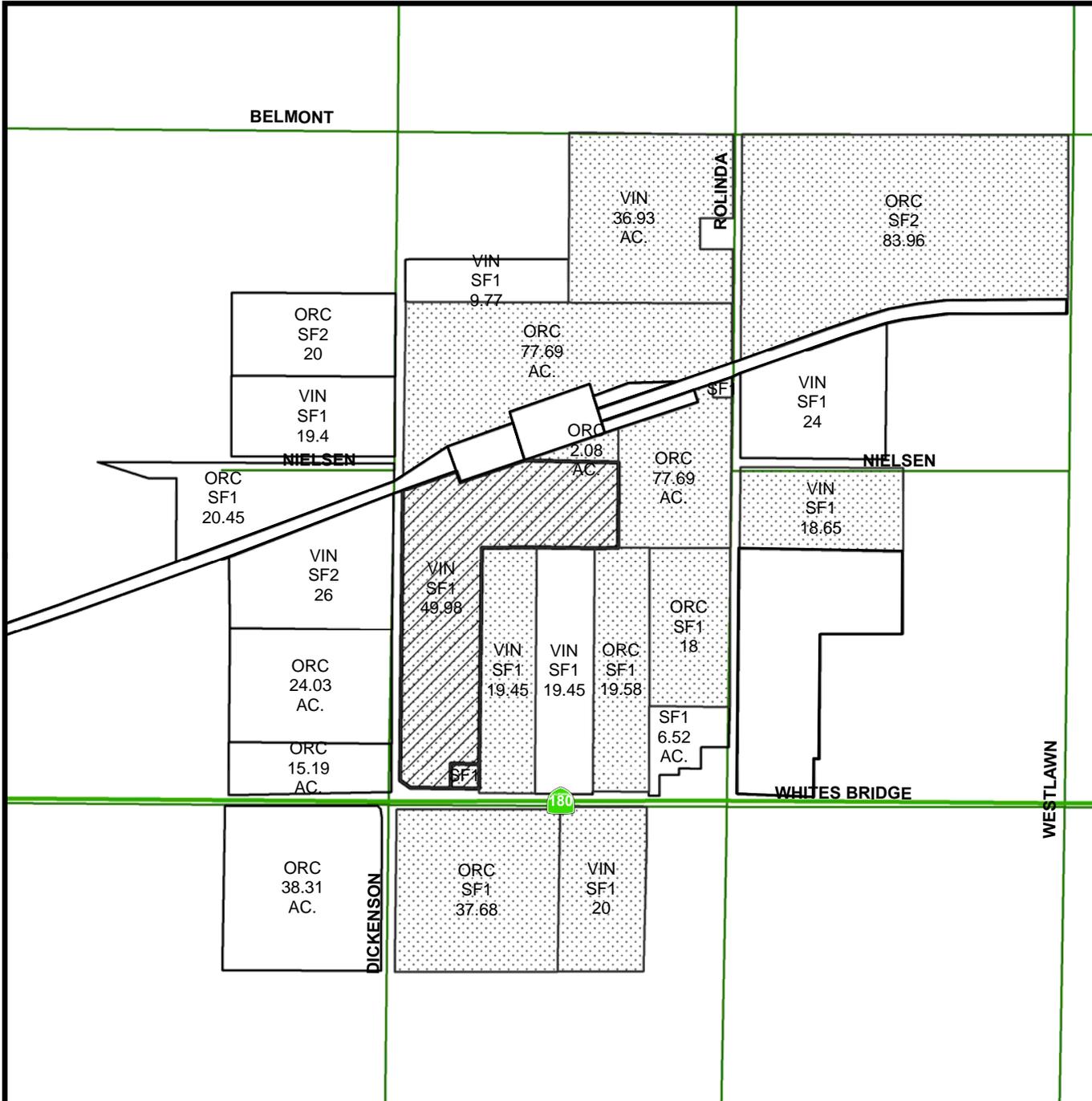


Applicant's Signature



Date

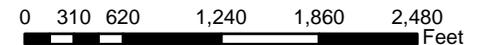
EXISTING LAND USE MAP



LEGEND	
AP1	- APARTMENT
C	- COMMERCIAL
C#	- COMMERCIAL
CP	- OFFICE COMM./PROF.
CP#	- OFFICE COMM./PROF.
ORC	- ORCHARD
SF#	- SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE
V	- VACANT
VIN	- VINEYARD
CN#	- CONDOMINIUM
RG	- RESIDENTIAL GROUP FACIL

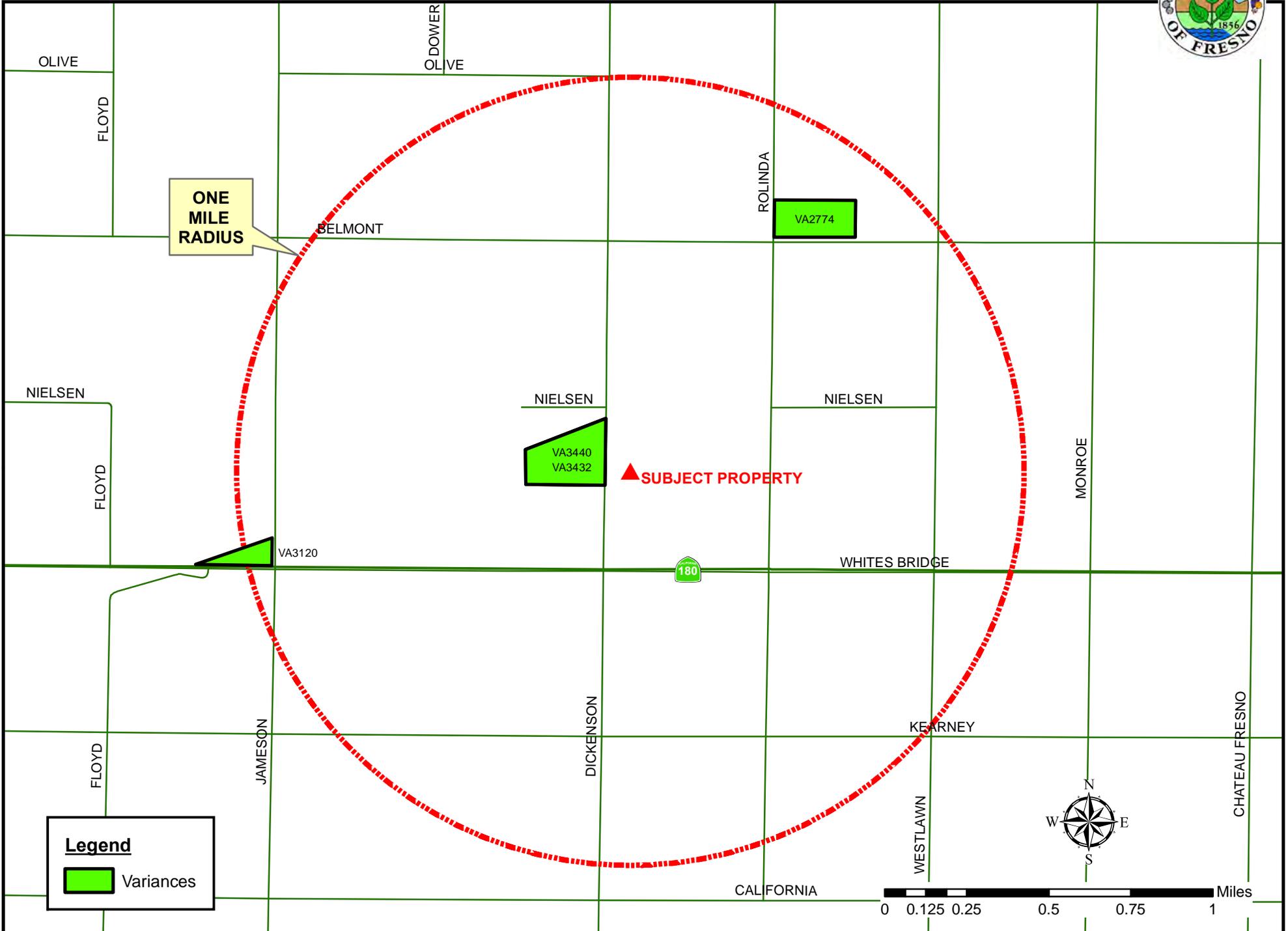
LEGEND:

- Subject Property
- Ag Contract Land

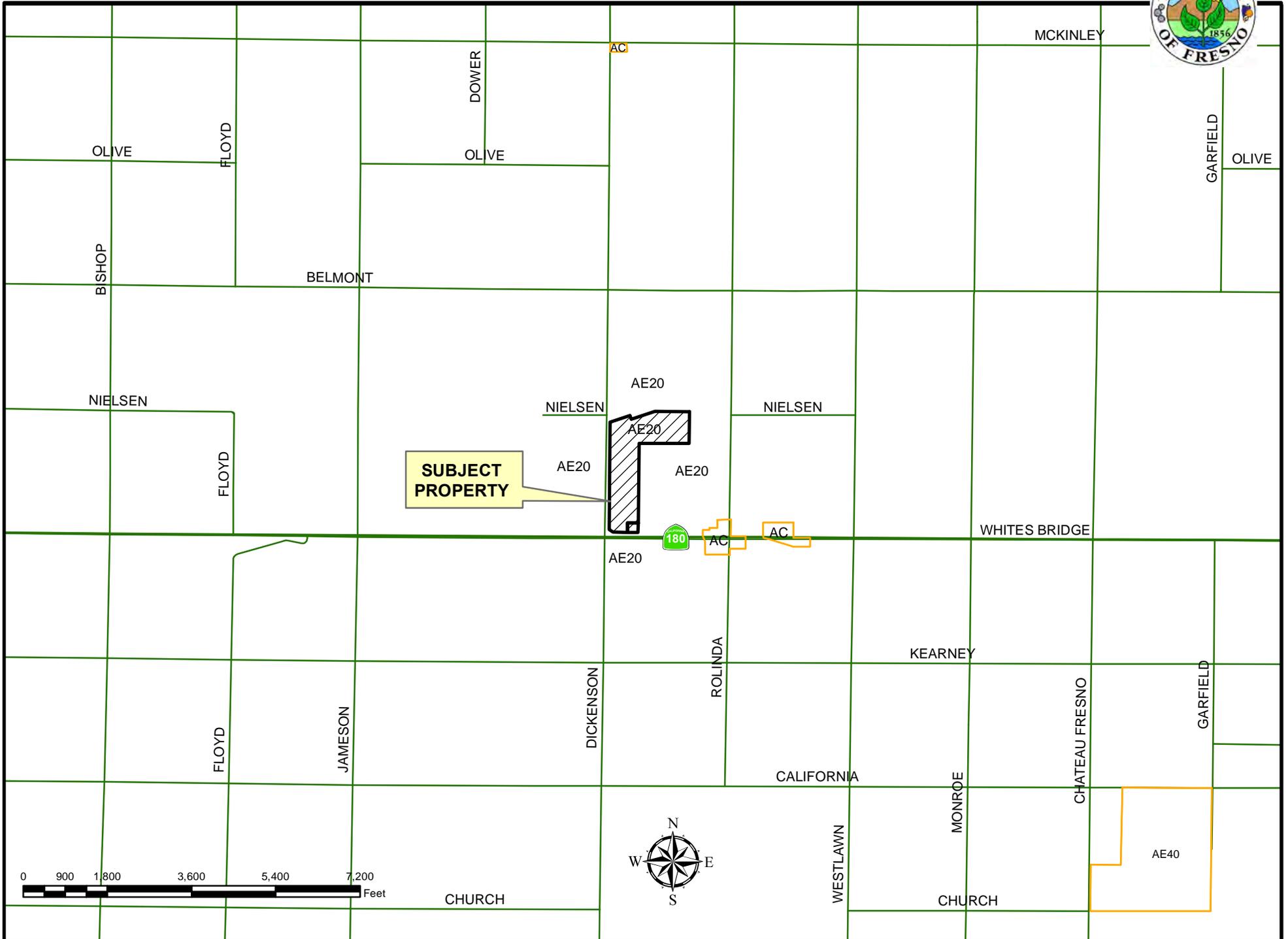


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Development Services Division

APPROVED VARIANCES WITHIN A ONE MILE RADIUS



EXISTING ZONING MAP



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Fresno County Recorder
William C. Greenwood
DOC- 1999-0083263

WHEN RECORDED MAIL TO:

Mr. & Mrs. Harlow S. Dawson
6355 N. 3rd Street
Fresno, CA 93710

Check Number 5559
Wednesday, JUN 02, 1999 09:11:18
TCF \$2.00 MOO \$3.00 MIC \$1.00
DRF \$7.00
Ttl Pd \$13.00 Nbr-0000134377
gcf/R1/1-3

MAIL TAX STATEMENTS TO:

SAME AS ABOVE

SPACE ABOVE THIS LINE FOR RECORDER'S USE

DOCUMENTARY TRANSFER TAX \$ NONE

**Computed on the consideration or value of property conveyed; OR
**Computed on the consideration or value less liens or encumbrances
remaining at time of sale.

Signature of Declarant or Agent determining tax Firm Name

GRANT DEED

FOR A VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, HARLOW S. DAWSON and NOLA E. DAWSON, husband and wife

hereby GRANT to HARLOW S. DAWSON and NOLA E. DAWSON, Trustees of the HARLOW S. DAWSON AND NOLA E. DAWSON FAMILY TRUST dated May 21, 1999,

the following described real property in the County of Fresno, State of California:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION ATTACHED HERETON AS "EXHIBIT A" AND MADE A PART
HEREOF BY THIS REFERENCE

A.P.N. 025-070-93S

Dated: May 21, 1999

HARLOW S. DAWSON

NOLA E. DAWSON

JUN 02 1999

"EXHIBIT A"

PARCEL 1:

Beginning at the Southwest corner of the North quarter of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 1, Township 14 South, Range 18 East, M.D.B.&M., according to the United States Government Township Plats; thence East 1731.18 feet; thence North 0 34' East, 914.43 feet to the Southern Pacific Railroad; thence on said railway South 70 50' West 1340.79 feet; thence North 19 10' West 100 feet; thence South 70 50' West 460.02 feet to the West line of said Section; thence South 0 34' West on the West line, 417.78 feet to the beginning.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM an undivided 1/2 interest in and to all oil, gas and mineral rights therein and thereunder, as heretofore reserved of record.

PARCEL 2:

Lots 15 and 16 of HOUGHTON'S ADDITION To The TOWN of ROLINDA, according to the map thereof recorded in Book 1 at Page 3 of Miscellaneous Maps, Fresno County records.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM an undivided 1/2 interest in and to all oil, gas and mineral rights therein and thereunder, as heretofore reserved of record.

AND EXCEPTING THEREFROM that portion of PARCEL 2 deeded to the STATE OF CALIFORNIA by grant deed recorded on February 5, 1998, as Document No. 98016729.

SUBJECT TO the claim of MARY J. ARRIGONI to a life estate in and to the front residence and surrounding yard situated on PARCEL 2.

A.P.N. 025-070-93

JUN 02 1998

CALIFORNIA ALL-PURPOSE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)

COUNTY OF FRESNO)

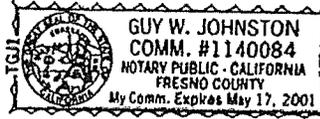
On May 21, 1999, before me, GUY W. JOHNSTON, a Notary Public
DATE NAME, TITLE OF OFFICER - E.G. "JANE DOE, NOTARY PUBLIC"

personally appeared, HARLOW S. DAWSON and NOLA E. DAWSON

personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Guy W. Johnston (SEAL)
NOTARY PUBLIC SIGNATURE



OPTIONAL INFORMATION

TITLE OR TYPE OF DOCUMENT Grant deed
DATE OF DOCUMENT May 21, 1999, NUMBER OF PAGES 27
SIGNER(S) OTHER THAN NAMED ABOVE None

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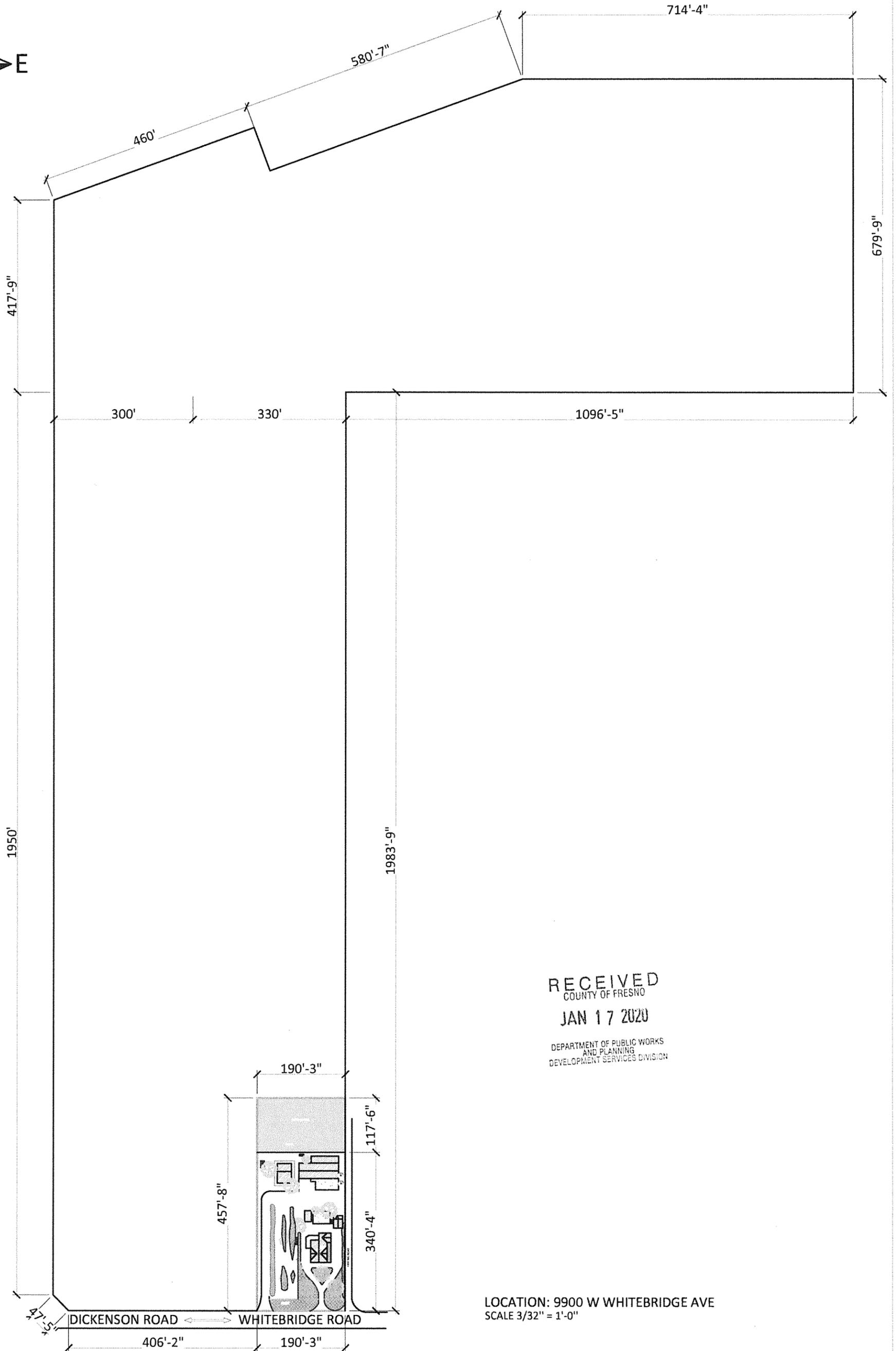
Variance Reasons

1. If you review the attached documentation, my father was recently received a dual diagnosis of Alzheimers and Epilepsy. He was no longer able to farm, so we were forced to sell the farm that has been in our family for 4 generations. However, we wanted to keep our homes. We were told by the title company that this would be no problem. When we went down to the county for other matters they told us that the property was subdivided but it was not approved by them and we would need to do this application if we were to keep our homes.
2. My father has had a very difficult time coming to grips with the fact that he will no longer be able to pursue his life-long passion of farming. We intend to keep a small shop for him that is currently on the property so he will be able to stay connected to the land. This variance is necessary so that we may continue to use our family homes as we always have. There are many such parcels that are similar in the immediate vicinity.
3. This variance should have no effect on public welfare or property improvements as nothing will change other than a line on the parcel map. No new buildings, roads, or other improvements are being made. Both parcels will still be used for agricultural purposes to the same extent they always have been.
4. This parcel is AE-20. We were advised by the planning office to keep the proposed parcel at a minimum of 2 acres to comply with the regulations of this zoning. We have done this. Furthermore, If the commission were to grant this variance, both parcels would still be used in accordance with the agricultural zoning rules and for agricultural purposes.

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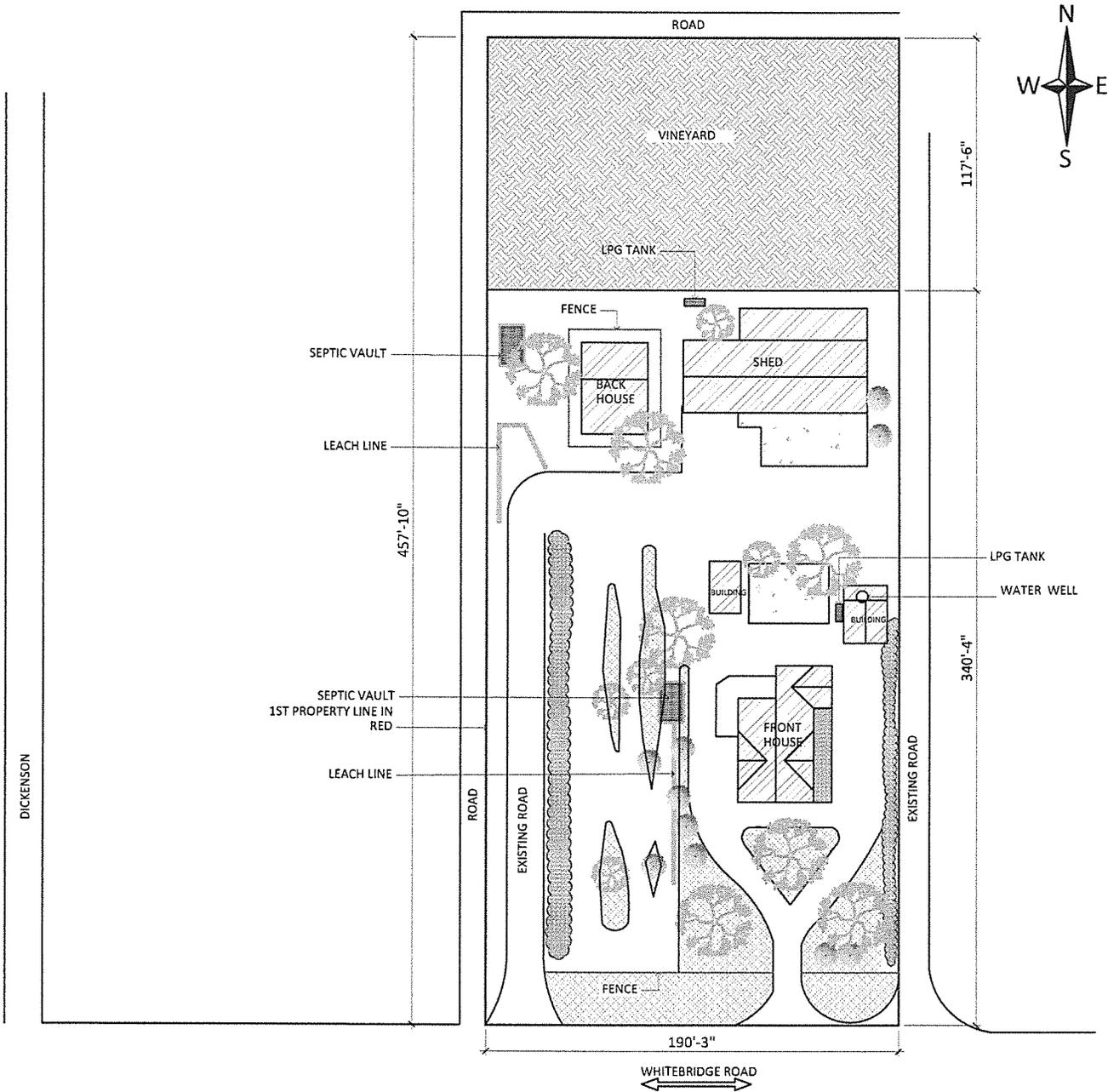
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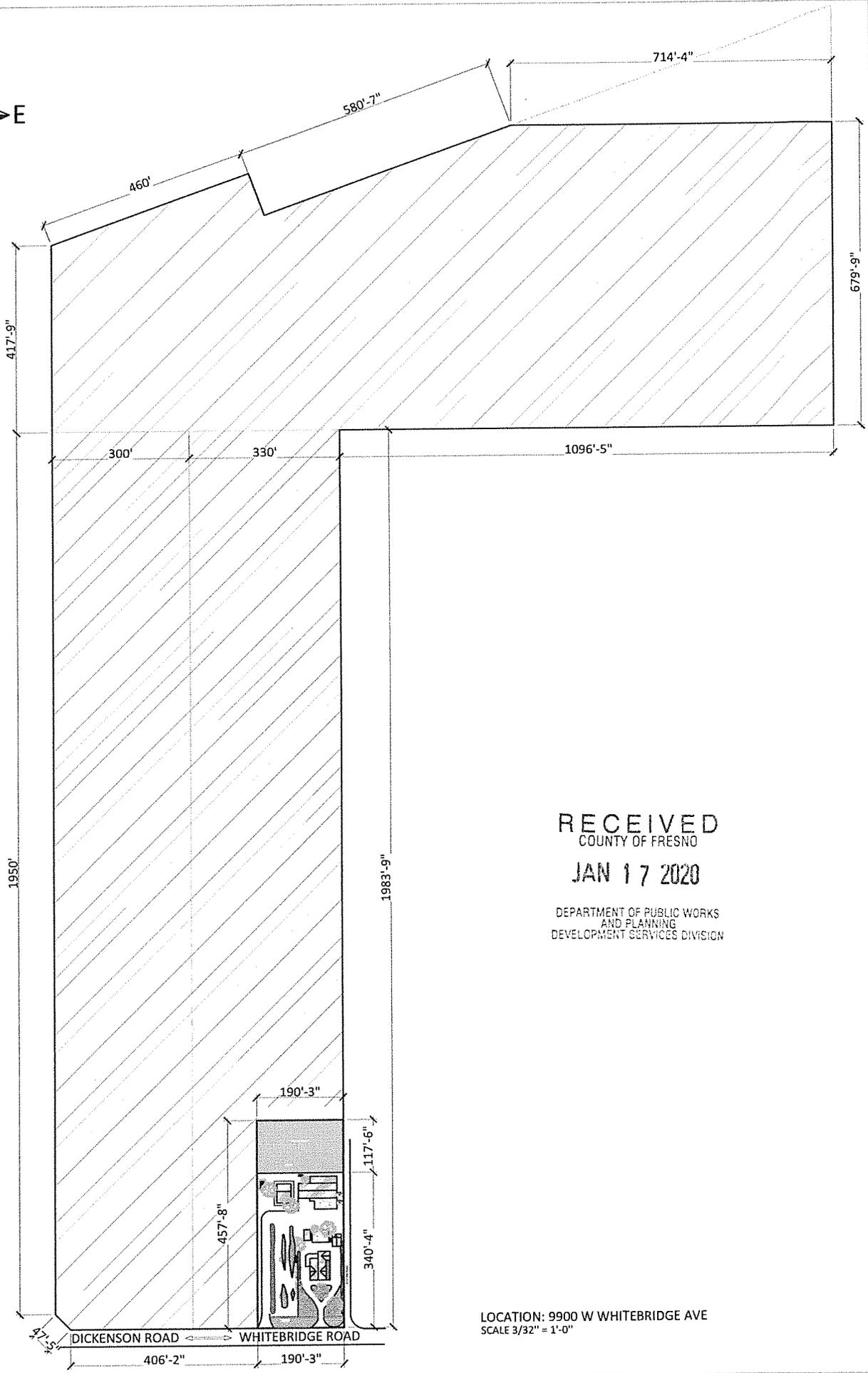
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