PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA

CHAIRPERSON: Liz Wynn



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COMMISSIONERS: Liz Wynn, Chris Gomez, Brett Taylor, Marvin Hansen, Sarrah Peariso

MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2019; 7:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 707 W. ACEQUIA, VISALIA CA

- 1. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE -
- 2. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS This is the time for citizens to comment on subject matters that are not on the agenda but are within the jurisdiction of the Visalia Planning Commission. The Commission requests that a 5-minute time limit be observed for comments. Please begin your comments by stating and spelling your name and city. Please note that issues raised under Citizen's Comments are informational only and the Commission will not take action at this time.
- 3. CHANGES OR COMMENTS TO THE AGENDA-

CONSENT CALENDAR - All items under the consent calendar are to be considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. For any discussion of an item on the consent calendar, it will be removed at the request of the Commission and made a part of the regular agenda.

Time Extension for Lance Lane Estates Tentative Subdivision Map No. 5499

- 4. PUBLIC HEARING Cristobal Carrillo Conditional Use Permit No. 2019-18 is a request by Fred E. Scott to add a 4,000 sq. ft. detached storage building to the existing Key Evidence Lock and Safe facility within the C-MU (Mixed Use Commercial) Zone. The project site is located at 2343 W. Whitendale Avenue (APN: 121-090-045). The project is Categorically Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15303, Categorical Exemption No. 2019-41.
- 5. PUBLIC HEARING Cristobal Carrillo Tentative Parcel Map No. 2019-10: A request by Dan Bocanegra to subdivide 1.43 acres into two parcels for residential use in the R-1-5 (Single Family Residential, 5,000 sq. ft. minimum site area) Zone. The site is located at 725 E. Monte Vista Avenue (APN: 123-320-042). The project is Categorically Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15315, Categorical Exemption No. 2019-51.
- 6. PUBLIC HEARING Paul Bernal Conditional Use Permit No. 2019-32: A request by Luv 2 Play to permit an indoor children's playground with large playground equipment, small café, party rooms, toddler area, and offices within an existing 21,966 square foot building located west of the Sequoia Mall. The site is zoned C-R (Regional Commercial) and is located at 3515 S. Mooney Blvd. (APN: 121-110-041 & 043). The project is Categorically Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Categorical Exemption No. 2019-60.

7. PUBLIC HEARING - Paul Scheibel

Walnut Park Estates Tentative Subdivision Map No. 5572: A request to subdivide 11.9 acres into 34 lots for residential uses, and five lettered lots for common area walls and parkway landscaping in the R-1-5 (Single-family Residential, 5,000 square foot minimum lot size). The project site is located on the west side of Preston St. at Robinwood Ave. (APN: 085-010-102) An Initial Study was prepared for this project, consistent with CEQA, which disclosed that environmental impacts are determined to be not significant with mitigation and that Negative Declaration No. 2019-53 was adopted.

8. PUBLIC HEARING - Paul Scheibel

Appeal of the Site Plan Review Committee's decision to require the closure of an existing residential access point from Lovers Lane, in favor of a recorded easement granted to the property from the adjacent commercial development pursuant to Condition No. 1.B of Resolution Nos. 2014-18 and 2014-19 for Tentative Parcel Map No. 2014-06 and Conditional Use Permit No. 2014-11. The project, SPR 19-033, is requesting to construct a cold shell building on a 0.98-acre lot in the C-MU (Commercial Mixed Use) Zone District, located at 738 S. Lovers Lane. (APN: 101-030-018)

- 9. DIRECTOR'S REPORT/ PLANNING COMMISSION DISCUSSION-
 - No Planning Commission Meeting August 26, 2019
 - Variance No. 2019-05 scheduled for August 5, 2019 City Council Meeting Postponed

The Planning Commission meeting may end no later than 11:00 P.M. Any unfinished business may be continued to a future date and time to be determined by the Commission at this meeting. The Planning Commission routinely visits the project sites listed on the agenda.

For Hearing Impaired – Call (559) 713-4900 (TTY) 48-hours in advance of the scheduled meeting time to request signing services.

Any written materials relating to an item on this agenda submitted to the Planning Commission after distribution of the agenda packet are available for public inspection in the City Office, 315 E. Acequia Visalia, CA 93291, during normal business hours.

APPEAL PROCEDURE

THE LAST DAY TO FILE AN APPEAL IS THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 2019 BEFORE 5 PM

According to the City of Visalia Zoning Ordinance Section 17.02.145 and Subdivision Ordinance Section 16.04.040, an appeal to the City Council may be submitted within ten days following the date of a decision by the Planning Commission. An appeal form with applicable fees shall be filed with the City Clerk at 220 N. Santa Fe, Visalia, CA 93292. The appeal shall specify errors or abuses of discretion by the Planning Commission, or decisions not supported by the evidence in the record. The appeal form can be found on the city's website www.visalia.city or from the City Clerk.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2019

REPORT TO CITY OF VISALIA PLANNING COMMISSION



HEARING DATE:

August 12, 2019

PROJECT PLANNER:

Paul Scheibel, Principal Planner Phone No.: (559) 713-4369 Email: paul.scheibel@visalia.city

SUBJECT: Walnut Park Estates Tentative Subdivision Map No. 5572: A request to subdivide 11.9 acres into 34 lots for residential uses, and five lettered lots for common area walls and parkway landscaping in the R-1-5 (Single-family Residential, 5,000 square foot minimum lot size). The project site is located on the west side of Preston St. at Robinwood Ave. (APN: 085-010-102)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the Walnut Park Estates Tentative Subdivision Map (TSM) No. 5572, as conditioned, based on the findings and conditions in Resolution No. 2019-52. Staff's recommendation is based on the conclusion that the request is consistent with the Visalia General Plan, Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances.

RECOMMENDED MOTION

I move to adopt Resolution No. 2019-52 approving the Walnut Park Estates Tentative Subdivision Map (TSM) No. 5572.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Walnut Park Estates Tentative Subdivision Map (TSM) No. 5572 is a request to subdivide 11.9 acres into a 34-lot single-family residential subdivision (see Exhibit "A"). The lots created by the subdivision will utilize standard setback requirements for the R-1-5 zoning designation. The subject site, currently a walnut orchard, has residential subdivisions to the east and west, Mill Creek beyond Robinwood Ave. to the north, and a proposed 200-foot wide open space easement to the south. Hwy 198 is farther to the south.

The proposed single-family subdivision will be accessed by Hillsdale Avenue, a collector road. and by Preston St., a local road located at the north east corner of the project site. Besides public streets, the project will extend sewer lines, storm drainage, and other public infrastructure, utilities, and services (i.e., electricity, gas, and water) to the site. Five Landscape and Lighting District (LLD) lots are proposed that will also build and maintain sound walls on Hillsdale (a collector road), as well as common area landscaping.

The proposed 200-foot wide open space easement is shown as a "Remainder" parcel, so it is excluded from the proposed subdivision, in compliance with General Plan Land Use Policy LU-P-37 and Parks, Schools, Community Facilities, and Utilities General Plan Element Policy PSCU-P-12. The easement being established conforms with the OS (Open Space) Zoning designation for the site. The easement neither obligates the City to purchase the property, nor does it obligate the proponent to offer for dedication or to improve the site as a condition of Map approval.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

General Plan Land Use Designation: Residential Low Density

City Zoning: R-1-5 (Single-family Residential, 5,000 square foot

minimum lot size)

Surrounding Zoning and Land Use: North: R-1-5, Mill Creek, Single-family residential

subdivision to the North

South: OS (Open Space), Partially in production with

a walnut orchard, feral farmland and a

homestead.

East: R-1-5, Single-family residential subdivision

and City-owned detention basin.

West: R-1-5, Single-family residential subdivision

Environmental Review: Initial Study / Negative Declaration No. 2019-53

Special Districts: None

Site Plan Review: No. 2018-117

RELATED PLANS & POLICIES

Please see attached summary of related plans and policies.

RELATED PROJECTS

None

PROJECT EVALUATION

Staff recommends approval of Walnut Park Estates Tentative Subdivision Map No. 5572, based on the project's consistency with the Land Use Element of the General Plan, the Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances for approval of a tentative subdivision map.

General Plan and Zoning/Subdivision Ordinance Consistency

The proposed 34-lot single-family residential subdivision on 11.9 acres is compatible with existing residential and quasi-public development surrounding the site.

The project is consistent with Land Use Policy LU-P-19 of the 2014 General Plan, which states "ensure that growth occurs in a compact and concentric fashion by implementing the General Plan's phased growth strategy." The property is located within the current (Tier 1) Urban Development Boundary. The project incorporates both the 200-foot wide open space easement to the south, and the riparian setback and trail along Mill Creek to the north. The proposed 34-lot subdivision will be developed at a gross density of 2.86 units per acre including the 2.54-acre open space easement area. The 9.36-acre developed portion of the site will have a gross density of 4.16 units per acre which is within the Low Density Residential range of 2 to 10 units per acre.

Compatibility with the surrounding area is required by the General Plan in the decision to approve the proposed subdivision. The project site is located between two existing subdivisions. The subdivision will provide local street connections to the subdivisions consistent with the

existing street patterns in the area. The subdivision will also incorporate a connection to the Mill Creek trail located to the north of the subdivision. Staff finds that the proposed tentative subdivision map is compatible with the surrounding area and the Low Density Residential land use designation.

Development Standards

The proposed subdivision's lots will utilize standard single-family residential standards for lot size and setbacks. The lots will be required to meet R-1-5 zone setback standards, including a 15-foot setback to living space, a 22-foot setback to a front-loading garage, a 5-foot setback to an interior side property line, a 10-foot setback to a street side property line, and a 20 to 25-foot setback to rear property lines.

All lots will have lot depths ranging from approximately 100 to 135 feet, excepting lots 28, 29, 33, and 34 which are located on cul-de-sac or knuckle street bulbs that account for approximately 11% of the total lot count. These lots will also be required to utilize standard single-family residential setback standards, but are permitted to have a 20-foot setback for front-loading garages as identified in Section 17.12.080.C of the Zoning Ordinance.

Health Risk Assessment

A Health Risk Assessment (HRA) was prepared for the project due to its 500-foot proximity to a state highway. HRA's are intended to calculate the risk of cancer due to primarily diesel fuel emissions from vehicles. In this case, Highway 198 is the source of proximate diesel emissions. The conclusion is that the health risk is .002 which is below the significance threshold prescribed by the California Air Resources Board (CARB). Therefore, the project site is deemed to be safe for development of residences, and no mitigation measures were required for the project.

Noise Standards Based on Proximity to Highway 198

A Noise Study was prepared for the project in December 2018. The study concluded the project meets all City standards for interior and exterior noise levels for residences with mitigation in the form of a block wall along the project's southern perimeter that would be exposed to traffic noise from Highway 198. The project is conditioned to incorporate these walls into the project.

Landscape and Lighting District Walls

The lots along Hillsdale Avenue and those along the project's southern perimeter require block walls, pursuant to the City's noise and development standards. The locations are shown on the Tentative Map exhibit. However, the locations lack detail as to their termination points. Consequently, staff recommends Condition No. 4, as follows:

The applicant shall wrap Landscape and Lighting District (LLD) walls to the rear setback lines to a height of seven feet, and continue said walls to step down to 36" within required front setbacks of affected residential lots. Further, the portion of the sound wall at the southeast corner of the project site shall continue northward for a minimum length of six feet.

The applicant concurs with this condition.

Subdivision Map Act Findings

California Government Code Section 66474 lists seven findings for which a legislative body of a city or county shall deny approval of a tentative map if it is able to make any of these findings. These seven "negative" findings have come to light through a recent California Court of Appeal decision (*Spring Valley Association v. City of Victorville*) that has clarified the scope of findings

that a city or county must make when approving a tentative map under the California Subdivision Map Act.

Staff has reviewed the seven findings for a cause of denial and finds that all of the findings can be made for approving the project. The seven findings and staff's analysis are below. Recommended finings in response to this Government Code section are included in the recommended findings for the approval of the tentative subdivision map.

GC Section 66474 Finding	Analysis
(a) That the proposed map is not consistent with applicable general and specific plans as specified in Section 65451.	The proposed map has been found to be consistent with the City's General Plan. This is included as recommended Finding No. 1 of the Tentative Subdivision Map. There are no specific plans applicable to the proposed map.
(b) That the design or improvement of the proposed subdivision is not consistent with applicable general and specific plans.	The proposed design and improvement of the map has been found to be consistent with the City's General Plan. This is included as recommended Finding No. 1 of the Tentative Subdivision Map. There are no specific plans applicable to the proposed map.
(c) That the site is not physically suitable for the type of development.	The site is physically suitable for the proposed map and its affiliated development plan, which is designated as Low Density Residential and developed at a density of 2.86 units per acre. This is included as recommended Finding No. 3 of the Tentative Subdivision Map.
(d) That the site is not physically suitable for the proposed density of development.	The site is physically suitable for the proposed map and its affiliated development plan, which is designated as Low Density Residential. This is included as recommended Finding No. 4 of the Tentative Subdivision Map.
(e) That the design of the subdivision or the proposed improvements are likely to cause substantial environmental damage or substantially and avoidably injure fish or wildlife or their habitat.	The proposed design and improvement of the map has been not been found likely to cause environmental damage or substantially and avoidable injure fish or wildlife or their habitat. This finding is further supported by the project's determination of no new effects under the Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), included as recommended Finding No. 6 of the Tentative Subdivision Map.
(f) That the design of the subdivision or type of improvements is likely to cause serious public health problems.	The proposed design of the map has been found to not cause serious public health problems. This is included as recommended Finding No. 2 of the Tentative Subdivision Map.
(g) That the design of the subdivision or the type of improvements will conflict with easements, acquired by the public at large, for access through or use of, property within the proposed subdivision.	The proposed design of the map does not conflict with any existing or proposed easements located on or adjacent to the subject property. This is included as recommended Finding No. 5 of the Tentative Subdivision Map.

Environmental Review

An Initial Study was prepared for this project, consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Initial Study disclosed that no significant, adverse environmental impact will occur with the project. The Negative Declaration circulated for this project (see attachment). Therefore, staff recommends that Negative Declaration No. 2019-53 be adopted for this project.

RECOMMENDED FINDINGS

- 1. That the proposed location and layout of the Walnut Park Estates Tentative Subdivision Map No. 5572, its improvement and design, and the conditions under which it will be maintained is consistent with the policies and intent of the General Plan and Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance. The 11.9-acre project site, which is the site of the proposed 34 lot single-family residential subdivision, is consistent with Land Use Policy LU-P-19 of the General Plan. Policy LU-P-19 states "ensure that growth occurs in a compact and concentric fashion by implementing the General Plan's phased growth strategy."
- 2. That the proposed Walnut Park Estates Tentative Subdivision Map No. 5572, its improvement and design, and the conditions under which it will be maintained will not be detrimental to the public health, safety, or welfare, nor materially injurious to properties or improvements in the vicinity, nor is it likely to cause serious public health problems. The proposed tentative subdivision map will be compatible with adjacent land uses. The project site is bordered by existing residential development and vacant land.
- 3. That the site is physically suitable for the proposed tentative subdivision map. The project is consistent with the intent of the General Plan and Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance, and is not detrimental to the public health, safety, or welfare or materially injurious to properties or improvements in the vicinity. The project site is adjacent to land zoned for residential development, and the subdivision establishes a local street pattern that will serve the subject site.
- 4. That the site is physically suitable for the proposed tentative subdivision map and the project's density, which is consistent with the underlying Low Density Residential General Plan Land Use Designation. That the design of the proposed subdivision or the type of improvements will not conflict with easements, acquired by the public at large, for access through or use of, property within the proposed subdivision. The 34-lot subdivision is designed to comply with the City's Engineering Improvement Standards. Areas of dedication will be obtained as part of the tentative map recording for new street improvements, including the construction of curb, gutter, curb return, sidewalk, parkway landscaping, and pavement.
- 5. That the design of the proposed subdivision and the type of improvements will not conflict with easements acquired by the public at large for access through or use of property within the proposed subdivision. The 34-lot subdivision is designed to comply with the City's Engineering Improvement Standards. Areas of dedication will be obtained as part of the tentative map recording.
- 6. That an Initial Study was prepared for this project, consistent with CEQA, which disclosed that environmental impacts are determined to be not significant and that Negative Declaration No. 2019-053, is hereby adopted. Furthermore, the design of the subdivision or the proposed improvements is not likely to cause substantial environmental damage nor substantially and avoidably injure fish or wildlife or their habitat.

RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS

- That the subdivision map be developed in substantial compliance with the comments and conditions of the Site Plan Review Committee as set forth under Site Plan Review No. 2018-117, incorporated herein by reference.
- 2. That the project be prepared in substantial compliance with the subdivision map as Exhibit "A".
- 3. That the setbacks for the single-family residential lots shall comply with the R-1-5 (Single-Family Residential 5,000 sq. ft. min. site area) zone district standards for the front, side, street side yard, and rear yard setbacks.
- 4. That the applicant shall wrap Landscape and Lighting District (LLD) walls to the rear setback lines to a height of seven feet, and continue said walls to step down to 36" within required front setbacks of affected residential lots. Further, the portion of the sound wall at the southeast corner of the project site shall continue northward for a minimum length of six feet.
- 5. That prior to the issuance of any residential building permit on the site, the applicant / developer shall obtain and provide the City with a valid Will Serve Letter from the California Water Service Company.
- 6. That all applicable federal, state, regional, and city policies and ordinances be met.

APPEAL INFORMATION

According to the City of Visalia Subdivision Ordinance Section 16.28.080, an appeal to the City Council may be submitted within ten days following the date of a decision by the Planning Commission. An appeal with applicable fees shall be in writing and shall be filed with the City Clerk at 220 North Santa Fe St., Visalia, CA 93292. The appeal shall specify errors or abuses of discretion by the Planning Commission, or decisions not supported by the evidence in the record. The appeal form can be found on the City's website www.visalia.city or from the City Clerk.

Attachments:

- Related Plans and Policies
- Resolution No. 2019-52 Tentative Subdivision Map No. 5572
- Exhibit "A" Walnut Park Estates Tentative Subdivision Map No. 5572
- Initial Study / Negative Declaration No. 2019-53
- Site Plan Review Item No. 2018-117 Comments
- General Plan Land Use Map
- Zoning Map
- Aerial Map
- Location Map

RELATED PLANS AND POLICIES

General Plan and Zoning: The following General Plan and Zoning Ordinance policies apply to the proposed project:

General Plan Land Use Policies:

- LU-P-19: Ensure that growth occurs in a compact and concentric fashion by implementing the General Plan's phased growth strategy. The General Plan Land Use Diagram establishes three growth rings to accommodate estimated City population for the years 2020 and 2030. The Urban Development Boundary I (UDB I) shares its boundaries with the 2012 city limits. The Urban Development Boundary II (UDB II) defines the urbanizable area within which a full range of urban services will need to be extended in the first phase of anticipated growth with a target buildout population of 178,000. The Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) defines full buildout of the General Plan with a target buildout population of 210,000. Each growth ring enables the City to expand in all four quadrants, reinforcing a concentric growth pattern.
- LU-P-45 Promote development of vacant, underdeveloped, and/or redevelopable land within the City limits where urban services are available and adopt a bonus/incentive program to promote and facilitate infill development in order to reduce the need for annexation and conversion of prime agricultural land and achieve the objectives of compact development established in this General Plan.
- LU-P-46 Adopt and implement an incentive program for residential infill development of existing vacant lots and underutilized sites within the City limits as a strategy to help to meet the future growth needs of the community.

General Plan Open Space and Conservation Policies:

- OSC-P-13 In new neighborhoods that include waterways, improvement of the waterway corridor, including preservation and/or enhancement of natural features and development of a continuous waterway trail on at least one side, shall be required.
 - Figures 6-2 and 6-3 show examples of typical future residential and neighborhood commercial development along waterways. Refined guidelines and cross-sections should ensure flexibility while achieving Plan policies.
- OSC-P-14 Establish design and development standards for new development in waterway corridors to preserve and enhance irrigation capabilities, if provided, and the natural riparian environment along these corridors. In certain locations or where conditions require it, alternative designs such as terraced seating or a planted wall system may be appropriate.
 - As part of Plan implementation, examples of waterway bank treatments should be developed to facilitate adoption of these standards.
- OSC-P-15 In new neighborhoods, create public access points to waterway trails spaced apart no further than 1,200 feet, wherever feasible.
- OSC-P-17 Require that new development along waterways maintain a visual orientation and active interface with waterways. Develop design guidelines to be used for review and approval of subdivision and development proposals to illustrate how this can be accomplished for different land uses in various geographic settings.

These guidelines will show where "back on" and "side-on" development adjacent to waterways may be acceptable and where it would not. They will also enhance views and public access to planning area waterways and other significant features such as Valley Oak groves consistent with flood protection, irrigation water conveyance, habitat preservation and recreation planning policies.

Additional policies are provided in the Section 6.4, Biological Resources.

- **OSC-P-21** Place special emphasis on the protection and enhancement of the St. Johns River Corridor by establishing extensive open space land along both sides.
- **OSC-P-22** Maintain a 100-foot riparian habitat development setback from the St. Johns River's south levee's landside outside-bottom tow provided that the following public facilities may be allowed as exceptions within the required setback:
 - Public roadways to provide for development consistent with the Land Use and Circulation Elements;
 - · Public trails and bikeways consistent with this Element; and
 - · Public restrooms.

Provide an additional minimum 30 foot firebreak setback from the St. Johns River's development setback.

Additional open space is proposed to be created on both the south and north sides of the St. Johns River, as shown on the Open Space System diagram (to be included in the General Plan).

PSCU-P-12 The City shall establish a scenic corridor setback along the West 198 Highway corridor. The setback shall measure at least 200 feet from the north and south sides of the Highway 198 right of way between Road 86 and 1/4-mile west of Akers Street. The northerly setback shall follow the Mill Creek alignment as depicted in the Land Use Diagram. The lands in the identified setback area shall be acquired and dedicated for open space uses in perpetuity by the City through market value purchases, dedications by affected property owners, transfers of development rights, or other means.

Zoning Ordinance Chapter for R-1 Zone

Chapter 17.12

R-1 SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONE

17.12.010 Purpose and intent.

In the R-1 single-family residential zones (R-1-5, R-1-12.5, and R-1-20), the purpose and intent is to provide living area within the city where development is limited to low density concentrations of one-family dwellings where regulations are designed to accomplish the following: to promote and encourage a suitable environment for family life; to provide space for community facilities needed to compliment urban residential areas and for institutions that require a residential environment; to minimize traffic congestion and to avoid an overload of utilities designed to service only low density residential use.

17.12.015 Applicability.

The requirements in this chapter shall apply to all property within R-1 zone districts.

17.12.020 Permitted uses.

In the R-1 single-family residential zones, the following uses shall be permitted by right:

- One-family dwellings;
- B. Raising of fruit and nut trees, vegetables and horticultural specialties;
- C. Accessory structures located on the same site with a permitted use including private garages and carports, one guest house, storehouses, garden structures, green houses, recreation room and hobby shops;
- D. Swimming pools used solely by persons resident on the site and their guests; provided, that no swimming pool or accessory mechanical equipment shall be located in a required front yard or in a required side yard;

- E. Temporary subdivision sales offices;
- F. Licensed day care for a maximum of fourteen (14) children in addition to the residing family;
- G. Twenty-four (24) hour residential care facilities or foster homes, for a maximum of six individuals in addition to the residing family;
- H. Signs subject to the provisions of Chapter 17.48;
- I. The keeping of household pets, subject to the definition of household pets set forth in Section 17.04.030;
- J. Accessory dwelling units as specified in Sections 17.12.140 through 17.12.200;
- K. Adult day care up to twelve (12) persons in addition to the residing family;
- L. Other uses similar in nature and intensity as determined by the city planner;
- M. Legally existing multiple family units, and expansion or reconstruction as provided in Section 17.12.070.
- N. Transitional or supportive housing for six (6) or fewer resident/clients.
- O. In the R-1-20 zone only, the breeding, hatching, raising and fattening of birds, rabbits, chinchillas, hamsters, other small animals and fowl, on a domestic noncommercial scale, provided that there shall not be less than one thousand (1,000) square feet of site area for each fowl or animal and provided that no structure housing poultry or small animals shall be closer than fifty (50) feet to any property line, closer than twenty-five (25) feet to any dwelling on the site, or closer than fifty (50) feet to any other dwelling;
- P. In the R-1-20 zone only, the raising of livestock, except pigs of any kind, subject to the exception of not more than two cows, two horses, four sheep or four goats for each site, shall be permitted; provided, that there be no limitation on the number of livestock permitted on a site with an area of ten acres or more and provided that no stable be located closer than fifty (50) feet to any dwelling on the site or closer than one hundred (100) feet to any other dwelling;

17.12.030 Accessory uses.

In the R-1 single-family residential zone, the following accessory uses shall be permitted, subject to specified provisions:

- A. Home occupations subject to the provisions of Section 17.32.030;
- B. Accessory buildings subject to the provisions of Section 17.12.100(B).
- C. Cottage Food Operations subject to the provisions of Health and Safety Code 113758 and Section 17.32.035.

17.12.040 Conditional uses.

In the R-1 single-family residential zone, the following conditional uses may be permitted in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 17.38:

- A. Planned development subject to the provisions of Chapter 17.26;
- B. Public and quasi-public uses of an educational or religious type including public and parochial elementary schools, junior high schools, high schools and colleges; nursery schools, licensed day care facilities for more than fourteen (14) children; churches, parsonages and other religious institutions;
- C. Public and private charitable institutions, general hospitals, sanitariums, nursing and convalescent homes; not including specialized hospitals, sanitariums, or nursing, rest and convalescent homes including care for acute psychiatric, drug addiction or alcoholism cases;
- D. Public uses of an administrative, recreational, public service or cultural type including city, county, state or federal administrative centers and courts, libraries, museums, art galleries, police and fire stations, ambulance service and other public building, structures and facilities; public playgrounds, parks and community centers;

- E. Electric distribution substations;
- F. Gas regulator stations;
- G. Public service pumping stations, i.e., community water service wells;
- H. Communications equipment buildings;
- I. Planned neighborhood commercial center subject to the provisions of Chapter 17.26;
- J. Residential development specifically designed for senior housing;
- K. Mobile home parks in conformance with Section 17.32.040;
- L. [Reserved.] M. Residential developments utilizing private streets in which the net lot area (lot area not including street area) meets or exceeds the site area prescribed by this article and in which the private streets are designed and constructed to meet or exceed public street standards;
- N. Adult day care in excess of twelve (12) persons;
- O. Duplexes on corner lots;
- P. Twenty-four (24) hour residential care facilities or foster homes for more than six individuals in addition to the residing family;
- Q. Residential structures and accessory buildings totaling more than ten thousand (10,000) square feet;
- R. Other uses similar in nature and intensity as determined by the city planner.
- S. Transitional or supportive housing for seven (7) or more resident/clients.

17.12.050 Site area.

The minimum site area shall be as follows:

Zone	Minimum Site Area	
R-1-5	5,000 square feet	
R-1-12.5	12,500 square feet	
R-1-20	20,000 square feet	

A. Each site shall have not less than forty (40) feet of frontage on the public street. The minimum width shall be as follows:

Zone Interior Lot		Corner Lot	
R-1-5	50 feet	60 feet	
R-1-12.5	90 feet	100 feet	
R-1-20	100 feet	110 feet	

B. Minimum width for corner lot on a side on cul-de-sac shall be eighty (80) feet, when there is no landscape lot between the corner lot and the right of way.

17.12.060 One dwelling unit per site.

In the R-1 single-family residential zone, not more than one dwelling unit shall be located on each site, with the exception to Section 17.12.020(J).

17.12.070 Replacement and expansion of legally existing multiple family units.

In accordance with Sections 17.12.020 legally existing multiple family units may be expanded or replaced if destroyed by fire or other disaster subject to the following criteria:

A. A site plan review permit as provided in Chapter 17.28 is required for all expansions or replacements.

- B. Replacement/expansion of unit(s) shall be designed and constructed in an architectural style compatible with the existing single-family units in the neighborhood. Review of elevations for replacement/expansion shall occur through the site plan review process. Appeals to architectural requirements of the site plan review committee shall be subject to the appeals process set forth in Chapter 17.28.050.
- C. Setbacks and related development standards shall be consistent with existing single-family units in the neighborhood.
- D. Parking requirements set forth in Section 17.34.020 and landscaping requirements shall meet current city standards and shall apply to the entire site(s), not just the replacement unit(s) or expanded area, which may result in the reduction of the number of units on the site.
- E. The number of multiple family units on the site shall not be increased.
- F. All rights established under Sections 17.12.020and 17.12.070 shall be null and void one hundred eighty (180) days after the date that the unit(s) are destroyed (or rendered uninhabitable), unless a building permit has been obtained and diligent pursuit of construction has commenced. The approval of a site plan review permit does not constitute compliance with this requirement.

17.12.080 Front yard.

A. The minimum front yard shall be as follows:

Zone Minimum Front Yard R-1-5 Fifteen (15) feet for living space an

- Fifteen (15) feet for living space and side-loading garages and twenty-two (22) feet for front-loading garages or other parking facilities, such as, but not limited to, carports, shade canopies, or porte cochere. A Porte Cochere with less than twenty-two (22) feet of setback from property line shall not be counted as covered parking, and garages on such sites shall not be the subject of a garage conversion.
- R-1-12.5 Thirty (30) feet
- R-1-20 Thirty-five (35) feet
- B. On a site situated between sites improved with buildings, the minimum front yard may be the average depth of the front yards on the improved site adjoining the side lines of the site but need not exceed the minimum front yard specified above.
- C. On cul-de-sac and knuckle lots with a front lot line of which all or a portion is curvilinear, the front yard setback shall be no less than fifteen (15) feet for living space and side-loading garages and twenty (20) feet for front-loading garages.

17.12.090 Side yards.

- A. The minimum side yard shall be five feet in the R-1-5 and R-1-12.5 zone subject to the exception that on the street side of a corner lot the side yard shall be not less than ten feet and twenty-two (22) feet for front loading garages or other parking facilities, such as, but not limited to, carports, shade canopies, or porte cocheres.
- B. The minimum side yard shall be ten feet in the R-1-20 zone subject to the exception that on the street side of a corner lot the side yard shall be not less than twenty (20) feet.
- C. On a reversed corner lot the side yard adjoining the street shall be not less than ten feet.
- D. On corner lots, all front-loading garage doors shall be a minimum of twenty-two (22) feet from the nearest public improvement or sidewalk.
- E. Side yard requirements may be zero feet on one side of a lot if two or more consecutive lots are approved for a zero lot line development by the site plan review committee.
- F. The placement of any mechanical equipment, including but not limited to, pool/spa equipment and evaporative coolers shall not be permitted in the five-foot side yard within the buildable area of the lot, or within five feet of rear/side property lines that are adjacent to the required side yard on adjoining lots.

This provision shall not apply to street side yards on corner lots, nor shall it prohibit the surface mounting of utility meters and/or the placement of fixtures and utility lines as approved by the building and planning divisions.

17.12.100 Rear yard.

In the R-1 single-family residential zones, the minimum yard shall be twenty-five (25) feet, subject to the following exceptions:

- A. On a corner or reverse corner lot the rear yard shall be twenty-five (25) feet on the narrow side or twenty (20) feet on the long side of the lot. The decision as to whether the short side or long side is used as the rear yard area shall be left to the applicant's discretion as long as a minimum area of one thousand five hundred (1,500) square feet of usable rear yard area is maintained. The remaining side yard to be a minimum of five feet.
- B. Accessory structures not exceeding twelve (12) feet may be located in the required rear yard but not closer than three feet to any lot line provided that not more than twenty (20) percent of the area of the required rear yard shall be covered by structures enclosed on more than one side and not more than forty (40) percent may be covered by structures enclosed on only one side. On a reverse corner lot an accessory structure shall not be located closer to the rear property line than the required side yard on the adjoining key lot. An accessory structure shall not be closer to a side property line adjoining key lot and not closer to a side property line adjoining the street than the required front yard on the adjoining key lot.
- C. Main structures may encroach up to five feet into a required rear yard area provided that such encroachment does not exceed one story and that a usable, open, rear yard area of at least one thousand five hundred (1,500) square feet shall be maintained. Such encroachment and rear yard area shall be approved by the city planner prior to issuing building permits.

17.12.110 Height of structures.

In the R-1 single-family residential zone, the maximum height of a permitted use shall be thirty-five (35) feet, with the exception of structures specified in Section 17.12.100(B).

17.12.120 Off-street parking.

In the R-1 single-family residential zone, subject to the provisions of Chapter 17.34.

17.12.130 Fences, walls and hedges.

In the R-1 single-family residential zone, fences, walls and hedges are subject to the provisions of Section 17.36.030.

RESOLUTION NO 2019-52

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF VISALIA APPROVING WALNUT PARK ESTATES TENTATIVE SUBDIVISION MAP NO. 5572: A REQUEST TO SUBDIVIDE 11.9 ACRES INTO 34 LOTS FOR RESIDENTIAL USES, AND FIVE LETTERED LOTS FOR COMMON AREA WALLS AND PARKWAY LANDSCAPING IN THE R-1-5 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, 5,000 SQUARE FOOT MINIMUM LOT SIZE). THE PROJECT SITE IS LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF PRESTON ST. AT ROBINWOOD AVE. (APN: 085-010-102)

WHEREAS, Tentative Subdivision Map No. 5572 is a request to subdivide 11.9 acres into 34 lots for residential uses, and five lettered lots for common area walls and parkway landscaping in the R-1-5 (Single-family Residential, 5,000 square foot minimum lot size). The project site is located on the west side of Preston St. at Robinwood Ave. (APN: 085-010-102); and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Visalia, after duly published notice did hold a public hearing before said Commission on August 12, 2019; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Visalia finds the tentative subdivision map to be in accordance with Chapter 16.16 of the Subdivision Ordinance of the City of Visalia based on the evidence contained in the staff report and testimony presented at the public hearing; and,

WHEREAS, Negative Declaration No. 2019-53 was prepared for the project, and disclosed that the project will not result in any significant impacts pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

NOW, **THEREFORE**, **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Planning Commission of the City of Visalia approves the proposed tentative subdivision map based on the following specific findings and based on the evidence presented:

- 1. That the proposed location and layout of the Walnut Park Estates Tentative Subdivision Map No. 5572, its improvement and design, and the conditions under which it will be maintained is consistent with the policies and intent of the General Plan and Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance. The 11.9-acre project site, which is the site of the proposed 34 lot single-family residential subdivision, is consistent with Land Use Policy LU-P-19 of the General Plan. Policy LU-P-19 states "ensure that growth occurs in a compact and concentric fashion by implementing the General Plan's phased growth strategy."
- That the proposed Walnut Park Estates Tentative Subdivision Map No. 5572, its improvement and design, and the conditions under which it will be maintained will not be detrimental to the public health, safety, or welfare, nor materially injurious to properties or improvements in the vicinity, nor is it likely to cause serious public

- health problems. The proposed tentative subdivision map will be compatible with adjacent land uses. The project site is bordered by existing residential development and vacant land.
- 3. That the site is physically suitable for the proposed tentative subdivision map. The project is consistent with the intent of the General Plan and Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance, and is not detrimental to the public health, safety, or welfare or materially injurious to properties or improvements in the vicinity. The project site is adjacent to land zoned for residential development, and the subdivision establishes a local street pattern that will serve the subject site.
- 4. That the site is physically suitable for the proposed tentative subdivision map and the project's density, which is consistent with the underlying Low Density Residential General Plan Land Use Designation. That the design of the proposed subdivision or the type of improvements will not conflict with easements, acquired by the public at large, for access through or use of, property within the proposed subdivision. The 34-lot subdivision is designed to comply with the City's Engineering Improvement Standards. Areas of dedication will be obtained as part of the tentative map recording for new street improvements, including the construction of curb, gutter, curb return, sidewalk, parkway landscaping, and pavement.
- 5. That the design of the proposed subdivision and the type of improvements will not conflict with easements acquired by the public at large for access through or use of property within the proposed subdivision. The 34-lot subdivision is designed to comply with the City's Engineering Improvement Standards. Areas of dedication will be obtained as part of the tentative map recording.
- 6. That an Initial Study was prepared for this project, consistent with CEQA, which disclosed that environmental impacts are determined to be not significant and that Negative Declaration No. 2019-053, is hereby adopted. Furthermore, the design of the subdivision or the proposed improvements is not likely to cause substantial environmental damage nor substantially and avoidably injure fish or wildlife or their habitat.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Planning Commission hereby approves the tentative subdivision map on the real property hereinabove described in accordance with the terms of this resolution under the provisions of Section 16.16.110 of the Ordinance Code of the City of Visalia, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. That the subdivision map be developed in substantial compliance with the comments and conditions of the Site Plan Review Committee as set forth under Site Plan Review No. 2018-117, incorporated herein by reference.
- 2. That the project be prepared in substantial compliance with the subdivision map as Exhibit "A".

- 3. That the setbacks for the single-family residential lots shall comply with the R-1-5 (Single-Family Residential 5,000 sq. ft. min. site area) zone district standards for the front, side, street side yard, and rear yard setbacks.
- 4. That the applicant shall wrap Landscape and Lighting District (LLD) walls to the rear setback lines to a height of seven feet, and continue said walls to step down to 36" within required front setbacks of affected residential lots. Further, the portion of the sound wall at the southeast corner of the project site shall continue northward for a minimum length of six feet.
- 5. That prior to the issuance of any residential building permit on the site, the applicant / developer shall obtain and provide the City with a valid Will Serve Letter from the California Water Service Company.
- 6. That all applicable federal, state, regional, and city policies and ordinances be met.

CITY OF VISALIA 315 E. ACEQUIA STREET VISALIA, CA 93291

NOTICE OF A PROPOSED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

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The project goal is to provide 34 single-family residences in accordance with the General Plan Land Use designation of RLD (Residential Low Density, 2-10 units per acres). Additionally, the project identifies a 200-foot setback from State Highway 198, in accordance with Land Use Policy LU-P-37.

Location: The site is located at Packwood Creek, north of the Cameron Avenue alignment, approximately 700 feet east of Mooney Boulevard, in the City of Visalia, Tulare County, California

(APN: 126-062-072).

Contact Person:

Paul Scheibel, AICP, Project Planner Phone: (559) 713-4369

Pursuant to City Ordinance No. 2388, the Environmental Coordinator of the City of Visalia has reviewed the proposed project described herein and has found that the project will not result in a significant effect on the environment because of the reasons listed below:

Initial Study No. 2019-53 has identified no significant, adverse environmental impacts that may occur because of the project. Copies of the initial study and other documents relating to the subject project may be examined by interested parties at the Planning Division in City Hall East, at 315 East Acequia Avenue, Visalia, CA. 93291

Comments on this proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration will be accepted until August 12, 2019.

Date: July 17, 2019

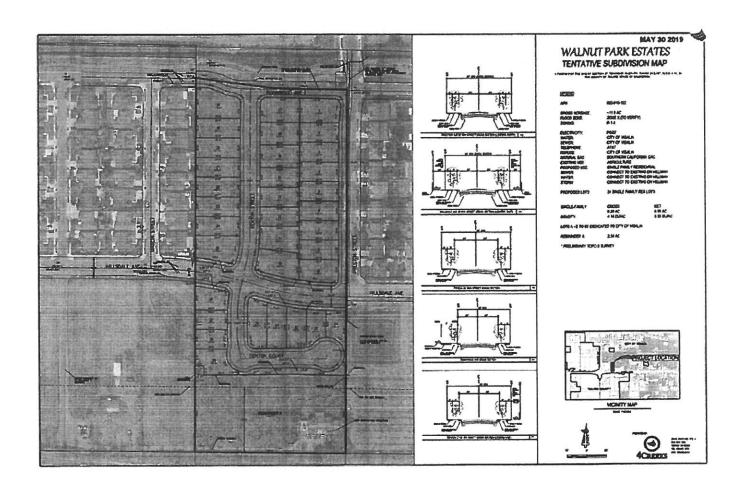
Signed:

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Environmental Coordinator

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Project Facts: Refer to Initial Study for project facts, plans and policies, discussion of environmental effects and mitigation measures, and determination of significant effect.

Attachments:

Initial Study (X)
Environmental Checklist (X)
Maps (X)
Mitigation Measures (X)
Technical Studies (X

DECLARATION OF NO SIGNIFICANT EFFECT:

This project, after mitigation measures are applied, will not have a significant effect on the environment for the following reasons:

- (a) The project does not have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal, or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory.
- (b) The project does not have the potential to achieve short-term environmental goals to the disadvantage of long-term environmental goals.
- (c) The project does not have environmental effects which are individually limited but cumulatively considerable. Cumulatively considerable means that the incremental effects of an individual 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.
- (d) The environmental effects of the project will not cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly.

This Negative Declaration has been prepared by the City of Visalia Planning Division in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended. A copy may be obtained from the City of Visalia Planning Division during normal business hours.

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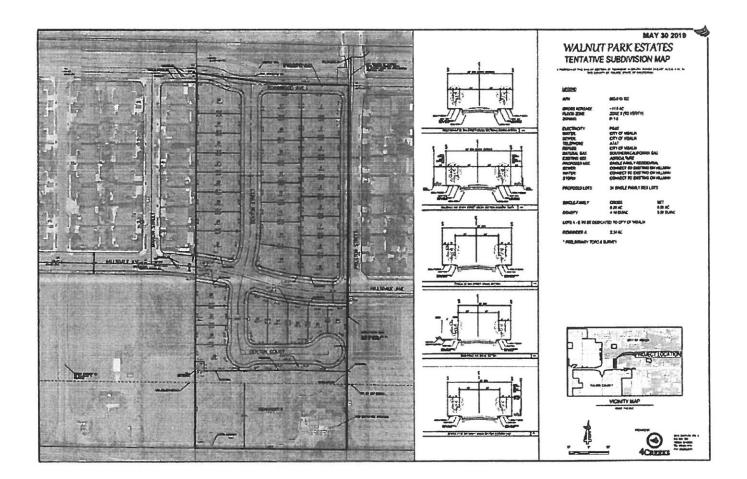
By:

Paul Scheibel, AICP

Environmental Coordinator

Date Approved: July 17, 2019

Review Period: 20 days



SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

The following documents are hereby incorporated into this Mitigated Negative Declaration by reference:

- Health Risk Assessment, Walnut Park Estates Tentative Subdivision, Insight Environmental Consultants, April, 2019
- Attachment B- Acoustical Analysis, Walnut Park Estates, WJV Acoustics, December 28, 2018
- Visalia General Plan Update. Dyett & Bhatia, October 2014.
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- City of Visalia Zoning Ordinance Update. City of Visalia, March 2017.
- www.epa.gov /Clean Water Act
- www.dfg.ca.gov/section 1602 SAA
- Visalia Municipal Code Chapter 12.24 (Oak Tree Preservation Ordinance)

INITIAL STUDY

I. GENERAL

A. Tentative Subdivision Map (TSM) No. 5572, a request to subdivide 11.9 acres into 34 lots for residential uses, and five lettered lots for common area walls and parkway landscaping in the R-1 (Single-family Residential, 5,000square foot minimum lot size).

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B. Identification of the Environmental Setting:

The project site is located on land that is currently in production as a walnut orchard. The site is not under Williamson Act contract. The site would extend the roads and lot patterns of a subdivision adjacent to the west, and share Preston St. with an existing subdivision to the east. Mill Creek, with an existing multi-use trail is to the north and north of Robinwood Ave. A City-owned stormwater detention basin is also adjacent to the east. The area to the south includes an existing homestead and part of the walnut orchard noted above. In addition, the area to the south is designated as open space and includes a proposed 200-foot setback from Hwy 198, pursuant to the City's Hwy 198 Corridor plan. Hillsdale Ave., a designated Collector road bisects the project site. All other affected roads are local residential roads.

The surrounding uses, Zoning, and General Plan are as follows:

	General Plan (2014 Land Use)	Zoning (2017)	Existing uses
North:	RLD (Residential Low Density)	R-1-5	Mill Creek, residential subdivision beyond
South:	C (Conservation)	OS (Open Space)	Orchard, homestead, Hwy 198 beyond
East:	RLD/C	R-1-5/OS	SFR subdivision & detention basin
West:	RLD/C	R-1-5/OS	SFR subdivision & ferrel farmland

Fire and police protection services, street maintenance of public streets, refuse collection, and wastewater treatment will be provided by the City of Visalia upon the development of the area.

C. Plans and Policies: The General Plan Land Use Diagram designates the site as Industrial. The proposed project is consistent with the Land Use Element of the General Plan.

II. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

No significant adverse environmental impacts have been identified for this project. The City of Visalia Land Use Element and Zoning Ordinance contain policies and regulations that are designed to mitigate impacts to a level of non-significance.

III. MITIGATION MEASURES

There are no mitigation measures for this project. The City of Visalia Zoning Ordinance contains guidelines, criteria, and requirements for the mitigation of potential impacts related to light/glare, visibility screening, noise, and traffic/parking to eliminate and/or reduce potential impacts to a level of non-significance.

IV. PROJECT COMPATIBILITY WITH EXISTING ZONES AND PLANS

The project is compatible with the General Plan as the project relates to surrounding properties.

V. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

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VI. NAME OF PERSON WHO PREPARED INITIAL STUDY

Paul Scheibel

Paul Scheibel, AICP Principal Planner **Environmental Coordinator**

INITIAL STUDY ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

Name of Proposal Tentative Parcel Map (TPM) No. 2019-06 and Conditional Use Permit (CUP) No. 2019-19 NAME OF PROPONENT: 4-Creeks Inc. NAME OF AGENT: David Duda Address of Proponent: 324 S. Santa Fe St., Ste. A 324 S. Santa Fe St., Ste. A Address of Agent: Visalia, CA 93292 Visalia, CA 93292 Telephone Number: (559) 802-3052 (805) 904-4394 Telephone Number: Date of Review July 17,2019 Lead Agency: City of Visalia

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 4 = Potentially Significant Impact

AESTHETICS

Would the project:

- 2 a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?
- b) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?
- 2 c) Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings?
- 2 d) Create a new source of substantial light or glare that would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?

II. AGRICULTURAL 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 provided in Forest Protocols adopted by the California Air Resources Board. Would the project:

- 2 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?
- c) Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code section 51104(g))?
- d) Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?
- _2 e) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland to nonagricultural use?

III. AIR QUALITY

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

- 2 a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?
- _2 b) Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?
- 2 c) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?
- _2 d) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?
- 2 e) Create objectionable odors 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 Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?
- _2 b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?
- _2 c) Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?
- _2 d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?

- e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?
- _2 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:

- 2 a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in Public Resources Code Section 15064.5?
- 2 b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 15064.5?
- _2 c) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site, or unique geologic feature?
- _2 d) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?

VI. GEOLOGY AND SOILS

Would the project:

- Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:
- i) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault?
- 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?
- 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 risks to life or property?
- 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?

VII. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

Would the project:

- _2 a) Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?
- _2 b) Conflict with an applicable plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?

VIII. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Would the project:

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

- _2 b) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?
- _1 c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within onequarter mile of an existing or proposed school?
- d) Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?
- e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?
- _____f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?
- h) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?

IX. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY

Would the project:

- 2 a) Violate any water quality standards of waste discharge requirements?
- 2 b) Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?
- _2 c) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site?
- _2 d) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site?
- e) Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?
- 2 f) Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?
- g) Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map?
- _2 h) Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows?
- _2 i) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam?
- _1 j) Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?

X. LAND USE AND PLANNING

Would the project:

- 1 a) Physically divide an established community?
- b) Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?
- _2 c) Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan?

XI. 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
- 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?

XII. NOISE

Would the project:

- 2 a) Cause exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?
- _1_ b) Cause exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?
- _2 c) Cause a substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?
- _2 d) Cause a substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?
- e) For a project located within an airport land use plan 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?
- _1 f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working the in the project area to excessive noise levels?

XIII. POPULATION AND HOUSING

Would the project:

- 2 a) Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?
- _1 b) Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?
- ______ c) Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?

XIV. PUBLIC SERVICES

Would the project:

 a) Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, 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:

- i) Fire protection?
- 1 ii) Police protection?
- 1 iii) Schools?
- _1 iv) Parks?
- 1 v) Other public facilities?

XV. RECREATION

Would the project:

- a) Would the project 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?
- b) Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?

XVI. TRANSPORTATION / TRAFFIC

Would the project:

- a) Conflict with an applicable plan, ordinance or policy establishing measures of effectiveness for the performance of the circulation system, taking into account all modes of transportation including mass transit and non-motorized travel and relevant components of the circulation system, including but not limited to intersections, streets, highways and freeways, pedestrian and bicycle paths, and mass transit?
- b) Conflict with an applicable congestion management program, including, but not limited to level of service standards and travel demand measures, or other standards established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways?
- _1_ c) Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks?
- d) Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?
- 1 e) Result in inadequate emergency access?
- _1 f) Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs regarding public transit, bicycle, or pedestrian facilities, or otherwise decrease the performance or safety of such facilities?

XVII. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS

Would the project:

- a) Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?
- 2 b) Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?
- 2 c) Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?
- d) Have sufficient water supplies available to service the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed?

- e) 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 f) Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs?
- _1 g) Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?

XVIII TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES

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:

- 2 a) 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
- <u>2</u> b) 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.

XIXI. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

Would the project:

- _2 a) Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?
- _2 b) Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)?
- _2 c) Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?

Note: Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21083.05, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 65088.4, Gov. Code; Sections 21080(c), 21080.1, 21080.3, 21083, 21083.05, 21083.3, 21093, 21094, 21095, and 21151, Public Resources Code; Sundstrom v. County of Mendocino,(1988) 202 Cal.App.3d 296; Leonoff v. Monterey Board of Supervisors, (1990) 222 Cal.App.3d 1337; Eureka Citizens for Responsible Govt. v. City of Eureka (2007) 147 Cal.App.4th 357; Protect the Historic Amador Waterways v. Amador Water Agency (2004)

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116 Cal.App.4th at 1109; San Franciscans Upholding the Downtown Plan v. City and County of San Francisco (2002) 102 Cal.App.4th 656.

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DISCUSSION OF ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION

I. AESTHETICS

a. This project will not adversely affect the view of any scenic vistas. The Sierra Nevada mountain range may be considered a scenic vista, but views of the range will not be adversely impacted or significantly obstructed by the project.

The project is proposing to subdivide 11.9 acres for residential development. The development of the project site with residences is consistent with the RLD (Residential Low Density) Land Use Designation as identified in Table 9-1 "Consistency between the Plan and Zoning" of the General Plan.

The Visalia General Plan contains multiple polices that together work to reduce the potential for impacts to the development of land as designated by the General Plan. With implementation of these policies and the existing City standards, impacts to land use development consistent with the General Plan will be less than significant.

- b. There are no scenic resources on the site.
- c. The proposed project includes development that will be aesthetically consistent with surrounding development and with General Plan policies. Furthermore, the City has development standards related to landscaping and other amenities that will ensure that the visual character of the area is enhanced and not degraded. Thus, the project would not substantially degrade the existing visual character of the site and its surroundings.
- d. The project will create new sources of light that are typical of residential development. The City has development standards that require that light be directed and/or shielded so it does not fall upon adjacent properties.

II. AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES

a. The developed portion of the project site is not located on property that is identified as farmland based on maps prepared by the California Department of Conservation and contained within the Visalia General Plan, Figure 6-4

The Visalia General Plan Update Environmental Impact Report (EIR) has already considered the environmental impacts of the conversion of properties within the Planning Area into non-agriculture uses. Overall, the General Plan results in the conversion of over 14,000 acres of Important Farmland to urban uses, which is considered significant and unavoidable. Aside from preventing development altogether the conversion of Important Farmland to urban uses cannot be directly mitigated, through the use of agricultural conservation easements or by other means. However, the General Plan contains multiple polices that together work to limit conversion only to the extent needed to accommodate long-term growth. The General Plan policies identified under Impact 3.5-1 of the EIR serve as the mitigation which assists in reducing the severity of the impact to the extent possible while still achieving the General Plan's goals of accommodating a certain amount of growth to occur within the Planning Area. These policies include the implementation of a three-tier growth boundary system that assists in protecting open space around the City fringe and maintaining compact development within the City limits.

Because there is still a significant impact to loss of agricultural resources after conversion of properties within the General Plan Planning Area to non-agricultural uses, a Statement of Overriding Considerations was previously adopted with the Visalia General Plan Update EIR.

- b. The project site is zoned R-1-5 and OS (Open Space) which is consistent with the land use designation of RLD and C (Conservation) for the project site. There is not a Williamson Act contract on any areas within the subject property.
- c. There is no forest land or timberland currently located on the site, nor does the site conflict with a zoning for forest land, timberland, or timberland zoned Timberland Production.
- d. There is no forest or timberland currently located on the site.
- e. The project will involve changes that would promote or result in the conversion of farmland to non-agriculture use. The subject property is currently designated for an urban rather than agricultural land use. Properties that are vacant may develop in a way that is consistent with their zoning and land use designated at any time. The adopted Visalia General Plan's implementation of a three-tier growth boundary system further assists in protecting open space around the City fringe to ensure that premature conversion of farmland to non-agricultural uses does not occur.

III. AIR QUALITY

- a. The project site is located in an area that is under the jurisdiction of the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD). The project in itself does not disrupt implementation of the San Joaquin Regional Air Quality Management Plan, and will therefore be a less than significant impact.
- Development under the Visalia General Plan will result in emissions that will exceed thresholds established by the SJVAPCD for PM10 and PM2.5. The project will contribute to a net increase of criteria pollutants and will therefore contribute to exceeding the thresholds. Also the project could result in short-term air quality impacts related to dust generation and exhaust due to construction and grading activities. This site was evaluated in the Visalia General Plan Update EIR for conversion into urban development. Development under the General Plan will result in increases of construction and operation-related criteria pollutant impacts, which are considered significant and unavoidable. General Plan policies identified under Impacts 3.3-1 and 3.3-2 serve as the mitigation which assists in reducing the severity of the impact to the extent possible while still achieving the General Plan's goals of accommodating a certain amount of growth to occur within

the Planning Area.

The project is required to adhere to requirements administered by the SJVAPCD to reduce emissions to a level of compliance consistent with the District's grading regulations. Compliance with the SJVAPCD's rules and regulations will reduce potential impacts associated with air quality standard violations to a less than significant level.

In addition, development of the project will be subject to the SJVAPCD Indirect Source Review (Rule 9510) procedures that became effective on March 1, 2006. The Applicant will be required to obtain permits demonstrating compliance with Rule 9510, or payment of mitigation fees to the SJVAPCD.

c. Tulare County is designated non-attainment for certain federal ozone and state ozone levels. The project will result in a net increase of criteria pollutants. This site was evaluated in the Visalia General Plan Update EIR for conversion into urban development. Development under the General Plan will result in increases of construction and operation-related criteria pollutant impacts, which are considered significant and unavoidable. General Plan policies identified under Impacts 3.3-1, 3.3-2, and 3.3-3 serve as the mitigation which assists in reducing the severity of the impact to the extent possible while still achieving the General Plan's goals of accommodating a certain amount of growth to occur within the Planning Area.

The project is required to adhere to requirements administered by the SJVAPCD to reduce emissions to a level of compliance consistent with the District's grading regulations. Compliance with the SJVAPCD's rules and regulations will reduce potential impacts associated with air quality standard violations to a less than significant level.

In addition, development of the project will be subject to the SJVAPCD Indirect Source Review (Rule 9510) procedures that became effective on March 1, 2006. The Applicant will be required to obtain permits demonstrating compliance with Rule 9510, or payment of mitigation fees to the SJVAPCD.

- d. Residences located near the proposed project may be exposed to pollutant concentrations due to construction activities. However, the use of construction equipment will be temporary and is subject to SJVAPCD rules and regulations. The impact is considered as less than significant.
- The proposed project will not involve the generation of objectionable odors that would affect a substantial number of people.

IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

a. The site has no known species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The project would therefore not have a substantial adverse effect on a sensitive, candidate, or special species.

In addition, staff had conducted an on-site visit to the site

in July 2019 to observe biological conditions and did not observe any evidence or symptoms that would suggest the presence of a sensitive, candidate, or special species.

City-wide biological resources were evaluated in the Visalia General Plan Update Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The EIR concluded that certain special-status species or their habitats may be directly or indirectly affected by future development within the General Plan Planning Area. This may be through the removal of or disturbance to habitat. Such effects would be considered significant. However, the General Plan contains multiple polices, identified under Impact 3.8-1 of the EIR, that together work to reduce the potential for impacts on special-status species likely to occur in the Planning Area. With implementation of these polies, impacts on special-status species will be less than significant.

b. The project is located adjacent to Mill Creek. However, with the exception of improving the existing multi-use trail system adjacent with their project site, the project will not affect Mill Creek because any construction activity will occur at least fifty feet from the top of bank of Mill Creek. Further, no sensitive riparian habitat or other natural community has been identified on the project site.

City-wide biological resources were evaluated in the Visalia General Plan Update Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The EIR concluded that certain sensitive natural communities may be directly or indirectly affected by future development within the General Plan Planning Area, particularly valley oak woodlands and valley oak riparian woodlands. Such effects would be considered significant. However, the General Plan contains multiple polices, identified under Impact 3.8-2 of the EIR, that together work to reduce the potential for impacts on woodlands located within in the Planning Area. With implementation of these policies, impacts on woodlands will be less than significant.

c. The project is located adjacent to a federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. However, with the exception of improving the existing multi-use trail system adjacent with their project site, the project will not affect Mill Creek because any construction activity will occur at least fifty feet from the top of bank of Mill Creek. Further, no sensitive riparian habitat or other natural community has been identified on the project site.

City-wide biological resources were evaluated in the Visalia General Plan Update Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The EIR concluded that certain protected wetlands and other waters may be directly or indirectly affected by future development within the General Plan Planning Area. Such effects would be considered significant. However, the General Plan contains multiple polices, identified under Impact 3.8-3 of the EIR, that together work to reduce the potential for impacts on wetlands and other waters located within in the Planning Area. With implementation of these policies, impacts on wetlands will be less than significant.

e. City-wide biological resources were evaluated in the Visalia General Plan Update Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The EIR concluded that the movement of wildlife species may be directly or indirectly affected by future development within the General Plan Planning. Such effects would be considered significant. However, the General Plan contains multiple polices, identified under Impact 3.8-4 of the EIR, that together work to reduce the potential for impacts on wildlife movement corridors located within in the Planning Area. With implementation of these polies, impacts on wildlife movement corridors will be less than significant.

f. The City has a municipal ordinance in place to protect valley oak trees. All existing valley oak trees on the project site will be under the jurisdiction of this ordinance. Any oak trees to be removed from the site are subject to the jurisdiction of the municipal ordinance.

There are no Valley Oak trees onsite.

g. There are no local or regional habitat conservation plans for the area. A 200-foot wide conservation easement has been established along Hwy 198. The project reflects this setback.

V. CULTURAL RESOURCES

- a. There are no known historical resources located within the project area. If some potentially historical or cultural resource is unearthed during development all work should cease until a qualified professional archaeologist can evaluate the finding and make necessary mitigation recommendations.
- b. There are no known archaeological resources located within the project area. If some archaeological resource is unearthed during development all work should cease until a qualified professional archaeologist can evaluate the finding and make necessary mitigation recommendations.
- There are no known unique paleontological resources or geologic features located within the project area.
- d. There are no known human remains buried in the project vicinity. If human remains are unearthed during development all work should cease until the proper authorities are notified and a qualified professional archaeologist can evaluate the finding and make any necessary mitigation recommendations.

VI. GEOLOGY AND SOILS

- a. The State Geologist has not issued an Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Map for Tulare County. The project area is not located on or near any known earthquake fault lines. Therefore, the project will not expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse impacts involving earthquakes.
- b. The development of this site will require movement of topsoil. Existing City Engineering Division standards require that a grading and drainage plan be submitted for review to the City to ensure that off- and on-site improvements will be designed to meet City standards.
- c. The project area is relatively flat and the underlying soil is not known to be unstable. Soils in the Visalia area have few limitations with regard to development. Due to low clay content and limited topographic relief, soils in the Visalia area have low expansion characteristics.
- d. Due to low clay content, soils in the Visalia area have an expansion index of 0-20, which is defined as very low potential expansion.

e. The project does not involve the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems since sanitary sewer lines are used for the disposal of waste water at this location.

VII. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

a. The project is expected to generate Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions in the short-term as a result of the construction of residences and long-term as a result of day-to-day operation of the proposed residences.

The City has prepared and adopted a Climate Action Plan (CAP) which includes a baseline GHG emissions inventories, reduction measures, and reduction targets consistent with local and State goals. The CAP was prepared concurrently with the proposed General Plan and its impacts are also evaluated in the Visalia General Plan Update EIR.

The Visalia General Plan and the CAP both include policies that aim to reduce the level of GHG emissions emitted in association with buildout conditions under the General Plan. Although emissions will be generated as a result of the project, implementation of the General Plan and CAP policies will result in fewer emissions than would be associated with a continuation of baseline conditions. Thus, the impact to GHG emissions will be less than significant.

b. The State of California has enacted the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB 32), which included provisions for reducing the GHG emission levels to 1990 "baseline" levels by 2020.

The proposed project will not impede the State's ability to meet the GHG emission reduction targets under AB 32. Current and probable future state and local GHG reduction measures will continue to reduce the project's contribution to climate change. As a result, the project will not contribute significantly, either individually or cumulatively, to GHG emissions.

VIII. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

- a. No hazardous materials are anticipated with the project. A health Risk Assessment was prepared for the project due to its 500-foot proximity to a state highway. The conclusion is that the health risk is .002 which is below the significance threshold prescribed by the California Air Resources Board (CARB).
- b. Construction activities associated with development of the project may include maintenance of on-site construction equipment which could lead to minor fuel and oil spills. The use and handling of any hazardous materials during construction activities would occur in accordance with applicable federal, state, regional, and local laws. Therefore, impacts are considered to be less than significant.
- c. There are no schools located within one-quarter mile from the project site according to the Visalia General Plan, Figure 5-2, although no school has been proposed at this location. Notwithstanding, there is no reasonably foreseeable condition or incident involving the project that could affect school sites.
- d. The project area does not include any sites listed as hazardous materials sites pursuant to Government Code Section 65692.5.

e. The City's adopted Airport Master Plan shows the project area is located outside of all Airport Zones. There are no restrictions for the proposed project related to Airport Zone requirements.

The project area is located within 1.5 miles of the Visalia Airport. However, it is not located in a flight path, collision safety zone, or noise threshold of the airport.

- f. The project area is not within the vicinity of any private airstrip.
- g. The project will not interfere with the implementation of any adopted emergency response plan or evacuation plan.
- h. There are no wild lands within or near the project area.

HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY

IX.

a. Development projects associated with buildout under the Visalia General Plan are subject to regulations which serve to ensure that such projects do not violate water quality standards of waste discharge requirements. These regulations include the Federal Clean Water Act (CWA), the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit program. State regulations include the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) and more specifically the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), of which the project site area falls within the jurisdiction of.

Adherence to these regulations results in projects incorporating measures that reduce pollutants. The project will be required to adhere to municipal waste water requirements set by the Central Valley RWQCB and any permits issued by the agency.

Furthermore, the Visalia General Plan contains multiple polices, identified under Impact 3.6-2 and 3.9-3 of the EIR, that together work to reduce the potential for impacts to water quality. With implementation of these policies and the existing City standards, impacts to water quality will be less than significant.

- b. The project area overlies the southern portion of the San Joaquin unit of the Central Valley groundwater aquifer. The project will result in an increase of impervious surfaces on the project site, which might affect the amount of precipitation that is recharged to the aquifer. However, as the City of Visalia is already largely developed and covered by impervious surfaces, the increase of impervious surfaces through this project will be small by comparison. The project therefore might affect the amount of precipitation that is recharged to the aquifer. The City of Visalia's water conversation measures and explorations for surface water use over groundwater extraction will assist in offsetting the loss in groundwater recharge.
- c. Development of the site has the potential to affect drainage patterns in the short term due to erosion and sedimentation during construction activities and in the long term through the expansion of impervious surfaces. Impaired storm water runoff may then be intercepted and directed to a storm drain or water body, unless allowed to stand in a detention area. The City's existing standards may require the preparation and implementation of a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) in accordance with the SWRCB's General Construction

Permit process, which would address erosion control measures.

The Visalia General Plan contains multiple polices, identified under Impact 3.6-1 of the EIR, that together work to reduce the potential for erosion. With implementation of these policies and the existing City standards, impacts to erosion will be less than significant.

d. Development of the site will create additional impervious surfaces. However, existing and planned improvements to storm water drainage facilities as required through the Visalia General Plan policies will reduce any potential impacts to a less than significant level.

Polices identified under Impact 3.6-2 of the EIR will reduce any potential impacts to a less than significant level. With implementation of these policies and the existing City standards, impacts to groundwater supplies will be less than significant.

e. Development of the site will create additional impervious surfaces. However, existing and planned improvements to storm water drainage facilities as required through the Visalia General Plan policies will reduce any potential impacts to a less than significant level.

Polices identified under Impact 3.6-2 of the EIR will reduce any potential impacts to a less than significant level. With implementation of these policies and the existing City standards, impacts to groundwater supplies will be less than significant.

Furthermore, the project will be required to meet the City's improvement standards for directing storm water runoff to the existing City storm water drainage system, consistent with the City's adopted City Storm Drain Master Plan.

- f. There are no reasonably foreseeable reasons why the project would result in the degradation of water quality. As previously discussed, the Visalia General Plan contains multiple polices, identified under Impact 3.6-2 and 3.9-3 of the EIR, that together work to reduce the potential for impacts to water quality. With implementation of these policies and the existing City standards, impacts to water quality will be less than significant.
- g. The project area is located within Zone X500, which indicates an area that is outside of the 100-year flood hazard area.
- The project area is located within Zone X500, which indicates an area that is outside of the 100-year flood hazard area.
- The project area along with the entirety of the City of Visalia lies within the dam inundation area of Terminus Dam, located adjacent to Lake Kaweah approximately 15 miles to the east. The dam is capable of handling up to a 1,000-year flood. In the case of dam failure however, people and structures would be exposed to flooding risk. This impact is considered significant and unavoidable.

The Visalia General Plan Update Environmental Impact Report (EIR) has already considered the environmental impacts of the placement of people and structures to an area at risk of dam failure. The General Plan contains multiple polices that address the issue, and the County of Tulare maintains the Tulare County Hazard Mitigation Plan and a Mass Evacuation Plan that will help to reduce the impact. The General Plan policies identified under

Impact 3.6-5 of the EIR serve as the mitigation which assists in reducing the severity of the impact to the extent possible while still achieving the General Plan's goals of accommodating a certain amount of growth to occur within the Planning Area.

Because there is still a significant impact, a Statement of Overriding Considerations was previously adopted with the Visalia General Plan Update EIR.

j. The project area is located sufficiently inland and distant from bodies of water, and outside potentially hazardous areas for seiches and tsunamis. The site is also relatively flat, which will contribute to the lack of impacts by mudflow occurrence. Therefore there will be no impact related to these hazards.

X. LAND USE AND PLANNING

- a. The project will not physically divide an established community. The proposed project is to be developed on land designated for industrial development. The project site is surrounded on three sides by urban development and is bordered by two roadways.
- b. The project as a whole does not conflict with any land use plan, policy or regulation of the City of Visalia. The site's General Plan Land Use Designation of RLD and C and the Zoning Designation of R-1-5 and OS is consistent with each other based on the underlying allowed land uses and density ranges as identified in Table 9-1 "Consistency between the Plan and Zoning" of the General Plan.

The proposed project will be consistent with the Land Use Element of the General Plan.

c. The project does not conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan as the project site is vacant dirt lot with no significant natural habitat present.

XI. MINERAL RESOURCES

- No mineral areas of regional or statewide importance exist within the Visalia area.
- There are no mineral resource recovery sites delineated in the Visalia area.

XII. NOISE

a. The project will result in noise generation typical of urban development, but not in excess of standards established in the City of Visalia's General Plan or Noise Ordinance. Noise levels will also increase temporarily during the construction of the project but shall remain within the noise limits and restricted to the allowed hours of construction defined by the City of Visalia Noise Ordinance. Temporary increase in ambient noise levels is considered to be less than significant.

A Noise Study was prepared for the project in December 2018. The study concluded the project meets all City standards for interior and exterior noise levels for residences.

b. Ground-borne vibration or ground-borne noise levels may occur as part of construction activities associated with the project. Construction activities will be temporary and will not expose persons to such vibration or noise levels for an extended period of time; thus the impacts will be less than significant. There are no existing uses near the project area that create ground-borne vibration or ground-borne noise levels.

- c. Ambient noise levels will increase beyond current levels as a result of the project, however these levels will be typical of noise levels associated with urban development and not in excess of standards established in the City of Visalia's General Plan or Noise Ordinance. The City's standards for setbacks and construction of walls along major streets and between residential uses reduce noise levels to a level that is less than significant. Noise associated with the establishment of industrial uses was previously evaluated with the General Plan for the conversion of land to urban uses.
- d. Noise levels will increase during the construction of the project but shall remain within the limits defined by the City of Visalia Noise Ordinance. Temporary increase in ambient noise levels is considered to be less than significant.
- e. The project area is within 1.5 miles of a public airport. However, the project will not expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels resulting from aircraft operations.
- f. There is no private airstrip near the project area.

XIII. POPULATION AND HOUSING

a. The project will not result in additional population growth. Any growth inducement based on non-resdential development and job creation would be marginal and incidental to the City's anticipated overall population growth.

The population growth induced by the project is not considered as substantial for this location. This has been determined on the basis that the growth will not contribute in a substantial change in the long-term buildout population assumed in the Visalia General Plan, assuming that all vacant properties identified in the plan are developed. The increase will also not result in substantial population growth for an area of the City beyond what existing and future services are capable of providing, as discussed elsewhere in this environmental evaluation. Therefore, impacts are determined to be less than significant.

- Development of the site will not displace any housing on the site
- Development of the site will not displace any people on the site.

XIV. PUBLIC SERVICES

a.

- i. Current fire protection facilities are located at the Visalia Station 53, located approximately one mile southeast of the property, and can adequately serve the site without a need for alteration. Impact fees will be paid to mitigate the project's proportionate impact on these facilities.
- ii. Current police protection facilities can adequately serve the site without a need for alteration. Impact fees will be paid to mitigate the project's proportionate impact on these facilities.
- The project will not directly generate new students for which existing schools in the area may accommodate.

In addition, the project will be required to pay residential impact fees. These fees are considered to be conclusive mitigation for direct impacts.

 Other public facilities can adequately serve the site without a need for alteration.

XV. RECREATION

- a. The project will generate new residents and will therefore incrementally increase the use of existing parks and other recreational facilities, but not at a level that will cause or accelerate substantial adverse impacts or reduce acceptable service levels. Further, the project will pay Recreation Impact Fees to fund the creation and maintenance of new parks and recreational programs.
- b. The proposed project does not include public recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of any existing recreational facilities within the area that would otherwise have an adverse physical effect on the environment.

The Visalia General Plan contains multiple polices, identified under Impact 3.9-7 of the EIR, that together work to address the quality and management of recreational facilities and the development of new recreational facilities with progressive growth of the City. With implementation of these policies and the existing City standards, impacts will be less than significant.

XVI. TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC

- a. Development and operation of the project is not anticipated to conflict with applicable plans, ordinances, or policies establishing measures of effectiveness of the City's circulation system. The project will result in an increase in traffic levels on arterial and collector roadways, although the City of Visalia's Circulation Element has been prepared to address this increase in traffic.
- b. Development of the site will result in increased traffic in the area, but will not cause a substantial increase in traffic on the city's existing circulation pattern. This site was evaluated in the Visalia General Plan Update Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for urban use.
- c. The project will not result in nor require a need to change air traffic patterns.
- There are no planned designs associated with the project that are considered hazardous.
- The project will not result in inadequate emergency access
- f. The project will not conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs regarding public transit, bicycle, or pedestrian facilities, or otherwise decrease the performance or safety of such facilities.

XVII. <u>UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS</u>

a. The project will be connecting to existing City sanitary sewer lines, consistent with the City Sewer Master Plan. The Visalia wastewater treatment plant has a current rated capacity of 22 million gallons per day, but currently treats an average daily maximum month flow of 12.5 million gallons per day. With the completed project, the plant has more than sufficient capacity to accommodate impacts associated with the proposed project. The proposed project will therefore not cause significant environmental

impacts.

- b. The project will not result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects.
- c. The project site will be accommodated by existing City storm water drainage lines that handle on-site and street runoff. Usage of these lines is consistent with the City Storm Drain Master Plan. These improvements will not cause significant environmental impacts.

A detention basin will be located on the project site.

- d. California Water Service Company has determined that there are sufficient water supplies to support the site, and that service can be extended to the site.
- The City has determined that there is adequate capacity existing to serve the site's projected wastewater treatment demands at the City wastewater treatment plant.
- f. Current solid waste disposal facilities can adequately serve the site without a need for alteration.
- g. The project will be able to meet the applicable regulations for solid waste. Removal of debris from construction will be subject to the City's waste disposal requirements.

XVIII. TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES

The proposed project would not 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:

- The site is not 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
- b. The site has been determined to not 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.

Further, the EIR (SCH 2010041078) for the 2014 General Plan update included a thorough review of sacred lands files through the California Native American Heritage Commission. The sacred lands file did not contain any known cultural resources information for the Visalia Planning Area

XIX. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

a. The project will not affect the habitat of a fish or wildlife species or a plant or animal community. This site was evaluated in the Program EIR (SCH No. 2010041078) for the City of Visalia's Genera Plan Update for conversion to urban use. The City adopted mitigation measures for conversion to urban development. Where effects were still determined to be significant a statement of overriding considerations was made.

- b. This site was evaluated in the Program EIR (SCH No. 2010041078) for the City of Visalia General Plan Update for the area's conversion to urban use. The City adopted mitigation measures for conversion to urban development. Where effects were still determined to be significant a statement of overriding considerations was made.
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DETERMINATION OF REQUIRED ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

_X	I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment.	Α
	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 the proposed project MAY have a "potentially significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact on the environment, but at least one effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.

I find that 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 the Program Environmental Impact Report (SCH No. 2010041078). The Environmental Impact Report prepared for the City of Visalia General Plan was certified by Resolution No. 2014-37 adopted on October 14, 2014. THE PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT WILL BE UTILIZED.

Paul Scheibel, AICP

Environmental Coordinator

July 17, 2019

Date



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MEETING DATE: December 5, 2018 SITE PLAN NO. 18-117 Resubmittal PARCEL MAP NO. SUBDIVISION: LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT NO.

Enclosed for your review are the comments and decisions of the Site Plan Review committee. Please review all comments since they may impact your project.

	RESUBMIT Major changes to your plans are required. Prior to accepting construction drawing for building permit, your project must return to the Site Plan Review Committee for review of the revised plans.		
		During site plan design/policy concerns were identified, schedule a meeting with	
		Planning Engineering prior to resubmittal plans for Site Plan Review.	
		Solid Waste Parks and Recreation Fire Dept.	
\times	REVIS	E AND PROCEED (see below)	
		A revised plan addressing the Committee comments and revisions must be submitted for Off-Agenda Review and approval prior to submitting for building permits or discretionary actions.	
		Submit plans for a building permit between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.	
	\boxtimes	Your plans must be reviewed by:	
		CITY COUNCIL REDEVELOPMENT	
		PLANNING COMMISSION PARK/RECREATION	
		X TSM	
		HISTORIC PRESERVATION OTHER:	
	ADDIT	TONAL COMMENTS:	
lf you I	nave an	y questions or comments, please call Jason Huckleberry at (559) 713-4259.	

Site Plan Review Committee



REQUIREMENTS ITEM NO: 2 DATE: DECEMBER 5, 2018 **ENGINEERING DIVISION** Jason Huckleberry 713-4259 SITE PLAN NO .: 18-117 RESUBMITTAL Adrian Rubalcaba 713-4271 PROJECT TITLE: WALNUT PARK ESTATES TSM DESCRIPTION: TSM - SUBDIVIDE CURRENT PARCELS INTO 34 Diego Corvera 713-4209 SFR LOTS ON A 11.9 ACRE PARCEL (R15) (AE) APPLICANT: 4 CREEKS INC PROP. OWNER: SAM SCIACCA HILLSDALE AVE & PRESTON ST LOCATION: APN: 085-010-102 SITE PLAN REVIEW COMMENTS REQUIREMENTS (Indicated by checked boxes) oxtimesSubmit improvements plans detailing all proposed work; oxtimesSubdivision Agreement will detail fees & bonding requirements oxtimesBonds, certificate of insurance, cash payment of fees/inspection, and approved map & plan required prior to approval of Final Map. The Final Map & Improvements shall conform to the Subdivision Map Act, the City's Subdivision Ordinance and Standard Improvements. A preconstruction conference is required prior to the start of any construction. ☑Right-of-way dedication required. A title report is required for verification of ownership. ☑by map ☐by deed City Encroachment Permit Required which shall include an approved traffic control plan. CalTrans Encroachment Permit Required. CalTrans comments required prior to tentative parcel map approval. CalTrans contacts: David Deel (Planning) 488-4088 Landscape & Lighting District/Home Owners Association required prior to approval of Final Map. Landscape & Lighting District will maintain common area landscaping, street lights, street trees and local streets as applicable. Submit completed Landscape and Lighting District application and filing fee a min. of 75 days before approval of Final Map. Landscape & irrigation improvement plans to be submitted for each phase. Landscape plans will need to comply with the City's street tree ordinance. The locations of street trees near intersections will need to comply with Plate SD-1 of the City improvement standards. A street tree and landscape master plan for all phases of the subdivision will need to be submitted with the initial phase to assist City staff in the formation of the landscape and lighting assessment district. Dedicate landscape lots to the City that are to be maintained by the Landscape & Lighting District. Northeast Specific Plan Area: Application for annexation into Northeast District required 75 days prior to Final Map approval. Written comments required from ditch company. Contacts: James Silva 747-1177 for Modoc, Persian, Watson, Oakes, Flemming, Evans Ditch and Peoples Ditches; Paul Hendrix 686-3425 for Tulare Irrigation Canal, Packwood and Cameron Creeks; Bruce George 747-5601 for Mill Creek and St. John's River. ☑Final Map & Improvements shall conform to the City's Waterways Policy. ☑Access required on ditch bank, 12' minimum. Provide wide riparian dedication from top of bank. EXTEND CREEK TRAIL Sanitary Sewer master plan for the entire development shall be submitted for approval prior to approval of any portion of the system. The sewer system will need to be extended to the boundaries of the development where future connection and extension is anticipated. The sewer system will need to be sized to serve any future developments that are anticipated to connect to the system. Grading & Drainage plan required. If the project is phased, then a master plan is required for the entire project area that shall include pipe network sizing and grades and street grades. 🖂 Prepared by registered civil engineer or project architect. 🖂 All elevations shall be based on the City's benchmark network. Storm run-off from the project shall be handled as follows: a) I directed to the City's existing storm drainage

SUBDIVISION & PARCEL MAP

system; b) \square directed to a permanent on-site basin; or c) \boxtimes directed to a temporary on-site basin is required until a connection with adequate capacity is available to the City's storm drainage system. On-site

basin: maximum side slopes, perimeter fencing required, provide access ramp to bottom for maintenance.
Show Valley Oak trees with drip lines and adjacent grade elevations. ☐ Protect Valley Oak trees during construction in accordance with City requirements. ☐ A permit is required to remove Valley Oak trees. Contact Public Works Admin at (559)713-4428 for a Valley Oak tree evaluation or permit to remove. ☐ Valley Oak tree evaluations by a certified arborist are required to be submitted to the City in conjunction with the tentative map application. ☐ A pre-construction conference is required.
Show adjacent property grade elevations on improvement plans. A retaining wall will be required for grade
differences greater than 0.5 feet at the property line. Relocate existing utility poles and/or facilities.
Underground all existing overhead utilities within the project limits. Existing overhead electrical lines over 50kV shall be exempt from undergrounding.
Provide "R" value tests: 1 each at 300' INTERVALS
Traffic indexes per city standards: REFER TO CITY PAVEMENT STANDARDS
All public streets within the project limits and across the project frontage shall be improved to their full width, subject to available right of way, in accordance with City policies, standards and specifications.
☐ All lots shall have separate drive approaches constructed to City Standards. ☐ Install street attition as required by the City Frainces.
☑Install street striping as required by the City Engineer. ☑Install sidewalk: 5 ft. wide, with 5 ft. wide parkway on LOCAL STREETS
Cluster mailbox supports required at 1 per 2 lots, or use postal unit (contact the Postmaster at 732-8073).
Subject to existing Reimbursement Agreement to reimburse prior developer:
Abandon existing wells per City of Visalia Code. A building permit is required.
Remove existing irrigation lines & dispose off-site. Remove existing leach fields and septic tanks.
Fugitive dust will be controlled in accordance with the applicable rules of San Joaquin Valley Air District's
Regulation VIII. Copies of any required permits will be provided to the City.
If the project requires discretionary approval from the City, it may be subject to the San Joaquin Valley Air District's Rule 9510 Indirect Source Review per the rule's applicability criteria. A copy of the approved AIA
application will be provided to the City.
☑If the project meets the one acre of disturbance criteria of the State's Storm Water Program, then coverage under General Permit Order 2009-0009-DWQ is required and a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) is needed. A copy of the approved permit and the SWPPP will be provided to the City.
⊠Comply with prior comments □Resubmit with additional information ⊠Redesign required

Additional Comments:

- 1. Previous "Vesting" title has been removed from proposed tentative map.
- 2. Local street widths to comply with current 60' right-of-way City local street standards.
- 3. Extension and connection of Hillsdale is required. Maintain existing right-of-way design & curb/gutter alignment. Additional transition improvements will be required at Preston intersection.
- 4. Proposed expansion of the existing basin east of project to retain new subdivision run-off shall be further coordinated with City.
- 5. The City future master drainage plan incorporating the open space area south of Hillsdale will require additional storm drain trunk line improvements along Preston Street and Hillsdale. Developer is typically responsible for extending min. 8" sewer and 18" storm main lines across project frontages the required oversizing or additional mains are reimbursable to the Developer through fee credits per the City's master sewer storm improvement program. Further coordination with City Engineer is required.
- 6. The 200' scenic corridor parcel will be further evaluated for future acquisition by the City.
- 7. City Engineer would need to further review and determine if new utility services will be acceptable to serve the existing single family dwelling on the Remainder parcel.

- 8. Map shall indicate the access road entitlements to the proposed remainder parcel; additional street easements or other may be required as part of final map process.
- 9. Proposed project will be required to improve the creek trail across subdivision frontage; portions of costs will be reimbursable through fee credits to Developer.
- 10. Robinwood Ave. shall be extended and improved to full street width, maintaining alignment, and will not be subject to reimbursement as it is a designated local street. Robinwood shall meet current 60' local street standards and a curb-to-curb width of 40' shall be incorporated into design.
- 11. Street lighting shall be installed per current City standards. Electrical design plan with voltage drop calcs shall be submitted with improvement plans. Project will need to install new service meters for landscaping and street lighting. Refer to City street lighting standards.
- 12. Block wall and landscaping improvements along Robinwood and Hillsdale will be maintained by a new Landscape and Lighting District.
- 13. Additional cross section of Denton Street at Lot E is required. Lot E, as designated, can be incorporated into the subdivision's L&LD however a block wall would need to be installed along south property line and a separate water & electrical meter will be required.
- 14. It is recommended a block wall be installed along south property line of Lot 29 to aid in noise buffering from the existing well site and possibly 198 traffic.

SUMMARY OF APPLICABLE DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES

Site Plan No: 18-117 RESUBMITTAL Date: 12/5/2018 Summary of applicable Development Impact Fees to be collected at the time of final/parcel map recordation: (Preliminary estimate only! Final fees will be based on approved subdivision map & improvements plans and the fee schedule in effect at the time of recordation.) (Fee Schedule Date:8/3/2018) (Project type for fee rates: SINGLE FAMILY SUBDIVISION) Existing uses may qualify for credits on Development Impact Fees. FEE ITEM FEE RATE Trunk Line Capacity Fee \$792/UNIT X 34 = \$26,928 Sewer Front Foot Fee \$43/LF X 640 (PRESTON) = \$27,520 Storm Drainage Acquisition Fee \$3,146/AC X 10.4 = \$32,718 Park Acquisition Fee \$1,558/UNIT X 34 = \$52,972

Additional Development Impact Fees will be collected at the time of issuance of building permits.

City Reimbursement:

Northeast Acquisition Fee Total Storm Drainage Block Walls

Parkway Landscaping

Bike Paths

- 1.) No reimbursement shall be made except as provided in a written reimbursement agreement between the City and the developer entered into prior to commencement of construction of the subject planned facilities.
- 2.) Reimbursement is available for the development of arterial/collector streets as shown in the City's Circulation Element and funded in the City's transportation impact fee program. The developer will be reimbursed for construction costs and right of way dedications as outlined in Municipal Code Section 16.44. Reimbursement unit costs will be subject to those unit costs utilized as the basis for the transportation impact fee.
- 3.) Reimbursement is available for the construction of storm drain trunk lines and sanitary sewer trunk lines shown in the City's Storm Water Master Plan and Sanitary Sewer System Master Plan. The developer will be reimbursed for construction costs associated with the installation of these trunk lines.

Adrian Rubalcaba

SITE PLAN REVIEW COMMENTS

Andrew Chamberlin - 713-4003

Date: December 5, 2018

SITE PLAN NO:

2018-117 - B

PROJECT TITLE:

38 Lot Subdivision 38 Lot Subdivision

DESCRIPTION: APPLICANT:

4-Creeks

PROP. OWNER:

Sciacca

LOCATION TITLE:

Hillsdale @ Preston

APN TITLE:

087-442-008

GENERAL PLAN:

Low Density Residential

EXISTING ZONING: R-1-5

Planning Division Recommendation:

Revise and Proceed

Resubmit

Project Requirements

- Tentative Subdivision Map at Planning Commission Required
- HRA (noise study inclusive)
- Noise Study for Water Well next to Lot No. 29
- See Engineering Comments

PROJECT SPECIFIC INFORMATION (12-5-18):

- 1. Provide a minimum 7-foot high block wall around the entire south tier of lots where the subdivision adjoins land with an Open Space Conservation designation (Lots 26 29, Lot "E", and Lot No. 34.
- Provide a HRA Health Risk Assessment for the subdivision as part of the application materials.
- Provide a Noise study for the Water Well located at the southwest corner of the proposed Lot No. 29 as part of the subdivision application. The well must meet Community Noise Standards related to the adjacent residential.
- 4. Provide a detail of Lot "E" showing all improvements and landscaping as part of the subdivision application.
- 5. Lots 29 through 34, and Lot "E" may not encroach into the 200 foot "Open Space" / "Conservation" designation along the north side of the highway.
- Consideration should be given to extending Lot "D" along all or part of the west side of Lot No. 30.

PROJECT SPECIFIC INFORMATION (7-18-18):

- 7. Meets density for R-1-5 zone and Low Density Residential Land Use Designation
- 8. Designate existing house lot as a LOT or Remainder per Map Act allowances.
- 9. Lots 29 through 34 may not encroach into the 200 foot "Open Space" / "Conservation" designation along the north side of the highway.
- 10. A Block Wall may be required along the southern tier of lots for separation from the highway and Open Space area.
- 11. A Health Risk Assessment (HRA) will be required for any residential development within 500 feet of Highway 198; this project is 200 feet from the highway R-O-W. The HRA would be a part of the environmental document circulated for this project as it moves through the entitlement process.

- 12. Through the HRA or a separate noise study, provide any mitigation details for wall height and construction techniques for noise mitigation.
- 13. Block Wall required along the Lettered Lots Provide a detail of wall heights and setbacks
- 14. A Landscaping and Lighting Act District will be required.
- 15. Any proposed means of "private or agricultural water conveyance" on this map must be shown on the map.
- 16. Show well site on map, well to be abandoned as part of any development improvements south of the Hillsdale alignment.
- 17. How would the southern parcel be connected to City Services?
- 18. Any lots less than 100 feet in depth need to show a developable house footprint.
- 19. Is the access drive on the southern parcel Private or Public, does it contain any utility easements (identify status on map)?
- 20. Show any phasing on the map

R-1-5 Single Family Residential Zone [17.12]

Maximum Building Height: 35 Feet

Minimum Setbacks:	Building	Landscaping
1. Front	15 Feet	15 Feet
Front Garage (garage w/door to street)	22 Feet	22 Feet
3. Side	5 Feet	5 Feet
Street side on corner lot	10 Feet	10 Feet
5. Rear	25 Feet*	25 Feet

Minimum Site Area: 5,000 square feet

Accessory Structures:

Maximum Height: 12 feet (as measured from average grade next to the structure)

Maximum Coverage: 20% of required Rear Yard (last 25 feet by the width)

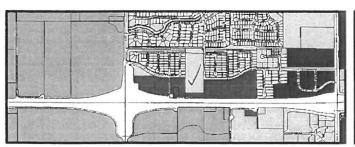
Reverse Corner Lots: No structure in the 25 feet of adjacent lot's front yard area, see Zoning

Ordinance Section 17.12.100 for complete standards and requirements.

Landscaping and Lighting Act District required.

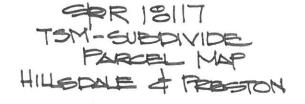
NOTE: Staff recommendations contained in this document are not to be considered support for a particular action or project unless otherwise stated in the comments. The comments found on this document pertain to the site plan submitted for review on the above referenced date. Any changes made to the plan submitted must be submitted for additional review.

Signature





City of Visalia Building: Site Plan Review Comments



NOTE: These are general comments and DO NOT constitute a complete plan check for your specific project Please refer to the applicable California Code & local ordinance for additional requirements.

	A building permit will be required.	For information call (559) 713-4444
	Submit 1 digital set of professionally prepared plans and 1 set of calculations.	(Small Tenant Improvements)
	Submit 1 digital set of plans prepared by an architect or engineer. Must comply with light-frame construction or submit 1 digital set of engineered calculations.	h 2016 California Building Code Sec. 2308 for conventio
	Indicate abandoned wells, septic systems, and excavations on construction plans.	
	You are responsible to ensure compliance with the following checked items: Meet State and Federal requirements for accessibility for persons with disabilities.	
	20% of construction costs toward access compliance when the project is under the	valuation threshold for full accessibility requirements.
	A path of travel, parking and common area must comply with requirements for acce	ess for persons with disabilities.
	All accessible units required to be adaptable for persons with disabilities.	
	Maintain sound transmission control between units minimum of 50 STC.	
	Maintain fire-resistive requirements at property lines.	
	A demolition permit & deposit is required. (Deposit by Cashier's check only)	For information call (559) 713-4444
	Obtain required clearance permits from San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Board.	For information call (661) 392-5500
	Plans must be approved by the Tulare County Health Department.	For information call (559) 624-8011
	Project is located in flood zone* Hazardous materials report.	
	Arrange for an on-site inspection. (Fee for inspection \$157.00)	For information call (559) 713-4444
	School Development fees: Commercial \$0.61 per square foot & Residential \$3.79 pe	er square foot.
	Park Development fee \$, per unit collected with building permits.	
	Existing address must be changed to be consistent with city address.	For information call (559) 713-4320
	Acceptable as submitted	
X	No comments at this time	
	Additional comments:	
		10/5/15
		10512



Site Plan Review Comments For:

Visalia Fire Department Danny Wristen, Interim Fire Marshal 420 N. Burke Visalia, CA 93292 559-713-4056 Office 559-713-4808 Fax

Date: 12/05/2018

Item # 2 Site Plan # 18117

Project: WALDUT PARK ESTATES TSM

Description: SUBDIVIDE CHERENT PARKE

Applicant: HOREEKS

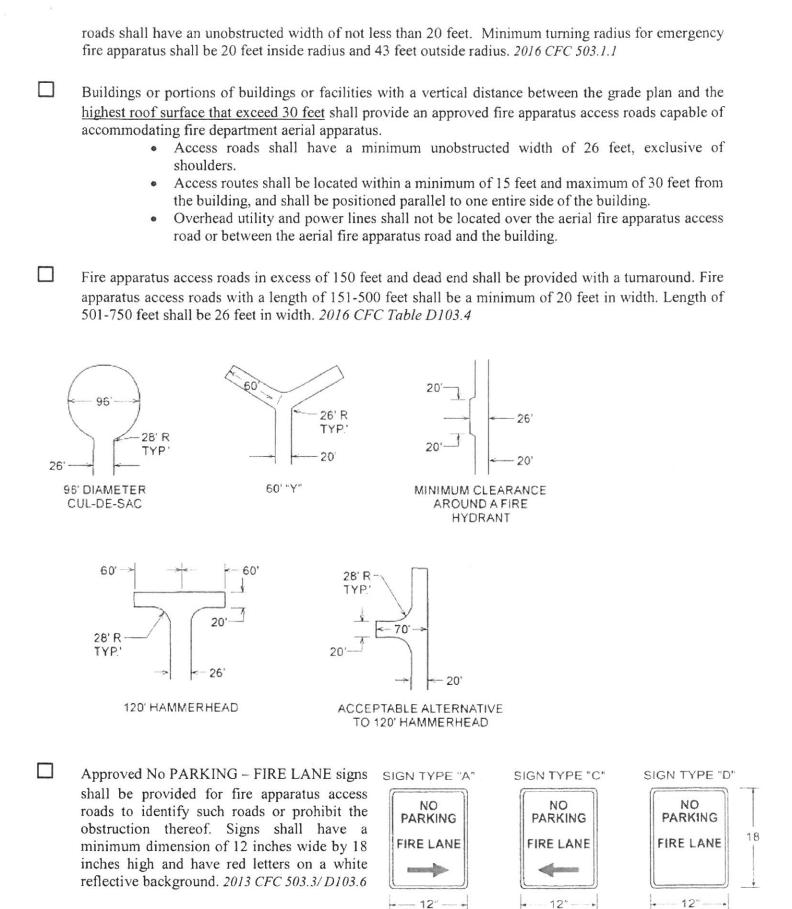
Location: Hillside AVE & PRESTON

APN: 085-010-102

The	following	comments	are at	policable	when	checked:

	The Site Plan Review comments are issued as general overview of your project. With further details, additional requirements will be enforced at the Plan Review stage. Please refer to the 2016 California
_	Fire Code (CFC), 2016 California Building Codes (CBC) and City of Visalia Municipal Codes.
	All fire detection, alarm, and extinguishing systems in existing buildings shall be maintained in an operative condition at all times and shall be replaced or repaired where defective. If building has been vacant for a significant amount of time, the fire detection, alarm, and or extinguishing systems may need to be evaluated by a licensed professional. 2016 CFC 901.6
7	No fire protection items required for <u>parcel map or lot line adjustment</u> ; however, any future projects will be subject to fire & life safety requirements including fire protection.
	 Construction and demolition sites prior to and during construction shall comply with the following: Water Supply for fire protection, either temporary or permanent, shall be made available as soon as combustible materials arrive on the site. 2016 CFC 3312 An all-weather, 20 feet width Construction Access Road capable of holding a 75,000 pound fire
	apparatus. Fire apparatus access shall be provided within 100 feet of temporary or permanent fire department connections. 2016 CFC 3310
	More information is needed before a Site Plan Review can be conducted. Please submit plans with more detail. Please include information on
Gener	al:
×	Address numbers must be placed on the exterior of the building in such a position as to be clearly and plainly visible from the street. Numbers will be at least four inches (4") high and shall be of a color to contrast with their background. If multiple addresses served are by a common driveway, the range of numbers shall be posted at the roadway/driveway. 2016 CFC 505.1
	All hardware on exit doors, illuminated exit signs and emergency lighting shall comply with the 2016 California Fire Code. This includes all locks, latches, bolt locks, panic hardware, fire exit hardware and gates.
	Commercial dumpsters with 1.5 cubic yards or more shall not be stored or placed within 5 feet of combustible walls, openings, or a combustible roof eave line except when protected by a <u>fire sprinkler system</u> . 2016 CFC 304.3.3

	A <u>Knox Box</u> key lock system is required. Where access to or within a structure or area is restricted because of secured openings (doors and/or gates), a key box is to be installed in an approved location. The key box shall be ordered using an approved Knox Authorization Order Form. The forms are located at the fire department administration office located at 420 N Burke, Visalia, CA 93292. Please allow adequate time for shipping and installation. 2016 CFC 506.1
	If your business handles <u>hazardous material</u> in amounts that exceed the Maximum Allowable Quantities listed on <i>Table 5003.1.1(1)</i> , 5003.1.1(2), 5003.1.1(3) and 5003.1.1(4) of the 2016 California Fire Code, you are required to submit an emergency response plan to the Tulare County Health Department. Also you shall indicate the quantities on your building plans and prior to the building final inspection a copy of your emergency response plan and Safety Data Sheets shall be submitted to the Visalia Fire Department.
Water	Supply for Residential, Commercial & Industrial:
Reside	ential
	<u>Fire hydrant spacing</u> and location shall comply with the following requirements: The exact location and number of fire hydrants shall be at the discretion of the fire marshal, fire chief and/or their designee. <i>Visalia Municipal Code 16.36.120(5)</i>
	Single-family residential developments shall be provided with fire hydrants every six hundred (600) lineal feet of residential frontage. In isolated developments, no less than two (2) fire hydrants shall be provided.
	Multi-family, zero lot line clearance, mobile home park or condominium developments shall be provided with fire hydrants every four hundred (400) lineal feet of frontage. In isolated developments, no less than two (2) fire hydrants shall be provided.
	Multi-family or condominium developments with one hundred (100) percent coverage fire sprinkler systems shall be provided with fire hydrants every six (600) lineal feet of frontage. In isolated developments, no less than two (2) fire hydrants shall be provided.
Comm	nercial & Industrial
	Where a portion of the facility or building is more than 400 feet from a hydrant on a fire apparatus access road, on-site fire hydrant(s) shall be provided. 2016 CFC 507.5.1
	Due to insufficient building information, the number and distance between fire hydrants cannot be determined by the Site Plan Review process. The number of fire hydrants and distance between required fire hydrants shall be determined by utilizing type of construction and square footage in accordance with CFC 2016 Appendix C102 & C103 & CFC 507.5.1
	To determine fire hydrant location(s) and distribution the following information was provided to the Site Plan Review committee: Type of construction Square footage
Emer	gency Access
	A fire apparatus access roads shall be provided and must comply with the 2016 CFC and extend within 150 of all portions of the facility and all portions of the exterior walls of the first story of the building as measured by an approved route around the exterior of the building or facility. Fire apparatus access



	On site Fire Apparatus Access Roads shall be provided and have an unobstructed width of not less than the following;
	 20 feet width, exclusive of shoulders (No Parking)
	 More than 26 feet width, exclusive of shoulders (No Parking one side) More than 32 feet wide, exclusive of shoulders (Parking permitted on both sides)
	whole than 32 feet wide, exclusive of shoulders (Farking permitted on both sides)
	Marking- approved signs, other approved notices or marking that include the words "NO PARKING-FIRE LANE shall be provided for fire apparatus access roads to identify such roads or prohibit the obstruction thereof. <i>CFC 503.3</i>
	Gates on access roads shall be a minimum width of 20 feet and shall comply with the following:
	2016 CFC D103.5
	 Gates shall be of the swinging or sliding type. Gates shall allow manual operation by one person (power outages).
	• Gates shall be maintained in an operative condition at all times.
	 Electric gates shall be equipped with a means of opening the gate by fire department personnel for emergency access. (Note: Knox boxes shall be ordered using an approved Knox Authorization Order Form. The forms are located at the fire department administration office located at 420 N Burke, Visalia, CA 93292. Please allow adequate time for shipping and installation.)
	Streets shall meet the City of Visalia's Design & Improvement Standards for streets to ensure that fire apparatus can make access to all structures in the event of an emergency.
Fire P	Protection Systems
	An <u>automatic fire sprinkler</u> system will be required for this building. Also, a fire hydrant is required within 50 feet of the <u>Fire Department Connection</u> (FDC). Where an existing building is retrofitted with a sprinkler system (NFPA 13 or NFPA 13R) a fire hydrant shall be provided within 75 feet of the FDC. An additional 25 feet of distance between a fire hydrant and FDC may be granted when a fire sprinkler Density is designed with an additional 25%. 2016 CFC 912 and Visalia Municipal Code 8.20.010 subsection C103.4
	Locking fire department connection (FDC) caps are required. The caps shall be ordered using an approved Knox Authorization Order Form. The forms are located at the fire department administration office located at 420 N Burke, Visalia, CA 93292. 2016 CFC 912.4.1
	Commercial cooking appliances and domestic cooking appliances used for commercial purposes that produces grease laden vapors shall be provided with a Type 1 Hood, in accordance with the California Mechanical Code, and an automatic fire extinguishing system. 2016 CFC 904.12 & 609.2
Specia	al Comments:
	TWO FIRE HYDERUTS REQUIRED, SEE PLAUS.
6	Dult 12/4/18
Danny	Wristen

Interim Fire Marshal

SPR18117 - WALNUT PANK

City of Visalia Police Department

303 S. Johnson St. Visalia, Ca. 93292 (559) 713-4370

	Site Plan Review Comments
I	No Comment at this time.
	Request opportunity to comment or make recommendations as to safety issues as plans are developed.
	Public Safety Impact fee: Ordinance No. 2001-11 Chapter 16.48 of Title 16 of the Visalia MunicipalCode Effective date - August 17, 2001
	Impact fees shall be imposed by the City pursuant to this Ordinance as a condition of or it conjunction with the approval of a development project. "New Development or Development Project" means any new building, structure or improvement of any parcels of land, upon which not like building, structure of improvement previously existed. *Refer to Engineering Site Plan comments for fee estimation.
	Not enough information provided. Please provide additional information pertaining to:
	Territorial Reinforcement: Define property lines (private/public space).
	Access Controlled / Restricted etc:
	Lighting Concerns:
1	Landscaping Concerns:
7	raffic Concerns:
S	urveillance Issues:
L	ine of Sight Issues:
Ot	ther Concerns:
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Visalia Police Department

SITE PLAN REVIEW COMMENTS

CITY OF VISALIA TRAFFIC SAFETY DIVISION December 5, 2018

ITEM NO. 2

RESUBMITTAL

SITE PLAN NO:

SPR18117

PROJECT TITLE:

Walnut Park Estates TSM

DESCRIPTION:

TSM-Subdivide Current Parcels to 34 SFR (R-1-5) Lots on a 11.9 acre Parcels.

APPLICANT:

4-Creeks, Inc. - Aaron Carpenter

OWNER:

Sam Sciacca

APN:

085-010-102

LOCATION:

Hillsdale Ave & Preston St

THE TRAFFIC DIVISION WILL	PROHIBIT ON-STREET	T PARKING AS DEEMED NECESSARY
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Ш	No Comments		
\boxtimes	See Previous Site Plan Comments		
\boxtimes	Install Street Light(s) per City Standards.		
\boxtimes	Install Street Name Blades at <i>intersections</i> Locations.		
\boxtimes	Install Stop Signs on residential streets intersecting a collector status roadway.		
	Construct parking per City Standards PK-1 through PK-4.		
\boxtimes	Construct drive approach per City Standards.		
	Traffic Impact Analysis required.		
	Provide more traffic information such as a TIA may be required. Depending on development size, characteristics, etc.,		

Additional Comments:

Leslie Blair

Site Plan Review Comments For: California Water Service Co. Mike Morton, Superintendent 216 N. Valley Oaks Dr. Visalia, CA 93292 559-624-1663 Office 559-735-3189 Fax

Date: 12/05/2018 Item # Choose an item. Site Plan # 18117

Project: Walnut Park Estates TSM

Description: Subdivision

Applicant:

Location: Hillsdale Ave. and Preston

APN:

The following comments are applicable when checked:	
	No Comments at this time
\boxtimes	Fire Hydrants Comments- Location to be approved by VFD and CWS. To be installed per CWS Spec's
×	Service's Comments- Location to be determined by owner and approved by CWS. To be installed per CWS Spec's.
×	Main's Comments- Mains to be installed per CWS Spec's. Must provide adequate space for installation for proper separation of Storm Drain and Sewer to meet DDW requirements
\boxtimes	Back flow requirements Comments- Backflow devices will be required on all irrigation services.
Additional Comments:	
\boxtimes	Additional information required when decided on type and size of services and fire hydrants to be installed. Contact CWS when ready to proceed.
Mike Morton Superintendent	



