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**RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
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SUMMARY**

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| Project Number: Special Use Permit No. PSP 14-034 | Agenda Date: 2-24-16 | | |
| Applicant: Three Rivers Lions Club | Agenda Item Number: | 6B | |
| Agent: N/A | AGENDA ITEM TYPE | | |
| Subject: Adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration for Special Use Permit No. PSP 14-034. Special Use Permit No. PSP 14-034 amending and superseding Special Use Permit No. PSP 02-013 and allowing an increase in the annual number of amplified special events, from five to ten, at an existing special events venue: roping arena and associated assemblage of people, on a 5.78-acre parcel in the AE-20 (Exclusive Agriculture – 20 acre minimum) Zone, in Three Rivers. Exceptions: N/A Waiver: N/A Environmental Review: Mitigated Negative Declaration Motion(s): Two Motions Contact Persons: Dana Mettlen | Presentation | | |
| | Consent Calendar | | |
| | Unfinished Business | | |
| | New Business | | |
| | Public Hearing | X | |
| | Continued Public Hearing | | |
| | Discussion | | |
| | ACTION REQUESTED | | |
| | Resolution – Board of Supervisors | | |
| | Resolution – Planning Commission | X | |
| Decision - Director | | | |

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Planning Commission:

1. Hold a public hearing;
2. Adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring Reporting Program for Special Use Permit No. PSP 14-034 as being in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970
3. Conditionally approve Special Use Permit No. PSP 14-034 and adopt the Resolution establishing findings and conditions of approval for the project

PLANNING COMMISSION ALTERNATIVES:

Alternative No. 1: Move to approve, subject to modifications discussed by the Planning Commission.

Alternative No. 2: Move to deny.

Alternative No. 3: Refer back to Staff for further study and report.

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

Mitigated Negative Declaration and conditional approval of Special Use Permit No. PSP 14-034 requested by Three Rivers Lions Club, PO Box 206, Three Rivers, CA 93271 amending and superseding Special Use Permit No. PSP 02-013 to allow an increase in the number of annual amplified special events, from five to ten, at an existing special events venue on a 5.78-acre parcel in the AE-20 (Exclusive Agriculture – 20 acre minimum) Zone, located at 42390 Kaweah River Drive, approximately 1,800 feet northwest of the intersection of North Fork Drive and Kaweah Drive, in Three Rivers.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUMMARY:

An Environmental Assessment Initial Study identified potentially significant effects on the environment and a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) were prepared, indicating that, although the project may have a significant effect on the environment, mitigation measures were incorporated into the project that would reduce any impact to a point where clearly no significant effects on the environment could occur and there is no substantial evidence that the project, as revised, would have a significant effect on the environment.

The following Mitigation Measures have been incorporated into the project:

Noise:

- 12.1 The amplified sound system shall be limited to the arena and “ag” building. The noise level shall not exceed 60dB Ldn at the property line.
- 12.2 The applicant shall plant additional shrubbery and trees along the length of the southwest property boundary in order to diminish the amplified sound that originates at the site during amplified events.
- 12.3 The applicant shall give one week’s notice before each amplified event to all property owners within 300’ of the subject property. Applicant shall provide the same notice to TCRMA before each amplified event occurs.

Transportation:

- 16.1 Provide a sign with arrow, to be placed at the intersection of SR 198 and North Fork Drive, indicating the direction to the Lions Arena.
- 16.2 Provide a sign with arrow, to be placed at the intersection of North Fork Drive and Kaweah River Drive, indicating the direction to the Lions Arena.
- 16.3 Provide a sign with arrow at the intersection of Kaweah River Drive and North Kaweah River Drive indicating direction to Lions Arena.
- 16.4 Gates A & B shall be monitored by Lions Members directing the event participants and public into the parking area.
- 16.5 Handicapped parking shall be clearly designated with approved signage.
- 16.6 Emergency vehicle parking for Sheriff, ambulance and fire will be identified and controlled.
- 16.7 An emergency access shall be reserved for use, if necessary.
- 16.8 Overflow parking shall be made available.
- 16.9 If an event will exceed 150 attendees/75 vehicles, the following actions will be taken:
 - a. Consultation & Coordination with the Caltrans District 6 Permits Office at (559)488-

4058 to determine if the following are needed:

- (1) Provide Highway advisory radio announcements to inform the public of the upcoming event;
- (2) California Highway Patrol personnel should be provided to direct & monitor traffic at the State Route 198/North Fork Drive intersection during the event;
- (3) Provide portable changeable message sign(s) on State Route 198 prior to the North Fork Drive intersection in both directions to warn motorist;
- (4) A Caltrans encroachment permit may be needed to implement any of the above. Call the Caltrans Encroachment Permit Office – District 6: 1352 W. Olive, Fresno, CA 93778 @ (559) 488-4058.

ENTITLEMENT(S):

Section 16.II.B of Ordinance No. 352, as amended, the zoning ordinance allows rodeo ground or roping arena; and assemblage of people for educational or entertainment purposes in a building or open area not otherwise approved for assemblage under this Ordinance upon approval of a special use permit. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Part, a use permit for the assemblage of people may include approval of sales of alcoholic beverages, under an on-sale license.

Ordinance No. 3416 amended the Assemblage of People Ordinance to require that the activity occur on a parcel that contains the minimum acreage of the zone in which the parcel is located. The approval of Assemblage of People (PSP 02-013) on this 5.78-acre parcel in the AE-20 Zone occurred prior to the adoption of this recent amendment.

GENERAL PLAN CONSISTENCY:

The project site is located within the Urban Development Boundary of the Community of Three Rivers and the Land Use Designation is Agriculture/Grazing. The following General Plan 2030 policies are applicable to the project: (a) AG-1.14 Right-to-Farm Noticing; (b) LU-1.6 Permitting Procedures and Regulations; (c) LU-2.3 Open Space Character; (d) LU-7.12 Historic Buildings and Areas; (e) LU-7.17 Shared Parking Facilities; (f) ED-5.4 Recreational Accommodations; (g) HS-8.8 Adjacent Uses; (h) HS-8.13 Noise Analysis. The proposed Project is consistent with the Tulare County General Plan 2030, as it conforms to the land use policies applicable within the Plan. See the Staff Report (Attachment No. 3) for the consistency analysis.

PROJECT SUMMARY:

The applicants are requesting to add five amplified events, annually, to the special events venue that currently operates under special use permit (PSP 02-013). This amendment would supersede PSP 02-013. The Three Rivers Lions Club owns the 5.78-acre property, and, as a charitable organization, they sponsor two of the annual amplified events: Lions Jazz Affair and Lions Roping. These events raise money for the Community of Three Rivers and this amendment is to allow five additional events, which would provide the opportunity for the Lions Club to raise even more money for the community. The existing special use permit does not limit the number of non-amplified special events occurring at the venue. The 2014 schedule indicates there were six amplified events and five non-amplified events. The 2015 schedule indicates five amplified events and three non-amplified events. The 2016 schedule of events indicates nine proposed

amplified (including Earth Jam, May 6-8, 2016) and two non-amplified.

Ordinance No. 3416 amended the Assemblage of People Ordinance and defines Special Event as being, “Any temporary use, generally lasting from a few hours to a few days, conducted or sponsored by an organization, entity, association, or group involving a display, demonstration, performance, exhibition, or amusement which includes, but is not limited to, festivals, concerts, carnivals, arts and craft shows, fireworks displays, sporting events, socials, parties, parades, rallies, and other similar uses.” Amplified sound is defined as making sounds louder, especially by mechanical or electronic means (www.thefreedictionary.com). For the purposes of this special use permit the definition of an “Amplified Event” shall be: “A display, demonstration, performance, exhibition, or amusement which includes, but is not limited to, festivals, concerts, carnivals, arts and craft shows, fireworks displays, sporting events, socials, parties, parades, rallies, and other similar uses whose sound is made louder through the use of mechanical or electronic means. A “meeting” is defined as “An assembly or gathering of people, as for a business, social, or religious purpose;” and is different from an “event” in that a meeting does not involve a display, demonstration, performance, exhibition, or amusement. This amendment to the special use permit will allow an increase in the annual number of amplified events to ten. This special use permit places no restrictions on the number of non-amplified events or meetings that may be held at the subject site.

During the two events which the Lions Club sponsors, the annual team roping and JazzAffair, approximately 20 volunteers work in each of two shifts. The Ag Building is set up with 450 removable chairs. The bleachers in the arena also seat 450 persons. Eleven total events are scheduled, thus far, to be held in the year 2016, with an average attendance of 373 persons. Nine of the proposed events are to be amplified (pending approval of this special use permit). The facility is utilized during the months of April through November and the 2015 Calendar had no scheduled events during the summer months (June – August). The facility is utilized primarily on weekends and the hours of operation are between 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. during the large events. Horses and steers are brought onto the site for the steer roping event. The event lasts three days and the steers are kept in corrals that are temporarily penned in the parking areas.

The five additional events are expected to be a combination of one-, two-, and three-day events. A recent Lions Club Schedule of Events and Contributions is attached (Attachment No. 7). The Lions Club rents the arena to various groups for the remaining special events that are scheduled at the facility. A copy of the Rental Agreement is included in Attachment No. 7 of this report.

Food service is provided from concession stands at events utilizing the two cook shacks. The applicant states that a temporary liquor license is purchased prior to each event. The Environmental Health Services Division requires an annual Temporary Food Event Organizer Permit be obtained.

There are 250 parking spaces in the “upper” and “lower” unmarked parking areas. During the large events, up to 200 recreational vehicles and stock trailers may park on the adjacent property to the southeast (APN 067-120-012). A parking agreement/easement with the owner of this property was submitted as part of the application packet and is included in Attachment No. 7.

A Noise Study Report was performed for this Project (Attachment No. 6). A total of three (3) field receptor locations were measured during the site evaluation and represent residences in the project's vicinity. Existing noise levels in the project vicinity were sampled during two separate 24-hour periods. The first period evaluated noise conditions in the absence of an amplified event (ambient noise) and the second period evaluated noise conditions during an amplified event. Noise measurements at the sensitive receptors were conducted on Friday, May 16 (non-event) and Saturday May 17 (Blues Fest), 2014. Results of the analysis show that none of the measured noise levels in the absence or presence of an amplified event exceed Tulare County's Land Use Compatibility for Community Noise Environments (60 dB Ldn at the property line).

A Traffic Management Plan (TMP) was submitted to, and approved by Caltrans (Attachment No. 8). The TMP details the actions that will be taken in order to control traffic at all of the public events being hosted at the project site. Parking at the facility will be monitored by the Lions Members and directional signage is designed to avoid traffic backups onto SR 198. Attendees at these events arrive and depart in random patterns and do not meet the threshold of 50 peak hour trips (for Caltrans) that would indicate a traffic study should be completed.

The property to the north and east contains pastureland and rural residences; the property to the south and west contains rural residences and the North Fork Kaweah River.

PROPERTY OWNER COMPLAINTS:

One property owner in the vicinity of the Lions Club special events venue has contacted RMA on several occasions with complaints about the facility. The complaints have been with regard to the Three Rivers Lions Club exceeding their allowed number of amplified events and the amplified sound that is generated at the project site. Following, is a list of contacts and complaint filed and the RMA response. In addition, the Lions Club submitted a written rebuttal to the accusations (Attachment No. 9).

09/28/2014: Email stating that the Three Rivers School Foundation event scheduled for that afternoon is underway and amplified, completing the 5th amplified event allowed by the PSP. The sound can be heard one mile up the North Fork. Complainant requests validation that these facts are correct.

RMA Response: Verified that the TRUS Foundation dinner was a scheduled event; but that it was not a scheduled amplified event. Complainant insisted the event was amplified and Code Enforcement made contact with the Superintendent of the Three Rivers Union Elementary School District, the host of the TRUS dinner, who admitted that they had used a small hand-carry amplification unit for the auction portion of the event.

11/09/2014: Email stating that the Three Rivers Lions Club allowed a sixth amplified on Saturday, November 8 and Sunday, November 9, 2014.

RMA Response: This event was scheduled as the Three Rivers Performing Arts

Film Festival and listed as “Amplified.” This was the fifth scheduled amplified event for the calendar year 2014.

11/21/2014: Email asking for an explanation as to why the subject site was allowed to have six amplified events.

RMA Response: Code Enforcement investigated and referred the case to the Planning Division pending the amendment to the existing special use permit.

01/06/2015: Email stating that amplified sound during events can be heard inside the house and they are opposed to the addition of five extra amplified events per year.

RMA Response: A Noise Study Report was completed for the project, indicating that noise levels at single-family residences that are a minimum of 450 ft. from the amplified sound source will not exceed Tulare County’s Land Use Compatibility for Community Noise Environments. The complainant’s residence is approximately 1,000 feet (property line to property line) from the Project site. In addition, a mitigation measure has been incorporated into the project which will require the applicant to plant shrubbery and other sound attenuating vegetation along the southwest property boundary, the direction from which the complaints were issued.

04/13/2015: Email regarding the advertised Jazz Festival. Is it two separate events? Define “event.” Provide information regarding ingress/egress issues relating to SR 198. Is the road leading to the site a private road or a county road? What is the road standard? Lions Club – 3,000 persons at events? Consider the increased density of residents in the vicinity.

RMA Response: The misunderstanding regarding the Jazz Festival being two separate events originated from the 2014 Calendar of Events whereby the Recognition Night – Jazz Kick Off dinner, the night before the Jazz Affair was listed as Amplified Event #1A (one night) and the Jazz Affair itself was listed as Event #1B (three days). The 2015 Calendar lists the four-day Jazz Affair as one amplified event.

Ordinance No. 3416, Assemblage of People Ordinance, defines Special Event as being, “Any temporary use, generally lasting from a few hours to a few days, conducted or sponsored by an organization, entity, association, or group involving a display, demonstration, performance, exhibition, or amusement which includes, but is not limited to, festivals, concerts, carnivals, arts and craft shows, fireworks displays, sporting events, socials, parties, parades, rallies, and other similar uses.”

Amplified sound is defined as making sounds louder, especially by mechanical or electronic means (www.thefreedictionary.com).

For the purposes of this special use permit, the definition of an “Amplified Event” shall be: “A display, demonstration, performance, exhibition, or amusement which includes, but is not limited to, festivals, concerts, carnivals, arts and craft shows, fireworks displays, sporting events, socials, parties, parades, rallies, and other similar uses whose sound is made louder through the use of mechanical or electronic means.

A “meeting” is defined as “An assembly or gathering of people, as for a business, social, or religious purpose;” and is different from an “event” in that a meeting does not involve a display, demonstration, performance, exhibition, or amusement.

Ingress and Egress to the site is via an existing Private Road that is not maintained by the County. The Private Road has been in existence for many years and the County does not have any records on its creation. The private road access is from Kaweah Drive → North Fork Drive → State Route 198 (Sierra Drive). A condition of approval will require that the Lions Club contribute to the maintenance of this road.

STAFF MEETING WITH APPLICANTS AND NEIGHBOR

Planning staff met multiple times with the applicants over the previous year and fielded many questions from the neighbor, Maya Ricci, in effort to come to some sort of resolution regarding this request for additional amplified events. Ms. Ricci continues to be opposed to the additional events because of the sound that is audible at her residence.

- 10/03/2015: In addition to meetings and emails, Planning Staff attended the Lions Club event “Film Festival” and took numerous sound readings at different locations during the event. None of the readings exceeded the standard 60 dB at the property line. Staff was invited by the property owners to Maya’s balcony during the event. The music could barely be heard and the sound reading at this location was 49.3 dB. The entrance to Maya’s driveway reading off North Fork Drive was 44.9 dB while music was being played.
- 10/29/2015: Staff met with Lions Club members and discussed issues concerning dust, private road maintenance, litter, vehicular speed, off-street parking, and self-monitoring.
- 12/01/2015: Staff arranged a meeting at RMA between the Lions Club members and Maya Ricci in order to come to an agreement with regard to the additional amplified events. Conditions of Approval #26 through #34 were added to the resolution as a result of these meetings. Briefly, a Lions Club member will attend every amplified event and the member will take random sound readings throughout the duration of the event in order to assure the sound level does not exceed 60 dB at the property line. In addition, the Lions Club shall not randomly reschedule events without first notifying the neighbors and receiving consent.

HISTORY:

- 1949: Site first used as roping arena. This was prior to the requirement for a special use permit
- 1957: Cook shack constructed w/o a building permit
- 1959: Outdoor restroom constructed w/o a building permit
- 1960: A 1,220 sq. ft. scout shack was relocated from a State park w/o a building permit
- 05/31/1962: Property acquired by Three Rivers Lions Club
- 1980: 1st annual Jazz Festival, a special use permit would have been required for the assemblage of people, but was not applied for
- 09/23/1980: PSP 80-053(ZA) approved to allow caretaker residence
- 1984: 169 sq. ft. announcer’s stand constructed w/o a building permit
- 1985: 400 sq. ft. cook shack constructed w/o a building permit. Subsequent electrical upgrades under Building Permit No. A8701129
- 11/01/1993: Building Permit A9303216 to allow 4,000 sq. ft. fee-exempt ag barn
- 08/28/1996: Building Permit A9602393 to allow reroof of cook shack
- 09/10/1999: Building Permit A9903124 to allow 654 sq. ft. storage building
- 09/19/2001: Violation No. V501-032: Sea train installed w/o building permit A0200089 submitted, violation closed
- 06/04/2004: PSP 02-013 approved to bring into conformance a roping arena and assemblage of people facility
- 07/10/2008: Violation No. V508-032: Failure to comply with COAs of PSP 02-013
- 05/13/2014: PSP 14-034 submitted to add five amplified events to annual calendar
- 07/22/2014: Request BOS to Waive the Application Fees – Denied; Resolution No. 2014-0515 (Attachment No. 9)

PUBLIC NOTICE:

Government Code §65009(b) requires the County to include in any public notice pursuant to Government Code, Title 7, Planning and Land Use, a notice substantially stating all of the following: “If you challenge the project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the County of Tulare at, or prior to, the public hearing.”

ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment No.1 Draft Resolution Adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring Reporting Plan for Special Use Permit No. PSP 14-034
 - Exhibit “A” – Mitigated Negative Declaration
 - Exhibit “B” – Mitigation Monitoring Reporting Program
- Attachment No. 2 Draft Resolution Conditionally Approving Special Use Permit No. PSP 14-034
 - Exhibit “A” – Site Plan
 - Exhibit “B” – Mitigation Monitoring Reporting Program
 - Exhibit “C” – Right to Farm Notice

- Exhibit “D” – Compliance Reporting and Monitoring Schedule
- Attachment No. 3 Staff Research and Background Report
- Attachment No. 4 Initial Study Checklist
- Attachment No. 5 Consultation and Other Agency Comments and Recommendations
- Attachment No. 6 Noise Study Report
- Attachment No. 7 Schedule of Events and Parking Agreement
- Attachment No. 8 Traffic Management Plan
- Attachment No. 9 Maps and Graphics
- Attachment No. 10 BOS Resolution #2014-0515 Denying the Request to Waive Fees and Resolution #8052 for Special Use Permit No. PSP 02-013
- Attachment No. 11 Complainant Emails and TRLC Response
- Attachment No. 12 TC Sheriff, Three Rivers, Incident Report
- Attachment No. 13 Letters in Opposition to the Project
- Attachment No. 14 Letters in Support of the Project
- Attachment No. 15 Location and Property Ownership Map for Hearing Notification
- Attachment No. 16 Public Hearing Notice
- Attachment No. 17 Notice of Determination

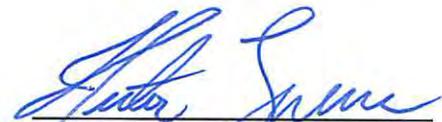
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Attachment No. 1

Draft Resolution Adopting the Mitigated Negative
Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring Reporting Program
for Special Use Permit No. PSP 14-034

BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION

COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF A MITIGATED NEGATIVE)
DECLARATION AND MITIGATION MONITORING) RESOLUTION NO.
REPORTING PROGRAM FOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT)
NO. PSP 14-034 TO ALLOW UP TO TEN)
AMPLIFIED EVENTS – ANNUALLY, AT THE)
EXISTING THREE RIVERS LIONS CLUB)
SPECIAL EVENTS FACILITY)

Resolution of the Planning Commission of the County of Tulare adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring Reporting Program for Special Use Permit No. PSP 14-034 requested by Three Rivers Lions Club, PO Box 206, Three Rivers, CA 93271 amending and superseding Special Use Permit No. PSP 02-013 to allow an increase in the annual number of amplified special events, from five to ten, at an existing special events venue on a 5.78-acre parcel in the AE-20 (Exclusive Agriculture – 20 acre minimum) Zone, located at 42390 Kaweah River Drive, approximately 1,800 feet northwest of the intersection of North Fork Drive and Kaweah Drive, in Three Rivers. (APN: 067-090-022; Section 14, Township 17 South, Range 28 East, MDB&M).

WHEREAS, the applicant (Three Rivers Lions Club) filed with Tulare County Resource Management Agency (“RMA”) an application for a Special Use Permit PSP 14-034 to allow up to ten amplified events – annually, at an existing special events facility, pursuant to Section 65905 of the Government Code and regulations contained in Section 16 of the Tulare County Ordinance No. 352, and

WHEREAS, this resolution of the Tulare County Planning Commission relates to the certification of the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Three Rivers Lions Club as being in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”), the State CEQA Guidelines and the County’s Procedures Implementing CEQA;

WHEREAS, this resolution certifies that an Initial Study for a Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared for the purpose of the proposed special events venue; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project information was referred to various public agencies and pertinent departments for review and recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the project as mitigated will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts; and

WHEREAS, a Mitigated Negative Declaration (Exhibit "A") and Mitigation Monitoring Reporting Program (Exhibit "B") were prepared by Tulare County staff and reviewed and approved for public review by the Tulare County's Environmental Assessment Officer; submitted for 30-day public review, comment and response on September 4th, 2015; and

WHEREAS, on ~, 2015, Tulare County distributed the Notice of Completion and Environmental Document Transmittal to the State Clearinghouse with the requisite number of copies of the Mitigated Negative Declaration to be mailed to affected public agencies and interested parties, indicating a 30-day review period commencing on ~, 2015, and ending on ~, 2015; and

WHEREAS, on ~, 2015, a Notice of Public Hearing and Completion of Environmental Documents were duly published in the Visalia Times-Delta, a newspaper of general circulation in Tulare County, indicating a 30-day public review period commencing on ~, 2015, and ending on ~, 2015; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with state law and local ordinance, RMA Staff has given due notice of the public hearing regarding the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration that would be held for the purpose of receiving comment on the environmental documents (SCH #2015-091015) for the Three Rivers Lions Club special events facility, Special Use Permit PSP 14-034 as described herein; and

WHEREAS, at the February 24, 2016 meeting of the Planning Commission, public testimony was received and recorded from ~ about the proposal. ~ was received in opposition to the proposal at the Planning Commission meeting of ~, 2016.

WHEREAS, the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Three Rivers Lions Club special events facility Special Use Permit No. PSP 14-034 consists of the Environmental Impacts Checklist and written comments from consulting agencies, all of which constitutes and shall be collectively referred to herein as the "Mitigated Negative Declaration"; and

WHEREAS, at the ~, 2016 meeting of the Planning Commission, Special Use Permit PSP 14-034 was conditionally approved by Resolution No. ~.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Planning Commission further finds that the public review period for the Mitigated Negative Declaration closed ~, 2015, and that the public hearing for the special use permit was conducted at a regular meeting of the Planning Commission held on ~, 2015.
2. The Planning Commission further finds and declares that on ~, 2015, the Planning Commission duly opened and conducted the public hearing. During said hearing, evidence was submitted by County Staff, the applicant and the general public and

said evidence was independently reviewed and considered by the Planning Commission.

3. The Planning Commission certifies and finds that prior to taking action on the project, it independently reviewed and considered the information contained in the Mitigated Negative Declaration and other relevant evidence presented thereto (including the Staff Report made a part hereof), the Planning Commission further certifies and finds that the Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for the Three Rivers Lions Club Project, PSP 14-034, is adequate, and has been prepared and completed in compliance with CEQA, the State CEQA Guidelines and the County's procedures for implementing CEQA.
4. Accordingly, the Planning Commission, after considering all of the evidence presented and based on substantial evidence, hereby adopts the Mitigated Negative Declaration for Special Use Permit No. PSP 14-034 and the Mitigation Monitoring Reporting Program, in compliance with CEQA, the State CEQA Guidelines and the County's procedures for implementing CEQA.
5. The Planning Commission Conditionally Approved Special Use Permit No. PSP 14-034 and adopted Resolution No. ~ establishing findings and conditions.

The foregoing resolution was adopted upon motion of Commissioner ~, seconded by Commissioner ~, at a regular meeting of the Planning Commission on ~, 2016, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

TULARE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Michael Washam, Secretary

EXHIBIT A

Project: Special Use Permit No. PSP 14-034

Applicant: Three Rivers Lions Club

Date Prepared: April 15, 2015

MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:

Proposal, Zoning and Parcel Size:

Special Use Permit No. PSP 14-034 amending and superseding Special Use Permit No. PSP 02-013 and allowing an increase in the number of amplified special events, from five to ten - annually, at an existing special events venue: roping arena and associated assemblage of people, on a 5.78-acre parcel in the AE-20 (Exclusive Agriculture – 20 acre minimum) Zone, in Three Rivers.

Location:

42390 Kaweah River Drive, approximately 1,800 feet northwest of the intersection of North Fork Drive and Kaweah Drive, in Three Rivers.

APN: 067-090-022

Section 14, Township 17 S, Range 28 E, MDB&M

Project Facts:

Refer to Initial Environmental Study for a) project facts, plans and policies, b) discussion of environmental effects and mitigation measures and c) determination of significant effect.

Attachments:

Initial Environmental Study (X)

Maps (X)

Mitigation Measures (X)

Letters (X)

Staff Report (X)

Special Studies (X)

DECLARATION OF NO SIGNIFICANT EFFECT:

This project will not have a significant effect on the environment for the following reasons:

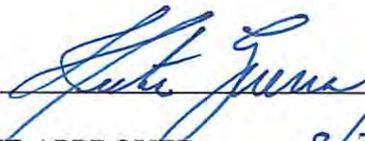
- (a) The project does not have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below

self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of an endangered, rare, or threatened species, 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 Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared by the Tulare County Resource Management Agency, in accordance with the CEQA 1970, as amended. A copy may be obtained from the Tulare County Resource Management Agency, 5961 South Mooney Blvd., Visalia, CA 93277-9394, telephone (559) 624-7000, during normal business hours.

APPROVED
HECTOR GUERRA
CHIEF ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNER

BY: 
DATE APPROVED: 8/31/15

MICHAEL C. SPATA
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OFFICER

BY: 
DATE APPROVED: 8/29/15
REVIEW PERIOD: 30-Day

NEWSPAPER:

- (X) Visalia Times-Delta
- () Porterville Recorder
- () Tulare Advance-Register

Mitigation Monitoring Reporting Program

The Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) has been prepared in compliance with State law and the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) (State Clearinghouse No.) prepared for the project by the County of Tulare.

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Section 21081.6 requires adoption of a reporting or monitoring program for those measures placed on a project to mitigate or avoid adverse effects on the environment.¹ The law states that the reporting or monitoring program shall be designed to ensure compliance during project implementation. The Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program contains the following elements:

- **Action and Procedure.** The mitigation measures are recorded with the action and procedure necessary to ensure compliance. In some instances, one action may be used to verify implementation of several mitigation measures.
- **Compliance and Verification.** A procedure for compliance and verification has been outlined for each action necessary. This procedure designates who will take action, what action will be taken and when, and to whom and when compliance will be reported.
- **Flexibility.** The program has been designed to be flexible. As monitoring progresses, changes to compliance procedures may be necessary based upon recommendations by those responsible for the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program. As changes are made, new monitoring compliance procedures and records will be developed and incorporated into the program.

| Mitigation Monitoring Reporting Program | | | | | |
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| Mitigation Measure | Monitoring Timing/ Frequency | Action Indicating Compliance | Monitoring Agency | Verification of Compliance | |
| | | | | Initials | Date |
| Noise | | | | | |
| 12.1 The amplified sound system shall be limited to the arena and "ag" building. The noise level shall not exceed 60dB L _{dn} at the property | During special event | Verification by County that noise level complies with ordinance | County of Tulare Economic Developme | | |

¹ Public Resource Code §21081.6

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| Mitigation Monitoring Reporting Program | | | | | |
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| Mitigation Measure | Monitoring Timing/Frequency | Action Indicating Compliance | Monitoring Agency | Verification of Compliance | |
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| Remarks | | | | | |
| | | | nt & Planning Branch | | |
| 12.2 | 6 mos. After approval of the special use permit | Verification by County that plant material has indeed been planted, is surviving, and growing | County of Tulare Economic Development & Planning Branch | | |
| 12.3 | Ongoing, at the time of each amplified event | Verification by County that notice was provided | County of Tulare Economic Development & Planning Branch | | |
| Traffic | | | | | |
| 16.1 | During special event | Verification by County that signage exists | County of Tulare Economic Development & Planning | | |
| | Not more than 12 hours before an event, with the duration continuing throughout the event, the applicant shall provide a sign with arrow, to be placed at the intersection of SR 198 and North Fork Drive, | | | | |

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| Mitigation Measure | Monitoring Timing/Frequency | Action Indicating Compliance | Monitoring Agency | Verification of Compliance | | Remarks |
| | | | | Initials | Date | |
| indicating the direction to the Lions Arena. | | | Branch | | | |
| 16.2 Not more than 12 hours before an event, with the duration continuing throughout the event, the applicant shall provide a sign with arrow, to be placed at the intersection of North Fork Drive and Kaweah River Drive, indicating the direction to the Lions Arena. | During special event | Verification by County that signage exists | County of Tulare Economic Development & Planning Branch | | | |
| 16.3 Not more than 12 hours before an event, with the duration continuing throughout the event, the applicant shall provide a sign with arrow at the intersection of Kaweah River Drive and North Kaweah River Drive indicating direction to Lions Arena. | During special event | Verification by County that signage exists | County of Tulare Economic Development & Planning Branch | | | |
| 16.4 Gates A & B shall be monitored by Lions Members directing the event participants and public into the parking area. | During special event | Verification by County that monitoring of gates is occurring | County of Tulare Economic Development & Planning | | | |

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| Mitigation Monitoring Reporting Program | | | | | | | |
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| Mitigation Measure | Monitoring Timing/Frequency | Action Indicating Compliance | Monitoring Agency | Verification of Compliance | Initials | Date | Remarks |
| 16.5 | Handicapped parking shall be clearly designated with approved signage. | 6 mos after approval of special use permit | Verification by County that designated handicapped parking is clearly marked | County of Tulare Economic Development & Planning Branch | | | |
| 16.6 | Emergency vehicle parking for Sheriff, ambulance and fire will be identified and controlled. | During special event | Verification by County that emergency vehicle parking is reserved | County of Tulare Economic Development & Planning Branch | | | |
| 16.7 | An emergency access shall be reserved, to be utilized in the event it becomes necessary. | During special event | Verification by County that emergency access is available | County of Tulare Economic Development & Planning Branch | | | |
| 16.8 | Overflow parking shall be made available | During special event | Verification by County that overflow parking is available | County of Tulare Economic Development & Planning Branch | | | |

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| Mitigation Monitoring Reporting Program | | | | | |
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| 16.9 If an event will exceed 150 attendees/75 vehicles, the following actions will be taken: a. Consultation & Coordination with the Caltrans District 6 Permits Office at 559-488-4058 to determine if the following are needed: (1) Provide Highway advisory radio announcements to inform the public of the upcoming event; (2) California Highway Patrol personnel should be provided to direct & monitor traffic at the State Route 198/North Fork Drive intersection during the event; (3) Provide portable changeable message sign(s) on State Route 198 prior to the North Fork Drive intersection | During special event | Verification by County that these emergency steps have been taken | Planning Branch County of Tulare Economic Development & Planning Branch | | |

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| Mitigation Monitoring Reporting Program | | | | |
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| <p>in both directions to warn motorist; (4) A Caltrans encroachment permit may be needed to implement any of the above. Call the Caltrans Encroachment Permit Office – District 6: 1352 W. Olive, Fresno, CA 93778 @ (559) 488-4058.</p> | | | | |

Attachment No. 2

Draft Resolution Conditionally Approving Special Use
Permit No. PSP 14-034

BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION

COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF SPECIAL USE PERMIT)
NO. PSP 14-034 TO ALLOW UP TO TEN)
AMPLIFIED EVENTS – ANNUALLY, AT THE) RESOLUTION NO.
EXISTING THREE RIVERS LIONS CLUB)
SPECIAL EVENTS FACILITY)

Resolution of the Planning Commission of the County of Tulare conditionally approving Special Use Permit No. PSP 14-034 requested by Three Rivers Lions Club, PO Box 206, Three Rivers, CA 93271 amending and superseding Special Use Permit No. PSP 02-013 to allow an increase in the annual number of amplified special events, from five to ten, at an existing special events venue, on a 5.78-acre parcel in the AE-20 (Exclusive Agriculture – 20 acre minimum) Zone, located at 42390 Kaweah River Drive, approximately 1,800 feet northwest of the intersection of North Fork Drive and Kaweah Drive, in Three Rivers. (APN: 067-090-022; Section 14, Township 17 South, Range 28 East, MDB&M).

WHEREAS, an application for a Special Use Permit has been filed pursuant to the regulations contained in Section 16 of Ordinance No. 352, the Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has given notice of its intention to consider the granting of a Special Use Permit as provided in Section 18 of said Ordinance No. 352 and as provided in Section 65905 of the Government Code of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, Staff has performed necessary investigations, prepared a written report and recommended approval of this application subject to certain conditions of approval; and

WHEREAS, all attached exhibits are incorporated by reference herein; and

WHEREAS, on February 12, 2016, a Notice of Public Hearing by the Tulare County Planning Commission was duly published in the Visalia Times Delta, a newspaper of general circulation in Tulare County to consider the proposed Project; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held and an opportunity for public testimony was provided at a regular meeting of the Planning Commission on February 24, 2016; and

WHEREAS, at that meeting of the Planning Commission an opportunity for public testimony was offered; ~ spoke in support of the project, ~ spoke in opposition to the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

A. This Planning Commission hereby certifies that it has reviewed and considered the information contained in the staff report for the proposed project together with any comments received during the public review process, in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act and the State Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Quality Act of 1970 prior to taking action on the project.

B. This Planning Commission hereby adopts the following findings of fact as to the reasons for approval of this application:

1. The applicant has requested a Special Use Permit to allow an increase in the annual number of amplified special events, from five to ten, at an existing special events venue: roping arena and associated assemblage of people, on a 5.78-acre parcel in the AE-20 (Exclusive Agriculture – 20 acre minimum) Zone, located at 42390 Kaweah River Drive, approximately 1,800 feet northwest of the intersection of North Fork Drive and Kaweah Drive, in Three Rivers.
2. A Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring Reporting Program were prepared by Tulare County staff and reviewed and approved for public review by the Tulare County's Environmental Assessment Officer; submitted for 30-day public review, comment and response on ~, 2015. The Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Special Use Permit No. PSP 14-034 consists of the Environmental Impacts Checklist and written comments from consulting agencies, all of which constitutes and shall be collectively referred to herein as the "Mitigated Negative Declaration." The Planning Commission adopted the Mitigated Negative Declaration at a regular meeting on ~, 2015 by Resolution No. ~.
3. Section 16.II.B of Ordinance No. 352, as amended, the zoning ordinance allows rodeo ground or roping arena; and assemblage of people for educational or entertainment purposes in a building or open area not otherwise approved for assemblage under this Ordinance upon approval of a special use permit. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Part, a use permit for the assemblage of people may include approval of sales of alcoholic beverages under an on-sale license.
4. Ordinance No. 3416 amended the Assemblage of People Ordinance and defines Special Event as being, "Any temporary use, generally lasting from a few hours to a few days, conducted or sponsored by an organization, entity, association, or group involving a display, demonstration, performance, exhibition, or amusement which includes, but is not limited to, festivals, concerts, carnivals, arts and craft shows, fireworks displays, sporting events, socials, parties, parades, rallies, and other similar uses." Amplified sound is defined as making sounds louder, especially by mechanical or electronic means (www.thefreedictionary.com). For the purposes of this special use permit the definition of an "Amplified Event" shall be: "A display, demonstration, performance, exhibition, or amusement which includes, but is not

limited to, festivals, concerts, carnivals, arts and craft shows, fireworks displays, sporting events, socials, parties, parades, rallies, and other similar uses whose sound is made louder through the use of mechanical or electronic means.

5. A “meeting” is defined as “An assembly or gathering of people, as for a business, social, or religious purpose;” and is different from an “event” in that a meeting does not involve a display, demonstration, performance, exhibition, or amusement. This amendment to the special use permit will allow an increase in the annual number of amplified events to ten. This special use permit places no restrictions on the number of non-amplified events or meetings that may be held at the subject site, so long as they are not amplified.
6. The Project is located within the Urban Development Boundary of the Community of Three Rivers and the Land Use Designation is Agriculture / Grazing. The following General Plan 2030 policies are applicable to the project: (a) AG-1.14 Right-to-Farm Noticing; (b) LU-1.6 Permitting Procedures and Regulations; (c) LU-2.3 Open Space Character; (d) LU-7.12 Historic Buildings and Areas; (e) LU-7.17 Shared Parking Facilities; (f) ED-5.4 Recreational Accommodations; (g) HS-8.8 Adjacent Uses; (h) HS-8.13 Noise Analysis. The Project is consistent with the Tulare County General Plan 2030 as it conforms to the land use policies applicable within the Plan.
7. The Project site is located within the AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural – 20 acre minimum) Zone and contains an arena with bleachers and announcer’s stand; 4,000 sq. ft. converted agriculture building for occupation by groups of people; two cooks’ shacks and picnic tables; restrooms; Scout shack; sea train; and storage building – all structures have building permits, if required. The surrounding properties are zoned AE-20, R-A-43 (Rural Residential – 43,000 sq. ft. minimum), R-A-43-F-2 (Rural Residential – 43,000 sq. ft. minimum – Secondary Flood Plain Combining), R-O-44 (Single-Family Estate – 44,000 sq. ft. minimum), and F-1 (Primary Flood Plain) and contain rural residences, pastureland, and North Fork Kaweah River.
8. This amendment shall supersede Special Use Permit No. PSP 02-013. The Three Rivers Lions Club owns the 5.78-acre property, and, as a charitable non-profit organization, they currently sponsor two of the annual amplified events: Lions Jazz Affair and Lions Roping. These events raise money for the Community of Three Rivers and the purpose of this amendment is to allow five additional amplified events, which would provide the opportunity for the Lions Club to raise even more money for the community. All net proceeds of the events are donated to charities and scholarships in the community. This special use permit does not limit the number of non-amplified special events occurring at the venue.
9. The first annual team roping rodeo was held on the subject premises in 1949, prior to Special Use Permit requirements. The use expanded over the years and the

Ordinance was amended to require a Special Use Permit. The legal non-conforming status of the site became a legal, conforming status upon the approval of Special Use Permit No. PSP 02-013, adopted by the Planning Commission on May 12, 2004 by Resolution No. 8052. This Special Use Permit will supersede PSP 02-013.

10. The facility is utilized during the months of April through November and neither the 2015 or 2016 Calendar had any scheduled events during the summer months (July – August). The facility is utilized primarily on weekends and the hours of operation are between 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. during the large events. Horses and steers are brought onto the site for the steer roping event. The event lasts three days and the steers are kept in corrals that are temporarily penned in the parking areas.
11. There are 250 parking spaces in the “upper” and “lower” unmarked parking areas. During the large events, up to 200 recreational vehicles and stock trailers may park on the adjacent property to the southeast (APN 067-120-012) A parking agreement / easement with the owner of this property was part of the application packet and is attached to the staff report. Approximately 70 RVs park on-site during the large events. Maximum stays are 10 days. There are no hook-ups and the RVs must be self-contained.
12. A Traffic Management Plan (TMP) was submitted to, and approved by Caltrans. The TMP details the actions that will be taken in order to control traffic at all of the public events being hosted at the project site, if they have the potential to impact State Route 198. Parking at the facility will be monitored by the Lions Members and directional signage is designed to avoid traffic backups onto SR 198. Attendees at these events arrive and depart in random patterns and do not meet the threshold of 50 peak hour trips (for Caltrans) that would indicate that a traffic study should be completed.
13. A Noise Study Report was performed for this Project. A total of three (3) field receptor locations were measured during the site evaluation and represent residences in the project’s vicinity. Existing noise levels in the project vicinity were sampled during two separate 24-hour periods. The first period evaluated noise conditions in the absence of an amplified event (ambient noise) and the second period evaluated noise conditions during an amplified event. Noise measurements at the sensitive receptors were conducted on Friday, May 16 (non-event) and Saturday May 17 (Blues Fest), 2014. Results of the analysis show that none of the measured noise levels in the absence or presence of an amplified event exceed Tulare County’s Land Use Compatibility for Community Noise Environments (60 dB at the property line).
14. A property owner in the vicinity of the Lions Club special events venue has contacted RMA on several occasions with complaints about the facility. The complaints have been with regard to the Three Rivers Lions Club exceeding their

approved number of amplified events and the amplified sound that is generated at the project site. This amendment will rectify the complaint about the applicants exceeding the number of events and the Noise Study Report that was prepared indicates no significant impact to residences that are a minimum of 450 feet from the amplified sound source. In addition, the Lions Club submitted a written rebuttal to the accusations stating that the group who rented the facility did not know that the hand held amplifier being utilized was considered an amplified event.

15. Food service is provided from concession stands at events utilizing the two cook shacks. A temporary liquor license is purchased prior to each event.
16. A water truck is used for dust control. A tractor is used in the roping arena to spread and disk the manure into the ground.
17. The subject site has indirect access to Kaweah Drive via a 1,600 foot- long private drive (Kaweah River Drive North). Kaweah Drive is connected to North Fork Drive, is connected to State Route 198 (Sierra Drive).
18. The Board of Supervisors, at their regular meeting of November 30, 2010, adopted by Resolution 2010-0927, a Notice of Intent to Collect Tulare County Public Facility Fees, also known as Development Impact Fees. New Development may be subject to County Development Impact fees.

C. This Planning Commission, after considering all of the evidence presented, found that the establishment, maintenance, and operation of the use of building or land applied for will not, under the circumstances of the particular case, be detrimental to the health, safety, and general welfare of persons residing or working in the neighborhood or to the general welfare of the County.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOVED as follows:

D. This Planning Commission hereby finds said Special Use Permit will not have a significant effect on the environment and determines that the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring Reporting Program for said Special Use Permit reflects the independent judgment of the county and has been completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act and the State Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970.

E. This Planning Commission hereby approves Special Use Permit Application No. PSP 14-034, subject to the following conditions:

Standard Conditions of Approval:

1. Development shall be in accordance with the plan(s) as submitted by the applicant and/or as modified by the Planning Commission and with the Site Plan

Development Standards pertaining to a use of this type adopted by the Planning Commission on February 20, 1970. (Exhibit "A")

2. Regardless of Condition No. 1 above, and in accordance with Section 18 (Minor Modifications-Director's Approval) of the Zoning Ordinance, the Planning Director is authorized to approve minor modifications in the approved plans upon a request by the applicant, or his successors as long as said modifications do not materially affect the determination of the Planning Commission. Such modifications shall be noted on the approved plans and shall be initialed by the Planning Director.
3. All exterior lighting shall be so adjusted as to deflect direct rays away from public roadways and adjacent properties.
4. The proposed facility shall be maintained and operated in accordance with all State and County health regulations.
5. All new construction shall meet the current Building Code, Fire Code, Mechanical Code, Electric Code and Plumbing Code as applicable.
6. Any structures built shall conform to the building regulations and the building line setbacks of the Ordinance Code of Tulare County insofar as said regulations and setbacks are applicable to such structures.
7. The conditions set down herein which require construction of improvements shall be complied with before the premises shall be used for the purposes applied for, in order that the safety and general welfare of the persons using said premises, and the traveling public, shall be protected. The Planning and Development Director may grant exceptions to this condition upon request by the applicant.
8. This Special Use Permit shall automatically become null and void two (2) years after the date upon which it is granted by the Planning Commission, unless the applicant, or his/her successor, has actually commenced the use or variance authorized by the permit within said two year period. The Planning Commission may grant one or more extensions of said two year time, upon request by the applicant.
9. This Special Use Permit will not be effective until ten (10) days after the date upon which it is granted by the Planning Commission.
10. The applicant shall sign and return a duly authorized acceptance of all conditions, in the form approved by Tulare County Counsel.
11. All standard conditions and all special conditions of approval of this Special Use Permit must be complied with at all times in order to continue the use or uses

allowed. Compliance with such conditions is subject to review at any time. Normally, an initial review of compliance shall be conducted by the Tulare County Planning Commission twelve (12) months after the granting of said permit; however, the Planning Commission may schedule the review sooner under certain circumstances. Additional reviews may be undertaken at the discretion of the Planning Commission.

12. The applicant(s), at their sole cost and expense, shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County of Tulare, its agents, legislative body, officers or employees in any legal or administrative action, claim or proceeding concerning approval of Special Use Permit No. PSP 14-034; or, at its election and in the alternative, shall relinquish such approval. The applicant(s) shall assume the defense of the County in any such legal or administrative action, claim or proceeding with legal counsel paid for in the entirety by the applicant(s), but subject to the County's reasonable approvals. The applicant shall also reimburse the County, its agents, its body, officers or employees for any judgments, amounts paid in the settlements court costs and attorney's fees with the County, its agents, legislative body, officers or employees may be required to pay at court as a result of such action, claim or proceeding. The County may, at its sole discretion, participate at its own expense in the defense of any such action, claim or proceeding, but such participation shall not relieve the applicant(s) of legislative their obligations under this condition.

Planning Conditions:

13. The property owner shall sign and return the Right to Farm Notice to the Resource Management Agency in order for it to be recorded with the Resolution. (Exhibit B)
14. A Compliance Reporting and Monitoring Schedule has been established for this project pursuant to Section 22 of the Tulare County Zoning Ordinance. Fees in the amount of \$130.00, required to defray the expenses incidental to the compliance reporting and monitoring, must be deposited into a Compliance Reporting and Monitoring Account prior to recordation of the Resolution. (Exhibit "C")
15. Both the parking area and driveways, including the easement from North Kaweah River Drive to the northerly property line of the subject site to a width of 20 feet, shall be surfaced for all-weather conditions and be maintained so that dust and mud do not create conditions detrimental to surrounding roadways.
16. A minimum of 250 parking spaces shall be provided and permanently maintained on the premises.
17. All solid waste shall be disposed of at a County approved landfill or transfer station to prevent on-site accumulation of debris resulting in nuisance or fire hazards.

18. The property address shall be posted in a location visible from the roadway with numbers of 4" minimum in height on contrasting background.
19. All arena areas shall be watered down as necessary to control dust.
20. The hours of operation for events shall be limited to 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. with clean-up activities completed by 12:00 midnight. Participants and livestock may arrive starting at noon on the day preceding an event and must depart the premises by noon the day following the event.
21. An Events Management Plan (EMP) shall be completed and submitted to Tulare County RMA annually documenting future booked events and estimated attendance for each activity. Any amendments to the EMP shall be filed with RMA immediately. Controls shall be in place to limit the size, amplification and length of an event to be appropriate for the size and location of the rodeo and grounds of the facility. The EMP shall include (a) the limit on the number of amplified events per year (which shall be ten (10) per year); (b) a parking plan which includes an estimate of the number of automobiles, recreational vehicles, stock trailers, and trucks per event; and (c) the type of lighting that will be used for each event. The EMP shall note that the applicant shall provide traffic management personnel before, during, and after each event. The EMP will be monitored by RMA pursuant to its Compliance Monitoring Program and based on any complaints made during project operations. Enforcement action may be taken against the permit by the Planning Commission pursuant to Section 18 of the Zoning Ordinance (e.g., modification of conditions or revocation of permit), or by any other action allowed by law.
22. On no less than a weekly basis, manure shall be scraped from pens and arena areas and properly spread on site. Any stockpiles of manure shall be removed from the site within 24 hours. Neither spreading nor stockpiling shall cause any nuisance, odors, or insect vector problems. The overall premises shall be maintained in such a manner as to prevent any nuisances from occurring.
23. The following measures should be incorporated into the project to reduce the overall project's level of emission, to the extent possible:
 - a. Limit engine idling by vehicles operating at the project site;
 - b. Exits onto adjoining streets should be designed to reduce time required to re-enter traffic from the project site.
 - c. Trees should be carefully selected and located to shade the structures during the hot summer months. The measure should be implemented for southern and western exposures. Deciduous trees should be considered since they provide shade in the summer and allow the sun to reach the structures during the cold winter months.

24. Prior to any event that requires traffic control, the applicant shall contact the Caltrans District 6 staff, Permits Branch. A Traffic Management Plan (TMP) and/or permit from Caltrans will be required for traffic control for events should traffic control be placed in the State Highway right of way.
25. "No Parking" signs shall be maintained along the easement on the subject site and the adjacent site used for parking. The operator shall encourage on-site parking as the superior choice at all times.
26. A Lions Club member shall be present at all events for monitoring purposes. Amplified events shall be monitored utilizing a noise level meter for compliance with 60dB at the property line.
27. The applicant shall provide security for events: one guard for every 100 people if alcohol is being served at the site, and one guard for every 200 people if no alcohol will be served at the site.
28. Security arrangements shall be made with a suitably qualified and accredited organization. The applicant shall submit a copy of the contract with the security company to the RMA Code Compliance Manager at least 72 hours prior to each event.
29. Should the event require a public safety response, the applicant shall pay a fine commensurate with the time spent on the call. Should an annual review of the permit indicate three or more public safety response calls within one calendar year that are found to be in violation of the conditions of this permit, the permit may face revocation.
30. All amplified noise associated with events held on-site shall not be permitted between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m.
31. Parking and access must meet state requirements for accessibility for persons with disabilities. These shall include a path of travel, parking and common area which must comply with requirements for access for persons with disabilities.
32. The applicant shall ensure that the premises are maintained in a good, clean and orderly manner, free of any debris or junk materials. All trash must be removed by 10:00 A.M. the morning following each event. Trash receptacles shall be placed at intervals throughout the parking areas; an adequate distance between each receptacle shall be determined by its ability to control litter. Trash receptacles shall be placed at all pedestrian entrances/exits.

33. Litter shall be removed along the private vehicular access easement serving the subject site, North Kaweah River Road, for a distance of approximately 2,000 feet, beginning at Kaweah Drive, northward to the northern boundary of the subject site. The litter shall be removed by 10:00 a.m. on the morning following each day of an event.
34. The scheduling of events shall take into consideration the community surrounding the subject site, to include, but not be limited to, consulting with the community members regarding conflicting schedules. A scheduled event date that has been calendared shall not be changed without first notifying those persons on the notification list and receiving consent.

Environmental Health Services Conditions:

35. An annual Temporary Food Event Organizer Permit is required to be obtained from the Tulare environmental Health Services Division.
36. The applicant shall plant additional shrubbery and trees along the length of the southwest property boundary in order to diminish the amplified sound that originates at the site during amplified events. The Blue Oaks (*Quercus douglasii*) shall remain on the property.

The Following * items are Mitigation Measures:

- *37 The amplified sound system shall be limited to the arena and “ag” building. The noise level shall not exceed 60 dB Ldn at the property line.
- *38. The applicant shall plant additional shrubbery, trees, and vegetation along the length of the southwest property boundary in order to diminish the amplified sound that originates at the site during amplified events.
- *39. The applicant shall give one week’s notice before each amplified event to all property owners within 300’ of the subject property and any other person who requests special notice. Applicant shall provide the same notice to TCRMA before each amplified event occurs.
- *40. Not more than 12 hours before an event, with the duration continuing throughout the event, the applicant shall provide a sign with arrow, to be placed at the intersection of SR 198 and North Fork Drive, indicating the direction to the Lions Arena.
- *41. Not more than 12 hours before an event, with the duration continuing throughout the event, the applicant shall provide a sign with arrow, to be placed at the intersection of North Fork Drive and Kaweah River Drive, indicating the direction to the Lions Arena.

- *42. Not more than 12 hours before an event, with the duration continuing throughout the event, the applicant shall provide a sign with arrow at the intersection of Kaweah River Drive and North Kaweah River Drive indicating direction to Lions Arena.
- *43. Gates A & B shall be monitored by Lions Members directing the event participants and public into the parking area.
- *44. Handicapped parking shall be clearly designated with approved signage.
- *45. Emergency vehicle parking for Sheriff, ambulance and fire will be identified and controlled.
- *46. An emergency access shall be reserved, to be utilized in the event it becomes necessary.
- *47. Overflow parking shall be made available.
- *48. If an event will exceed 100 attendees, the following actions will be taken:
 - a. Consultation & Coordination with the Caltrans District 6 Permits Office at 559-488-4058 to determine if the following are needed:
 - (1) Provide Highway advisory radio announcements to inform the public of the upcoming event;
 - (2) California Highway Patrol personnel should be provided to direct & monitor traffic at the State Route 198/North Fork Drive intersection during the event;
 - (3) Provide portable changeable message sign(s) on State Route 198 prior to the North Fork Drive intersection in both directions to warn motorist;
 - (4) A Caltrans encroachment permit may be needed to implement any of the above. Call the Caltrans Encroachment Permit Office – District 6: 1352 W. Olive, Fresno, CA 93778 @ (559) 488-4058.

The following conditions have been added as a Response to Comments pertaining to the MND.

- 49. A “15 mph” speed limit sign shall be posted approximately 25 feet beyond the entrance point to the private access easement, North Kaweah River Drive.

The foregoing resolution was adopted upon motion of Commissioner ~, seconded by Commissioner ~, at a regular meeting of the Planning Commission on ~, 2016 by the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NOES:

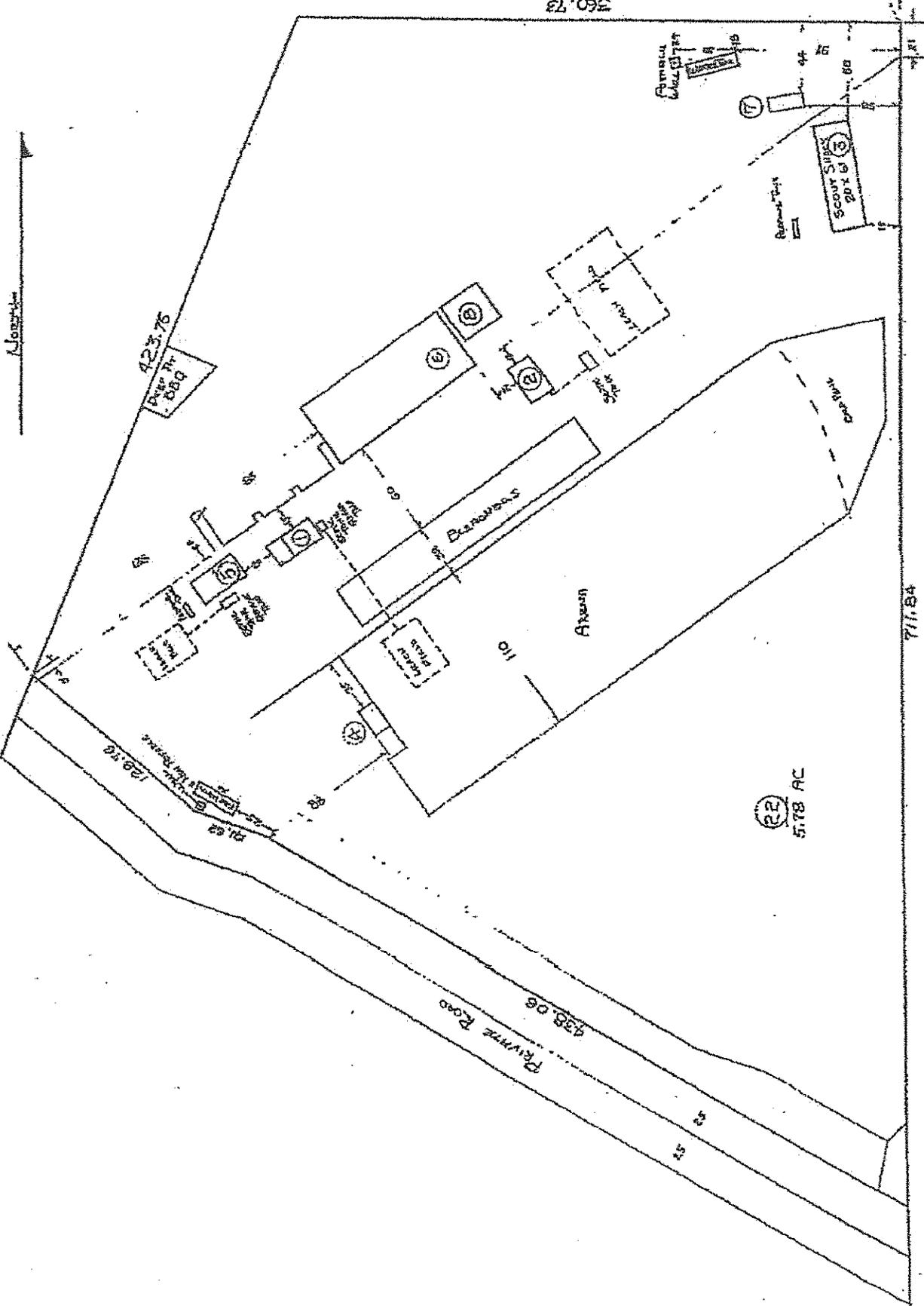
ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

TULARE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Michael Washam, Secretary

- 1987-88
① Old Cook Shack
Concrete Block
- 1989-90
② REST ROOMS
CONCRETE BLOCK
- 1980-81
③ SCOUT SHACK
Wood Frame
- 1984
④ ANNOUNCERS
STEEL PIPE & WOOD FRAME
- 1986-87
⑤ NEW COOK SHACK
WOOD FRAME
- 1993-94
⑥ AGR. BUILDING
Metal Bldg
- 1995
⑦ SEA TRAIN
- 1999
⑧ STORAGE BUILDING
WOOD FRAME



Site Plan
for
PSP 14-034
P.C. Exhibit "A"
Sheet 1 of 2

North Arrow
No Scale

Mitigation Monitoring Reporting Program

The Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) has been prepared in compliance with State law and the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) (State Clearinghouse No.) prepared for the project by the County of Tulare.

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Section 21081.6 requires adoption of a reporting or monitoring program for those measures placed on a project to mitigate or avoid adverse effects on the environment.¹ The law states that the reporting or monitoring program shall be designed to ensure compliance during project implementation. The Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program contains the following elements:

- **Action and Procedure.** The mitigation measures are recorded with the action and procedure necessary to ensure compliance. In some instances, one action may be used to verify implementation of several mitigation measures.
- **Compliance and Verification.** A procedure for compliance and verification has been outlined for each action necessary. This procedure designates who will take action, what action will be taken and when, and to whom and when compliance will be reported.
- **Flexibility.** The program has been designed to be flexible. As monitoring progresses, changes to compliance procedures may be necessary based upon recommendations by those responsible for the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program. As changes are made, new monitoring compliance procedures and records will be developed and incorporated into the program.

| Mitigation Monitoring Reporting Program | | | | | |
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| Mitigation Measure | Monitoring Timing/Frequency | Action Indicating Compliance | Monitoring Agency | Verification of Compliance | |
| | | | | Initials | Date |
| Noise | | | | | |
| 12.1 | During special event | Verification by County that noise level complies with ordinance | County of Tulare Economic Developme | | |
| | The amplified sound system shall be limited to the arena and "ag" building. The noise level shall not exceed 60dB L _{dn} at the property | | | | |

¹ Public Resource Code §21081.6

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| Mitigation Monitoring Reporting Program | | | | | | |
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| Mitigation Measure | Monitoring Timing/ Frequency | Action Indicating Compliance | Monitoring Agency | Verification of Compliance | | Remarks |
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| | | | nt & Planning Branch | | | |
| 12.2 | 6 mos. After approval of the special use permit | Verification by County that plant material has indeed been planted, is surviving, and growing | County of Tulare Economic Development & Planning Branch | | | |
| 12.3 | Ongoing, at the time of each amplified event | Verification by County that notice was provided | County of Tulare Economic Development & Planning Branch | | | |
| Traffic | | | | | | |
| 16.1 | During special event | Verification by County that signage exists | County of Tulare Economic Development & Planning | | | |
| | Not more than 12 hours before an event, with the duration continuing throughout the event, the applicant shall provide a sign with arrow, to be placed at the intersection of SR 198 and North Fork Drive, | | | | | |

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| indicating the direction to the Lions Arena. | | | Branch | | | |
| 16.2 Not more than 12 hours before an event, with the duration continuing throughout the event, the applicant shall provide a sign with arrow, to be placed at the intersection of North Fork Drive and Kaweah River Drive, indicating the direction to the Lions Arena. | During special event | Verification by County that signage exists | County of Tulare Economic Development & Planning Branch | | | |
| 16.3 Not more than 12 hours before an event, with the duration continuing throughout the event, the applicant shall provide a sign with arrow at the intersection of Kaweah River Drive and North Kaweah River Drive indicating direction to Lions Arena. | During special event | Verification by County that signage exists | County of Tulare Economic Development & Planning Branch | | | |
| 16.4 Gates A & B shall be monitored by Lions Members directing the event participants and public into the parking area. | During special event | Verification by County that monitoring of gates is occurring | County of Tulare Economic Development & Planning | | | |

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| | | | | Initials | Date | |
| 16.5 | 6 mos after approval of special use permit | Verification by County that designated handicapped parking is clearly marked | County of Tulare Economic Development & Planning Branch | | | |
| 16.6 | During special event | Verification by County that emergency vehicle parking is reserved | County of Tulare Economic Development & Planning Branch | | | |
| 16.7 | During special event | Verification by County that emergency access is available | County of Tulare Economic Development & Planning Branch | | | |
| 16.8 | During special event | Verification by County that overflow parking is available | County of Tulare Economic Development & Planning Branch | | | |

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| 16.9 If an event will exceed 150 attendees/75 vehicles, the following actions will be taken: a. Consultation & Coordination with the Caltrans District 6 Permits Office at 559-488-4058 to determine if the following are needed: (1) Provide Highway advisory radio announcements to inform the public of the upcoming event; (2) California Highway Patrol personnel should be provided to direct & monitor traffic at the State Route 198/North Fork Drive intersection during the event; (3) Provide portable changeable message sign(s) on State Route 198 prior to the North Fork Drive intersection | During special event | Verification by County that these emergency steps have been taken | Planning Branch County of Tulare Economic Development & Planning Branch | | |

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| | | <p>in both directions to warn motorists; (4) A Caltrans encroachment permit may be needed to implement any of the above. Call the Caltrans Encroachment Permit Office – District 6: 1352 W. Olive, Fresno, CA 93778 @ (559) 488-4058.</p> | | | |

Exhibit "C"

RIGHT TO FARM NOTICE

RE: Use Permit No. PSP 14-034

or

Parcel Map No. _____

or

Subdivision Map No. _____

or

Mining and Reclamation Plan No. _____

In accordance with Section 7-29-1070(a) of the Tulare County Ordinance Code; and as a condition of approval of the above-referenced use permit, parcel map, subdivision map or mining and reclamation plan, the undersigned hereby acknowledges that:

It is the declared policy of Tulare County to conserve, enhance and encourage agricultural operations within the County. Residents of property on or near agricultural land should be prepared to accept the inconveniences and discomfort associated with agricultural operations, including, but not necessarily limited to: noise, odors, fumes, dust, smoke, insects, operation of machinery (including aircraft) during any 24 hour period, storage and disposal of manure, and the application by spraying or otherwise of chemical fertilizers, soil amendments, herbicides and pesticides. Consistent with this policy, California Civil Code Section 3482.5 provides that no agricultural operation, as defined and limited by that section, conducted and maintained for commercial purposes, and in a manner consistent with proper and accepted customs and standards, as established and followed by similar agricultural operations in the same locality, shall be or become a nuisance, private or public, due to any changed condition in or about the locality, after the same has been in operation for more than three years if it was not a nuisance at the time it began.

Dated: _____

(Signature)

(Print Name)

Dated: _____

(Signature)

(Print Name)

Exhibit "D"

COMPLIANCE REPORTING AND MONITORING
SCHEDULE AND FEE NOTICE

CASE NO. PSP 14-034

Section 22 of the Tulare County Ordinance mandates a program to monitor and ensure compliance with conditions imposed as part of approval of this project. It also mandates that fees be imposed to defray the expense incidental to any monitoring and compliance reviews. The following is the adopted fee schedule:

Compliance review fees are based on an hourly rate as adopted by the Tulare County Board of Supervisors. The minimum deposit is based on the estimated number of inspections for the compliance review process.

A Compliance Reporting and Monitoring Schedule was established and imposed as a condition of your use permit. **The first compliance review of your project is schedule for 12 months from the date of approval.** If the use is to commence prior to this first scheduled inspection, you must call (559) 624-7000 to reschedule the first inspection.

Prior to recording the Resolution/Decision and Acceptance Form, a deposit of \$ 130.00 must be made to the Compliance Reporting and Monitoring Account. This deposit can be made at the Tulare County Resource Management Agency offices located at 5961 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia. Additional deposits may be required if the account is depleted. If the use has not commenced and an extension of time is needed, an additional deposit is required with the extension of time request.

Upon completion of the project and/or termination of the compliance reporting and monitoring schedule, the deposit account will be reviewed to determine if excess fees exist. A written request is required for a refund of excess fees remaining in the account. These fees are also subject to waiver or refund under Sections 130 and 135 of the Tulare County Ordinance Code.

If there are any questions regarding this notice, please contact Building Inspection/Code Compliance staff at (559) 624-7000.

Attachment No. 3

Staff Research and Background Report

**TULARE COUNTY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY
- PLANNING BRANCH -
STAFF REPORT/ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

APPLICATION NO.: PSP 14-034

APPLICANT/

OWNERS: Three Rivers Lions Club
PO Box 206
Three Rivers, CA 93271

PROPOSAL: Special Use Permit No. PSP 14-034 amending and superseding Special Use Permit No. PSP 02-013 and allowing an increase in the number of amplified special events, from five to ten, annually, at an existing special events venue: roping/rodeo and associated assemblage of people, on a 5.78-acre parcel in the AE-20 (Exclusive Agriculture – 20 acre minimum) Zone.

LOCATION: 42390 Kaweah River Drive; approximately 1,800 feet northwest of the intersection of North Fork Drive and Kaweah Drive, in Three Rivers.

APNs: 067-090-022 & 067-120-012 (overflow parking for 2 events only)
Public Land Survey System: N½ of the NE¼ of Section 14, Township 17 South, Range 28 East, MDB&M

ZONING AND LAND USE:

Entitlement:

Section 16.II.B of Ordinance No. 352, as amended, the zoning ordinance allows rodeo ground or roping arena; and assemblage of people for educational or entertainment purposes in a building or open area not otherwise approved for assemblage under this Ordinance upon approval of a special use permit. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Part, a use permit for the assemblage of people may include approval of sales of alcoholic beverages under an on-sale license.

Ordinance No. 3416 amended the Assemblage of People Ordinance to require that the activity occur on a parcel that contains the minimum acreage of the zone in which the parcel is located. The approval of Assemblage of People (PSP 02-013) on this 5.78-acre parcel in the AE-20 Zone occurred prior to the adoption of this recent amendment.

Site: AE-20: the site contains an arena with bleachers and announcer's stand; 4,000 sq. ft. converted agriculture building for occupation by groups of people; two cooks' shacks and picnic tables; restrooms; Scout shack; sea train; and storage building – all structures have building permits, if required.

North: R-A-43 (Rural Residential – 43,000 sq. ft. minimum); it contains pastureland and scattered residences

East: R-O-44 (Single Family Estate – 44,000 sq. ft. minimum) and AE-20; it contains pastureland, the former private airstrip, a former catfish farm and fishing park, and scattered rural residences.

South: R-1-43 (Single-Family – 43,000 sq. ft. minimum), R-A-43, R-A-43-F-2 (Rural Residential – 43,000 sq. ft. minimum – Secondary Flood Plain Combining), and F-1 (Primary Flood Plain) Zones; it contains rural residences, North Fork Kaweah River, and vacant land utilized for additional parking for the facility

West: R-A-43 and F-1; it contains rural residences and North Fork Kaweah River.

Compliance with zoning: Yes. The subject site has received entitlement for the events through their existing special use permit, PSP 02-013. This amendment is requesting an increase in the annual number of amplified events being held at the project site.

COMPLIANCE WITH ADOPTED PLANS, POLICIES AND STANDARDS:

Land Use Element: Urban Development Boundary, Three Rivers; **Land Use Designation:** Agriculture / Grazing

The Following General Plan Policies are Applicable to the Project:

Agriculture:

AG-1.14 Right-to-Farm Noticing: The County shall condition discretionary permits for special uses and residential development within or adjacent to agricultural areas upon the recording of a Right-to-Farm Notice (Ordinance Code of Tulare County, Part VII, Chapter 29, Section 07-29-1000 and following) which is an acknowledgment that residents in the area should be prepared to accept the inconveniences and discomfort associated with normal farming activities and that an established agricultural operation shall not be considered a nuisance due to changes in the surrounding area

The project is consistent with this policy because the Project Resolution will contain the Right to Farm Notice.

Land Use:

LU-1.6 Permitting Procedures and Regulations: The County shall continue to ensure that its permitting procedures and regulations are consistent and efficient.

The project is consistent with this policy because the amendment to the existing special use permit is being processed according to regulations in the most efficient way possible.

LU-2.3 Open Space Character: The County shall require that all new development requiring a County discretionary approval, including parcel and subdivision maps, be planned and designed to maintain the scenic open space character of open space resources including, but not limited to, agricultural areas, rangeland, riparian areas, etc., within the view corridors of highways. New development shall utilize natural landforms and vegetation in the least visually disruptive way

possible and use design, construction and maintenance techniques that minimize the visibility of structures on hilltops, hillsides, ridgelines, steep slopes, and canyons.

The project is consistent with this policy because this amendment will not change the existing characteristics of the project site.

LU-7.12 Historic Buildings and Areas: The County shall encourage preservation of buildings and areas with special and recognized historic, architectural, or aesthetic value. New development should respect architecturally and historically significant buildings and areas. Landscaping, original roadways, sidewalks, and other public realm features of historic buildings or neighborhoods shall be restored or repaired where ever feasible.

The project is consistent with this policy because this amendment would allow the continued use of an historic private recreational area that has been holding rodeo events since 1949.

LU-7.17 Shared Parking Facilities: The County shall encourage, where feasible, the use of shared parking facilities. Such areas could include developments with different day/night uses.

The project is consistent with this policy because the Lions Club has written permission from the adjacent property owner to utilize approximately 5 acres along the private airstrip for overflow RV and vehicle parking during certain fundraising events.

Economic Development:

ED-5.4 Recreational Accommodations: The County shall support the development of visitor-serving attractions and accommodations in unincorporated areas near natural amenities and resources that would not be diminished by tourist activities.

The project is consistent with this policy because the amendment would increase the opportunities for visitors to engage in tourist activities.

Health and Safety:

HS-8.8 Adjacent Uses: The County shall not permit development of new industrial, commercial, or other noise generating land uses if resulting noise levels will exceed 60 dB Ldn (or CNEL) at the boundary of areas designated and zoned for residential or other noise-sensitive uses, unless it is determined to be necessary to promote the public health, safety and welfare of the County.

The project is consistent with this policy because a condition of approval will be included stating that the development or new noise-sensitive land uses or new noise-generating sources shall not exceed 60 dB during the day (7:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.) or 40 dB during the night (10:00 p.m.-7:00 a.m.) when measured at the boundary of areas containing or planned and zoned for residential or other noise-sensitive land uses.

HS-8.13 Noise Analysis: The County shall require a detailed noise impact analysis in areas where current or future exterior noise levels from transportation or stationary sources have the potential to exceed the adopted noise policies of the Health and Safety Element, where there is development of new noise sensitive land uses or the development of potential noise generating

land uses near existing sensitive land uses. The noise analysis shall be the responsibility of the project applicant and be prepared by a qualified acoustical engineer (i.e., a Registered Professional Engineer in the State of California, etc.). The analysis shall include recommendations and evidence to establish mitigation that will reduce noise exposure to acceptable levels.

The project is consistent with this policy because a Noise Analysis Study was prepared for the project by VRPA Technologies, Inc., a qualified noise impact assessment company.

General Plan Consistency: The project is consistent with the Tulare County General Plan Update 2030 as it conforms to the land use policies applicable within the Plan.

PROJECT SUMMARY:

The applicants are requesting to add five amplified events, annually, to the special events venue that currently operates under special use permit (PSP 02-013). This amendment would supersede PSP 02-013. The Three Rivers Lions Club owns the 5.78-acre property, and, as a charitable non-profit organization, they sponsor two of the annual amplified events: Lions Jazz Affair and Lions Roping. These events raise money for the Community of Three Rivers and the purpose of this amendment is to allow five additional events, which would provide the opportunity for the Lions Club to raise even more money for the community. All net proceeds of the events are donated to charities and scholarships in the community. The existing special use permit does not limit the number of non-amplified special events occurring at the venue. The 2014 schedule indicates there were six amplified events and five non-amplified events. The 2015 schedule (as of 2/18/15) indicates five amplified events and three non-amplified events. Since the sixth amplified special event occurred in 2014, an adjacent property owner has filed numerous complaints about the facility violating their conditions of approval of the existing special use permit.

During the two events that the Lions Club sponsors, the annual team roping and Jazzaffair, approximately 30 volunteers work in each of two shifts. The Ag Building is set up with 450 removable chairs. The bleachers in the arena also seat 450 persons. Eight total events are scheduled, thus far, to be held in the year 2015, with an average attendance of 373 persons. Five of the eight events will be amplified. The facility is utilized during the months of April through November and the 2015 Calendar has no scheduled events during the summer months (June – August). The facility is utilized primarily on weekends and the hours of operation are between 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. during the large events. Horses and steers are brought onto the site for the steer roping event. The event lasts three days and the steers are kept in corrals that are temporarily penned in the parking areas.

The Lions Club rents the arena to various groups for the remaining special events that are scheduled at the facility. A List of recent Lions Club contributions is attached to this report. A copy of the Rental Agreement is also attached to this report.

Food service is provided from concession stands at events utilizing the two cook shacks. The applicant states that a temporary liquor license is purchased prior to each event. The Environmental Health Services Division requires an annual Temporary Food Event Organizer Permit be obtained.

There are 250 parking spaces in the “upper” and “lower” unmarked parking areas. During the large

events, up to 200 recreational vehicles and stock trailers may park on the adjacent property to the southeast (APN 067-120-012). A parking agreement / easement with the owner of this property was part of the application packet and is attached to this report.

A Traffic Management Plan (TMP) was submitted to, and approved by Caltrans (Attachment No. 8). The TMP details the actions that will be taken in order to control traffic at all of the public events being hosted at the project site. Parking at the facility will be monitored by the Lions Members and directional signage is designed to avoid traffic backups onto SR 198. Attendees at these events arrive and depart in random patterns and do not meet the threshold of 50 peak hour trips (for Caltrans) that would indicate that a traffic study should be completed.

A Noise Study Report was performed for this Project (Attachment No. 6). A total of three (3) field receptor locations were measured during the site evaluation and represent residences in the project's vicinity. Existing noise levels in the project vicinity were sampled during two separate 24-hour periods. The first period evaluated noise conditions in the absence of an amplified event (ambient noise) and the second period evaluated noise conditions during an amplified event. Noise measurements at the sensitive receptors were conducted on Friday, May 16 (non-event) and Saturday May 17 (Blues Fest), 2014. Results of the analysis show that none of the measured noise levels in the absence or presence of an amplified event exceed Tulare County's Land Use Compatibility for Community Noise Environments (60 dB at the property line).

HISTORY:

- 1949: Site used as roping arena. This was prior to special use permit requirement
- 1957: Cook shack constructed w/o a building permit
- 1959: Outdoor restroom constructed w/o a building permit
- 1960: A 1,220 sq. ft. scout shack was relocated from a State park w/o a building permit
- 05/31/1962: Property acquired by Three Rivers Lions Club
- 1980: 1st annual Jazz Festival, a special use permit would have been required for the assemblage of people, but was not applied for
- 09/23/1980: PSP 80-053(ZA) approved to allow caretaker residence
- 1984: 169 sq. ft. announcer's stand constructed w/o a building permit
- 1985: 400 sq. ft. cook shack constructed w/o a building permit. Subsequent electrical upgrades under Building Permit No. A8701129
- 11/01/1993: Building Permit A9303216 to allow 4,000 sq. ft. fee-exempt ag barn
- 08/28/1996: Building Permit A9602393 to allow reroof of cook shack
- 09/10/1999: Building Permit A9903124 to allow 654 sq. ft. storage building
- 09/19/2001: Violation No. V501-032: Sea train installed w/o building permit A0200089 submitted, violation closed
- 06/04/2004: PSP 02-013 approved to bring into conformance a rodeo grounds and assemblage of people facility
- 07/10/2008: Violation No. V508-032: Failure to comply with COAs of PSP 12-013
- 05/13/2014: PSP 14-034 submitted to add five amplified events to annual calendar
- 07/22/2014: Requested the BOS Waive the Application Fees – Denied (Resolution No. 2014-0515)

ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Topographical Features: Mostly level land in the foothills, with rolling hills to the east

Flooding Potential: The subject site is located within Flood Zone X and shaded Zone X (0.2 percent chance flood). Construction of buildings within FEMA Zone X requires no specific flood mitigation flood measures. Construction of buildings within a shaded Zone X (0.2 percent chance flood) require no specific flood mitigation measures; however, it is recommended that all finished floor levels be elevated one (1) foot above adjacent natural ground.

Source: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for Community Number 065066, Panel Nos. 708, dated June 16, 2009.

Soils:

| Type | Capability Class | Shrink / Swell Potential | Septic Tank Absorption | Prime Ag Lands |
|----------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| Vista Coarse Sandy Loam | IV | Low | Severe | No |
| Tujunga Sand | III | Low | Slight | No |
| Vista-rock Outcrop Complex | VII | Low | Severe | No |

Biotic Conditions:

Vegetation Characteristics: Scrub oak

Wildlife Habitats: The California Natural Diversity Database indicates the project site is within the "Kaweah" USGS quad and there are not any special species plants or animals on the subject site.

Water Table: No information is available.

Agricultural Preserves: N/A

PROJECT FACTS:

Access/Circulation: Access to the site is via N. Kaweah River Road, a private road, from Kaweah Drive and North Fork Drive.

Employees: All events are conducted utilizing volunteers

Hours of Operation: 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. (clean-up until 12:00 p.m.)

Water: On-site domestic well.

Liquid Waste Disposal: 2,000 gallon septic tank and leach field system

Fire Protection: Tulare County Fire Department, Station No. 14, Three Rivers approximately 1.5 miles south.

Police Protection: Tulare County Sheriff's Department.

Correspondence:

| <u>Agencies Notified (Revised)</u> | <u>Replies Received</u> |
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| Tulare Co. HHSA, Environmental Health Div. | 06/03/2014 |
| Tulare Co. RMA, Environmental Coordinator | |
| Tulare Co. RMA, Building Div. | 06/04/2014 |
| Tulare Co. RMA, Code Enforcement | |
| Tulare Co. RMA, Engineering Div. | 06/02/2014 |
| Tulare Co. Sheriff's Department | |
| Tulare Co. Fire Dept. | 06/03/2014 |
| Three Rivers Village Foundation | |
| Three Rivers Community Services District | 06/12/2014 |
| SJV Air Pollution Control District | |
| Calif. Dept. of Fish and Wildlife | |
| Caltrans | 07/28/2014 |

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS CHECKLIST/DISCUSSION FORM: (see attached documents)

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

An Environmental Assessment Initial Study identified potentially significant effects on the environment and a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) were prepared, indicating that, although the project may have a significant effect on the environment, mitigation measures were incorporated into the project that would reduce any impact to a point where clearly no significant effects on the environment could occur and there is no substantial evidence that the project, as revised, would have a significant effect on the environment.

SUBSEQUENT ACTIONS:

Appeals:

All Planning Commission actions on Special Use Permits are final unless appealed, in writing, to the Board of Supervisors, 2800 W. Burrel, Visalia, CA 93291-4582 within 10 calendar days after the date on which the decision is made. The written appeal shall specifically set forth the grounds for the appeal and shall be accompanied by the appropriate appeals fee.

School Impact Fees:

The subject site is located within the Three Rivers Union Elementary and Woodlake Union High School District which has/have implemented developer's fees for all assessable space for new residences and expansions to existing residences; and for chargeable covered and enclosed space for new commercial and industrial development pursuant to Government Code Section 53080. These fees are required to be paid prior to the issuance of any permit for the construction of new commercial or industrial structures, and/or installation or construction of new or expanded residential structures. [Please contact the TCRMA-Permits Center or the applicable school district(s) for the most current school fee amounts.]

NOTICE: Pursuant to Government Code Section 66020(d)(1), this will serve to notify you that the 90-day approval period, in which you may protest to the school district the imposition of fees or other payment identified above, will begin to run from the date on which they are paid to the school district(s) or to another public entity authorized to collect them on the district(s) behalf, or on which the building or installation permit for this project is issued, whichever is earlier.

Compliance Reporting and Monitoring Schedule Fees:

A Compliance Reporting and Monitoring Schedule were established for this project. Fees (\$130.00) required to defray the expenses incidental to the compliance reporting and monitoring, will be required to be deposited into a Compliance Reporting and Monitoring Account prior to issuance of a building permit or other grant of approval required to carry out an approved project prior to recording the Decision/Resolution.

Right to Farm Notice:

In accordance with Section 7-29-1070(a) of the Tulare County Ordinance Code, and as a condition of approval of the special use permit, a Right to Farm Notice shall be recorded with the resolution approving the special use permit.

Air Impact Assessment:

The San Joaquin Air Pollution Control District has adopted the Indirect Source Review (District Rule 9510). Your project may require filing of an application for an Air Impact Assessment. Application forms and a copy of the rule that includes specific applicability criteria are available on the District Website at www.valleyair.org under "Land Use/Development" and then under "Indirect Source Review", or at any District Office. Assistance with applications and advice as to the applicability of the rule can be obtained from the District's ISR Group at 559-230-6000.

Water Impact Assessment:

If your project disturbs 1 or more acres of soil or will disturb less than 1 acre but is part of a larger common plan of development that in total disturbs 1 or more acres, you are required to obtain coverage under the General Permit for Discharges of Storm Water Associated with Construction Activity (Construction General Permit, 99-08-DWQ). Construction activity subject to this permit

includes clearing, grading and disturbances to the ground such as stockpiling, or excavation, but does not include regular maintenance activities performed to restore the original line, grade, or capacity of the facility.

If your activities or discharges from your property or business affect California's surface, coastal, or ground waters, you will need to apply for a permit from the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB). If you are discharging pollutants (or proposing to) into surface water, you must file a complete National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) with the RWQCB. Other types of discharges, such as those affecting groundwater or from diffused sources (e.g., erosion from soil disturbance or waste discharges to land) are handled by filing a Report of Waste Discharge with the RWQCB. For specified situations, some permits may be waived and some discharge activities can be handled through enrollment in an existing general permit.

Attachment No.4

Initial Study Checklist

INITIAL STUDY CHECKLIST

1. **Project title:** Special Use Permit No. PSP 14-034, amending Special Use Permit No. PSP 02-013, approved on May 12, 2004.
2. **Lead Agency name and address:** Tulare County Resource Management Agency, 5961 South Mooney Blvd., Visalia, CA 93277-9394
3. **Contact:** Dana Mettlen, Project Planner
4. **Project location:** The project is located approximately 1,800 feet northwest of the intersection of North Fork Drive and Kaweah Drive in Three Rivers.

APN: 067-090-022; Section 14, Township 17 South, Range 28 East, MDB&M
Latitude, Longitude: 36°27'23.83" North, 118°54'25.68" West
5. **Project applicant/proponent:** Three Rivers Lions Club, PO Box 206, Three Rivers, CA 93271
6. **General Plan designation:** The Three Rivers Community Plan, A Component of the Planning Framework, Land Use and Transportation and Circulation Elements of the Tulare County General Plan designates the site "Agriculture/Grazing." APN 067-090-022 is located within the Urban Development Boundary for the Community of Three Rivers.
7. **Zoning designation:** AE-20 (Exclusive Agriculture – 20 acre minimum). The proposal is in compliance with Section 16.II.A&B: Special Use Permits, of Ordinance No. 352, the Zoning Ordinance, which allows rodeos and assemblage of people in the AE-20 Zone, if a special use permit is granted.
8. **Project description:** The proposal is to increase the allowed amplified events on the subject site from five (5) annually to ten (10) annually.
9. **Surrounding land uses:** The surrounding properties are zoned R-1-43 (Single-Family Residential – 43,000 sq. ft. minimum), R-A-43 (Rural Residential – 43,000 sq. ft. minimum), and F-1 (Primary Flood Plain) to the west: this immediate area does not contain any structures, beyond the immediate area are rural residences and the North Fork Kaweah River; R-A-43 to the north: this area contains pastureland and scattered rural residences; R-O-44 (Single-Family Estate Zone – 44,000 sq. ft. minimum) to the east: this area contains pastureland and scattered rural residences; and R-A-43-F-2 (Rural Residential – 43,000 sq. ft. minimum, Secondary Flood Plain Combining), F-1 R-A-43, and AE-20 to the south: this area contains vacant land (a former private airport runway), rural residences, and the North Fork Kaweah river.
10. **Other public agencies whose approval is required:** None.

II. Environmental Factors Potentially Affected:

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

III. Determination:

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

- I find that the proposed project **COULD NOT** have a significant effect on the environment, and a **NEGATIVE DECLARATION** will be prepared.
- I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there **WILL NOT** be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made or agreed to by the project proponent. 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 although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or **NEGATIVE DECLARATION** pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier **EIR** or **NEGATIVE DECLARATION**, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.

IV. Evaluation of Environmental Impacts:

- 1) A brief explanation is required for all answers except “No Impact” answers that are adequately supported by the information sources cited in the parentheses following each question. A “No Impact” answer is adequately supported if the referenced information sources show that the impact simply does not apply to projects like the one involved. A “No Impact” answer may also be explained where it is based on project-specific factors as well as general standards.
- 2) All answers take account of the whole action involved, including off-site as well as on-site, cumulative as well as project-level, indirect as well as direct, and construction as well as operational impacts.
- 3) Once it is determined that a particular physical impact may occur, then the checklist will indicate whether the impact is potentially significant, less than significant with mitigation, or less than significant. A “Potentially Significant Impact” is appropriate if there is substantial evidence that an effect may be significant. If there are one or more “Potentially Significant Impacts” an EIR is required.
- 4) “Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated” applies where the incorporation of mitigation measures has reduced an impact from “Potentially Significant” to a “Less Than Significant.” The lead agency must describe the mitigation measures, and briefly explain how the mitigation measure will reduce the impact to a less than significant level.
- 5) The EIR may rely on earlier analyses where, pursuant to the CEQA guidelines, an impact has been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or negative declaration. Section 15063I(3)(D). The Guidelines specify how the earlier analysis should be used.
- 6) Often, the checklist or EIR will rely on existing adopted documents such as general plans, zoning ordinances or development codes to reduce or eliminate impacts when appropriate reference to a previously prepared or outside document will identify the page or pages where the statement is substantiated.
- 7) Supporting Information Sources: A source will be attached, and other sources used or individuals contacted should be cited in the discussion.

Signature of Lead Agency Representatives:



Hector Guerra, Chief Environmental Planner

Date: 4/23/15



Michael C. Spata, Environmental Assessment Officer

Date: 8/31/15

V. Environmental Checklist:

| | Potentially Significant Impact | Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated | Less than Significant Impact | No Impact |
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| 1. AESTHETICS Will the project: | | | | |
| a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state or county designated scenic highway or county designated scenic road? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| c) Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| d) Create a new source of substantial light or glare which will adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Analysis: The proposed Project would not modify the existing subject site character.

(a-c) **No Impact:** According to the 2030 Tulare County General Plan, the subject site is located approximately 3,000 feet from Sierra Drive (State Route 198), which is a County Scenic Road and Candidate State Scenic Highway. The Project's event area is located approximately 3,000 feet from the road and the terrain and vegetation shield the site from the highway. Although the project site contains Blue Oaks (*Quercus douglassii*), no scenic resources such as rock outcroppings, trees, or historic buildings will be disturbed by the Project. The Project site is shielded from public view by shrubbery and trees that were planted along the west side of the property since 2004. Since the project is amending an existing special use permit by increasing the number of amplified events being allowed at the site (from 5 to 10) on an annual basis, there would not be any impact to a scenic vista or scenic resources on the Project site or its surroundings. There would be **No Impact** to these aesthetic resources.

(d) **Less Than Significant Impact:** Because of the increase in the number of events and the fact that these additional events may not end until 11:00 p.m., there may be an increase in nighttime light affecting the views. A standard condition of approval requires that all nighttime lights be shielded downward; in addition, the semi-isolation of the Project site, in combination with the dense vegetation, will assure that nighttime light is confined to the Project site; therefore the Project would not create any additional substantial light. The impact to this aesthetic resource is **Less Than Significant**.

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| <p>2. AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY RESOURCES: In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Dept. of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. In determining whether impacts to forest resources, including timberland, are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to information compiled by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection regarding the state's inventory of forest land, including the Forest and Range Assessment Project and the Forest Legacy Assessment project; and forest carbon measurement methodology provided in Forest Protocols adopted by the California Air Resources Board. Will the project:</p> | | | | |
| a) Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program (FMMP) of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 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 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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| 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? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| e) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <p>Analysis: The proposed Project would not modify the existing subject site character.</p> <p>(a-c) No Impact: The Project site has existing entitlement to operate as a special events venue. This amendment will allow five additional amplified events each year. This Project will not have any impact on agriculture and forestry resources because there is not, and has not been any agriculture or forestry production on the subject site for at least 60 years. The annual rodeo event has been occurring on the Project site since 1949 and additional events have been added over time. The site is not under Williamson Act. This Project will not encompass any additional area than what is currently being utilized for special events; and will, therefore, have No Impact on agriculture/forestry resources.</p> | | | | |
| 3. AIR QUALITY: | Potentially Significant Impact | Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated | Less than Significant Impact | No Impact |
| Where available, significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management or air pollution control district may be relied upon to make the following determinations. Will the project: | | | | |
| a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| c) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)? | | | | |
| d) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| e) Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Analysis: The proposed Project is located in the San Joaquin Valley Air Basin (SJVAB), a continuous inter-mountain air basin. The Sierra Nevada Range forms the eastern boundary; the Coast Range forms the western boundary; and the Tehachapi Mountains form the southern boundary. These topographic features restrict air movement through and beyond the SJVAB. The SJVAB is comprised of San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, Madera, Fresno, Kings, and Tulare Counties and the valley portion of Kern County; it is approximately 25,000 square miles in area. Tulare County lies within the southern portion of the SJVAB. The SJVAB is managed by the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD or Air District).

Both the federal government (through the United State Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)) and the State of California (through the California Air Resources Board (ARB)) have established health-based ambient air quality standards (AAQS) for six air pollutants, commonly referred to as “criteria pollutants.” The six criteria pollutants are: carbon monoxide (CO), ozone (O3), sulfur dioxide (SO2), nitrogen dioxide (NO2), particulate matter (PM10 and PM2.5), and lead (Pb).

National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) and California Ambient Air Quality Standards (CAAQS) have been established for each criteria pollutant to protect the public health and welfare. The federal and state standards were developed independently with differing purposes and methods, although both processes are intended to avoid health-related effects. As a result, the federal and state standards differ in some cases. In general, the California state standards are more stringent.

The Federal Clean Air Act requires EPA to set NAAQS for the six criteria pollutants, noted above, that occur throughout the United States. Of the six pollutants, particle pollution and ground-level ozone are the most widespread health threats. EPA regulates the criteria pollutants by developing human health-based and/or environmentally-based criteria (science-based guidelines) for setting permissible levels. The set of limits based on human health is called primary standards. Another set of limits intended to prevent environmental and property damage is called secondary standards.

EPA is required to designate areas as meeting (attainment) or not meeting (nonattainment) the air pollutant standards. The Federal Clean Air Act (CAA) further classifies nonattainment areas based on the severity of the nonattainment problem, with marginal, moderate, serious, severe, and extreme nonattainment classifications for ozone. Nonattainment classifications for PM range from marginal to

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serious. The Federal CAA requires areas with air quality violating the NAAQS to prepare an air quality control plan referred to as the State Implementation Plan (SIP). The SIP contains the strategies and control measures that states will use to attain the NAAQS. The Federal CAA amendments of 1990 require states containing areas that violate the NAAQS to revise their SIP to incorporate additional control measures to reduce air pollution. The SIP is periodically modified to reflect the latest emissions inventories, planning documents, rules, and regulations of Air Basins as reported by the agencies with jurisdiction over them. The EPA reviews SIPs to determine if they conform to the mandates of the Federal CAA amendments and will achieve air quality goals when implemented. If the EPA determines a SIP to be inadequate, it may prepare a Federal Implementation Plan (FIP) for the nonattainment area and impose additional control measures.

The SJVAB is designated non-attainment of state and federal health based air quality standards for ozone and respirable particulate matter (PM). The federal classification for the SJVAB is extreme non-attainment for the 8-hour ozone standard. To meet Federal Clean Air Act requirements, the District adopted the 2007 Ozone Plan on April 30, 2007. The ARB approved the Plan on June 14, 2007, while the EPA approved the Plan effective April 30, 2012. The Plan projects that the Valley will achieve the 8-hour ozone standard for all areas of the SJVAB no later than 2023. The PM10 standard was been achieved and the US EPA re-classified the Air District as in attainment on September 25, 2008. Even after achieving the PM10 standard, the Air District is currently a PM10 Maintenance Area and all rules and regulations are still in effect. The SJVAB is designated non-attainment for the new state and federal PM2.5 (particulate matter less than 2.5 micrometers in diameter) annual standard. The District's federal PM2.5 attainment plan was due April 5, 2008. Measures contained in the 2007 PM10 Maintenance Plan will also help reduce PM2.5 levels and will provide progress toward attainment until new measures are implemented for the PM2.5 Plan, if needed. The State does not have an attainment deadline for the ozone standards; however, it does require implementation of all feasible measures to achieve attainment at the earliest date possible. State PM10 and PM2.5 standards have no attainment planning requirements, but must demonstrate that all measures feasible for the area have been adopted.

As the Project is an amendment to an existing special use permit that is involving an increase in traffic, an air quality analysis should be performed.

(a) **No Impact:** Air quality plans or attainment plans are used to bring the applicable air basin into attainment with all state and federal ambient air quality standards designed to protect the health and safety of residents within that air basin. The proposed Project does not conflict with or obstruct implementation of any applicable air quality plan or rule. There will be **No Impact** to this resource.

(b) **No Impact:** As noted in item (a), the proposed Project will not violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation. There will be **No Impact** to this resource.

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| <p>(c) Less Than Significant Impact: The net increase in criteria pollutant emissions from the proposed Project is negligible as the Project emissions individually are below the District's threshold of significance and compliance with Rule 9510 (Indirect Source Review) will ensure that cumulative growth does not result in an overall increase in emissions in the air basin and would not jeopardize attainment plan deadlines. The SJVAPCD pre-calculated the emissions on a large number and types of projects to identify the level at which they have no possibility of exceeding the emissions thresholds. This information has been converted in terms of vehicle trips required to exceed the Small Project Analysis Level (SPAL) threshold. The Project applicants have supplied the number of persons/vehicles that are anticipated to attend each existing amplified event. The average number of persons/vehicles attending the amplified events is 530/160. This ratio is 3.3 persons per vehicle. The Project would increase the number of amplified events from five to ten each year. Five additional amplified events would have the potential of adding approximately 320 vehicle trips per event. This small number of trips falls under the size threshold (1,453 trips/day) to qualify for what the SJVAPCD refers to as the Small Project Analysis Level. Therefore, no quantification of ozone precursor emissions is necessary. There will be Less Than Significant Impact to this resource.</p> <p>(d) No Impact: The Project will add five amplified events (annually) to the existing venue, which does not include any pollutant concentrations, let alone substantial. The Project will have No Impact.</p> <p>(e) No Impact: The Project will add five amplified events (annually) to the existing venue, which does not include any physical changes or construction-related impacts. Therefore, there will be no objectionable odors resulting from this Project; therefore, the Project will have No Impact.</p> | | | | |
| <p>4. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES</p> <p>Will the project:</p> | | | | |
| <p>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?</p> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <p>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</p> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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| and Game or US Fish and Wildlife Service? | | | | |
| c) Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 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? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 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? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Analysis:

(a-f) **No Impact.** The proposed project will not have a direct or cumulative impact, or create an unusual circumstance that will cause the proposed project to have a significant effect on the biological resources of the area. Based on a search of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife Natural Diversity Database (CNDDB) on April 2, 2015, per quadrant “Kaweah” indicates that the: (1) Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frog (*Rana sierrae*) (amphibian) is listed as being Federally Endangered and State Threatened; (2) the bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) (bird) is listed as being Federally Delisted and State Endangered; (3) the California condor (*Gymnogyps californianus*) (bird) is listed as being Federally and State Endangered; (4) the greater sage-grouse (*Centrocercus urophasianus*) (bird) is listed as being Federally Proposed Threatened; and (5) the Kaweah brodiaea (*Brodiaea insignis*) (plant) is listed as being State endangered. A biological survey was not conducted on this project site because the project site is an existing outdoor entertainment venue and the Project will add five amplified events to the annual calendar. There are no wetlands on the site, neither is there water running through the site or being adjacent to the site. The site is built-up land containing a rodeo arena, grandstand, restrooms, parking area, food service booths, etc. In addition, there have been no recorded

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| sightings of any species of special concern on the subject site. Also, there will not be any ground disturbance or construction associated with the Project. The Project will have No Impact on this resource. | | | | |

| 5. CULTURAL RESOURCES: Will the project: | Potentially Significant Impact | Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated | Less than Significant Impact | No Impact |
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| a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in §15064.5? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to §15064.5? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| c) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| d) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Analysis:

(a-d) **No Impact.** The proposed project will not have a direct or cumulative impact, or create an unusual circumstance that will cause the proposed project to have a significant effect on the cultural resources of the area. No cultural resources assessment was conducted for this site. However, Staff examined the following, available on-line resources on April 2, 2015: (1) The National Register of Historic Places; (2) National Historic Landmarks on the National Register; (3) California Historical Resources; (4) CERES: California State Historical Landmarks; (5) California Historical Landmarks in Tulare County. Based on RMA's research, no cultural resources were found on site. In addition, the project site is an existing, permitted outdoor entertainment venue and the addition of five more annual events will not encompass any additional area and there will not be any ground disturbance. The Project will have **No Impact** on this resource.

| 6. GEOLOGY AND SOILS: Will the project: | Potentially Significant Impact | Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated | Less than Significant Impact | No Impact |
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| a) 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? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| ii) Strong seismic ground shaking? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| iv) Landslides? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| c) Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that will become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 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? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 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? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Analysis:

(a, i-iv) **No Impact:** According to the Geologic and Seismic Hazards of the Tulare County General

Plan, the subject site is not located on or near a known earthquake fault. The seismic micro-zonation for the Project site is S-1 which indicates that, according to the geological and geophysical characteristics of the site, it is not located near an earthquake prone zone. Ground shaking may occur when major faults distant from the Project site rupture, but the magnitude of the impact is expected to be low in this part of the Sierra Range. The nearest fault is the Owens Valley Fault in Inyo County, ±60 miles northeast of the Project site. The San Andreas Fault is ±100 miles west of the Project area. The Owens Valley Fault Group lies at the eastern base of the Sierra Nevada Range in Tulare and Inyo Counties. No construction will result from this Project. Nevertheless, Building Codes, depending upon the particular earthquake zone in which they are located, address construction methods to further mitigate any impacts from seismic activity. This Project will have **No Impact** on this resource.

(b) **No Impact:** The site is essentially flat and no excavation, grading, and filling will result from the Project's increase in the number of events. There will be **No Impact** to this resource.

(c-d) **No Impact:** The on-site soils are Vista Coarse Sandy Loam (low shrink/swell, rapid permeability, low leaching) and Tujunga Sand (low shrink/swell, very rapid permeability, high leaching), which are not soils susceptible to subsidence, liquefaction, or collapse that would create a substantial risk to life or property. There will be **No Impact** to this resource.

(e) **No Impact:** The Project will not require any additional septic systems. There will be **No Impact** to this resource.

| 7. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS: Will the project: | Potentially Significant Impact | Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated | Less than Significant Impact | No Impact |
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| a) Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment, based on any applicable threshold of significance? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Conflict with any applicable plan, policy or regulation of an agency adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Analysis:

This Initial Study/Negative Declaration is relying on the guidance and expertise of the Valley Air District in addressing GHG emissions. The following is an excerpt contained in the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District's Draft Guidance for Assessing and Mitigating Air Quality Impacts – 2012:

“By enacting SB 97 in 2007, California’s lawmakers expressly recognized the need to analyze greenhouse gas emissions as a part of the CEQA process. SB 97 required OPR to develop, and the

Natural Resources Agency to adopt, amendments to the CEQA Guidelines addressing the analysis and mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions. It is widely recognized that no single project could generate enough GHG emissions to noticeably change the global climate temperature. However, the combination of GHG emissions from past, present and future projects could contribute substantially to global climate change. Thus, project specific GHG emissions should be evaluated in terms of whether or not they will result in a cumulatively significant impact on global climate change.

On December 17, 2009, the District's Governing Board adopted the District Policy: *Addressing GHG Emission Impacts for Stationary Source Projects Under CEQA When Serving as the Lead Agency*. The District's Governing Board also approved the guidance document: *Guidance for Valley Land-Use Agencies in Addressing GHG Emission Impacts for New Projects Under CEQA*. In support of the policy and guidance document, District staff prepared a staff report: *Addressing Greenhouse Gas Emissions Under the California Environmental Quality Act*. These documents and the supporting staff report are available on-line at the District's website at www.valleyair.org.

In summary, the staff report evaluates different approaches for assessing significance of GHG emission impacts. As presented in the report, District staff reviewed the relevant scientific information and concluded that the existing science is inadequate to support quantification of the extent to which project specific GHG emissions will impact global climate features such as average air temperature, average rainfall, or average annual snow pack. In other words, the District was not able to determine a specific quantitative level of GHG emissions increase, above which a project will have a significant impact on the environment, and below which will have an insignificant impact. This is readily understood, when one considers that global climate change is the result of the sum total of GHG emissions, both manmade and natural that occurred in the past; that is occurring now; and will occur in the future.

In the absence of scientific evidence supporting establishment of a numerical threshold, the District policy applies performance based standards to assess project specific GHG emission impacts on global climate change. The determination is founded on the principal that projects whose emissions have been reduced or mitigated consistent with the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, commonly referred to as "AB 32", should be considered to have a **less than significant impact** on global climate change. For a detailed discussion of the District's establishment of thresholds of significance for GHG emissions, and the District's application of said thresholds, the reader is referred to the above referenced staff report, District Policy, and District Guidance documents."

Per the Tulare County Climate Action Plan (TCAP), in determining CEQA Project Level Consistency with the TCAP, projects with at least 50 units or emitting approximately 2 tons of (NO_x) are required to quantify project emissions and demonstrate a six (6) percent (%) reduction. (See TCAP page 57). The 6% reduction is the CEQA project level threshold in Tulare County in order to have a less than significant impact. Each project, when combined with the CARB Scoping Plan and regional measures and programs, will bring the County into consistency with the CCAP and AB 32's requirements as stated above. Therefore, since the project is implementing the Appendix J alternatives from the Tulare County Climate Action Plan, the transit operations yard and existing road yard are not emitting in excess of 2 tons of CO₂ equivalent,. The list of applicable BPS are included in this IS/MND as Appendix H, and any combination of strategies that are used for commercial buildings can be used as estimated CO₂ equivalent point reductions for this Project.

(a and b) **Less Than Significant Impact:** Thus, although the proposed Project will generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, the overall increase would be negligible and will not have a significant impact on the environment. Therefore, this Project will have a **Less Than Significant Impact** on this resource.

| 8. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS: Will the project: | Potentially Significant Impact | Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated | Less than Significant Impact | No Impact |
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| a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 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 or risk explosion? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 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, will it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 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, will the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working the project area? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, will the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| g) Impair implementation of, or physically interfere with, an adopted emergency | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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| response plan or emergency evacuation plan? | | | | |
| h) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Analysis:

(a, b) **No Impact:** California Health and Safety Code Section 25501(o) states “Hazardous Material means any material that, because of its quantity, concentration, or physical or chemical characteristics, poses a significant present or potential hazard to human health and safety or to the environment if released into the workplace or the environment. Hazardous materials include, but are not limited to, hazardous substances, hazardous waste, and any material which a handler or the administering regulatory agency has a reasonable basis for believing would be injurious to the health and safety of persons or harmful to the environment if released into the workplace or the environment.” The TC Environmental Health Department has not identified the existing special events venue as a hazardous waste generator; therefore, the addition of five amplified events to the annual calendar will have **No Impact** on this resource.

(c) **No Impact:** The Three Rivers Union School is located south and on the other side of the Kaweah River and State Hwy 198, approximately 4,000 feet distant, which is greater than ¼ mile. The Project will have **No Impact** on this resource.

(d) **No Impact:** The proposed project will not have a direct or cumulative impact, or create an unusual circumstance that will introduce hazards or hazardous material to the area. An online *Cortese Act / Envirostor* search conducted by RMA Planning staff on 04/06/2015 indicated that there are no known hazardous or toxic sites in the vicinity of the project. The Project proposes to add five amplified events (from 5 to 10) to the existing calendar of events for the subject site. The use of hazardous materials is not known to occur at the Project site. Therefore, the Project will have **No Impact** on this resource.

(e,f) **No Impact:** Although a portion of the Project site (parking) is located on a former private airstrip, the airport itself is no longer in operation. Therefore, the Project will have **No Impact** on this resource.

(g) **No Impact:** The Project is an existing special events venue and is currently required to meet all emergency access requirements; thus, the addition of five amplified events (annually) would not impair the implementation of an adopted emergency response plan as it will not create any additional obstruction to surrounding roadways or other access routes used by emergency response units. The evacuation route from the Project site is southeast along the 20-foot wide private vehicular access easement (1,200 feet), then west at the junction with Kaweah Drive (±400 feet), south at the junction with North Fork Drive (±1 mile), to State Route 198. In addition, there will not be any construction as a result of the Project, so there would not be any impairment or blockage of the evacuation route. The County continues to create, revise, and maintain emergency plans for the broad range of natural and human-made disasters and response activities that could have a foreseeable impact in Tulare County. The Project will have **No Impact** to this resource.

(h) **No Impact:** According to the “Fire Hazard Severity Zones in SRA” map (Adopted by Cal Fire on November 7, 2007), the Project site is located in a State Responsibility Area and the Fire Hazard Severity Zone is “High.” Fire Protection Responsibility is Local. The County Fire Chief continues to make recommendations to property owners regarding hazards such as fuel breaks, fire buffers, and weed abatement. The addition of five amplified events to the annual calendar of this existing special events venue will have **No Impact** on this resource.

9. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY:

Will the project:

| Potentially Significant Impact | Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated | Potentially Significant Impact | Less than Significant Impact | No Impact |
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| a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge or the direction or rate of flow of ground-water such that there will 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 will drop to a level which will not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 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 will result in substantial erosion or siltation on-or off-site? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| d) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course or stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which will result in flooding on-or off-site? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| e) Create or contribute runoff water which | | | | |

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| will exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| f) Otherwise substantially degrade surface or groundwater quality? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 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? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| h) Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which will impede or redirect flood flows? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 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? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| j) Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Analysis:

(a-j) **No Impact.** The proposed project will not have a direct or cumulative impact, or create an unusual circumstance that will cause the proposed project to have a significant effect on the hydrology /water quality of the area. The project will not impact the quality or quantity of water or waterways above any known threshold for water quality or affect water rights including impacting water ways of the United States under Section 404, and 401 of the Clean Water Act. Based on a search for the site being within a water service district consistent with the General Plan on 04/06/2015, the results indicate that the project will not cause a significant impact. Based on a search of the United States Geological Survey (USGS) quadrant maps on 04/06/2015 for Kaweah quadrant the North Fork Kaweah River is located approximately 400 feet southwest of the Project site. The Project will not result in any ground disturbance of any kind. The addition of five amplified events to the annual calendar of this existing special events venue will have **No Impact** on this resource.

| 10. LAND USE PLANNING: Will the project: | Potentially Significant Impact | Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated | Less than Significant Impact | No Impact |
|--|--------------------------------|--|------------------------------|-----------|
| a) Physically divide an established | | | | |

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| community? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 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? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| c) Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Analysis:

(a-c) **No Impact:** The Project proposes to add five amplified events to an existing special events venue. The Project is located within the Urban Development Boundary of the Community of Three Rivers. The property is a 5.78 acre parcel in the AE-20 (Exclusive Agriculture – 20 acre minimum) Zone. This area is characterized by large lot (+1 acre) rural residences and open space/pastureland located in a scenic hillside area of Three Rivers. It lies in a natural valley area created by the convergence of the North Fork, Middle Fork and South Fork of the Kaweah River near the western edge of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. The site was first used as a roping arena for public exhibition in 1949, prior to the time when special use permits were required. During the years since, the facility has expanded by adding various special events and structures to the property. In 1980 a special use permit (PSP 80-053) was approved for the expansion of the legal, non-conforming use; and in 2002 an amendment to the use permit (PSP 02-013) was submitted. Based on a search of the County's General Plan and Zoning Code and any planning area policies, this project complies with all applicable plans, policies and regulations. The addition of five amplified events to the annual calendar of this existing special events venue will have **No Impact** on this resource.

| 11. MINERALS AND OTHER NATURAL RESOURCES: Will the project: | Potentially Significant Impact | Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated | Less than Significant Impact | No Impact |
|--|--------------------------------|--|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| a) Result in a loss of availability of a known mineral or other natural resource (timber, oil, gas, water, etc.) that will be of value to the region and the residents of the state? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 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? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Analysis:

(a-b) **No Impact.** The proposed project will not have a direct or cumulative impact, or create an unusual circumstance that will cause the proposed project to have a significant effect on the mineral resources of the area. Based on a search of the CGS Mineral Zone website and the County General Plan, the area is not delineated as a resource zone; and hence, it is unlikely that there are important mineral reserves in the vicinity. The addition of five amplified events to the annual calendar of this existing special events venue will have **No Impact** on this resource.

| 12. NOISE: Will the project: | Potentially Significant Impact | Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated | Less than Significant Impact | No Impact |
|--|--------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| a) 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? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive ground-borne vibration or ground-borne noise levels? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| c) A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| d) A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been or public use airport, will the adopted, within two miles of a public airport project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, will the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Analysis:

Since the Project proposes to increase the number of amplified events (from 5 to 10) at the existing

special events venue, a Noise Study Report (NSR) was prepared. The NSR was prepared for the purpose of identifying potential noise impacts that may result from the proposed Three Rivers Lions Club Rodeo Grounds Amendment to Special Use Permit No. PSP 02-013. The Three Rivers Lions Club maintains the rodeo grounds for the primary purpose of raising funds for charity. The Lions Roping Event and the Three Rivers Jazz Affair are two primary activities undertaken by the Lions Club in collaboration with other community groups. Developed and undeveloped land uses in the project vicinity were identified. Land uses in the project vicinity include single-family residences on approximately 1-acre lots. A total of three (3) field receptor locations were measured during the site evaluation and represent residences in the project's vicinity. Existing noise levels in the project vicinity were sampled during two separate 24-hour periods. The first period evaluated noise conditions in the absence of an amplified event (ambient noise) and the second period evaluated noise conditions during an amplified event. Noise measurements at the sensitive receptors were conducted on Friday, May 16 (non-event) and Saturday May 17 (Blues Fest), 2014. Results of the analysis show that none of the measured noise levels in the absence or presence of an amplified event exceed Tulare County's Land Use Compatibility for Community Noise Environments (60 dB at the property line), which is documented in the attached Noise Study Report.

The definition of "Special Event" is as follows: Any temporary use, generally lasting from a few hours to a few days, conducted or sponsored by an organization, entity, association, or group involving a display, demonstration, performance, exhibition, or amusement which includes, but is not limited to, festivals, concerts, carnivals, arts and craft shows, fireworks displays, sporting events, socials, parties, parades, rallies, and other similar uses. (Ordinance No. 3416: Assemblage of People Ordinance.)

The definition of "Amplified" is: The increase in the volume of sound, especially using an amplifier.

The definition of "Meeting" is: An assembly or gathering of people, as for a business, social, or religious purpose.

(a) **Less Than Significant Impact:** The Project proposes to increase the number of amplified special events (from 5 to 10) being allowed to occur, annually, on the subject site. The applicable noise regulations are contained in the County's General Plan 2030, Section 10.8: Noise. The County's threshold of significance for noise impacts in Residential – Low Density is 60 decibels (dB) at the property line. The Noise Study Report provided an analysis of an amplified special event at the project site. The analysis was performed at six different sensitive receptor locations. The anticipated noise levels at receptor 5 equals the maximum allowable noise exposure for single-family residences (60 Ldn dB) under the County's Land Use Compatibility for Community Noise Environments. Therefore, the study shows that noise levels at single-family residences that are a minimum of 450 ft. from the amplified sound source will not exceed Tulare County's Land Use Compatibility for Community Noise Environments. The addition of five amplified events to the annual calendar of this existing special events venue will have **Less than Significant Impact** on this resource.

(b) **No Impact:** Some common sources of ground-borne vibration are trains, buses, large trucks, and construction activities such as blasting, pile-driving and operating heavy earth-moving equipment. The effects of ground-borne vibration include rumbling sounds and movement of a building, rattling of windows, and shaking of interior items such as dishes, wall pictures, etc. Ground-borne noise is the result of the vibration and movement of a building, rattling of windows, and shaking of interior items

such as dishes, wall pictures, etc. In essence, the room surfaces project the noise so it is perceptible to the ear. The closest land uses potentially impacted from ground-borne vibration and noise, primarily from the use of large trucks hauling horses, cattle, bulls, etc. for the Lions Roping Event, are the single family homes 450 feet distant. The Noise Study Report did not analyze ground-borne noise because the addition of five special events will not impact ground-borne noise. The hauling of livestock by large trucks is an existing event and the proposal does not include construction activity or any other activity that could create ground-borne vibration/noise. The addition of five amplified events to the annual calendar of this existing special events venue will have **No Impact** on this resource.

(c) **No Impact:** As measured in the Noise Study Report, the ambient noise level of the nearby residences ranges from 46.2 to 55.0 Ldn dB. The Project noise level increase would be short term and temporary; therefore, there would not be a permanent increase in ambient noise levels. The addition of five amplified events to the annual calendar of this existing special events venue will have **No Impact** on this resource.

(d) **Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated:** The Project does involve an increase in outdoor uses and activities; specifically, an increase in the number of amplified special events that would be allowed at the Project site on an annual basis. The Project could result in a periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the five additional amplified special events. As mentioned in "a" above, the Noise Study Report showed that the noise being generated at the Project site would not significantly impact the rural residences (sensitive receptors) at the three locations where the amplified special event was monitored / measured. However, it is acknowledged that the ambient noise levels during an amplified special event could not be measured at every sensitive receptor in the vicinity. Therefore, the applicant has agreed to plant additional brush/shrubbery/trees along the property line southwest of the sound source in order to increase the density of sound-absorbing plant material that currently exists on the Project site and acts as a visual and noise barrier. The following mitigation measures shall be incorporated into the project:

- 12.1 The amplified sound system shall be limited to the arena and "ag" building. The noise level shall not exceed 60dB Ldn at the property line.
- 12.2 The applicant shall plant additional shrubbery and trees along the length of the southwest property boundary in order to diminish the amplified sound that originates at the site during amplified events.
- 12.3 The applicant shall give one week's notice before each amplified event to all property owners within 300' of the subject property. Applicant shall provide the same notice to TCRMA before each amplified event occurs.

The addition of five amplified events to the annual calendar of this existing special events venue will have **Less Than Significant** impact on this resource **With Mitigation Incorporated**.

(e,f) **No Impact:** According to the Tulare County Comprehensive Airport Land Use Plan (CALUP), the Project site is not located within an airport hazard zone. The nearest airport is located in Exeter, which is approximately 20 miles southwest. Therefore, aircraft noise will have **No Impact** on the Project. As mentioned previously, a portion of the Project site is located on a private air strip that has been closed for many years and is no longer being utilized as an air strip. In addition, the Project would not involve any aircraft and would, therefore, not create any noise associated with aircraft. The

addition of five amplified events to the annual calendar of this existing special events venue will have **No Impact** on this resource.

| 13. POPULATION AND HOUSING: Will the project: | Potentially Significant Impact | Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated | Less than Significant Impact | No Impact |
|---|--------------------------------|--|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 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)? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| c) Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Analysis:
 (a-c) **No Impact.** The proposed project will not have a direct or cumulative impact, or create an unusual circumstance that will cause the proposed project to have a significant effect on the population, or housing of the area. The project will not displace an existing population or induce population growth. The project site is zoned exclusive agricultural (AE-20) and is to request the increase of amplified special events from five to ten, annually, on the subject site. The addition of five amplified events to the annual calendar of this existing special events venue will result in **No Impact** on this resource.

| 14. PUBLIC OR UTILITY SERVICES: Will the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered government and public services facilities, need for new or physically altered government 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: | Potentially Significant Impact | Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated | Less than Significant Impact | No Impact |
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| a) Fire protection? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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| b) Police protection? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| c) Schools? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| d) Parks? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| e) Other public facilities? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Analysis:

(a-e) **No Impact.** The proposed project will not have a direct or cumulative impact, or create an unusual circumstance that will cause the proposed project to have a significant effect on the public services of the area. Based on a review of the projects demands, the project will not significantly impact the capacity of the following services:

- Police,
- Fire,
- Schools
- Parks,
- Other Public Facilities.

Because of the small size of the project, it will not significantly impact the level of service provided by any of the above facilities or services provided in the area. Therefore, the addition of five amplified events to the annual calendar of this existing special events venue will have **No Impact** on this resource.

| 15. RECREATION: Will the project: | Potentially Significant Impact | Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated | Less than Significant Impact | No Impact |
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| a) Increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility will occur or be accelerated? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 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? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Analysis:

(a-b) **No Impact.** The proposed project will not have a direct or cumulative impact, or create an unusual circumstance that will cause the proposed project to have a significant effect on the recreational facilities in the area. This project will not affect the amount of new housing in order to generate the need for new recreational facilities, under the Quimby Act. This Project does not affect existing parks or proposed new parks. Therefore, the addition of five amplified events to the annual calendar of this existing special events venue will have **No Impact** on this resource.

| 16. TRANSPORTATION/TRANSIT Will the project: | Potentially Significant Impact | Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated | Less than Significant Impact | No Impact |
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| 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? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 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? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that result in substantial safety risks? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| d) Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| e) Result in inadequate emergency access? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| f) Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or | | | | |

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| programs regarding public transit, bicycle, or pedestrian facilities, or otherwise decrease the performance or safety of such facilities? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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Analysis:

(a-b) **Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated:** The proposed project will not have a direct or cumulative impact, or create an unusual circumstance that will cause the proposed project to have a significant effect on the Countywide, or Statewide roadway facilities in the area. The project is a special events venue that will be utilized primarily on the weekends. The outdoor venue has a seating capacity of 450 persons. Based on our preliminary estimate of trips generated from this project, the project will not generate enough traffic to impact a County Roadway or Statewide Highway level of service or Caltrans highway thresholds significantly. The Institute of Transportation Engineers, Trip Generation, 8th Edition: Regional Park (417), which is the most similar land use type, indicates that the average trip generation per acre on a Weekday A.M. Peak Hour is .15 and a Weekday P.M. Peak Hour is .26. The project encompasses ±6 acres. Therefore, A.M. Peak Hour Trips would be = 1; and P.M. Peak Hour Trips would be = 2. This same land use type indicates an average trip rate of 5.65 per acre (34 for the project site) on a Saturday and 6.44 (39 for project site) on a Sunday. Because the majority of traffic will enter the site indirectly from State Route 198, a two-lane highway, a Traffic Management Plan (TMP) was submitted to and approved by Caltrans (see email dated 04/23/2015). The following Mitigation Measures will be incorporated into the project. When an event occurs, the applicant shall provide the following:

- 16.1 Not more than 12 hours before an event, with the duration continuing throughout the event, the applicant shall provide a sign with arrow, to be placed at the intersection of SR 198 and North Fork Drive, indicating the direction to the Lions Arena.
- 16.2 Not more than 12 hours before an event, with the duration continuing throughout the event, the applicant shall provide a sign with arrow, to be placed at the intersection of North Fork Drive and Kaweah River Drive, indicating the direction to the Lions Arena.
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- 16.4 Gates A & B shall be monitored by Lions Members directing the event participants and public into the parking area.
- 16.5 Handicapped parking shall be clearly designated with approved signage.
- 16.6 Emergency vehicle parking for Sheriff, ambulance and fire will be identified and controlled.
- 16.7 An emergency access shall be reserved, to be utilized in the event it becomes necessary.
- 16.8 Overflow parking shall be made available.
- 16.9 If an event will exceed 150 attendees/75 vehicles, the following actions will be taken:
 - a. Consultation & Coordination with the Caltrans District 6 Permits Office at 559-488-4058 to determine if the following are needed:
 - (1) Provide Highway advisory radio announcements to inform the public of the upcoming event;
 - (2) California Highway Patrol personnel should be provided to direct & monitor traffic at the State Route 198/North Fork Drive intersection during the event;
 - (3) Provide portable changeable message sign(s) on State Route 198 prior to the North Fork Drive intersection in both directions to warn motorist;

- (4) A Caltrans encroachment permit may be needed to implement any of the above. Call the Caltrans Encroachment Permit Office – District 6: 1352 W. Olive, Fresno, CA 93778 @ (559) 488-4058.

(c-g) The Project will not result in any additional construction or earth-moving activities. Correspondence from the County Fire Inspector indicates that no additional water resources would be required for the facility. Wastewater is treated at the Project site by an on-site septic tank – leach line system. Correspondence from the Environmental Health Services Division did not indicate that the existing system was inadequate. The County has sufficient landfill capacity to accommodate an increase in five annual events. Solid waste must be disposed of following the requirements of the contracted waste hauler, which follows federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to the collection of solid waste.

Therefore, the addition of five amplified events to the annual calendar of this existing special events venue will have **Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated** on this resource.

| 17. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS: Will the project: | Potentially Significant Impact | Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated | Less than Significant Impact | No Impact |
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| a) Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment or collection facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| c) Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction which could cause significant environmental effects? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| d) Have sufficient water supplies, including fire flow available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 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 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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| project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments? | | | | |
| f) Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| g) Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Analysis:

No Impact. The proposed Project is the addition of five amplified special events at the existing special events venue. The Project site is served by a private septic system (2,000 gallon) and private domestic well; and would not impact any public services with regard to water or wastewater. The Project site is greater than five acres in size and is not served by a storm drainage system; all storm water runoff will be contained within the project boundaries. Also, all solid waste generated by special events at this venue is hauled by a private carrier. The Project will not have a direct or cumulative impact, or create an unusual circumstance that will cause the proposed Project to have a significant effect on the infrastructure / facilities in the area. The proposed project will not have an impact on:

- Water (Quality or Quantity)
- Wastewater
- Storm Drainage
- or Solid Waste

The project will not generate enough demands on the facilities or infrastructure to impact the infrastructure level of service thresholds. This project will not significantly impact the level of service provided by any utility agencies or franchises operating in the area. Therefore, the addition of five amplified events to the annual calendar of this existing special events venue will have **No Impact** on this resource.

| 18. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE: | Potentially Significant Impact | Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated | Less than Significant Impact | No Impact |
|---|--------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| a) Does the project have the potential to substantially degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of an endangered, rare or threatened plant or animal species, or eliminate important examples of the | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| major periods of California history or prehistory? | | | | |
| b) Does the project have environmental impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? (“Cumulatively considerable” means 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)? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Analysis: The proposed project would increase the number of amplified special events, from five to ten – annually, at an existing special events venue: roping arena and associated assemblage of people. The venue will be utilized primarily on weekends. Since the special events venue is existing, this increase in amplified events will have **No Impact or Less Than Significant Impact** on the following resources: aesthetics, agriculture & forestry, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology & soils, GHGs, hazards & hazardous materials, hydrology & water quality, land use planning, minerals & other natural resources, population & housing, public or utility services, recreation, and utilities & service systems. The proposed project will reduce the impact to **Less Than Significant With Mitigation Measures** for the following resources: Noise and Transportation/Transit. Therefore, the proposed project will not have a direct or cumulative impact, or create an unusual circumstance that will cause the proposed project to have a significant effect on the environment, directly or incrementally. In addition, this project will not adversely impact the public health and safety resulting in a consequence to the proposed project.

Attachment No. 5

Consultation and Other Agency Comments and
Recommendations



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DATE: December 2, 2014

2ND NOTICE – REVISED SITE PLAN

PLANNING AND PROJECT PROCESSING DIVISION - CONSULTATION NOTICE

To: Interested Agencies (see next page)
From: Dana Mettlen, Project Planner
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APN(s) 067-090-022

The Tulare County Resource Management Agency, Planning Branch, has received an application for the above referenced project. A copy of the application and site plan are attached for your information and review.

Please review the **proposal** and provide any comments and/or recommendations that you feel are appropriate including any scientific or factual information that would be useful in our evaluation. The following information checked below is also applicable for your consideration regarding this project:

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FORMS – DESCRIPTIONS AND LINKS

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Summary Form for Document Submittal - 15 copies of this document may be included when a Lead Agency submits electronic copies of EIRs, ND/MNDs, or NOPs to the SCH. The SCH will still accept other summaries, such as an EIR executive summary prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15123, attached to the electronic copies of the document.

Shortened Review Request - Under certain circumstances, a shortened review may be granted (refer to Public Resources Code Section 21091 and CEQA Guidelines Appendix K). Send one copy of this form to accompany the 15 hardcopies and the NOC. Prior to requesting a shortened review, we recommend that you contact a planner in the SCH.

CEQA Initial Study Checklist - Maintained by the Association of Environmental Professionals (AEP).

CERTIFIED REGULATORY PROGRAMS (CRP)

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Send Notice of Decisions for CRP's to:

California Natural Resources Agency
Office of Assistant General Counsel
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311
Sacramento, CA 95814

Send Checks for CRP projects to Fish and Wildlife to:

California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Accounting Services Branch
ATTN: Cash Receipts
1416 9th Street, Suite 1215

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Ms. Dana Mettlen
Project Planner
Tulare County Resource Management Agency
5961 S. Mooney Blvd.
Visalia, CA 93277

Dear Ms. Mettlen:

Thank you for the opportunity to review PSP 14-034 which is proposing to increase the number of outdoor events from 5 to 10 annually for the Three Rivers Lions Club. The non-profit facility operates from April to October each year. Events include rodeos, music festivals and art display exhibitions on the 5.78 acre site. The project is located at 42390 N. Kaweah River Drive, approximately 1800 feet northwest of the State Route (SR) 198 / North Fork Drive intersection in the Community of Three Rivers. Caltrans has the following comments:

The application information indicates there will be no permanent only volunteer employees, 50 on-site gravel parking spaces will be provided and estimates 450 seating capacity per 20 tables with bench seating. No information was provided:

1. on how many attendees will be at the events or
2. the duration of the events whether the events are for one day, two day, or the weekend (Friday, Saturday & Sunday).

Vehicle access to the site is only provided via SR 198 to North Fork Drive to Kaweah River Drive. Vehicles will have to stop and make left turns from SR 198 to North Fork Drive. Left turn movements from east bound SR 198 to North Fork Drive will potentially impact the operation of SR 198.

Therefore, Caltrans recommends that a Traffic Management Plan (TMP) be completed for the handling of event traffic. Possible measures for the TMP may include public (motorist) information, portable changeable message signs, highway radio advisories, and/or California Highway Patrol personnel to manage/direct traffic. Coordination with the Caltrans District 6 Traffic Management Center and an encroachment permit will be required to implement the TMP.

An encroachment permit must be obtained for all proposed activities for placement of encroachments within, under or over the State highway rights-of-way. Activity and work

Ms. Dana Mettlen - PSP 14-034

July 24, 2014

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planned in the State right-of-way shall be performed to State standards and specifications, at no cost to the State. Engineering plans, calculations, specifications, and reports (documents) shall be stamped and signed by a licensed Engineer or Architect. Encroachment permits do not run with the land. A change of ownership requires a new permit application. Only the legal property owner or his/her authorized agent can pursue obtaining an encroachment permit. Please call the Caltrans Encroachment Permit Office - District 6: 1352 W. Olive, Fresno, CA 93778, at (559) 488-4058.

Please be advised that any future development adjacent to a State Route, whether the entitlement is deemed by the lead agency to be discretionary or ministerial should be sent to Caltrans for review.

If you have any other questions, please call me at (559) 488-7396.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "DAVID DEEL". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "D" and a cursive "EEL".

DAVID DEEL
Associate Transportation Planner
North Planning Branch

From: "Deel, David@DOT" <david.deel@dot.ca.gov>
To: "Dana Mettlen (Tulare County Planning)" <DMettlen@co.tulare.ca.us>
CC: Tom Sparks <tom.sparks@live.com>, Garza Moises <moisesgarza@prodigy.net>...
Date: 04/23/2015 1:01 PM
Subject: TMP - 3 Rivers Lions Club
Attachments: Lions Arena Traffic Management Plan 04-22-2015.pdf

Dana –

Caltrans has approved the attached Traffic Management Plan for PSP 14-034 for the Three Rivers Lions Club event permit.

Thank You!

DAVID DEEL - CALTRANS D6 - Desk 559.488.7396

From: Tom Sparks [mailto:tom.sparks@live.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2015 2:22 PM
To: Deel, David@DOT
Cc: Garza Moises; Stryd Dean
Subject: Re: Revised TMP

Hi David:

Attached is the final version.

Let me know if this works.

Tom

From: mailto:david.deel@dot.ca.gov
Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2015 10:18 AM
To: Tom Sparks<mailto:tom.sparks@live.com>
Subject: RE: Revised TMP

Tom –

Guess our call got dropped...so sending you email.

Caltrans wants to keep the unit of measure as "attendees".

This would make it easier for you to judge when the TMP is needed based on actual ticket sales and not guessing on how many cars there will be per event.

In talking with my operations engineer the reason for the 100 attendee threshold which equates to 50 vehicles (with 2 people per car average) is that our preliminary analysis indicates that a left turn lane is needed when left turning volume exceeds 50 vehicles per hour at the SR 198 / North Fork Drive intersection during peak hour.

As you stated your monthly membership meetings would reach this 100 attendee threshold every month.

Therefore Caltrans would allow 150 attendees (75 vehicles) per event as the threshold for needing the TMP.

As an alternative, we could increase the threshold to 250 attendees if the Lions Club was willing to put in additional pavement on the south side of SR 198 opposite the North Fork Drive intersection to allow for

cars to pass when vehicles are waiting to make the left turn.

Call me to discuss if needed.

Thank You!

DAVID DEEL - CALTRANS D6 - Desk 559.488.7396

From: Tom Sparks [mailto:tom.sparks@live.com]
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2015 5:20 PM
To: Deel, David@DOT
Subject: Revised TMP

Hi David:

Attached is a draft Traffic Management Plan for Lions Arena which incorporates the additions suggested by Caltrans.

Please let me know if this qualifies for submission to RMA.

Thank you,
Tom Sparks

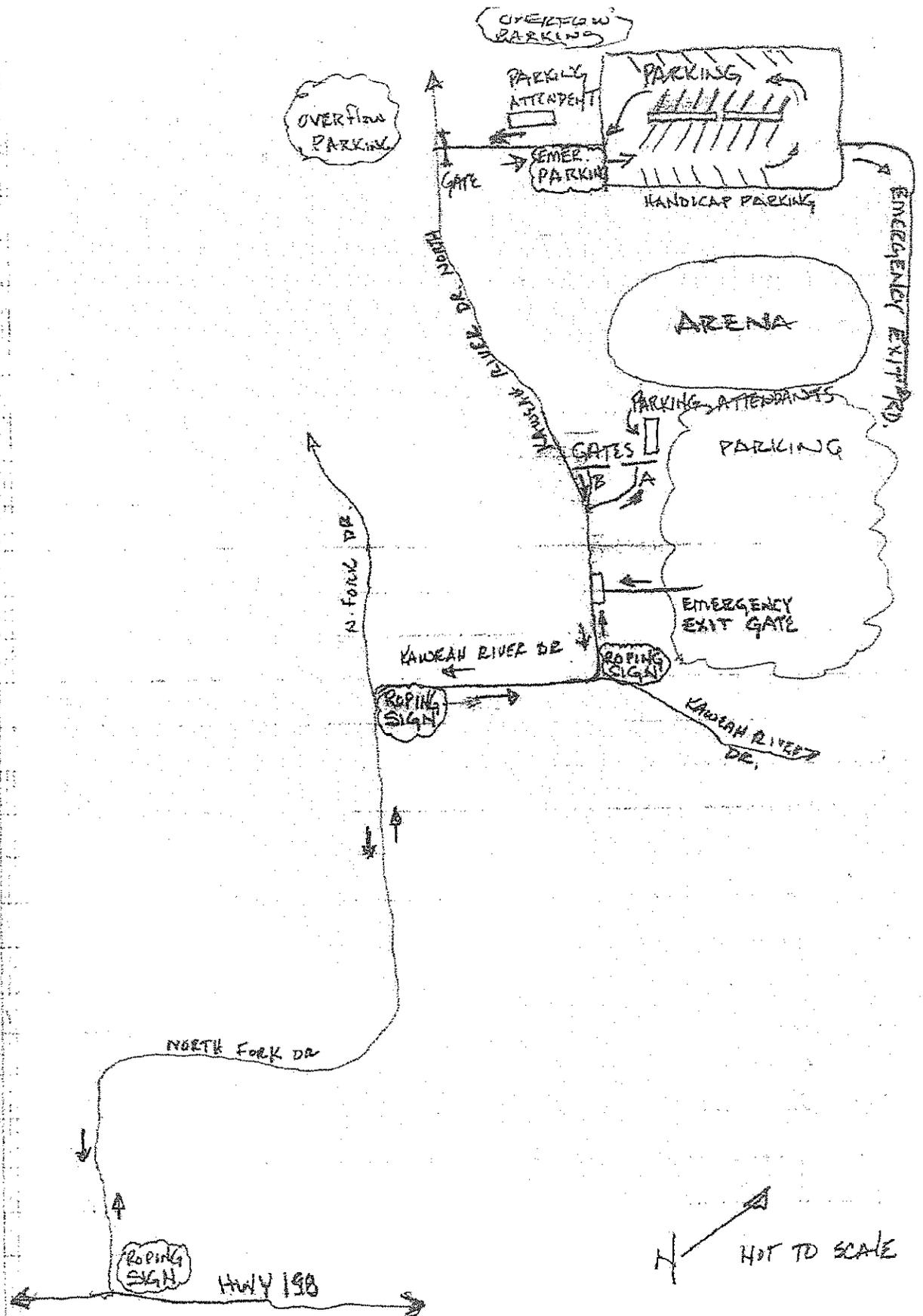
Traffic Management Plan
For
Three Rivers Lions Club
Public Events at Lions Arena

Attendees at these events arrive and depart in random patterns. Arrival times for specific activities are set to avoid commute hours (7AM-9AM and 4PM-6PM). Please see attached map.

- Sign with arrow at intersection of SR198 and North Fork Drive designating direction to Lions Arena.
- Sign with arrow at intersection of North Fork Drive and Kaweah River Drive designating direction to Lions Arena.
- Sign with arrow at intersection of Kaweah River Drive and North Kaweah River Drive designating direction to Lions Arena.
- Gates A and B will be monitored by Lions Members directing where participants of the event and the public should park.
- Designated parking for qualifying handicapped persons will be clearly designated with approved signage.
- Emergency vehicle parking for Sheriff, ambulance and fire will be identified and controlled.
- An emergency exit road is reserved for use if necessary.
- Overflow parking will be available as shown on the attached map.
- If an event is planned to exceed 150 attendees, the following actions will be taken:
Consultation & Coordination with the Caltrans District 6 Permits Office at 559-488-4058 to determine if the following are needed:
 - a) Provide Highway advisory radio announcements to inform the public of the upcoming event;
 - b) California Highway Patrol personnel should be provided to direct & monitor traffic at the State Route 198/North Fork Drive intersection during the event;
 - c) Provide portable changeable message sign(s) on State Route 198 prior to the North Fork Drive intersection in both directions to warn motorists;
 - d) A Caltrans encroachment permit may be needed to implement any of the above. Please call the Caltrans Encroachment Permit Office - District 6: 1352 W. Olive, Fresno, CA 93778, at (559) 488-4058.

President-Three Rivers Lions Club

Senior Vice President Three Rivers Lions Club



RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY



INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

June 2, 2014

TO: Dana Mettlen, Project Planner
FROM: Alfredo Reynoso, Engineer III *A.R.*
SUBJECT: Case No. PSP 14-034

APPLICANT: Three Rivers Lions Club
APN: 067-090-022

The subject Case No. PSP 14-034 has been reviewed. The following comments and recommendations are submitted for consideration in processing this matter.

The following flood zone information is based on our interpretation of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) National Flood Insurance Program Flood Insurance Rate Map for Community Number 065066 dated June 16, 2009, Panel No. 708. The subject site is located within Zone X and shaded Zone X (0.2 percent chance flood).

Construction of buildings within a shaded Zone X (0.2 percent chance flood) require no specific flood mitigation measures, however, it is recommended that all finished floor levels be elevated one (1) foot above adjacent natural ground.

Construction within Zone X requires no specific flood mitigation measures.

There are no county rights-of-way or maintained roads near the subject site.

I have no recommended conditions for the subject case.

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RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

PROJECT REVIEW COMMITTEE BUILDING DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

JAKE RAPER JR., AICP, DIRECTOR

MICHAEL C. SPATA, ASSOCIATED DIRECTOR

Date: 12-03A

Planner: D. Mettled

PSP
PRE NO. 14-03A

- Submit 3 sets of engineered plans and 2 sets of calculations.
- Indicate abandoned wells, septic systems and excavations on construction plans.
- Meet state requirements for accessibility for persons with disabilities.
- Submit 3 sets of plans signed by an architect or engineer. Must comply with 2013 California Building Code Sec. 2308 for conventional light-frame construction or submit 2 sets of engineered calculations.
- Maintain fire-resistive requirements at property lines.
- Obtain required permit from San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Board.
- Calculations of free-standing carport
- Must comply with state energy requirements.
- Plans must be approved by the Tulare County Health Department.
- A path of travel, parking and common area must comply with requirements for access for persons with disabilities.
- Project is located in the flood zone _____ *Minimum finished floor elevations requires _____.

*Flood Zone determination and finished floor elevation are based on the official FEMA NAVD 88 elevation converted to the equivalent NGVD 29 elevation using FEMA's established conversion factor of 2.73.

- All accessible units required to be adaptable for the physically handicapped.
- Acceptable as submitted Arrange for an on-site inspection
- Hazardous materials report A demolition permit & deposit is required.
- School Development to be paid at school district office, need proof of payment prior to issuance.

Additional Comments:

A COMPLAINT HAS BEEN RECEIVED CONCERNING EXCESSIVE AMPLIFIED SOUND IN EXCESS OF THE PERMITTED AMPLIFIED EVENTS. (SEE ENCLOSED EMAIL) ENCLOSED COPY OF T.R. LIGNS RENTAL AGREEMENT.



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PROJECT REVIEW COMMITTEE BUILDING DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

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JAKE RAPER JR., AICP, DIRECTOR

MICHAEL C. SPATA, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

Date: 6-4-14

Planner: D. METTLED

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PRC-NO. PSP 02-013

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Additional Comments:

ACCESSIBLE Restrooms ?

D. Mettled

From: Gröeber, Robert<rgroeber@visalia.k12.ca.us>
To: "dmettlen@co.tulare.ca.us" <dmettlen@co.tulare.ca.us>
CC: Community Services District <info@3riverscsd.com>, "vazman.d@gmail.com" ...
Date: 06/12/2014 12:07 PM
Subject: Case No. PSP 14-034 - Three Rivers Lions Club

Dana Mettler, Project Planner
Resource Management Agency
5961 S. Mooney Blvd
Visalia, CA 93277
(559) 624-7000
(559) 730-2653

Re: Case No. PSP 14-034 - Three Rivers Lions Club

Dear Dana Mettler:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above referenced application. The Three Rivers Community Services District Board met last evening at our scheduled Board meeting and discussed the potential impacts of this proposal on our community. We would respectfully request that as a part of the application process that the Lions be required to come to the community at an agendaized Town Hall Meeting to discuss their application.

We would also request that we be allowed to reserve our recommendation as to the environmental review necessary until after the community is allowed the opportunity to review the project, ask questions, and provide feedback in our regularly scheduled Town Hall format.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. Please add the Three Rivers Community Services District to the public notification list for this project for any future meetings. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly should you have any questions or need any additional information.

Best Regards on behalf of our Board,

Robert Gröeber, President
Three Rivers Community Services District
rgroeber@vusd.org<mailto:rgroeber@vusd.org>
559-730-7529
559-804-0787 cell



Three Rivers Lions Club
P. O. Box 206
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In compliance of the County and the CSD the Three Rivers Lions Club presented to the community on Monday, Feb. 2nd our Special Use Permit request to the county. President Moises Garza, V.P. Dean Stryd and Membership Committee member Tom Sparks did the presentation.

The Team expressed what the Permit was for and explained the reasoning behind requesting to amend the previous permit and gave the community an update on where the permit procedurally wise was. Then the Team opened up the floor for a Q & A period. We answered all their questions and closed the presentation with thanking the community for their support and letting us help the community with a "We Serve" attitude.

The Three Rivers Lions Club would like to note that during the presentation and the Q & A period there was no negativity towards amending the permit.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dean E. Stryd".

Dean E. Stryd V.P. Three Rivers Lion Club



TULARE COUNTY
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

Cheryl L. Duerksen, Ph.D.
Agency Director

Jason T. Britt, M.S. • Director • Department of Public Health

June 3, 2014

DANA METTLEN
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY
5961 S MOONEY BLVD
VISALIA CA 93277

Re: PSP 14-034 – Three Rivers Lions Club

Dear Ms. Mettlen:

This office has reviewed the above referenced matter. Based upon our review, we offer the following comments with this project:

- I. An annual Temporary Food Event Organizer Permit is required to be obtained from the Tulare Environmental Health Services Division.

Sincerely,

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Allison Shuklian
Environmental Health Specialist
Environmental Health Services Division

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY



INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

June 3, 2014

TO: Dana Mettlen, Project Planner
FROM:  Al Miller, Tulare County Fire Inspector
SUBJECT: Case No. PSP 14-034

The Fire Department has no recommendations in response to this item.

If you have any questions please call Al Miller at 624-7000.

DM:vq



03/03/2015

RE: Lions Club of Three Rivers application for additional amplified events

To whom it may concern,

The Sequoia Foothills Chamber of Commerce represents businesses and other non-business entities not only in Three Rivers, but also in the surrounding communities that includes Lemoncove and Visalia. All these entities, while different, do share one common understanding – that their own success depends in large part on the success of the community within which they function. To that end, the Lions Arena and the events held there are a significant part of the community's formula for ongoing success.

The Lions Arena currently hosts several key events that not only provide significant income to the Lions Club, but also represents a major draw of external visitation to the Three Rivers business community. Of the current crop of events at that venue, 4 are of this type – directly benefiting the business community as well as garnering income to benefit the local community through gifting by the Lions Club. These are the annual Jazzaffair, Lions Roping, the EAA music festival, and the Western Movie Festival. There have been discussions lately of adding several other such events that will have a direct and indirect benefit to the community at large.

With that, it is clear to the Chamber that an increase in the number of permitted events would result in a direct benefit not only to the local business community but also to the wider Three Rivers community at large. We wholeheartedly support the Lions in their application and eagerly anticipate approval.

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Peter Sodhy
President
Sequoia Foothills Chamber of Commerce

**Three Rivers Union School Foundation
P.O. Box 99
Three Rivers, CA 93271
559-561-4466**

30 March 2015

Mr. Moises Garza
Three Rivers Lions
P. O. Box 477
Three Rivers, CA 93271

Dear Mr. Garza,

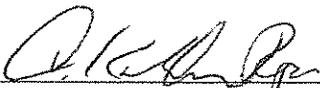
Thank you for speaking to the Three Rivers Union School (TRUS) Foundation Board members last fall concerning the Lions' application to the County of Tulare for additional amplified events.

The Three Rivers Union School Foundation holds our major annual fundraiser at the Lions Roping Area, and appreciates the effort Lions members extend to assure our event is enjoyable and successful. The TRUS Foundation also recognizes that the Lions Arena and the events held there attract visitors to our community, raise funds to support numerous local needs, and are a significant part of our community's formula for ongoing success.

The TRUS Foundation wholeheartedly supports the Lion's application to the County of Tulare for additional amplified events.

Sincerely,

THREE RIVERS SCHOOL FOUNDATION BOARD

BY: 

C. Kristina Graber, President



**Three Rivers
Bread Basket**

**PO Box 449
Three Rivers, CA 93271
Tax ID # 26-1094875**

March, 2015

To Whom It May Concern;

The Three Rivers Lions Club has donated thousands of dollars to the Three Rivers Bread Basket and especially during this time of drought their support has made an enormous difference in the lives of many Three Rivers families.

The Three Rivers Bread Basket fully endorses the expansion of events at the Three Rivers Lions Roping Arena. Money raised by the Three Rivers Lions Club at their various events continually benefits countless organizations in our community. By increasing the number of events allowed at the roping arena we are increasing the capacity of the Lions Club to support the Three Rivers Community.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Elizabeth LaMar". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Elizabeth LaMar

President, Three Rivers Bread Basket

Three Rivers Woman's Club

September 30, 2014

P.O. Box 504

Three Rivers CA 93271

Three Rivers Lions Club

Thank you for speaking to the Three Rivers Woman's Club board members on September 18th concerning the special project in which your club is involved.

After your presentation, followed by a period of questions and answers, the Three Rivers Woman's Club officers supported your effort to obtain a Special Use Permit with the County of Tulare for five more amplified events each year, in addition to the present number of such events.

As Three Rivers' residents, we appreciate your endeavor to increase your ability, as a club, to raise additional funds to help meet the needs of our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peggy J. Huddleston".

Peggy Huddleston

T.R.W.C. President

Sierra Traditional Jazz Club

March 4, 2015

P.O. Box 712

Three Rivers CA 93217

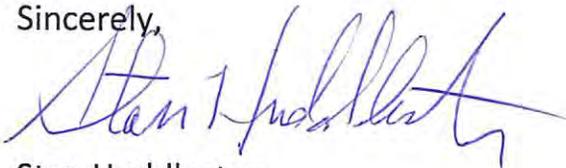
Three Rivers Lions Club,

Thank you for speaking to the Sierra Traditional Jazz Club members and friends on December 13, 2014, concerning the special project in which your club is involved.

After your presentation, followed by a period of questions and answers, the Sierra Traditional Jazz Club overwhelmingly support your effort to obtain a Special Use Permit with the County of Tulare for five more amplified events each year, in addition to the present number of such events.

As Three Rivers' residents, we appreciate your endeavor to increase your ability, as a club, to raise additional funds to help meet the needs of our community.

Sincerely,



Stan Huddleston

S.T.J.C. President



Emergency Aid Alliance

Three Rivers, CA

PO Box 36, Three Rivers, CA 93271

Dean Stryd
Three Rivers Lions Club

March 1, 2015

Re: Tulare County Building and Planning
Special Use amendment for Lion's Club grounds

The non-profit Emergency Aid Alliance of Three Rivers would like to be on record supporting the Tulare County special use amendment to allow ten amplified events from the current five allowed at the Lion's Club arena in Three Rivers.

EAA has used the Lion's Club event grounds for each of the last three years for the Three Rivers Music Festival. This is our only fund-raising event. It has allowed us to disburse almost \$37,000 of aid to residents suffering extreme hardship during family emergencies. Our event draws people of all ages who support our mission, in addition to over one hundred sixty local volunteers and musicians.

I personally live within 1,200 feet of the arena grounds. My family has never had a problem with noise, dust or any other supposed nuisance from the events there. We attend, support and enjoy them. That, along with the fact the arena has been in operation many decades, actually attracted me to purchase and build a home on our property in 1985. I look at it as a recreational plus. I think the existing County requirements regarding dust, noise, fire control, etc. will keep it attractive and safe in the future.

I urge whoever looks at this issue to consider the many benefits expansion of these community facilities, zoned for public use, will provide to so many people. From memorial services, music and film performances to rodeo, we have no other place to hold public events that can hold, comfortably, more than 300 people plus parking. We really NEED this place that serves our community so well.

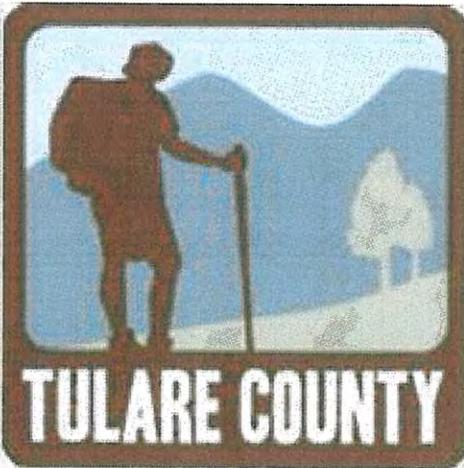
Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,

Janene Lasswell, Treasurer, Emergency Aid Alliance
Director, Three Rivers Music Festival

Attachment No. 6

Noise Study Report



Three Rivers Lions Club Rodeo Grounds Amendment to Special Use Permit

Noise Study Report

Prepared for:

Tulare County
Resource Management Agency
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Prepared by:

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June 2014



Three Rivers Lions Club Rodeo Grounds Amendment to Special Use Permit Noise Study Report

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This Noise Study Report (NSR) has been prepared for the purpose of identifying potential noise impacts that may result from the proposed Three Rivers Lions Club Rodeo Grounds Amendment to Special Use Permit. The Project's current Special Use Permit (PSP 02-013) was approved by the Tulare County Planning Commission on May 12, 2004. The current Special Use Permit prohibits more than five (5) amplified events on the Three Rivers Lions Club Rodeo Grounds, which is located on a 5.78 acre parcel approximately 1,800 feet northwest of the intersection of Kaweah Drive and North Fork Road in Three Rivers.

1.0 Introduction

1.1 Description of the Region/Project

The Project lies within the central portion of the San Joaquin Valley. Three Rivers is a small, creative Sierra Nevada foothill village, with businesses and residences following the five forks of the Kaweah River. It is the gateway town for the Ash Mountain Main Entrance to Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Park, home of the Giant Sequoia trees. Figures 1 and 2 show the location of the Project along with major roadways and highways.

The Project proposes to modify its existing Special Use Permit to allow for a maximum of ten (10) amplified events. The Three Rivers Lions Club maintains the rodeo grounds for the primary purpose of raising funds for charity. The Lions Roping Event and the Three Rivers Jazz Affair are two primary activities undertaken by the Lions Club in collaboration with other community groups. The Lions Club also allows other charities to use the rodeo grounds facilities to host various fund-raiser type events.

1.2 Sound and the Human Ear

The amplitude of a sound determines its loudness. Loudness of sound increases and decreases with increasing and decreasing amplitude. Sound pressure amplitude is measured in units of micro-Newton per square meter (N/m²), also called micro-Pascal (μ Pa). One μ Pa is approximately one-hundred billionth (0.0000000001) of normal atmospheric pressure. The pressure of a very loud sound may be 200 million μ Pa, or 10 million times the pressure of the weakest audible sound (20 μ Pa). Because expressing sound levels in terms of μ Pa would be very cumbersome, sound pressure level (SPL) is used instead to describe in logarithmic units the ratio of actual sound pressures to a reference pressure squared. These units are called bels, named after Alexander Graham Bell. To provide a finer resolution, a bel is subdivided into 10 decibels, abbreviated dB.

1.2.1 A-Weighted Decibels

Sound pressure level alone is not a reliable indicator of loudness. The frequency, or pitch, of a sound also has a substantial effect on how humans will respond. Although the intensity (energy per unit area) of the sound is a purely physical quantity, the loudness or human response is determined by the characteristics of the human ear. Human hearing is limited not only in the range of audible frequencies but also in the way it perceives the SPL in that range. In general, the healthy human ear is most sensitive to sounds between 1,000 Hz and 5,000 Hz, and it perceives a sound within that range as being more intense than a sound of higher or lower frequency with the same magnitude. To approximate the frequency response of the human ear, a series of SPL adjustments is usually applied to the sound measured by a sound level meter. The adjustments (referred to as a weighting network) are frequency dependent. The A-scale weighting network approximates the frequency response of the average young ear when listening to most ordinary sounds.

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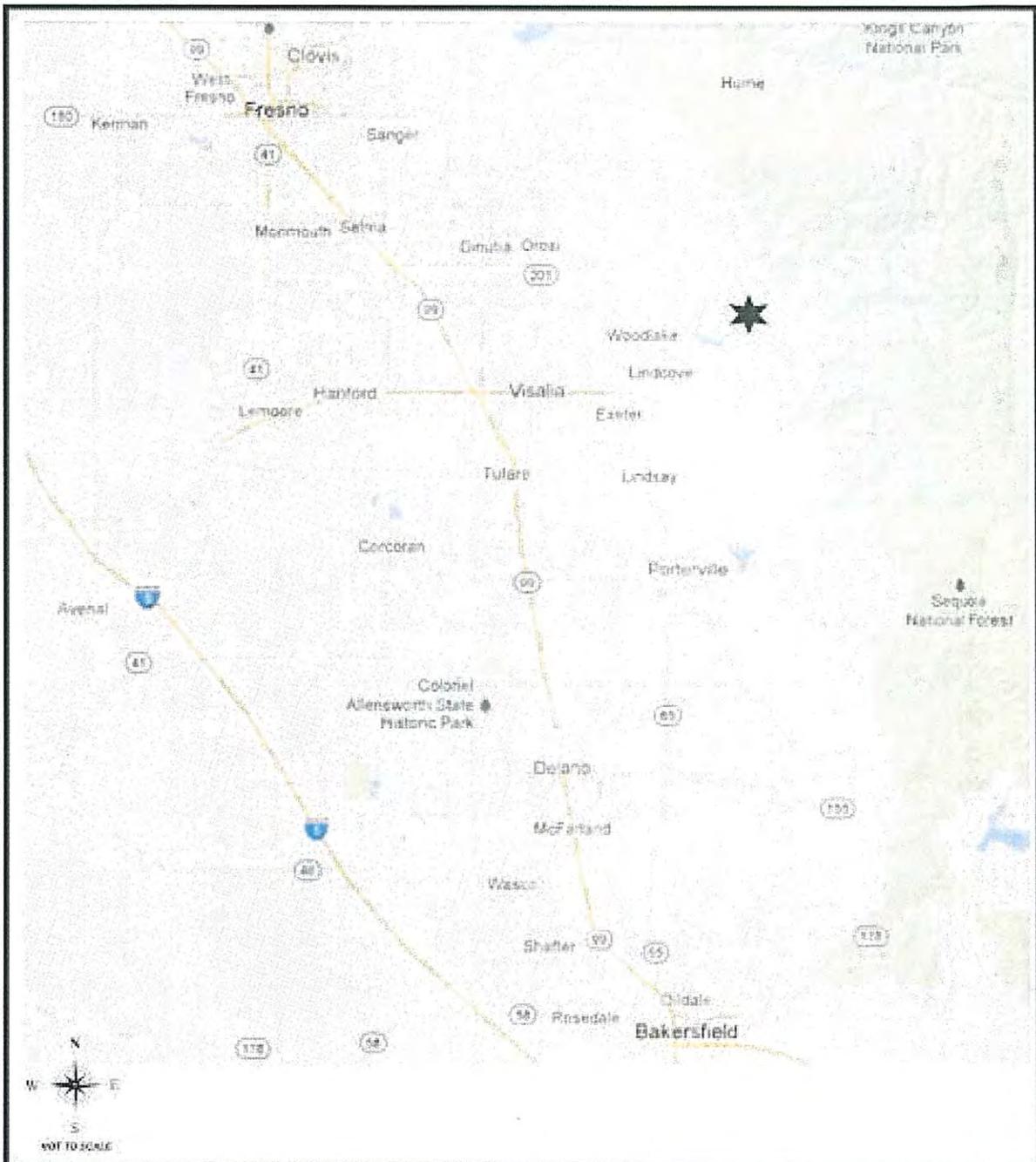


FIGURE 1
Regional Location

LEGEND

★ Project Location





FIGURE 2
Project Location

LEGEND

 Project Location



Unfortunately, there is no completely satisfactory way to measure the subjective effects of noise, or of the corresponding reactions of annoyance and dissatisfaction. This is primarily because of the wide variation in individual thresholds of annoyance, and habituation to noise over differing individual experiences with noise. Thus, an important way of determining a person's subjective reaction to a new noise is the comparison of it to the existing environment, referred to as the "ambient" environment. In general, the more a new noise exceeds the previously existing ambient noise level, the less acceptable the new noise will be judged by the hearers. With regard to increases in A-weighted noise level, knowledge of the following relationships will be helpful in understanding this report:

- ◆ Except in carefully controlled laboratory experiments, a change of 1 dB cannot be perceived by humans.
- ◆ Outside of the laboratory, a 3 dB change is considered a just-perceivable difference.
- ◆ A change in level of at least 5 dB is required before any noticeable change in community response would be expected.
- ◆ A 10 dB change is subjectively heard as approximately a doubling in loudness.

1.2.2 Sound Pressure Levels and Decibels

Because of the ability of the human ear to detect a wide range of sound pressure fluctuations, sound pressure levels are expressed in logarithmic units called decibels. The sound pressure level in decibels is calculated by taking the log of the ratio between the actual sound pressure and the reference sound pressure squared. The reference sound pressure is considered the absolute hearing threshold. In addition, because the human ear is not equally sensitive to all sound frequencies, a specific frequency-dependent rating scale was devised to relate noise to human sensitivity. A dBA scale performs this compensation by discriminating against frequencies in a manner approximating the sensitivity of the human ear. The basis for comparison is the faintest sound audible to the average ear at the frequency of maximum sensitivity. This dBA scale has been chosen by most authorities for purposes of environmental noise regulation. Typical indoor and outdoor noise levels are presented in Figure 3 (Common Environmental Sound Levels).

1.2.3 Sound, Noise, and Acoustics

Sound is a disturbance created by a moving or vibrating source in a gaseous or liquid medium or the elastic stage of a solid and is capable of being detected by the hearing organs. Sound may be thought of as the mechanical energy of a vibrating object transmitted by pressure waves through a medium to a hearing organ, such as a human ear. Noise is defined as sound that is loud, unpleasant, unexpected, or undesired. Sound is actually a process that consists of three components: the sound source, the sound path, and the sound receiver. All three components must be present for sound to exist. Without a source to produce sound, there is no sound. Likewise, without a medium to transmit sound pressure waves, there is also no sound. Finally, sound must be received; a hearing organ, sensor, or object must be present to perceive, register, or be affected by sound or noise. In most situations, there are many different sound sources, paths, and receptors rather than just one of each. Acoustics is the field of science that deals with the production, propagation, reception, effects, and control of sound.

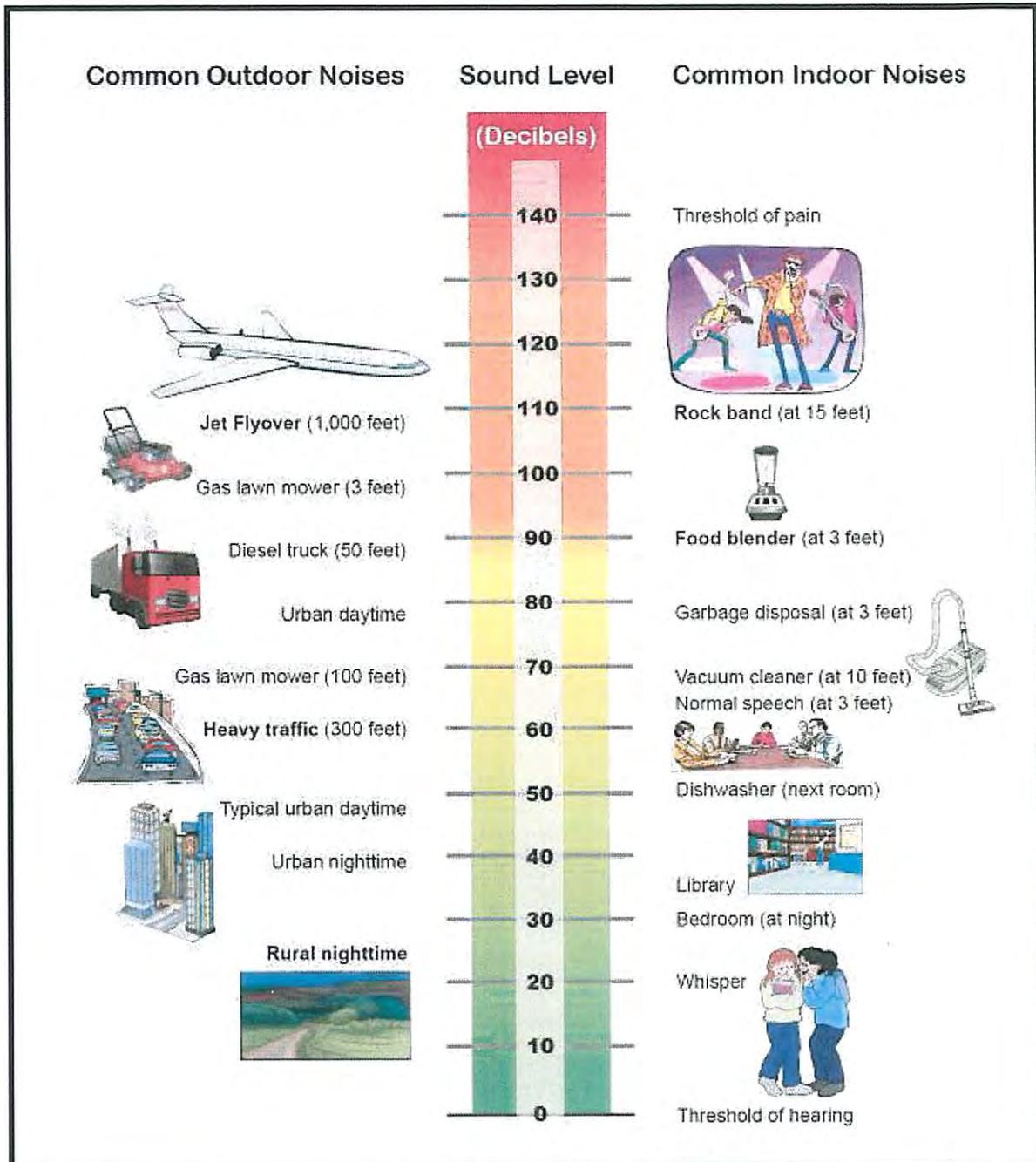


FIGURE 3
Common Environmental Sound Levels

LEGEND



1.2.4 Frequency and Hertz

A continuous sound can be described by its frequency (pitch) and its amplitude (loudness). Frequency relates to the number of pressure oscillations per second. Low-frequency sounds are low in pitch, like the low notes on a piano, whereas high-frequency sounds are high in pitch, like the high notes on a piano. Frequency is expressed in terms of oscillations, or cycles, per second. Cycles per second are commonly referred to as Hertz (Hz). A frequency of 250 cycles per second is referred to as 250 Hz. High frequencies are sometimes more conveniently expressed in units of kilo-Hertz (kHz), or thousands of Hertz. The extreme range of frequencies that can be heard by the healthiest human ear spans from 16–20 Hz on the low end to about 20,000 Hz (or 20 kHz) on the high end.

1.2.5 Addition of Decibels

Because decibels are logarithmic units, sound pressure levels cannot be added or subtracted by ordinary arithmetic means. For example, if one automobile produces an SPL of 70 dBA as it passes an observer, two cars passing simultaneously would not produce 140 dBA; they would, in fact, combine to produce 73 dBA. When two sounds of equal SPL are combined, they will produce a combined SPL 3 dBA greater than the original individual SPL. In other words, sound energy must be doubled to produce a 3 dBA increase. If two sound levels differ by 10 dBA or more, the combined SPL is equal to the higher SPL; in other words, the lower sound level does not increase the higher sound level.

1.3 Characteristics of Sound Propagation and Attenuation

Noise can be generated by a number of sources, including mobile sources such as automobiles, trucks, and airplanes, and stationary sources such as construction sites, machinery, and industrial operations. Noise generated by mobile sources typically attenuates (is reduced) at a rate between 3.0 and 4.5 dBA per doubling of distance. The rate depends on the ground surface and the number or type of objects between the noise source and the receiver. Hard and flat surfaces, such as concrete or asphalt, have an attenuation rate of 3.0 dBA per doubling of distance. Soft surfaces, such as uneven or vegetated terrain, have an attenuation rate of about 4.5 dBA per doubling of distance. Noise generated by stationary sources typically attenuates at a rate between 6.0 and about 7.5 dBA per doubling of distance. Sound levels can be reduced by placing barriers between the noise source and the receiver. In general, barriers contribute to decreasing noise levels only when the structure breaks the “line of sight” between the source and the receiver. Buildings, concrete walls, and berms can all act as effective noise barriers. Wooden fences or broad areas of dense foliage can also reduce noise, but are less effective than solid barriers.

1.3.1 Noise Descriptors

Noise in the daily environment fluctuates over time. Some of the fluctuations are minor; some are substantial. Some noise levels occur in regular patterns; others are random. Some noise levels fluctuate rapidly, others slowly. Some noise levels vary widely; others are relatively constant. Various noise descriptors have been developed to describe time-varying noise levels.

- ◆ **Equivalent Sound Level (Leq)** - Leq represents an average of the sound energy occurring over a specified period. Leq is, in effect, the steady-state sound level that, in a stated period, would contain the same acoustical energy as the time-varying sound that actually occurs during the same period. The one-
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hour A-weighted equivalent sound level, $Leq(h)$, is the energy average of the A-weighted sound levels occurring during a one-hour period and is the basis for the Noise Abatement Criteria (NAC) used by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

- ◆ **Percentile-Exceeded Sound Level (L_x)** - L_x represents the sound level exceeded for a given percentage of a specified period. For example, L_{10} is the sound level exceeded 10 percent of the time, and L_{90} is the sound level exceeded 90 percent of the time.
- ◆ **Maximum Sound Level (L_{max})** - L_{max} is the highest instantaneous sound level measured during a specified period.

1.3.2 Sound Propagation

When sound propagates over a distance, it changes in both level and frequency content. The manner in which noise reduces with distance depends on the following factors:

- ◆ **Geometric Spreading** - Sound from a small, localized source (i.e., a point source) radiates uniformly outward as it travels away from the source in a spherical pattern. The sound level attenuates (or drops off) at a rate of 6 dBA for each doubling of distance. Highway noise is not a single, stationary point source of sound. The movement of the vehicles on a highway makes the source of the sound appear to emanate from a line (i.e., a line source) rather than a point. This line source results in cylindrical spreading rather than the spherical spreading that results from a point source. The change in sound level from a line source is 3 dBA per doubling of distance.
 - ◆ **Ground Absorption** - Most often, the noise path between the source and the receiver is very close to the ground. Noise attenuation from ground absorption and reflective wave canceling adds to the attenuation associated with geometric spreading. Traditionally, the excess attenuation has also been expressed in terms of attenuation per doubling of distance. This approximation is done for simplification only; for distances of less than 60 m (200 ft), prediction results based on this scheme are sufficiently accurate. For acoustically hard sites (i.e., those sites with a reflective surface, such as a parking lot or a smooth body of water, between the source and the receiver), no excess ground attenuation is assumed. For acoustically absorptive or soft sites (i.e., those sites with an absorptive ground surface, such as soft dirt, grass, or scattered bushes and trees, between the source and the receiver), an excess ground attenuation value of 1.5 dBA per doubling of distance is normally assumed. When added to the geometric spreading, the excess ground attenuation results in an overall drop-off rate of 4.5 dBA per doubling of distance for a line source and 7.5 dBA per doubling of distance for a point source.
 - ◆ **Atmospheric Effects** - Research by Caltrans and others has shown that atmospheric conditions can have a significant effect on noise levels within 60 m (200 ft) of a highway. Wind has been shown to be the most important meteorological factor within approximately 150 m (500 ft) of the source, whereas vertical air temperature gradients are more important for greater distances. Other factors such as air temperature, humidity, and turbulence also have significant effects. Receptors located downwind from a source can be exposed to increased noise levels relative to calm conditions, whereas locations upwind can have lower noise levels. Increased sound levels can also occur as a result of temperature inversion conditions (i.e., increasing temperature with elevation).
 - ◆ **Shielding by Natural and Human-Made Features** - A large object or barrier in the path between a noise source and a receiver can substantially attenuate noise levels at the receiver. The amount of attenuation provided by this shielding depends on the size of the object and the frequency content of the noise source. Natural terrain features (e.g., hills and dense woods) and human-made features (e.g., buildings and walls) can substantially reduce noise levels. Walls are often constructed between a source and a
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receiver specifically to reduce noise. A barrier that breaks the line of sight between a source and a receiver will typically result in at least 5 dBA of noise reduction.

1.4 Methodology

When preparing an NSR, guidelines set by affected agencies must be followed. Acoustical terminology used for this NSR is documented in Appendix B. Unless otherwise stated, all sound levels reported are in A-weighted decibels (dBA). A-weighting de-emphasizes the very low and very high frequencies of sound in a manner similar to the human ear. Most community noise standards use A-weighting, as it provides a high degree of correlation with human annoyance and health effects.

1.4.1 Tulare County

The Health and Safety section of Tulare County's 2030 General Plan serves as the primary policy statement for the County for implementing policies to maintain and improve the noise environment in Tulare County. The Health and Safety section presents Goals and Objectives relative to planning for the noise environment within the County. Future noise/land use incompatibilities can be avoided or reduced with implementation of Tulare County's noise criteria and standards. Tulare County realizes that it may not always be possible to avoid constructing noise sensitive developments in existing noisy areas and therefore provides noise reduction strategies to be implemented in situations with potential noise/land use conflicts.

Table 1 shows Tulare County's Land Use Compatibility for Community Noise Environments. During preparation of this NSR, conformance of the proposed amendment with the Land Use Compatibility for Community Noise Environments is used to evaluate potential noise impacts and provides criteria for environmental impact findings and conditions for project approval.

1.4.2 Study Methods and Procedures

Site Selection

Developed and undeveloped land uses in the project vicinity were identified through land use maps, aerial photography, and site inspection. Land uses in the project vicinity include single-family residences on approximately 1-acre lots. The generalized land use data and location of particular sensitive receptors were the primary basis for the selection of the noise monitoring and analysis sites. A total of three (3) field receptor locations were measured during the site evaluation and represent residences in the project's vicinity. The field receptor locations represent residential homes where home owners permitted the placement of noise monitoring equipment on their property. These field receptor locations are shown in Figure 4. Figure 4 also shows additional receptor locations that reflect locations of other sensitive receptor locations.

Noise Level Measurement Program

Existing noise levels in the project vicinity were sampled during two separate 24-hour periods. The first period evaluated noise conditions in the study area in the absence of an amplified event on the Lions Club Rodeo Grounds. The second period evaluated the noise conditions at sensitive receptors during an amplified event on the rodeo grounds. Noise measurements at the sensitive receptors were conducted on Friday, May 16 and Saturday May 17, 2014. All measurements were made using an Extech Type 2 sound level meter datalogger.

The following measurement procedure was utilized:

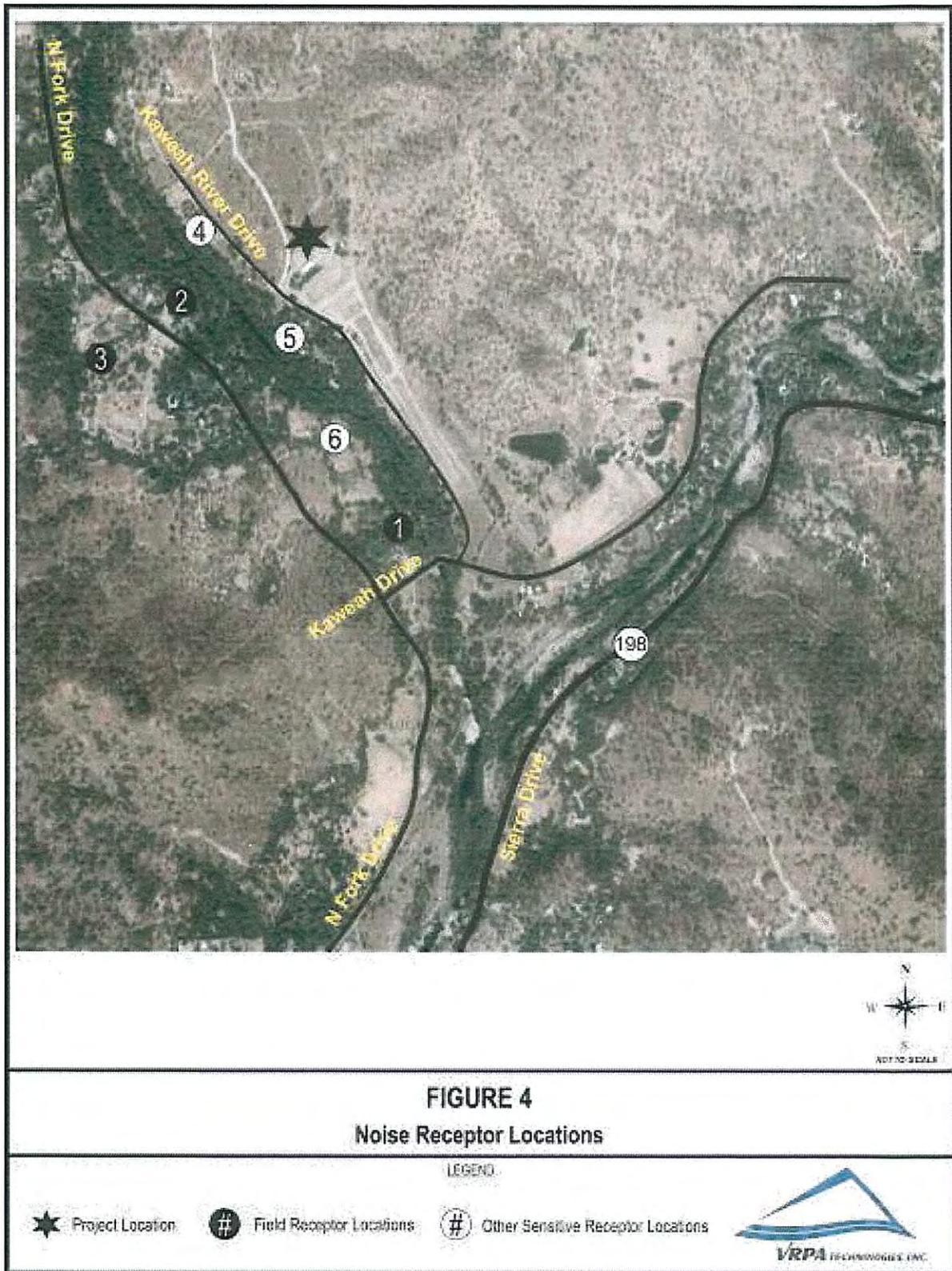
- ◆ Calibrate sound level meter.
- ◆ Set up sound level meter at a height of 1.5 m (5 ft.).
- ◆ Commence noise monitoring.
- ◆ Collect site-specific data such as date, time, and weather conditions.
- ◆ Stop measurement after 24 hours.
- ◆ Verify all components are working properly and repeat.

TABLE 1

Tulare County Land Use Compatibility for Community Noise Environments

| Land Use Category | Community Noise Exposure-L _{dn} or CNEL (dB) | | | | | | |
|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| | 50 | 55 | 60 | 65 | 70 | 75 | 80 |
| Residential - Low Density Single Family, Duplex, Mobile Homes | [Bar chart showing compatibility levels for Residential - Low Density Single Family, Duplex, Mobile Homes] | | | | | | |
| Residential - Multi-Family | [Bar chart showing compatibility levels for Residential - Multi-Family] | | | | | | |
| Transient Lodging - Motels, Hotels | [Bar chart showing compatibility levels for Transient Lodging - Motels, Hotels] | | | | | | |
| Schools, Libraries, Churches, Hospitals, Nursing Homes | [Bar chart showing compatibility levels for Schools, Libraries, Churches, Hospitals, Nursing Homes] | | | | | | |
| Auditoriums, Concert Halls, Amphitheaters | [Bar chart showing compatibility levels for Auditoriums, Concert Halls, Amphitheaters] | | | | | | |
| Sports Arenas, Outdoor Spectator Sports | [Bar chart showing compatibility levels for Sports Arenas, Outdoor Spectator Sports] | | | | | | |
| Playgrounds, Neighborhood Parks | [Bar chart showing compatibility levels for Playgrounds, Neighborhood Parks] | | | | | | |
| Golf Courses, Riding Stables, Water Recreation, Cemeteries | [Bar chart showing compatibility levels for Golf Courses, Riding Stables, Water Recreation, Cemeteries] | | | | | | |
| Office Buildings, Business Commercial and Professional | [Bar chart showing compatibility levels for Office Buildings, Business Commercial and Professional] | | | | | | |
| Industrial, Manufacturing, Utilities, Agriculture | [Bar chart showing compatibility levels for Industrial, Manufacturing, Utilities, Agriculture] | | | | | | |
| Normally Acceptable | Specified land use is satisfactory, based upon the assumption that any buildings involved are of normal conventional construction, without any special noise insulation requirements. | | | | | | |
| Conditionally Acceptable | New construction or development should be undertaken only after a detailed analysis of the noise reduction requirements is made and needed noise insulation features are included in the design. Conventional construction, but with closed windows and fresh air supply systems or air conditioning will normally suffice. | | | | | | |
| Normally Unacceptable | New construction or development should generally be discouraged. If new construction or development does proceed, a detailed analysis of the noise reduction requirements must be made and needed noise insulation features included in the design. | | | | | | |
| Clearly Unacceptable | New construction or development generally should not be undertaken. | | | | | | |

Source: Tulare County General Plan



2.0 Existing Conditions

2.1 Existing Noise Conditions

Existing ambient noise levels in the study area were determined by the noise measurements conducted on Friday, May 16, 2014. Referencing Table 1, Tulare County’s criteria shows that mitigation must be considered when the exterior noise exposure level of 60 L_{dn}/CNEL for single-family low density dwelling units has been exceeded. Levels reported in this section are in terms of A-weighted levels. Existing noise level results in the study area are shown in Table 2.

TABLE 2
Existing Noise Levels

| Receptor I.D. No. | Location | Type of Development | Existing Noise Level Leq dB | Existing Noise Level Ldn dB | Existing Noise Level CNEL dB |
|-------------------|--|---------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | Single-Family Residence. Located north of Kaweah Drive | Residential | 48.5 | 54.7 | 55.0 |
| 2 | Single-Family Residence. Located east of N Fork Drive | Residential | 49.3 | 55.0 | 55.2 |
| 3 | Single-Family Residence. Located north of Kaweah Drive | Residential | 46.2 | 51.2 | 51.6 |

As shown above in Table 2, the ambient noise levels at residential homes in the vicinity of the Project range between 51 and 55 Ldn dB or CNEL dB. For analysis purposes, it was assumed that the other sensitive receptors identified in Figure 4 experience ambient noise levels of 53 Ldn dB or CNEL dB.

2.2 Existing Plus Project Noise Conditions

To assess the impacts that amplified events from the Project have on the adjacent receptors, the first step is to determine the baseline or the existing noise condition. The second is to then compare the baseline to noise conditions at sensitive receptors during amplified events, and Tulare County’s Land Use Compatibility for Community Noise Environments. Noise levels in the study area were evaluated during an amplified event on the rodeo grounds on Saturday, May 17, 2014. The resulting noise levels during amplified events for sensitive receptors is shown in Table 3.

TABLE 3
Noise Levels during Amplified Events

| Receptor I.D. No. | Location | Type of Development | Existing Noise Level Leq dB | Amplified Event Noise Level Leq dB | Existing Noise Level Ldn dB | Amplified Event Noise Level Ldn dB | Existing Noise Level CNEL dB | Amplified Event Noise Level CNEL dB |
|-------------------|--|---------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | Single-Family Residence. Located north of Kaweah Drive | Residential | 48.5 | 48.8 | 54.7 | 55.2 | 55.0 | 55.4 |
| 2 | Single-Family Residence. Located east of N Fork Drive | Residential | 49.3 | 49.7 | 55.0 | 55.5 | 55.2 | 55.6 |
| 3 | Single-Family Residence. Located north of Kaweah Drive | Residential | 46.2 | 46.5 | 51.2 | 51.2 | 51.6 | 51.4 |

As shown in Table 3, the greatest increase in noise levels when comparing ambient noise levels at sensitive receptors to amplified event noise levels is 0.5 Ldn dB. Noise levels at Receptor 3 remains relatively the same, which can be expected since it is the furthest away (1,900 ft.) from the Three Rivers Lions Club Rodeo site or amplified sound source. Results of the analysis show that none of the measured noise levels in the absence or presence of an amplified event exceed Tulare County's Land Use Compatibility for Community Noise Environments, which is documented in Table 1.

Figure 4 shows additional sensitive receptor locations 4, 5, and 6, which are located 800 ft., 450 ft., and 1,000 ft. from the amplified sound source location, respectively. As noted previously, for purposes of evaluating amplified event noise impacts, it was assumed that the ambient noise level at sensitive receptors 4, 5, and 6 is 53 Ldn dB or CNEL dB. Results from Table 3 showed that the greatest increase in noise levels when comparing ambient noise levels at sensitive receptors to amplified event noise levels is 0.5 Ldn dB. It should be noted that receptors 1 and 2 are located approximately 1,600 ft and 900 ft. from the amplified sound source location, respectively. It should be noted that the elevation at receptor 1 was approximately 7 to 10 ft. higher than receptors 2 and 3.

Noise generated by stationary sources typically attenuates at a rate between 6.0 and about 7.5 dBA per doubling of distance. With an increase of 0.5 Ldn dB at 900 ft from the sound source (rodeo site), it is anticipated that the increase at sensitive receptors 4, 5, and 6 would be 2.0 Ldn dB, 7.0 Ldn dB, 0.5 Ldn dB. Table 4 shows the estimated impacts that an amplified event at the rodeo grounds has on sensitive receptors 4, 5, and 6. Results of the analysis show that receptor 5, located 450 ft from the amplified sound source, is estimated to experience noise levels of 60.0 Ldn dB or CNEL dB during amplified events at the Three Rivers Lions Club Rodeo Grounds. The anticipated noise levels at receptor 5 equals the maximum allowable noise exposure for single-family residences under Tulare County's Land Use Compatibility for Community Noise Environments. Therefore, noise levels at single-family residences that are a minimum of 450 ft. from the amplified sound source will not exceed Tulare County's Land Use Compatibility for Community Noise Environments.

TABLE 4
Noise Levels during Amplified Events at Receptors 4, 5, and 6

| Receptor I.D. No. | Type of Development | Estimated Existing Noise Level Ldn dB | Estimated Amplified Event Noise Level Ldn dB | Estimated Existing Noise Level CNEL dB | Estimated Amplified Event Noise Level CNEL dB |
|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|--|--|---|
| 4 | Residential | 53.0 | 55.0 | 53.0 | 55.0 |
| 5 | Residential | 53.0 | 60.0 | 53.0 | 60.0 |
| 6 | Residential | 53.0 | 53.5 | 53.0 | 53.5 |

APPENDIX A
Project's Current Conditions of Approval



BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION

COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF SPECIAL USE PERMIT)

APPLICATION NO. PSP 02-013)

RESOLUTION NO. 8052

Resolution of the Planning Commission of the County of Tulare conditionally approving a Special Use Permit requested by Three Rivers Lions Club, P O Box 206, Three Rivers, CA 93271 (Agent: Howard Hill, 45233 South Fork Drive, Three Rivers, CA 93271) to bring into compliance a rodeo ground and associated assemblage of people on a 5.78-acre parcel in the AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural - 20 acre minimum) Zone, on property located on the east side of the North Fork of the Kaweah River, approximately 1,800 feet northwest of the intersection of Kaweah Drive and North Fork Road, in Three Rivers.

WHEREAS, an application has been filed pursuant to the regulations contained in Section 16 of Ordinance No. 352, the Zoning Ordinance, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has given notice of its intention to consider the granting of a Special Use Permit as provided in Section 18 of said Ordinance No. 352 and as provided in Section 65905 of the Government Code of the State of California, and

WHEREAS, Staff has performed necessary investigations, prepared a written report (made a part hereof), and recommended approval of this application subject to conditions, and

WHEREAS, public hearings were held and an opportunity for public testimony was provided at regular meetings of the Planning Commission on April 14 & 28 and May 12, 2004, and

WHEREAS, at those meetings of the Planning Commission public testimony was received and recorded from Howard Hill, David Paradis, Darlene Mayfield, Shotzee Lovett, Lyle Carr, Cal Johnson, Mike Branch, Kaye Cannarozzi, Jane Dagerman, Glen McIntyre, Wally Rice, Janine Chilcott, Rod Simonian, Maya Ricci and Sherman Rogers in support of the proposal and from Maya Ricci and Sherman Rogers and a letter from William Kadi who raised concerns regarding access, noise and lighting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

A. This Planning Commission hereby certifies that it has reviewed and considered the information contained in the Negative Declaration for the proposed project together with any comments received during the public review process, in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act and the State Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 prior to taking action on the project.

B. This Planning Commission hereby adopts the following findings of fact as to the reasons for approval of this application:

1. The applicant has requested a Special Use Permit to bring into compliance a rodeo ground and associated assemblage of people on a 5.78-acre parcel. The site is located on the east side of the North Fork of the Kaweah River, approximately 1,800 feet northwest of the intersection of Kaweah Drive and North Fork Road, in Three Rivers.
2. The site is zoned AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural - 20 acre minimum) and currently contains a roping arena, announcer's stand, bleachers, two cook shacks, open ag building with a raised stage with electrical hook-up and an area for dancing or exhibits, restroom building, storage building, scout shack, storage sea train, and a deep pit BBQ area.
3. The properties to the north are zoned R-1-43 (Single Family Residential - 43,000 sq. ft. minimum) and they contain grazing and scattered residences. To the east, the properties are zoned AE-20 and R-O-44 (Single Family Estate - 44,000 sq. ft. minimum). The land use of these properties includes the former private airstrip, a catfish farm and fishing park, grazing and scattered residences. South of the site, the properties are zoned R-A-43-F-2 (Rural Residential - 43,000 sq. ft. minimum, Secondary Flood Plain Combining), F-1 (Primary Flood Plain) and R-A-43 (Rural Residential - 43,000 sq. ft. minimum) and contain scattered residences, North Fork Kaweah River and grazing. To the west, the properties are zoned R-1-43 and R-A-43, F-1 and contain grazing, scattered residences and the North Fork Kaweah River.
4. Section 16 II.B of the Tulare County Zoning Ordinance allows Rodeo ground or roping arena - AE, AE-10, AE-20, AE-40, AE-80, A-1, AF, RC, O, CO, M-1, M-2, AP; and Assemblage of people for educational or entertainment purposes in a building or open area not otherwise approved for assemblage under this Ordinance and including but not limited to auto shows, boat shows, art shows, exhibitions and auctions - AE, AE-10, AE-20, AE-40, AE-80, A-1, AF, RC, CO, C-1, C-2, C-3, M-1, M-2. (However, in no case shall auto shows, boat shows, art shows, exhibitions, and auctions be allowed in the AE, AE-10, AE-20, AE-40, or AE-80 Zones.) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Part, a use permit for the assemblage of people may include approval of sales of alcoholic beverages under an on-sale license.
5. The first annual team roping rodeo was held on the subject premises in 1949 prior to Special Use Permit requirements. The use has expanded over the years and the Ordinance has been amended to require a special use permit. Ordinance 3131 was adopted by the Board of Supervisors (effective September 12, 1995), in which the provision excluding auto, boat and art shows, exhibitions and auctions from AE-

designated zones was added. The non-conforming status provisions of Section 15 of the Zoning Ordinance allow such on-going activities established prior to the 1995 revision. Expansions, however, must be authorized with proper permit approvals.

6. The site is not within any Urban Area Boundary, but is within the Planning Area Boundary of the Three Rivers Community Plan. The Three Rivers Community Plan (GPA 80-1) designates the site as "Medium Density Residential" (1 family residence per 1 acre). Non-conforming uses are not specifically addressed by the Community Plan. The implementing zone, together with Section 15 of the Tulare County Zoning Ordinance recognize uses that were established prior to zoning regulations and provides for expansion of those uses upon approval of a special use permit.
7. According to the Noise Element, the site is not within a noise-impacted corridor. The site is located adjacent to land zoned for residential use (R-1-43, R-A-43). According to the County's Noise Element Policy Document, a noise environment of 50 - 60 dB L_{dn} is considered to be "normally acceptable" for residential uses. Potential elevated noise levels by the project's proposed outdoor events, such as the Jazz Festival and rodeo events, may exceed 60 dB at the boundaries to the residential land uses during daytime and/or nighttime hours. According to the County's Noise Element Technical Reference Document, amplified music measures up to 120 dB (considered to be deafening noise level) and outdoor spectator events measure levels up to 70 dB (considered to be loud noise level). Such amplified music would occur outdoors in the site's open area surrounded by rolling foothills and would be during interim, temporary events on weekends, thereby reducing potential impacts by amplified sound. The average noise level over a 24 hour period, weighted with the ambient noise is likely to measure within the acceptable range of 50 - 60 dB L_{dn}. The nearest residence is located at least 200 feet from the site. The project will be subject to conditions of approval to limit amplified sound exposure to a level consistent with surrounding uses.
8. The project has legal non-conforming status, as set forth in Section 15 of the Tulare County Zoning Ordinance. The Zoning Ordinance implements the General Plan and recognizes that uses can be made more compatible with the surrounding land uses with conditions of approval.
9. The Three Rivers Lions Club acquired the site by grant deed recorded May 31, 1962. Chronological order of development/activities pertinent to the subject site:
 - In 1949, the site was used as a roping arena for the public. No building permits were required for the arena, but A-1 Zoning at that time required a Special Use Permit for a rodeo ground or roping arena. No use permit

application was submitted.

- In 1957, a 267 sq. ft. cook shack was constructed for the purpose of providing a food pantry to the public without a building permit. Building permits were required as provided by Ordinance 331, adopted by the Board of Supervisors on July 30, 1946. A Special Use Permit was also required at that time for the assemblage of people for educational or entertainment purposes in a building or open area not otherwise approved for assemblage and included but was not limited to exhibitions and auctions in the A-1 Zone.
- In 1959, an outdoor restroom building was constructed without a building permit.
- In 1960, a 1,220 sq. ft. scout shack was relocated to the subject site from a State park without a building permit for moving and/or conversion.
- The 1st annual Jazz Festival with assemblage of people occurred on the subject site in 1980. The event lasts from 3 to 4 days each year.
- A mobilehome for temporary use was approved on September 23, 1980 by the Zoning Administrator by Decision No. 208 for Special Use Permit No. PSP 80-053 (ZA) to allow a caretaker residence on the premises to prevent vandalism. No building permit was requested or issued for the mobilehome, and the use permit apparently expired.
- The application of PSP 80-053 (ZA) indicated the Lions Club's desire to provide a community recreation area with a baseball and soccer field in the roping arena, and to develop in the future a swimming pool, and a new gym and basketball court (with approval). The site plan indicated parking areas around the roping arena in addition to the original parking area located on the west side of the subject site. Subsequently, a portion of the scout shack was used as a community gymnasium in the 1980's, without building permit issuance.
- In 1984, a 169 sq. ft. announcer's stand was constructed without a building permit.
- In 1985, a new 400 sq. ft. cook shack (kitchen and pantry storage) was constructed without a building permit and was subsequently rehabilitated in 1987 with a concrete slab and electrical upgrades under Building Permit No. A8701129.
- In 1986, the County deeded the adjacent property to current neighbor J. Thomas Chess and included a non-exclusive easement for "road, public utility

and parking lot purposes including the right to conduct occasional competitive or show events, including livestock" in Document No. 57179, recorded October 6, 1986. The Lions Club has verbal permission from Dr. Chess to utilize approximately 5 acres along the private airstrip on Chess' property, adjacent to the roping arena, for overflow RV and vehicle parking during fundraising events.

- In 1993, a 4,000 sq. ft. ag barn (for ag storage only and fee exempt) was added under Building Permit No. A9303216.
 - In 1996, the old cook shack was re-roofed with a new patio cover under Building Permit No. A9602393.
 - In 1999, a 654 sq. ft. storage building was constructed under Building Permit No. A9903124.
 - On November 1, 2001, the Tulare County Code Enforcement Division issued Violation Notice No. V501-032 for a sea train installed without a building permit and for the conversion of the fee-exempt ag barn meant for storage without utilities into an area for live music with a raised stage and electrical hook-up for lighting and sound and an area for dancing or exhibits without prior use permit approval.
 - On July 23, 2002, the Board of Supervisors determined that a Special Use Permit was required and approved the request for a waiver of filing fees for PSP 02-013.
10. During the two large events, the annual team roping and Jazzaffair, 30 volunteers work in each of two shifts. The Ag Building is set up with 450 removable chairs. The bleachers in the arena also seat 450. Other events are held throughout the year with an attendance of approximately 100 persons. The site is used during the months of April through October, primarily on weekends. The applicant has stated that the hours of operation are between 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. during the large events. According to several attendees and nearby residents, the team roping event on the weekend of April 23, 24 and 25, 2004, continued past midnight. Representatives of the Lion's Club stated at the public hearing of April 28 that this was a unique occurrence due to unexpectedly high attendance and does not change their intention to conform to the hours stated. Measures to control attendance will be practiced to prevent running late in the future.
11. There are 250 parking spaces in the "upper" and "lower" unmarked, parking areas. During the large events, up to 200 recreational vehicles park on adjacent property to the east of the site and approximately 70 RVs park on-site. Maximum stays are 10 days. There are no hook-ups and the RVs must be self-contained.

12. Horses and steers are brought onto the site for the steer roping event. The steers are brought in for the 3-day event and are kept in the corrals. Livestock are temporarily penned in the parking areas.
13. Food service is provided from concession stands at events utilizing the two cook shacks. The applicant states that a temporary liquor license is purchased prior to each event.
14. A water truck is used for dust control. A tractor is used in the roping arena to spread and disk the manure into the ground.
15. No new buildings are proposed. The applicant will secure building permits for the changes of occupancy and construction of other buildings in violation if the special use permit is approved.
16. With respect to concerns raised in public testimony:
 - Regarding the access issue, the Three Rivers Community Plan designates the access road as a "Proposed Collector". The policies regarding implementation of the Circulation Plan state that right of way should be acquired in conjunction with new development. A condition has been added to require additional right of way to provide for an incremental portion of a 60-foot wide roadway. Regarding road improvement, the Board of Supervisors has taken action on previous appeals of Parcel Maps in the areas which utilize the same road and determined that such land divisions would not be burdened with the standard improvements for the access road at this location. However, the events held at the Lions Club facility involve excessive traffic, including horse trailers and RVs. A proportionate share of upgrading an access easement is typically the obligation imposed on development projects that generate traffic. Condition No. 3 has been modified to ensure a safe and adequate travelway.
 - Regarding noise, the standards of the Noise Element have been included in Condition No. 11. Additionally, Condition No. 13 requires an Event Management Plan that will limit the number of amplified events.
 - Regarding lighting, the standard conditions of approval include "All exterior lighting shall be so adjusted as to deflect direct rays away from public roadways and adjacent properties." With this condition imposed, no further conditions are necessary to ensure that lighting will be sufficiently regulated.
17. A Negative Declaration was prepared for the project and approved for public review by the Environmental Assessment Officer indicating that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

C. This Planning Commission, after considering all of the evidence presented, found that the establishment, maintenance, and operation of the use of building or land applied for PSP 02-013 would not, under the circumstances of the particular case, be detrimental to the health, safety, and general welfare of persons residing or working in the neighborhood or to the general welfare of the County.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED as follows:

A. This Planning Commission hereby finds there is no substantial evidence that said Special Use Permit will have a significant effect on the environment and determines that the Negative Declaration for said Special Use Permit reflects the independent judgment of the County and has been completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act and the State Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970.

B. This Planning Commission hereby approves Special Use Permit Application No. PSP 02-013, subject to the following conditions:

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1 Standardized conditions as set forth in Planning Commission Resolution No. 5976 as amended by Resolution Nos. 6013, 6334 and 6702 shall apply to this application (Attachment No. 1).

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2 The property owner shall file a Right to Farm Notice with the Tulare County Recorder's Office (see Attachment No. 2).

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3 Both the parking area and driveways, including the easement from Kaweah Drive to the northerly property line of the subject site to a width of 20 feet, shall be surfaced for all-weather conditions and be maintained so that dust and mud do not create conditions detrimental to surrounding roadways.

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4 A minimum of 250 parking spaces shall be provided and permanently maintained on the premises.

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5 All solid waste shall be disposed of at a County approved landfill or transfer station to prevent on-site accumulation of debris resulting in nuisance or fire hazards.

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6 Parking or driving across any leach lines shall be prohibited.

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7 The property address shall be posted in a location visible from the roadway with numbers of 4" minimum in height on contrasting background.

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An approved method for providing a reliable water source for fire fighting purposes shall be provided. The Tulare County Fire Department shall review said system prior to installation.

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The applicant shall provide portable fire extinguishers per NFPA Pamphlet #10.

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All arena areas shall be watered down as necessary to control dust.

The amplified sound system shall be limited to the arena and "ag" building. The noise level shall not exceed 60 dB Ldn at the property line.

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The hours of operation for events shall be limited to 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. with clean-up activities completed by 12:00 midnight. Participants and livestock may arrive starting at noon on the day preceding an event and must depart the premises by noon the day following the event.

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An Events Management Plan ("EMP") shall be completed and submitted to Tulare County RMA annually documenting future booked events and estimated attendance for each activity. Any amendments to the EMP shall be filed with RMA immediately. Controls shall be in place to limit the size, amplification and length of an event to be appropriate for the size and location of the rodeo and grounds of the facility. The EMP shall include (a) the limit on the number of amplified events per year (which shall be five (5) per year); (b) a parking plan which includes an estimate of the number of automobiles, recreational vehicles, stock trailers, and trucks per event; and (c) the type of lighting that will be used for each event. The EMP shall note that the applicant shall provide traffic management personnel before, during and after each event. The EMP will be monitored by RMA Code Compliance pursuant to its monitoring program and based on any complaints made during project operations. Enforcement action may be taken against the permit by the Planning Commission pursuant to Section 18 of the Zoning Ordinance (e.g., modification of conditions or revocation of permit), or by any other action allowed by law.

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The Blue Oaks (*Quercus douglasii*) shall remain on the property.

On no less than a weekly basis, manure shall be scraped from pens and arena areas and properly spread on site. Any stockpiles of manure shall be removed from the site within 24 hours. Neither spreading or stockpiling shall cause any nuisance, odors, or insect vector problems. The overall premises shall be maintained in such a manner as to prevent any nuisances from occurring.

16. The following measures should be incorporated into the project to reduce the overall project's level of emission, to the extent possible:

- a. Limit engine idling by vehicles operating at the project site;
- b. Exits onto adjoining streets should be designed to reduce time required to re-enter traffic from the project site.
- c. Trees should be carefully selected and located to shade the structures during the hot summer months. The measure should be implemented for southern and western exposures. Deciduous trees should be considered since they provide shade in the summer and allow the sun to reach the structures during the cold winter months.
- d. Energy efficient design including but not limited to automated control system for heating/air conditioning and energy efficiency beyond Title 24 requirements, lighting controls, and energy-efficient lighting in buildings, increased insulation beyond Title 24 requirements, and light-colored roof materials to reflect heat shall be utilized wherever possible.
- e. Implement the SJVAPCD's rules and regulations for "Fugitive Dust Control at Construction Sites" as set forth in the *Compliance Assistance Bulletin* dated September 2002.

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Prior to any event that requires traffic control, the applicant should contact the Caltrans District 6 staff, Permits Branch. A Traffic Management Plan (TMP) and/or permit from Caltrans will be required for traffic control for events should traffic control be placed in the State Highway right of way.

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Caltrans must review any signs that are placed in the State Highway right of way.

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A contact for odor, dust and noise complaints shall be provided to the Tulare County Sheriff's Department and the Tulare County RMA.

20.

An additional five feet shall be dedicated to Tulare County across the parcel along the access road in the form of an irrevocable offer of dedication for right of way purposes.

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21.

"No parking" signs shall be posted along the easement on the subject site and the adjacent site used for parking. The operator shall encourage on-site parking as the superior choice at all times.

The foregoing resolution was adopted upon motion of Commissioner Dias , seconded by Commissioner Millwee, at a regular meeting of the Planning Commission on the 12th day of May, 2004, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Dias, Wheeler, Kirkpatrick, Kapheim, Fernandes, Millwee

NOES: Whitlatch

ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: none

TULARE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION


George E. Finney, Secretary

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APPENDIX B

Acoustical Terminology



ACOUSTICAL TERMINOLOGY

The following terminology has been used for purposes of this NSR:

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| Ambient Noise Level: | The composite of noise from all sources near and far. In this context, the ambient noise level constitutes the normal or existing level of environmental noise at a given location. |
| CNEL: | Community Noise Equivalent Level. The average equivalent sound level during a 24-hour day, obtained after addition of approximately five decibels to sound levels in the evening from 7 p.m. to 10p.m. and ten decibels to sound levels in the night before 7 a.m. and after 10 p.m. |
| Decibel, dBA: | A unit for describing the amplitude of sound, equal to 20 times the logarithm to the base 10 of the ratio of the pressure of the sound measured to the reference pressure, which is 20 micropascals (20 micro-newtons per square meter). |
| DNL/L_{dn}: | Day/Night Average Sound Level. The average equivalent sound level during a 24-hour day, obtained after addition of ten decibels to sound levels in the night after 10:00 p.m. and before 7:00 a.m. |
| L_{eq}: | Equivalent Sound Level. The sound level containing the same total energy as a time varying signal over a given sample period. L _{eq} is typically computed over 1, 8 and 24-hour sample periods. |
| L_{eq}(h): | The hourly value of L _{eq} . |
| L_{max}: | The maximum noise level recorded during a noise event |
| L_n: | The sound level exceeded "n" percent of the time during a sample interval (L ₉₀ , L ₅₀ , L ₁₀ , etc.). L ₁₀ equals the level exceeded 10 percent of the time. |
| L_n(h): | The hourly value of L _n . |
| Noise Exposure Contours: | Lines drawn about a noise source indicating constant levels of noise exposure. CNEL and DNL contours are frequently utilized to describe community exposure to noise. |
| SEL or SENEL: | Sound Exposure Level or Single Event Noise Exposure Level. The level of noise accumulated during a single noise event, such as an |

aircraft overflight, with reference to the duration of one second. More specifically, it is the time-integrated A-weighted squared sound pressure for a stated time interval or event, based on a reference pressure of 20 micropascals and the reference duration of one second

Sound Level:

The sound pressure level in decibels as measured on a sound level meter using the A-weighting filter network. The A-weighting filter de-emphasizes the very low and very high frequency components of the sound in a manner similar to the response of the human ear and gives good correlation with subjective reactions to noise.

Note: *CNEL and DNL represent daily levels of noise exposure averaged on an annual basis, while L_n represents the average noise exposure for a shorter time period, typically one hour.*



Project Team Personnel

Key Personnel Qualifications

VRPA Technologies, Inc.



GEORGIENA VIVIAN, PRESIDENT – PRINCIPAL IN CHARGE, Ms. Vivian, President of VRPA Technologies, Inc. founded VRPA Technologies in 1988. Prior to founding VRPA, Ms. Vivian was employed by Fresno COG between 1978 and 1988 and was responsible for regional planning programs and studies. She has over 39 years of experience in transportation planning and financing, congestion management, traffic engineering, transportation demand management and transportation systems management (TDM/TSM) activities, sustainable communities planning, environmental planning, air quality, climate change, and noise analysis and extensive public outreach. Ms. Vivian's experience also includes a large number of traffic impact analyses, several of which were conducted for residential development projects. Ms. Vivian is a leading transportation planner, transportation engineer, and public outreach specialist providing services throughout California, the western United States, and on the East Coast.



ERIK RUEHR, P.E. – DIRECTOR OF TRAFFIC ENGINEERING, PROJECT MANAGER, Mr. Ruehr, Director of Traffic Engineering with VRPA Technologies, Inc., has over 31 years of experience in traffic engineering and transportation planning. He is registered as a Civil Engineer and a Traffic Engineer in California. Mr. Ruehr has been responsible for the traffic analysis of a large number of completed corridor studies. These include the I-5 South Multi-Modal Corridor Study in San Diego County, SR-12 in Solano County, the Westside Parkway in Kern County, and the Mid County Parkway in Riverside County. Mr. Ruehr has been active in highway capacity research for a number of years. He has served as a member of the Transportation Research Board's Highway Capacity Committee and was a contributor to the 2000 and 2010 Highway Capacity Manuals.

JASON ELLARD – TRANSPORTATION ENGINEER, Mr. Ellard has over 10 years of environmental planning experience. Mr. Ellard specializes in air quality and noise impact assessments and has completed numerous impact assessments in the cities of Fresno, Madera, Bakersfield, Shafter, and Indian Wells, and Fresno, Tulare, Madera, Riverside, San Joaquin, and Kern Counties. Mr. Ellard was instrumental in the completion of the air quality and greenhouse gas analysis and noise impact analysis for the City of Hanford Downtown East Precise Plan located in the City of Hanford. Mr. Ellard also completed the air quality and noise impact assessment for the Portola Avenue at I-10 Interchange Project in the City of Palm Desert. Mr. Ellard provided traffic technical support for the Fresno Council of Governments 2011 *Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)* Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR), the Madera County Transportation Commission 2011 RTP SEIR, the Tulare County Association of Governments 2011 RTP SEIR, and the Kern Council of Governments 2011 RTP SEIR. Mr. Ellard is currently leading efforts to prepare traffic, air, and noise impact assessments throughout the



San Joaquin Valley and in Riverside and San Diego Counties for new development and new transportation projects and studies.

Project Team Experience

VRPA Technologies, Inc.



Agency: **Tulare County**
Project: *South County Detention Facility*
Contact: Hector Guerra, Tulare County RMA
(559) 624-7000

VRPA was responsible for the development of the Noise Impact Assessment and Traffic Impact Analysis for the development of a Type II detention facility in Tulare County. The Project proposes to develop 15 acres for the detention facility along with support service components such as administrative offices, intake, infirmary, kitchen, laundry, storage, and off-street parking.



Agency: **Riverside County Transportation Commission**
Project: *Murrieta Road Improvement*
Contact: Mr. Andrew Huneck, RCTC
(951) 955-6800

VRPA was responsible for the development of the Air Quality Impact Assessment, Noise Impact Assessment, and Traffic Impact Analysis for the widening of Murrieta Road between Ethanac Road and McCall Boulevard from two (2) to four (4) lanes in Riverside County near the City of Perris and Sun City.



Agency: **California Department of Transportation**
Project: *Portola Avenue and I-10 Interchange*
Contact: Mr. Emad Makar
(909) 383-4561

The project is located in the northern portion of the City of Palm Desert in Riverside County. The purpose of the Portola Avenue Interchange project is to provide additional access to I-10 for the area between Cook Street and Monterey Avenue and to support the populations of the fast-growing areas of Palm Desert and Coachella Valley. The proposed interchange would be located approximately 1.6 kilometers north of the existing Cook Street Interchange and approximately 2.1 kilometers south of the existing Monterey Avenue Interchange. VRPA prepared the Noise Impact Assessment for all alternatives identified for the project.



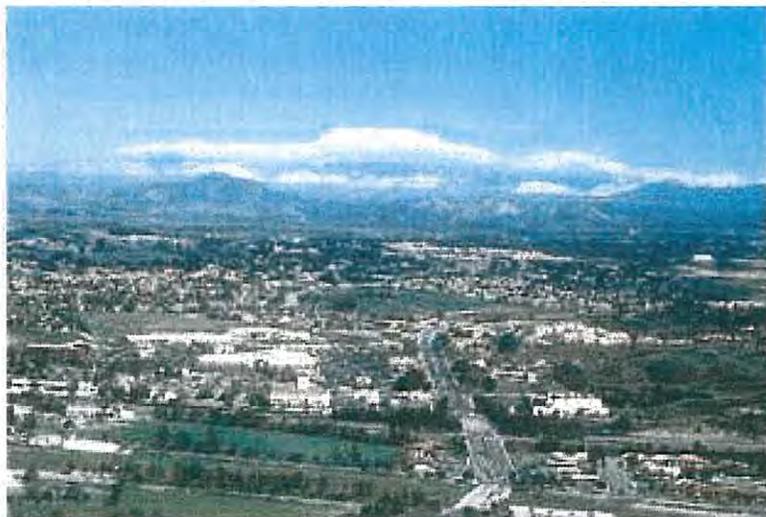
Agency: **City of Hanford/Quad Knopf (Prime)**
Project: *Hanford Downtown East Precise Plan*
Contact: Mr. Michael Ratajski, Quad Knopf
(559) 449-2400

The Hanford Downtown East Precise Plan is a revitalization planning effort that includes development of an urban design plan, design guidelines, the Precise Plan, and related zoning for a 46-acre, 13-block area of Hanford's eastern downtown and entrance to Hanford. VRPA's involvement in the project included working with the City to identify those tools and strategies that will meet reductions in greenhouse emissions, traffic calming, streetscape design concepts, and the associated traffic study. VRPA was also responsible for the Noise Impact Assessment for the project.

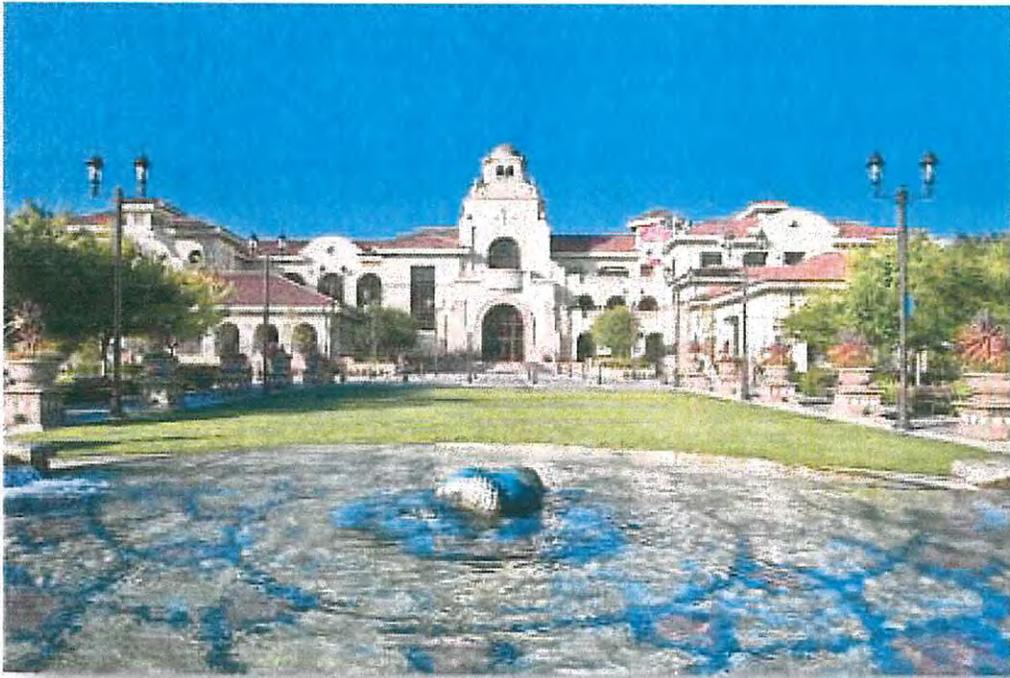


Agency: **City of Palm Springs**
Project: *Indian Canyon Drive Widening Project*
Contact: Mr. Marcus Fuller, P.E.
(760) 323-8253

VRPA was responsible for the development of the Noise Impact Assessment for the proposed Project. The project proposes to expand approximately 1.86 miles of Indian Canyon Drive from its current width of one lane in each direction to provide two traffic lanes in each direction between Tramview Road and Palm Springs Station Road. Indian Canyon Drive, a north-south roadway, currently maintains one traffic lane in each direction within the project area. The project will require additional right-of-way, two culvert replacements or extensions, and approximately 260 meters (850') of curb and gutter at the south end of the project. The roadway will conform to existing four-lane conditions at both ends of the project.



Key Team Staff Resumes



GEORGIENA M. VIVIAN, **President**

EDUCATION

- California State University, Fresno 1976-1978, Master's Program – Urban and Regional Planning
- California State University, Fresno 1972-1976 (Fall), Bachelor of Arts – Special Major, Urban and Regional Planning

YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

- Thirty Nine (39) years [Twenty-two (22) years with VRPA]

AFFILIATIONS

- Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE), Member, 1992-2010; ITE Council on ITS, 1992-2000, ITE Council of Transportation Planning, 1993-2000
- Chairperson, SJVUAPCD TCM Development Committee, 1989-1992
- Co-manager of the San Joaquin Valley Transportation Control Measure (TCM) Implementation, Monitoring, and Enforcement Program, 1992-1994, Member of the TCM Working Group, 1993-1994, both representing TCAG/TPA
- Chairperson, Statewide MINUTP Traffic Model Users' Group, 1988-1999
- Chairperson/Member - Southwest Region Transportation Model Users' Group (SRTMUG), 1990-2010
- Member – Women In Transportation – 1998-2005
- Co-Chairperson ESRI ARC/INFO GIS Transportation Committee (Pacific Rim), 1993-1996

EXPERIENCE

Intelligent Transportation Systems

- Central California Coast ITS Strategic Deployment Plan - Santa Cruz, Monterey, San Benito, San Luis Obispo, and Santa Barbara Counties - Subconsultant
- Inland Empire Early Deployment Plan (EDP) – ITS Strategic Plan – Riverside and San Bernardino Counties - Subconsultant
- Southern California Priority Showcase (ITS) project – Existing Conditions Report - Subconsultant
- SANBAG Smart Call Box Monitoring Program - Prime
- Nationwide Motorist Aid Study for TITAN Systems Inc. - Subconsultant
- Hampton-Rhodes ITS Design - Subconsultant
- Development and Implementation of the Riverside County Congestion Management Program (CMP) including: Design of an ITS Smart Call Box System for Traffic Monitoring Purposes and Evaluation of LOS Methodologies – Prime

- TSM Applications for Various Transportation Projects including: ITS, Environmental Enhancement Activities, Bikeways, Airport Improvements, Transit Improvements, and TCM Implementation - Prime
- I-95 Coalition – ITS Projects – Web Site Development, Travelers Alert Mapping, and I-95 Construction Advisory for twelve East Coast States - Prime

Transportation Planning

Traffic/Land Use Modeling

- City of Fresno General Plan Activity Center and Corridors Study – On-Going - Prime
- San Joaquin Valley Regional Blueprint Programs for Fresno, Kings, Madera, and Tulare Counties – 2008 - Prime
- San Joaquin Valley Growth Response Study – Land Use and Traffic Modeling – 2005 - Prime
- SR 41 Corridor Study – Land Use/Traffic Modeling – 2007 - Prime
- San Joaquin Valley Goods Movement Study – Phase 1 and 2, Phase III - Subconsultant
- SCAG Transportation Model Update – Smart Shuttle Planning – Los Angeles Basin - Subconsultant
- Preparation of the Fresno County/Madera County East-West Corridor Traffic Model - Prime
- SR 198 Project Study Report Traffic Model - Prime
- RCTC Physics Alternative Analysis – SCAG Regional Transportation Model - Prime
- Southwest ADP – Traffic Model, Riverside County, WRCOG – Model Documentation and Analysis - Prime
- Tulare County Peak Hour Traffic Model and Socioeconomic Data - Prime
- Fresno County Peak Hour Traffic Model and Socioeconomic Data – Prime
- Socioeconomic Data and Calibration/Validation of the 1980, 1989, 1991, 1992, Tulare County Regional Traffic Models - Prime
- Year 2020 Traffic Model Analysis of the City of Visalia Land Use and Circulation Element Update Alternatives -Prime
- City of Lemoore Traffic Model - Prime
- City of Merced Circulation Element Analysis (trip generation, distribution and manual assignment) - Subconsultant
- Urban Transportation Planning System Traffic Model and the Highway System Analysis Study for Fresno County - Prime
- U.S. Census Employer Location Study/Survey - Prime
- Calibration/Validated 1986 and 2010 Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan Area (FCMA) Traffic Model - Prime
- City of Perris 2003 General Plan Circulation Element Update – Prime
- Public Transportation Infrastructure Study – Phase I - Subconsultant
- Fresno – Madera Freeway Deficiency Study, Phase 2 – 2007 – Subconsultant

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EXPERIENCE, Continued

Regional Transportation Plans

- 2011 MCTC RTP EIR - Prime
- 2011 TCAG RTP EIR-Prime
- 2011 Fresno COG RTP EIR – Prime
- 2011 Kern COG RTP EIR – Prime
- 2011 Fresno COG RTP Project Prioritization Process - Prime
- 2008 Kern County RTP EIR Addendum - Prime
- 2007 Tulare County RTP EIR - Prime
- 2007 Kern County RTP EIR - Prime
- 2003 Humboldt County RTP - Subconsultant
- 2001 Madera County Regional Transportation Plan & Environmental Impact Report - Prime
- 2004 Fresno County RTP – Evaluation and Prioritization - Prime
- 2004 Tulare County Regional Transportation Plan/EIR - Prime
- 2001 Tulare County Regional Transportation Plan (Assisted TCAG staff) Environmental Impact Report (Prime)
- 2001 Fresno County Regional Transportation Plan – Evaluation of Candidate Projects Prime
- 2001 SCAG RTP Update – Technical Support to the RTP TAC - Prime
- 1998 SCAG RTP Update - Technical Assistance to RCTC - Prime
- 1994 Fresno County Regional Transportation Plan/ Environmental Impact Report/Air Quality Conformity Finding - Prime
- 1994 Kern County Regional Transportation Plan/Congestion Management Program/Environmental Impact Report/Air Quality Conformity Finding - Prime
- 1991 and 1993 Tulare County RTPs and EIR - Prime
- Fresno County RTPs - 1978-1988 (Fresno COG Staff)
- SCAG Arroyo Verdugo RTP Analysis - Prime

Circulation Elements

- County of Tulare – Pixley Community Plan – 2006 - Prime
- County of Riverside General Plan Circulation Element (Prime) & Community Environment Transportation Acceptability Process (CETAP), 1999-2002 - Subconsultant
- City of Perris – 2005 - Prime
- City of Fowler – 2005 - Prime
- City of Sanger General Plan Circulation Element, 1999-2002 - Prime
- City of Atwater General Plan Circulation Element, 1999-2000 - Prime
- Tulare County General Plan Circulation Element, 1996-2002: Streets and Highways, Transit, Rail, Non-Motorized - Prime

- City Lemoore General Plan EIR and Circulation Element: Streets and Highways, Transit, Rail, Non-Motorized - Prime
- City of Visalia General Plan Circulation Element, 1992-2000: Streets and Highways, Transit, Rail, Non-Motorized - Prime
- City of Fresno General Plan Circulation Element; 1996-1997: Streets and Highways, Transit, Rail, Non-Motorized - Prime
- Pixley Community Circulation Study; 1995-1997: Streets and Highways, Transit, Rail, Non-Motorized - Prime
- Various other Circulation Elements in Fresno County - Prime
- Western Riverside County GIS Information Network/ Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) - Prime

Congestion Management

- CMP LOS Deficiency Plan for Facilities in Lake Elsinore - Prime
- Riverside County CMP – 1991 – 2010, TMC and Smart Call Box Programs to Implement the CMP – 1998 – 2010 - Prime
- Riverside County CMP Handbook and Other Transportation and Modeling Related Activities - Prime
- Tulare County CMP Handbook and Other Transportation and Modeling Related Activities - Prime
- Congestion Management Program (CMP) for Tulare County, 1994 - Subconsultant

Corridor Studies

- Golden State Corridor Design Study – 2010 – Subconsultant Roadway and Intersection Design, Traffic, Noise and Air Quality Impact Studies
- Metro Rural Loop – 2007 underway – Land use and transportation modeling - Prime
- City of Fresno General Plan Activity Center and Corridor Study – Prime
- Mid County Parkway (MCP) Traffic Engineering and Design – 2007 - Prime
- Tulare County East-West Corridor Study, 2002 - Prime
- Fresno and Madera County East-West Corridor Phase 1 - MIS, 1995-1999 - Prime
- Fresno-Madera County East-West Corridor Study – Phase 2 – Bridge Assessment, Civil Engineering - Subconsultant
- Co-management and Assistance with the Temperance Avenue Corridor Study (Fresno COG Staff)
- Co-management and Assistance with the Herndon Avenue Corridor Study (Fresno COG Staff)
- Co-management and Assistance with the SR 41, SR 168, and SR 180 Corridor Studies and Model Development - Prime
- Management of the Fig Garden Circulation Study (Fresno COG Staff)
- SR 41 Corridor Study – Traffic and Land Use Analysis - Prime

Parking

- CSUF –Shared Use Parking Study – CSUF, Save Mart Center and New Private Development – 2005 - Prime
- City of San Diego Shared Use Parking Study - Prime

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EXPERIENCE, Continued

- Downtown Visalia Parking Management Plan (analysis of parking conditions and provisions for enhanced management of 109 square blocks) - Prime
- City of Kingsburg Downtown Parking Study - Prime
- City of Selma Parking Assessment - Prime
- San Diego County Park and Ride Facilities Study - Prime
- City of Vista Downtown Parking Study (60 sq. blocks) - Prime

System Financing

- Fresno County Measure "C" ½ % Sales Tax Extension Expenditure Plan – Continuing Project 2002 – 2010 - Prime
- Madera County Measure "T" Investment Plan 2006 - Prime Measure "T" Strategic Plan 2007 - Prime
- City of Madera State Route Impact Fee Program – 2008 - continuing project - Prime
- Madera County Road Impact Fee Study Update – 2009 - Prime
- TEA-21 Funding Applications for the City of Orange Cove – 2004 - Prime
- TEA-21 Funding Applications for the City of Kingsburg, 1999 & 2002 - Prime
- TEA-21 CMAQ Funding Applications for the City of Porterville - Prime
- RCTC Measure A ½ Cent Sales Tax Strategic Plan and Issues Paper - Prime
- Evaluation of Various Transportation Funding Programs for the City of Coachella including a Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee - Prime
- RCTC Measure A Financial Statement, Measure A Project Descriptions: Highways, Transit, Passenger Rail, TDM - Prime
- COFCG 1998 Measure C – ½ Cent Sales Tax Expenditure Plan - Prime
- On-Call Services: Bechtel Corporation/FCTA Measures C Program, 1996-2007 - Prime

Origin-Destination Surveys

- CVAG Origin-Destination Study – Coachella Valley: Vehicle and Transit Trips - Prime
- Yuma, Arizona External Auto & Truck O-D Survey, 1996-1997 - Prime
- Flagstaff Origin-Destination Survey, 1997 - Subconsultant
- SCAG Goods Movement Truck Study, 2001 – 2002 - Prime
- SANBAG Truck Study – 2003 - Prime

Transit

- Metropolitan Bakersfield Long-Range Transit Plan – Outreach, 2010 – Subconsultant

- San Joaquin County Regional Transit Study - Subconsultant
- Fresno County Public Transportation Infrastructure Study – Phase 1 – 2006 - Subconsultant
- Madera City Transit Facilities Study – 2006 - Prime
- SCAG Transit Restructuring Task Force – Technical Support – 1998-1999 - Prime
- 1994 Kern County Regional Transportation Plan/Congestion Management Plan/Environmental Impact Report/Air Quality Finding: - Transit - Prime
- SCAG Transportation Model Update – Smart Shuttle Planning – Los Angeles Basin; 1996-1997 - Subconsultant
- Tulare Transit Express UMTA Drug Testing Rules Analysis and Procedure – Prime
- City of Visalia Long Range Transit Plan (LRTP) - User Survey - Prime
- SCAG Regional Transit Data and Information Exchange – Data Needs Analysis – Los Angeles Basin; 1997 – Agency Survey - Subconsultant
- Mono County Short Range Transit Needs Survey in the San Joaquin Valley Corridor - Prime
- City of Coalinga UMTA Funding Application (Vehicle Acquisition), and Transit Systems Analysis - Prime

Rail

- California High Speed Rail Study – Central Valley Technical Support and Outreach – 2007 - Subconsultant
- Fresno County Rail Consolidation Study and Environmental Survey – 2003 - Subconsultant
- Study of Railroad Services, Facilities, and Track Connections Staff to COFCG Valley Rail Committees (Fresno COG Staff)
- City of Tulare Railroad Grade Separation Alternative Site Study/Environmental Assessment - Subconsultant
- Pleasant Avenue Railroad Crossing Environmental Assessment - Subconsultant

Aviation

- City of Lompoc Airport Master Plan – 2010 Underway, Environmental Analysis – Subconsultant
- City of Delano Airport Master Plan – 2008 Underway – Subconsultant
- County of Los Angeles Whiteman Airport Master Plan – 2008 Underway - Subconsultant
- Kern Valley Airport Master Plan – outreach & baseline environmental analysis – 2005 - Subconsultant
- Wasco Airport Master Plan - baseline environmental analysis – 2005 – Subconsultant
- San Diego Airport ALUC – environmental assessments for all public use airports & research and analysis – 2006 - Subconsultant
- Inyo-Kern Airport Master Plan - baseline environmental analysis – 2005 - Subconsultant
- City of Merced Airport Master Plan – outreach and environmental baseline analysis – 2006 - Subconsultant
- Tulare County Comprehensive Airport Land Use Plan - Subconsultant

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EXPERIENCE, Continued

- Fresno County Regional Airports Systems Plans, 1978-1988 (Fresno COG Staff)
- FYI Airport Master Plan – Public Outreach - Subconsultant
- Fresno-Chandler Airport Master Plan EIR, Existing Traffic Assessment and Public Outreach – 2005 - Subconsultant
- Fresno Chandler Airport Master Plan EA – 1995 - Subconsultant
- Fresno-Chandler Master Plan Update – Environmental Document – 2003-05 - Subconsultant
- City of Reedley Airport Land Use Plan (Fresno COG Staff)

Traffic Engineering

Goods Movement

- San Joaquin Valley Goods Movement Study Phase 1, 2, and 3 – STAA Issues, Surveys, Other Technical Support
- Yuma, Arizona External Auto & Truck O-D Survey, 1996-1997 – Prime
- SCAG Goods Movement Truck Study, 2001 – 2002 – Prime
- SANBAG Truck Study – 2003 - Prime

Bikeways

- Co-managed consultant development of the City of Visalia Bikeway Plan - Prime
- Fresno County Regional Bikeway Plan, 1978-1988 (Fresno COG Staff)

Traffic Engineering

- Traffic Impact Studies contained in Environmental Documents for many cities and counties within California, and other various agencies in California, Arizona, and on the East Coast - Prime
- On-Call Traffic Engineering – March Joint Powers Authority, Riverside County – On-going - Prime
- On-Call Traffic Engineering – City of Perris - Prime
- On-Call Traffic Engineering, County of San Diego – Prime
- On-Call Traffic Engineering, City of San Diego – On-Going
- On-Call Traffic Engineering, SANDAG – On-Going - Prime
- Farmersville Interchange Study 2006 - Prime
- Riverside County Mid County Parkway – 32 Miles of Freeway – Traffic Engineering – Underway 2008 - Prime
- Tulare County East-West Corridor Study 2003 – Prime
- Fresno/Madera County East-West Corridor – Phase 2 – Detailed Engineering, Technical Assistance, Public Involvement Program - Subconsultant

- On-Call Management Services: Traffic Engineering, Modeling, LOS Analysis; Bechtel, Fresno County Transportation Authority (FCTA); SR 168 and 180 - Prime
- SCAG Traffic Monitoring Program – 1999 - Prime
- On-Call Traffic Engineering for Caltrans District 11 in San Diego County - Prime
- Project Study Report (PSR)/Traffic Engineering along SR 145 in the City of Kerman (Median Island Design) - Prime
- Project Study Report Sunnyslope Drive and Sage Avenue in the Town of Yucca Valley - Prime
- SR 145 and Kamm Avenue Intersection Design, Fresno County - Prime
- Review of Numerous Traffic Impact Assessments (TIAs) for Various Development Proposals Related to RCTC CMP Implementation and Monitoring Program - Prime
- Signal System Timing and Traffic Flow Analysis - Otay Nestor, San Diego, CA - Prime
- City of San Diego Water District - Rosecrans and Kearney Mesa Traffic Control Plans and Specifications - Prime
- National City Signal Coordination Study - Prime
- Signal System Timing and Traffic Flow Analysis for all major Island corridors and intersections – Honolulu, Hawaii - Subconsultant
- Super Store Trip Generation Study and Surveys in Oklahoma City, OK and Dallas, TX and California - Prime
- TIS Peer Review of Proposed Wal-Mart Superstores in Modesto, Selma, Bakersfield, Reedley, American Canyon, Ceres, Chico, Lodi, Lathrop, Tracey, Turlock, Yuba, Clovis, Hanford, Citrus Heights, Kern County, Hanford (all in California), Honolulu HI, Holiday, FL, and Texas - Prime
- County of Tulare Traffic Counts - Prime
- City of San Diego Traffic Counts - Prime
- National City Traffic Counts - Prime
- Assigned to the Caltrans District 6 Fresno Office, Research Assistant – Traffic Engineering (Fresno COG Staff)

Air Quality Planning/Analysis

- Indirect Source Review Rule – Technical Support to SJVAPCD - 2007 - Prime
- PM10 Technical Support – 2006 – SJVAPCD - Subconsultant
- Southwest APD – Traffic Model, Riverside County, WRCOG – Model Documentation and Analysis - Prime
- Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Implementation/Monitoring Program for Coachella Valley – Prime
- Transportation Management Association (TMA) Applications in Fresno, Tulare, and San Bernardino Counties - Prime
- Air Quality (AQ) Impact Assessment for the City of Livermore Northwest Specific Plan Area/Livermore Laboratories - Prime
- AQ Modeling for CTCs in SCAG Region to Meet Conformity – Prime
- Air Quality Assessment of Various TCMs contained in the San Joaquin Valley Rate of Progress Plan - Prime

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EXPERIENCE, Continued

- Air Quality Analysis for 2000 Coordinated Traffic Signals in San Diego County - Prime
- AQ Analysis for the City of Tracy, Development Projects - Prime
- Prototype Detailed Air Quality Implementation Strategy for Western Riverside County - Prime
- AQ Impact Assessment for Visalia General Plan Update - Prime
- AQ Impact Assessment for Fresno General Plan Update - Prime
- AQ Impact Assessment for Sutter General Plan Update - Prime
- Air Quality Planning including: Development of the San Joaquin Valley Attainment Plan; Transportation Control Measures, the Historical and Environmental Settings and other Air Quality Planning Issues - Prime
- Southwest APD – Traffic Model, Riverside County, WRCOG – Model Documentation and Analysis - Prime
- Local CEQA Guidelines for Fresno County Local Jurisdictions - Prime
- Enhanced TCM Program for the San Joaquin Valley - Prime
- Caltrans TMA Funding Application for Downtown Visalians Corporation - Prime
- Merced General Plan EIR, Air Quality Assessment - Prime
- Air Quality Assessments for Numerous Development Projects in Counties and Cities and for Other Agencies in California - Prime

Noise Analysis

- Noise Impact Assessments for Major Street and Highway Improvements in numerous Counties in California - Prime
- Various Freeway and Interchange Facilities within Riverside County - Prime
- Mid County Parkway (32 miles of new freeway), Noise Technical Report – Prime for NIA
- Friant Road Improvement EIR Noise Assessment – Prime for NIA
- Zinkin Development Noise Assessment – Friant Rd. and Fort Washington Blvd. - Prime
- Noise Assessments for Numerous Development Projects in California - Prime

Environmental Analysis

- 2011 MCTC RTP EIR - Prime
- 2011 TCAG RTP EIR-Prime
- 2011 Fresno COG RTP EIR – Prime
- 2011 Kern COG RTP EIR – Prime

- Kern County RTP EIR Addendum 2008 - Prime
- Madera Road 200 CEQA and NEPA Documents – 2008 – underway - Prime
- Madera County RTP EIR – 2001, 2004 and 2007 - Prime
- Kern COG ½ Cent Sales Tax Expenditure Plan and Ordinance EIR – 2006 – Prime
- Fresno COG Measure C ½ Cent Sales Tax Expenditure Plan EIR – 2006 - Prime
- MCTC ½ Cent Sales Tax Investment Plan and Ordinance EIR – 2006 - Prime
- Visalia General Plan Circulation Element EIR (2000) - Prime
- Tulare County Regional Transportation Plan & Environmental Impact Report (RTP/EIR) 2001, 2003-04, and 2007 - Prime
- Fresno County RTP/EIR (1994, 2001, 2004, and 2007) - Prime
- Kern County RTP/EIR (1994 and 2007) - Prime
- Environmental Assessment – Riverside County Congestion Management Program (CMP) & Updates 1992-2000 - Prime
- Tulare County EA/IS Fast Track Program for New Development Projects - Prime
- Environmental Impact Assessment/Initial Study for the Tulare County Enterprise Zone - Prime
- Environmental Impact Assessments/Initial Study for New Streets and Road Projects in Fresno, Merced, Madera, Tulare, Alameda, Kings, Riverside, Monterey, Santa Clara, Contra Costa, and San Diego Counties (Prime) including:
 - Avenue 12 – Madera County – Environmental Assessment
 - Road 415 – Madera County – Environmental Assessment
 - Friant Road Noise Assessment – Fresno County
 - Goshen Avenue – Tulare County – Environmental Assessment
 - Road 200 – Madera County – Environmental Assessment
 - Road 26 and Avenue 17 – Madera County – Environmental Assessment
 - Mid County Parkway – Riverside County Noise and Traffic Impact Studies (32 mile freeway project in accordance with CEQA and NEPA)
 - Millerton Road Alignment Study – Baseline Environmental
 - Fresno and Madera East-West Corridor Study – Environmental Baseline Assessment
- Numerous Environmental Assessments for Major Planning Studies in Fresno County Madera Road 200 EIR – 2008 – underway - Prime
- Numerous Environmental Assessments for Circulation Improvements Madera Road 200 EIR – 2008 – underway – Prime
- Environmental Assessments for FAA Airport Master Plans – Whiteman Airport (LA County), Chandler Airport (Fresno County), Merced Airport (Merced County), Delano, Kern Valley Airport, Taft Airport, Wasco Airport and Inyo-Kern Airport (Kern County) – Prime for EAs and Outreach
- Madera Transit Center Feasibility and Site Location Study – Environmental Baseline Assessment - Prime

GEORGIENA M. VIVIAN, President

EXPERIENCE, Continued

Outreach

- Metropolitan Bakersfield Long-Range Transit Plan, 2010 – Subconsultant
- California High Speed Rail Study – Central Valley Technical Support and Outreach – 2007 - Subconsultant
- Madera County Measure “T” Outreach Program – 2006 - Prime
- Fresno County Measure “C” Outreach Program – 2006 - Prime
- Fresno County Blueprint Program – Public Outreach Program and Technical Modeling Assistance – 2006-08 - Prime
- Madera County Blueprint Program – Public Outreach Program and Technical Modeling Assistance – 2006-08 - Prime
- Tulare County Blueprint Program – Public Outreach Program and Technical Modeling Assistance – 2006-08 - Prime
- Kings County Blueprint Program – Public Outreach Program and Technical Modeling Assistance – 2006-08 - Prime
- Public Transportation Infrastructure Study (PTIS) – Phase 1 – Public Outreach
- Manning Avenue Bridge Replacement and Reconstruction Design – Public Outreach Program – 2006-07 - Subconsultant
- San Joaquin Valley Growth Response Study – Caltrans District 6 – Prime Consultant – Land Use and Transportation Planning and Public Outreach – 2004 - Prime

Other

- Fresno Private Industry Council (FPIC) Employer Database Study, 1996-1997 - Prime
- PG&E Site Location Analysis - Prime
- Socioeconomic Data for the Fresno-Madera Area Agency on Aging - Prime
- LAFCO Procedures for the Tulare County Planning Department - Prime
- Sphere of Influence and LAFCO Annexation Applications for Fresno County Local Jurisdictions (Fresno COG Staff)
- Tulare County Regional Housing Needs Plan, 1992, 2002, and 2008 - Prime
- Tulare County Housing Element - 2003- Prime
- Fresno County Regional Housing Element, 1978-1988 - Prime
- 1986 Regional Housing Needs Determination Study (Fresno COG Staff)
- General Plan Housing Elements for the Cities of Fresno and Visalia, and Tulare County - Prime

- Federal, State and Local Grant Applications for Fresno County Local Jurisdictions - Prime
- General, Community and Specific Plans (Land Use, Housing, Circulation, and Other Elements) for a Majority of Fresno and Tulare County Local Jurisdictions including the City of Fresno, Tulare County, City of Visalia, City of Sanger, etc. (Fresno COG Staff and Prime)

ERIK O. RUEHR, P.E.

Director of Traffic Engineering

EDUCATION

- University of Michigan, Ann Arbor 1980-1981, Master of Science in Engineering (Civil Engineering)
- University of Michigan, Ann Arbor 1976-1979, Bachelor of Science in Engineering (Civil Engineering)

YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

- Thirty-One (31) years [Fourteen (14) years with VRPA]

REGISTRATION

- California, Civil Engineer, 1983
- California, Traffic Engineer, 1986
- Oregon, Professional Engineer, 1986
- Washington, Professional Engineer, 1986
- Minnesota, Professional Engineer, 1986
- Florida, Professional Engineer, 1990
- Institute of Transportation Engineers, Professional Traffic Operations Engineer, 2007

AFFILIATIONS

- Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE), Fellow 2007-2010; Member 1992-2007; Associate Member 1981-1992; Student Member 1979-1981; President, California Border Section, 1999-2000; Vice President, California Border Section, 1998-1999; Treasurer, California Border Section, 1997-1998; Secretary, California Border Section 1996-1997
- Technical Program Chair, ITE District 4 Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, 1990
- Local Arrangements Committee, ITE District 6 Annual Meeting, San Diego, 2000
- Transportation Research Board, Associate Member 1989-2010; Member, Committee on Highway Capacity and Quality of Service 1996-2006; Subcommittee Member, Committee on Highway Capacity and Quality of Service 1990-1996 and 2006 - 2010
- San Diego Regional Transportation Technology Alliance, Member 1993-2001; Board of Directors 1996-2001; President 1998-1999
- Member, San Diego Highway Development Association, 1991-2010
- Member, Women's Transportation Seminar, 1987-2010
- Member, Southwest Region Transportation Model Users Group, 1991-2010

EXPERIENCE

Intelligent Transportation Systems

- Hampton Roads Advanced Traffic Management System

- Feasibility Study and Implementation Plan for ITS Data Collection in the Washington, DC Metropolitan Area
- Central Coast ITS Strategic Plan (Santa Cruz, Monterey, San Luis Obispo, and Santa Barbara Counties)
- Riverside County Transportation Commission Smart Call Box Monitoring Program (Riverside County, California)
- Southern California Priority Corridor ITS Strategic Plan - Commercial Vehicle Operations Element
- West San Gabriel Valley Traffic Signal Synchronization Study (Los Angeles County, California)
- Green River Valley Traffic Signal Coordination Study (King County, Washington)
- Snelling Avenue/University Avenue Traffic Signal/Air Quality Improvement System (St. Paul, Minnesota)
- Advantage I-75 Project (Design of Weigh-in-Motion Components for Weigh Station in Hamilton County, Florida)
- Design of Automated Gateway System for Railroad/Trucking Operations at the Union Pacific Intermodal Yard in Houston, Texas

Traffic Engineering

Traffic Operations

- I-15 Managed Lanes Traffic Incident Management Plan (San Diego County, California)
- On-Call Traffic Engineering Analysis for the March Joint Powers Association (Riverside County, California)
- On-Call Traffic Engineering Analysis for Caltrans - District 11 (San Diego, California)
- San Diego-Coronado Bay Bridge Toll Removal Traffic Analysis
- Carlsbad, California Growth Management Plan Traffic Monitoring Program, 1994-2001
- Traffic Control Plans for Rancho Bernardo Pipeline No. 2, City of San Diego
- Traffic Control Plans for the Manchester Wetland Mitigation Project (Encinitas, California)
- Southern California Association of Governments Regional Highway Monitoring System
- 1983 Cordon Count of Downtown San Francisco, California
- Traffic engineering assistance to the City of Danville, California in the role of City Traffic Engineer
- City of Santa Clarita High Accident Location and Mitigation Analysis
- City of San Diego Bicycle Accident Records System
- Comprehensive Traffic Engineering Study for the City of Dublin, California (Accident Analysis, Speed Limit Study, Traffic Control Device Inventory, Computerized Database of Accidents and Traffic Control Devices)
- Comprehensive Speed Limit Study, City of Fremont, California
- Traffic Engineering Analysis of the Two-Phased Intersection Design Concept for the San Diego Association of Governments

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Director of Traffic Engineering

EXPERIENCE, Continued

Roadway Design

- Conceptual design of the roadway system serving the Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport
- University of Minnesota Transitway Design (Traffic Signal Design, Signing, and Pavement Marking)

Traffic Signal Systems

- South Bay Traffic Signal System - Signal Timing Analysis (100 signals), Los Angeles County, California
- Honolulu Traffic Signal System – Signal Timing Analysis (100 signals), Honolulu, Hawaii
- Ann Arbor, Michigan Traffic Signal System (150 signals)
- Casper, Wyoming Traffic Signal System (75 signals)
- Traffic Signal Timing Analysis and Implementation: Berkeley, California (72 signals); St. Paul, Minnesota (15 signals); Anoka County, Minnesota (14 signals); Riverside County, California (15 signals)

Traffic Signal Design

- On-Call Traffic Signal and Ramp Meter Design for Caltrans - District 11 (San Diego, California)
- City of Santa Clarita, California Traffic Signal Design Standards
- Design of 50 traffic signals at various locations in California, Arizona, and Minnesota

Traffic Impact Analysis

- San Diego Association of Governments Smart Growth Trip Generation and Parking Guidelines Study
- Transportation and Parking Analysis of the San Diego State University Foundation Master Plan
- Traffic Impact Analysis of the San Diego State University Student Activities Center and Basketball Arena (Cox Arena)
- Traffic Impact Analysis of the Mall of America (Bloomington, Minnesota)
- Traffic Impact Analysis of Rosenblatt Stadium (Omaha, Nebraska)
- Traffic Impact Study Guidelines for Monroe County, Florida
- Assistance to the City of San Diego, California in the revision of the City Traffic Impact Study Manual
- Assistance to the City of San Diego, California in revision of the City Trip Generation Manual
- Traffic Impact Analysis for approximately 100 large and small development projects in California, Nevada, Colorado, Nebraska, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, and New York
- Peer review of traffic impact analyses conducted for the Cities of Carlsbad, Fontana, and Perris, California

Parking

- City of San Diego, California Shared Parking Analysis
- Downtown Parking Studies: Carlsbad, California; Santa Barbara, California; Danville, California
- City of Concord, California Parking Meter Feasibility Analysis

Transportation Planning

Corridor Studies

- State Route 56 Corridor (San Diego, California)
- State Route 11 Corridor/Otay Mesa East Port of Entry EIR/EIS (San Diego County, California)
- Mid County Parkway (Riverside County, California)
- State Route 125 Tollway (San Diego County, California)
- I-215 Widening, Nuevo Road to I-15 (Riverside County, California)
- State Route 7 Major Investment Study (Imperial County, California)
- Mira Mesa Boulevard Bus Rapid Transit Corridor Roadway Improvement Analysis (San Diego, California)
- Mira Mesa/Scripps Ranch Community Direct Access Ramps/I-15 Freeway System Analysis (San Diego, California)
- State Route 91 Corridor (Riverside County, California)
- Cajalco Road/State Route 91 Toll Feasibility Analysis (Riverside County, California)
- State Route 137 Major Investment Study (Tulare County, California)
- Interstate 494 Corridor (Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota)
- Interstate 25/Interstate 40 Major Investment Study (Albuquerque, New Mexico)
- South Tulare County East-West Road Study (Tulare County, California)
- Glendale – Palmdale Toll Corridor Feasibility Study (Los Angeles County, California)

Transportation Plans

- Circulation Elements of the General Plan: Solana Beach, California; Palm Springs, California; Imperial Beach, California; Brawley, California; Dixon, California; Sanger, California; Holtville, California; El Centro, California; Perris, California
- Riverside County Integrated Plan – Comprehensive analysis of transportation corridors, multiple species habitat conservation, and update of the circulation element of the General Plan (Riverside County, California)
- Ann Arbor Transportation Plan (Ann Arbor, Michigan)
- Hennepin County, Minnesota Light Rail Transit System (Feasibility Study, Environmental Impact Analysis, Conceptual Design of Traffic Improvements)
- Bakersfield, California Transportation System Study
- Southern California Association of Governments 2001 Regional Transportation Plan
- Madera County, California 2001 Regional Transportation Plan/Environmental Impact Report

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EXPERIENCE, Continued

System Financing

- Fresno County Measure "C" ½ % Sales Tax Extension Expenditure Plan
- Traffic Engineering Analysis for the Laguna Public Facilities Financing Plan (Sacramento County, California)
- Madera County, California Traffic Impact Fee Program
- City of Madera, California Traffic Impact Fee Program

Goods Movement

- San Joaquin Valley Goods Movement Study
- Southern California Association of Governments Truck Origin-Destination Survey and Counts
- Transportation Analysis of the Impacts of NAFTA on the Southern California Region

Travel Forecasting Models

- Comprehensive Traffic Forecasting Models: Palm Springs, California; Chico, California; Danville, California; Durango, Colorado
- Maintenance and Updates of the Riverside County Integrated Plan (RCIP) Regional Travel Forecasting Model
- Review and Update of SANDAG Regional Traffic Model Forecasts for the City of Poway, California

Freeway Interchange Improvements

- I-215/SR 74 (Perris, California)
- I-15/Cajalco Road (Corona, California)
- SR 60/Valley Way (Riverside County, California)
- SR 99/White Lane (Bakersfield, California)

Bicycle Planning

- Chula Vista, California Bikeway Plan
- Toledo, Ohio Bikeway Plan
- San Diego County, California Bicycle Survey

Research

- Panel Member, National Cooperative Highway Research Program Project 3-85, Guidance for the Use of Alternative Tools in Highway Capacity Analysis
- Performance Measures and Levels of Service for the Year 2000 Highway Capacity Manual
- Development of the Weaving Analysis Procedure for the 1985 Highway Capacity Manual
- Development of the Multi-Lane Rural Roads Procedure for the 1991 Update of the Highway Capacity Manual
- Automatic Updating of Traffic Signal Timing Using Traffic Detectors (1.5 GC)

JASON ELLARD

Transportation Engineer

EDUCATION

- California State University, Fresno 2000-2005, Bachelor of Science – Civil Engineering

YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

- Traffic Engineering – Ten (10) Years with VRPA

AFFILIATIONS

- Institute of Transportation Engineers, ITE
- American Society Of Civil Engineers, Member, 2003-2005
- Vice President/Member, National Society of Black Engineers, 2001-2005

COMPUTER PROGRAM PROFICIENCY

- **Traffic Operations:** Synchro 7, SimTraffic, HCS 2000, LOSPLAN 2009
- **Travel Demand Forecasting:** Viper
- **Environmental Planning:** TNM 2.5, Urbemis, TurnsW32, ISC-Aermod View
- **Others:** AutoCAD, CorelDraw X3, Microsoft Office

INSTRUCTIONAL MANUAL PROFICIENCY

- **Working Knowledge:** HCM 2000, ITE Manuals, MUTCD

EXPERIENCE

Traffic Engineering

- Children's Hospital TIA
- SR 43 & Lacey Commercial Development TIA
- Madera K-6 Schools TIA
- Mariposa County Old Highway TIA
- Selma Day Care TIA
- Oroville Residential TIA
- Clovis Avenue TIA
- Zinkin Fresno 40 TIA
- Running Horse Development TIA
- Dakota & Hayes Residential TIA
- Herndon Place TIA
- Herndon & Valentine Mixed Use Development TIA
- Image Homes TIA
- Jensen & Peach Residential TIA
- Wathen Residential on Ashlan Avenue TIA
- Mendocino & Rose Circle K TIA
- Aquarius Aquarium TIA
- Table Mountain Casino TIA
- Yokohl Ranch TIA
- CMI (Sand and Gravel Extraction) TIA
- Vulcan Materials Expansion Project TIA

- Preparation of Traffic Impact Analysis reports for numerous developments in Fresno County
- Lake Joallan TIA
- Shields & Brawley TIA
- Tract 5449 TIA
- Blackstone & Clinton TIA
- Valle Del Sol TIA
- Ellis and Chapin TIA
- Camden Village TIA
- Texaco Star Mart TIA
- Olive and Brawley TIA
- Stonefield Development TIA
- Church and Fruit (TTM 5629) TIA
- Walnut and Jensen (TTM 5650) TIA
- Schnoor and Foxglove Shopping Center TIA
- New Madera High School TIA
- Al-Miki Ranch Development TIA
- South Stadium TIA
- Taggart Land Company TIA
- Fulton and Divisadero TIA
- Eastgate Estates TIA
- Cal-Kern III TIA
- Lomas Development TIA
- Belmont and Hughes TIA
- Chamblian Development TIA
- St. Mary's Parish Hall TIA
- Quartz Drive Storage TIA
- Whitesbridge and Hughes TIA
- Paladino and Morning TIA
- Liberty Hill TIA
- Fresno and Nees Development TIA
- Figarden Corporation Center TIA
- Placer County Office Park TIA
- Aunt Mary's Place TIA
- Dakota and Peach TIA
- Peach and Kings Canyon TIA
- Tract 5558 TIA
- Fresno 40 Traffic Signal and Interconnect Design
- Kern River Valley Specific Plan TIA
- St Anthony of Padua TIA
- Vulcan Highway 41 Austin Quarry
- Zinkin Office Building TIA
- Vulcan Pink City HMA Plant TIA

Environmental Planning

- San Luis Ranch Noise Impact Assessment
- Madera Schools Noise Impact Assessment
- City of Elk Grove Road Improvement Projects, Noise Impact Assessment
- Zinkin Fresno 40 Noise Impact Assessment
- Gettysburg & Willow Noise Impact Assessment
- Running Horse Noise Impact Assessment
- North Fork Hotel and Casino Noise Impact Assessment
- El Centro Willow Bend Noise Impact Assessment

JASON ELLARD

Transportation Engineer

EXPERIENCE, Continued

- Mojave Basin Residential Air Quality Assessment
- Farmersville Air Quality Assessment
- Ellis & Chapin Air Quality Assessment
- Ennis Homes Air Quality Assessment
- Lake Joallan Construction Emissions Analysis
- Meadowside Estates Air Quality Assessment
- Avenue 13 and Raymond Rd. Air Quality Assessment
- Stonefield Development Air Quality Assessment / Health Risk Assessment / Noise Impact Assessment
- West McFarland Annexation Air Quality Assessment / Noise Impact Assessment
- Portola Avenue & I-10 Interchange Air Quality Assessment / Noise Impact Assessment
- Cal-Kern III Air Quality Assessment / Noise Impact Assessment
- Eastgate Estates Air Quality Assessment
- Strathmore High School Air Quality Assessment
- Indian Canyon Road Widening Air Quality Assessment / Noise Impact assessment
- Shannon Ranch West Noise Impact Assessment
- Peach Avenue Road Widening Air Quality Assessment / Noise Impact Assessment
- Fairfax Union School District Air Quality Assessment / Noise Impact Assessment
- San Joaquin Gardens Noise Impact Assessment
- Stallion Springs Air Quality Assessment
- Tract 5558 Air Quality Assessment / Noise Impact Assessment
- Paladino and Morning Air Quality Assessment / Noise Impact Assessment
- Figarden Corporation Center Air Quality Assessment
- Visalia Home Depot Noise Impact Assessment
- Baker Lawson Air Quality Assessment
- Kern River Valley Specific Plan Air Quality Assessment / Noise Impact Assessment
- Golden State Corridor Development Air Quality Assessment / Noise Impact Assessment
- Hanford Precise Plan Air Quality Assessment / Noise Impact Assessment
- UP Imperial County Transfer Facility Air Quality Assessment / Noise Impact Assessment
- Harvest Power Noise Study

Attachment No. 7

Schedule of Events and Parking Agreement

Three Rivers Lions Club Arena Rentals

Scheduled for 2016 as of 1/28/2016

Lions Arena Chair Ed Lafferty - 786-7502cell

| Person/Organization/ Contact | Contact Phone # | Contact Mailing | Approx. Date | Confirmed Date | Amplif- ied? | Estimated | | Other Needs / Notes | Paid Facility Fees | Rental Fees | Refunded Deposit |
|--|--|--|----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|------------|---------|--|-----------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| | | | | | | Attendance | Parking | | | | |
| Mayfield Easter BBQ | 561-3558 | | 1st week April | March 27th | NO | 30 | 10 | Lion Darleen & Steve family BBQ | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Week before Jazz reserved for Lions maintenance | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lions Jazz Affair | Rusty Crain 561-4549 | | Early April | April 7th-10th | Yes #1 | 500 | 100 | Lions-Jazz Event. High Sierra Plays for Sponsors and Kick off party. | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 |
| Week between Jazz & Roping reserved for Lions maintenance | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lions Roping | Christine Burns Or Nancy Brunson | | Late April | April 21st-24th | Yes #2 | 500 | 100 | Lions Event | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 |
| Week After Jazz & Roping reserved for Lions maintenance/roping rain outs | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Horseshoe Tournament | Ed Lafferty Chair 786-7502 | EL@AAIB.US | 1st/2nd week May | May 8th-10th | Yes #3 | 100 | 50 | Lions Event Fund Raiser for 3 Rivers Vol. Fire Dept. | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Blues Fest/ Rick Thompson/Steve Scott | 786-7008/359-1384 | rick@recovery-resources.net | 3rd weekend of May | May 20th-21st | Yes #4 | 500 | 250 | Set up stage w/ drum risers. Need 20 Tables 150 chairs *donated deposit. Need INS Copy | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Tri-W Barbershoppers | 928-830-0877 or 559-299-3772 | Gordon Berghold George Western | Weekend of Memorial Day | May 28th-June 2nd | NO | 50 | 25 | 6-10RV's Meet @5pm 5-27 for keys. Do insurance 4 them. | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| All Town Dinner Dance | Dean Stryd | 991-5111 | Any time in June | June 11th ? | Yes #5 | 250 | 100 | Lions Event Recognition night moved? Or Lion of the year. | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| TRUS Foundation Dinner | 561-4466 | Sue Sherwood | Sept-Mid | Sept 28th | Yes #6 | 250 | 125 | Use new & Old cook shack; They hope to use Lions tables. | Waived? | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Chili Cook -Off | Ed Lafferty Chair 786-7502 | EL@AAIB.US | 1st weekend Oct. | Oct 1st | Yes #7 | 250 | 100 | Lions Event fund raiser. | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Three Rivers Performing Arts Film Festival | Bill Haxton 561-0300 | PO Box 664 | Oct | Oct 8th | Yes #8 | 150 | 40 | Application is in. Tables 8 Chairs 150 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Totals | | | | | | | | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |

Three Rivers Lions Club Arena Rentals

Scheduled for 2015 as of 2/18/2015

Ed Lafferty - 561-0611 / 786-7502cell

| Person/Organization/ Contact | Contact | | Approx. Date | Confirmed | | Amplified? | Estimated | | Other Needs / Notes | Paid | | Refunded |
|--|-------------------------------------|--|----------------------------|-------------------|------------|------------|-----------|---------------|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | Phone # | Mailing | | Confirmed Date | Attendance | | Parking | Facility Fees | | Rental Fees | Deposit | |
| Mayfield Easter BBQ | 561-3558 | | 1st week April | April 4th | NO | 30 | 10 | | Lion Darleen & Steve family BBQ | \$100.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Week before Jazz reserved for Lions maintenance | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lions Jazz Affair | Rusty Crain 561-4549 | | Early April | April 9th-12th | Yes #1 | 500 | 100 | | Lions Event | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 |
| Week between Jazz & Roping reserved for Lions maintenance | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lions Roping | Christine Burns Or Nancy Brunson | | Late April | April 23rd-26th | Yes #2 | 500 | 100 | | Lions Event | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 |
| Week After Jazz & Roping reserved for Lions maintenance/roping/rain outs | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Emergency Aid Alliance | Janene Lasswell 561-4021 | PO Box 36 3R janene@janenyo ursell.com | 1st week May | May 8th-10th | Yes #3 | 900 | 300 | | 100 chairs and 20 tables needed. Keys on 5-8 and clean up on 5-10 | \$600.00 | \$150.00 | \$200.00 |
| Blues Fest/ Rick Thompson/Steve Scott | 786-7008/359-1384 | rickt@recoveryresources.net | 3rd weekend of May | May 16-18 | Yes #4 | 500 | 250 | | Set up stage w/ drum risers. Need 20 Tables 150 chairs *donated deposit. Need INS Copy | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Tri-W Barbershoppers | 928-830-0877 or 559-299-3772 | Gordon Berghold George Western | Weekend after Memorial Day | May 28th-May 31st | NO | 50 | 25 | | 6-10RV's Meet @5pm 5-27 for keys. Do insurance 4 them. | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| TRUS Foundation Dinner | 561-4486 | Sue Sherwood | Sept-Mid | Sept 28th | NO | 250 | 125 | | Use new & Old cook shack; have no amplified music; They hope to use Lions tables. APPS sent 2-13-15 | Waived? | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Three Rivers Performing Arts Film Festival | Bill Haxton 561-0300 | | NOV | Nov. 6th - 10th | Yes #5 | 250 | 50 | | Application needed. Tables 10 Chairs 200 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Totals | | | | | | | | | | \$700.00 | \$150.00 | \$200.00 |

Three Rivers Lions Club Arena Rentals

Scheduled for 2014 as of 11/11/2014

Ed Lafferty - 561-0611 / 786-7502cell

| Person/Organization/ Contact | Contact | | Approx. Date | Confirmed Date | Amplified? | Estimated | | Other Needs / Notes | Paid | | Refunded | |
|--|----------------------------------|--|----------------------------|-------------------|------------|------------|---------|---|---------------|-------------|----------|---------|
| | Phone # | Contact Mailing | | | | Attendance | Parking | | Facility Fees | Rental Fees | | Deposit |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Week before Jazz reserved for Lions maintenance | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Community Recognition Night- Jazz kick off | Rusty Crain 561-4549 | | April 10th | April 10th | Yes #1A | 200 | 100 | Lions Event | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 | |
| Lions Jazz Affair | Rusty Crain 561-4549 | | Early April | April 11th-13th | Yes #1B | 500 | 100 | Lions Event | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 | |
| Week between Jazz & Roping reserved for Lions maintenance | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Darlene Mayfield | 561-3558 | | April | April 19th | NO | 20 | 10 | Easter Egg Hunt & BBQ | \$100.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| Lions Roping | Christine Burns Or Nancy Brunson | | Late April | April 25th-28th | Yes #2 | 500 | 100 | Lions Event | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 | |
| Week After Jazz & Roping reserved for Lions maintenance/roping rain outs | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Emergency Aid Alliance | Janene Lasswell 561-4021 | PO Box 36 3R janene@anoIntyo urself.com | 1st week May | May 10th | Yes #3 | 500 | 200 | 100 chairs and 20 tables needed. Keys on 5-9 and clean up on 5-11 | \$400.00 | \$150.00 | \$200.00 | |
| Blues Fest/ Rick Thompson/Steve Scott | 786-7008/359-1384 | ticket@recoveryresources.net | 3rd weekend of May | May 16-18 | Yes #4 | 500 | 250 | Set up stage w/ drum risers. Need 20 Tables 150 chairs *donated deposit. Need INS Copy | \$400.00 | \$175.00 | \$200.00 | |
| Tri-W Barbershoppers | 928-830-0877 or 559-299-3772 | Gordon Berghold George Western | Weekend after Memorial Day | May 29th June 1st | No | 50 | 25 | 6-10RV's Meet @5pm 5-28 for keys. Paid \$100 for arena sign | \$400.00 | \$0.00 | \$200.00 | |
| Fox Memorial | Wendy Ballew | 561-0518 or 285-2958 | Aug. | Aug 24th | No | 200 | 50 | All items needed are donated \$0 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| Kauling Memorial | Wilma | | | Sept 20th | No | 200 | 50 | All items needed are donated \$0 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| TRUS Foundation Dinner | 561-4466 | Sue Sherwood | Sept-Mid | Sept 28th | No | 250 | 125 | Use new & Old cook shack; have no amplified music; They hope to use Lions tables. APPS sent 4-15-14 | Waived? | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| Three Rivers Performing Arts Film Festival | Bill Haxton 561-0300 | | NOV | Nov. 8th - 10th | Yes #5 | 250 | 50 | Application is in 1-10-14 NEED INS COPY Tables 10 Chairs 200 | \$400.00 | \$150.00 | \$200.00 | |
| Totals | | | | | | | | | \$1,700.00 | \$475.00 | \$800.00 | |

THREE RIVERS LIONS CLUB
DONATIONS
JUNE 30, 2014

| | PAID | PLEGDED | TOTAL |
|---------------------------------|------------------|-------------|------------------------|
| Woodlake H.S. Foundation | 7250.00 | 0.00 | 7250.00 |
| Lions Eye-Foundation | 612.00 | 0.00 | 612.00 |
| Lions Grounds | 87.62 | 0.00 | 87.62 |
| Three Rivers Historical Society | 600.00 | 0.00 | 600.00 |
| TRUS Foundation | 500.00 | 0.00 | 500.00 |
| HOBY | 350.00 | 0.00 | 350.00 |
| Bread Basket | 500.00 | 0.00 | 500.00 |
| Hospice | 250.00 | 0.00 | 250.00 |
| Woodlake H.S. Sober Grad Night | 200.00 | 0.00 | 200.00 |
| Friends of Scicon | 200.00 | 0.00 | 200.00 |
| Bearskin Meadow | 250.00 | 0.00 | 250.00 |
| EAA | <u>25.00</u> | 0.00 | <u>25.00</u> |
| Total | <u>10,842.62</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>10,824.62</u> |
| Budgeted | | | <u>13200.00</u> |
| Uncommitted | | | <u>\$ 2,375.38</u> |

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS THREE RIVERS
CONTRIBUTIONS GIFTS ETC PAID
JUNE 30, 2013

| | |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| LIONS EYE FOUNDATION | 333.00 |
| WOODLAKE HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION | 9,200.00 |
| EAGLES BOOSTER CLUB | 500.00 |
| BREAD BASKET | 1,500.00 |
| HOBY | 350.00 |
| THREE RIVERS HISTORICAL SOCIETY | 800.00 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | <u>350.00</u> |
| TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS ETC. | <u>13,033.00</u> |

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS THREE RIVERS
CONTRIBUTIONS GIFTS ETC PAID
JUNE 30, 2012

| | |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| LIONS EYE FOUNDATION | 671 |
| WOODLAND HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION | 8,700 |
| THREE RIVERS UNION SCHOOL | 500 |
| BREAD BASKET | 1,500 |
| HOBY | 325 |
| HOSPICE OF TULARE | 817 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | <u>608</u> |
| TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS ETC. | <u>13,121</u> |

THREE RIVERS VILLAGE FOUNDATION

TOWN HALL MEETING

February 2, 2015

- I. Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Parks
 - Winter Update
- II. Lions Arena Use Permit Proposal
 - Three Rivers Lions Club
- III. Public Safety Services
 - Tulare County Sheriff
 - Tulare County Fire
- IV. County Government
 - Allen Ishida, Supervisor District 1

Next Town Hall Meeting: Monday, March 2, 2015

- Medical Marijuana
- BLM Resource Management Plan



Re: agreement HERE TIS.. SIGNED... TOM

Chess1940@aol.com <Chess1940@aol.com>
To: pvg222@gmail.com

Thu, Sep 4, 2014 at 3:38 PM

J.Thomas Chess,DDS,FACD,ABOI/ID
500 Columbia Street
South Pasadena, Ca.91030
323-682-1133
chess1940@aol.com

In a message dated 9/4/2014 2:15:53 P.M. Pacific Daylight Time, pvg222@gmail.com writes:

Forgot the attachment.....damn, when you turn 50, it all goes downhill!

P.

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This agreement is for occasional land use by the Three Rivers Lions Club (TRL) and landowner J. Thomas Chess (TC).

The TRL owns land in Three Rivers, CA shown in Tulare County public records as 5.78 acres and is APN 067-09-22. TC owns various parcels in Three Rivers, however this agreement pertains only to a parcel of 30.33 acres and is shown in Tulare County public records as APN 067-12-12.

The County of Tulare granted the TRL a parking easement at the north end of TC APN 067-12-12 and this easement is 1.8 acres to be used only for parking for TRL events. This easement is not a part of this new agreement.

This agreement between the two parties identified above allows parking of vehicles of attendees of two TRL events on the parcel identified above owned by TC. This parking of vehicles will be allowed for the following two events:

1. **Jazzaffair**, which occurs in the first or second week of April each year
2. **Lions Team Roping**, which occurs in the last weekend of April each year

Conditions:

1. This agreement may be cancelled by either party within 60 days notice by written letter to TRL, POB 206, Three Rivers, CA 93271 or TC, 500 Columbia, S. Pasadena, CA 91030.
2. Parking will be allowed only to the NE of the private road (between the road and the NE property line.) Parking will not be allowed in any fenced off areas of the subject parcel.

3. The allowable parking period shall be limited to a maximum seven (7) days prior to, during and after the event.
4. If TC sells this parcel (067-12-12) then this agreement is cancelled. TC will advise TRL as soon as possible if escrow has been opened pertaining to a sale.
5. The TRL will cover TC land with a general liability policy when the land is used as detailed above. Upon request, this policy will be furnished to TC for his approval.
6. The TRL is liable for any damage to fences, pipes, valves, gates and any other improvements during use by TRL and others, and will bear the cost of reasonable repair of said damage.
7. TC is not responsible for loss, injury or death of any horse while said animal is temporarily pastured on TC land during Event 2 shown above.
8. This agreement allows the parking of automobiles, RV's, motor homes, trucks and trailers. No other use other than parking is allowed.
9. No sales of merchandise, food or beverage will be allowed, either by TRL or other parking user on property owned by TC.
10. No erection of any temporary structure will be allowed on property owned by TC. The exception will be temporary livestock corral fencing.

Page 2 of 2 Land Use Agreement

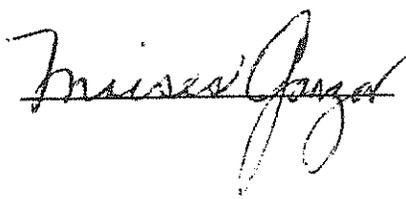
11. No amplified event, concert, or other performing activity will be allowed on property owned by TC
12. The TRL is responsible for cleanup of TC property promptly after both events to a condition the same as prior to the event. This includes, but is not limited to trash, cans/bottles, ropes, etc
13. All trash receptacles, dumpsters, livestock water troughs, porta potties and other event equipment placed on the subject TC parcel will not be placed on the subject parcel prior to 7 days of the first event and will be removed within 7 days of the second event.
14. TC is not responsible for any loss of personal items while vehicles are parked on his property. TC is not responsible for any loss of or damage to a vehicle while vehicles are parked on his property.
15. The TRL will insure that the gate accessing the parking area is locked when not being used.
16. The authorized local agent representing TC in his absence is Dan Kieffer. His phone numbers is: 559 285-3193 cell. He lives on North Fork Drive. This agent may be contacted for land use issues, problems with TC parcel prior, during and after the above events.
17. No water or power source located on the subject property owned by TC shall be used by TRL or parking users at the two events.

End of Agreement

For the Three Rivers Lions Club

J. Thomas Chess

_____ date: 9-4-14 

 date: 9.5.14

Produce or Temporary Event Permit ONLY

ATTN: MARY ANDRADE
THREE RIVERS LIONS ROPING EVENT
PO BOX 206
THREE RIVERS, CA 93271

TULARE CO. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
5957 S MOONEY BLVD
VISALIA, CA 93277
559-624-7400



REGULATED FACILITY: **THREE RIVERS LIONS ROPING EVENT**
42490 KAWEAH RIVER DR
THREE RIVERS, CA 93271

Facility ID: FA1346944
Account ID: AR1347859
District: 003

OWNER NAME: **THREE RIVERS LIONS CLUB**

Valid From 4/24/2014 to 4/27/2014

PT0009474 1689 - TEMPORARY FOOD EVENT - 3 OR MORE DAYS

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Environmental Health Specialist

A handwritten date "4/24/14" is written in black ink over a horizontal line.

Date Signed

THIS FORM MUST BE DISPLAYED CONSPICUOUSLY ON THE PREMISES

Please notify Environmental Health of any changes in ownership, business activity, business name, or billing address. Failure to notify Environmental Health may result in permit denial, revocation, and/or business closure. Permits become void on change of ownership. New owners must apply and pay for new Permit(s) prior to beginning operation.

PERMITS TO OPERATE AND ANNUAL FEE PAYMENTS ARE NOT TRANSFERABLE.

Produce or Temporary Event Permit ONLY


ATTN: MARY ANDRADE
THREE RIVERS LIONS CLUB JAZZ AFFAIR
PO BOX 206
THREE RIVERS, CA 93271

TULARE CO. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
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VISALIA, CA 93277
559-624-7400



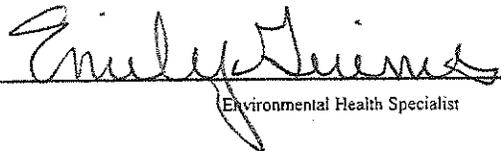
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RODEO GROUNDS
THREE RIVERS, CA 93271

Facility ID: FA1346918
Account ID: AR1347816
District: 003

OWNER NAME THREE RIVERS LIONS CLUB

Valid From 4/12/2013 to 4/14/2013

PT0009428 1689 - TEMPORARY FOOD EVENT - 3 OR MORE DAYS


Environmental Health Specialist

4/12/2013
Date Signed

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ATTN: GLEN MCINTYRE
THREE RIVERS LIONS ROPING EVENT
PO BOX 206
THREE RIVERS, CA 93271

TULARE CO. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
5957 S MOONEY BLVD
VISALIA, CA 93277



REGULATED FACILITY: THREE RIVERS LIONS ROPING EVENT
42490 KAWEAH RIVER DR
THREE RIVERS, CA 93271

Facility #: FA1346944
Account #: AR1347859
District: 003

OWNER NAME: THREE RIVERS LIONS CLUB

Valid From 5/1/2012 to 5/2/2013

PT0009474 1691 - TEMP FOOD EVENT ORGANIZER - MULTIPLE EVENTS

Gary Hank

Environmental Health Specialist

4/30/12

Date Signed

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PO BOX 206
THREE RIVERS, CA 93271

TULARE CO. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
5957 S MOONEY BLVD
VISALIA, CA 93277
559-737-4669



REGULATED FACILITY: THREE RIVERS LIONS ROPING EVENT
42490 KAWEAH RIVER DR
THREE RIVERS, CA 93271

Facility #: FA1346944
Account #: AR1347859
District: 003

OWNER NAME: THREE RIVERS LIONS CLUB

Valid From 5/1/2010 to 5/1/2011

PT0009474 1691 - TEMP FOOD EVENT ORGANIZER - MULTIPLE EVENTS

Carlo Alvarez

Environmental Health Specialist

6/10/10

Date Signed

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Three Rivers Lions Club Roping Arena Rental Information For Members & Non-Profit Organizations

1. Rental Includes covered stage area, outdoor bar area (no Alcohol sales), picnic tables, parking area, restrooms, BBQ, and Ol' Cook shack. The Cost is \$200 per day.
2. A refundable cleaning deposit for the use of the facilities is \$200.
2. Small Groups (1-100 people) must provide a \$300,000 Liability Insurance rider naming the Three Rivers Lions Club as an additional Insured during the time of their event. Rider is due at time of the rental payment.
3. Large Groups (100+ people) must provide a \$1,000,000 Liability insurance rider naming the Three Rivers Lions Club as an additional Insured during the time of their event. Rider is due at the time of the rental payment.
4. Payment for rental and deposits are due not later than two weeks prior to the scheduled event, unless prior pre-approved arraignments are made.
5. Groups of 100 persons or more must provide Professional security. Provide 1 Security Guard per every 100 people.
6. Groups of 300 persons or more must receive prior written approval to rent the arena from the Three Rivers Lions Club Board and provide the above private security. Additionally they must provide extra Port-a-Potties, Extra Dumpsters (and arrange for their disposal) arrange to have a water truck to water down the dirt roadways at least once per full day of rental.
7. No Open fires are authorized to any renters at anytime.
8. Emergency Medical Services are the full responsibility of each renter. Call 911.
9. No alcohol may be sold by any renters of the facilities. Only the Three Rivers Lions Club is authorized to sell Alcohol on the facilities grounds.
10. NO Amplified Events unless Pre-approved by the Lions Board of Directors. It is very important that those renting the facilities remember to remain considerate of the neighbors when it comes to noise, music, ect. In that regard, all PA systems must be shut down no later than 10pm, and can't start before 7am. PA systems and/or their speakers may only be used in the 40x100 covered stage area and only after approval by the Lions Club board of Directors. The Decibel Noise level must not exceed .60 decibels outside of the parking area in the back and in the front lawn area.

11. Groups wishing to Camp/Use Rv's for overnight stays at the Facilities must first receive written approval from the Three Rivers Lions Club Board and may incur a separate charge.
12. The New Cook Shack is not for rent to anyone at any time. This is strictly for the Lions club use.
13. Renting for Tables and Chairs is available and listed on the application with separate charges listed.
14. Water Storage tanks are for Fire suppression only and not to be used for dust control purposes, unless specifically pre-approved by the Lions Board of Directors.

Renters Cleanup Responsibilities Following your Event at the Lions Arena

1. Leave the grounds and Facilities as clean as you found them.
2. Make sure the Ol' cook shack and BBQ are cleaned. Trash cans are emptied into the dumpsters and the restrooms cleaned of any litter. Renter is not responsible for routine scoring of sinks, toilets, & urinals.
3. Make sure Garden rocks have not been disturbed.
4. Make sure all litter is picked up from the parking area, pea gravel area around the picnic tables, lawn, and arena bleachers.

We thank you for your support of the Three Rivers Lions Club with this rental and we look forward to you having a terrific event.

Lions Clubs We Serve!

Three Rivers Lions Club Addresses:

42490 Kaweah River Drive-Physical

PO Box 206- Mailing

Three Rivers, CA 93271

Attachment No. 8

Traffic Management Plan

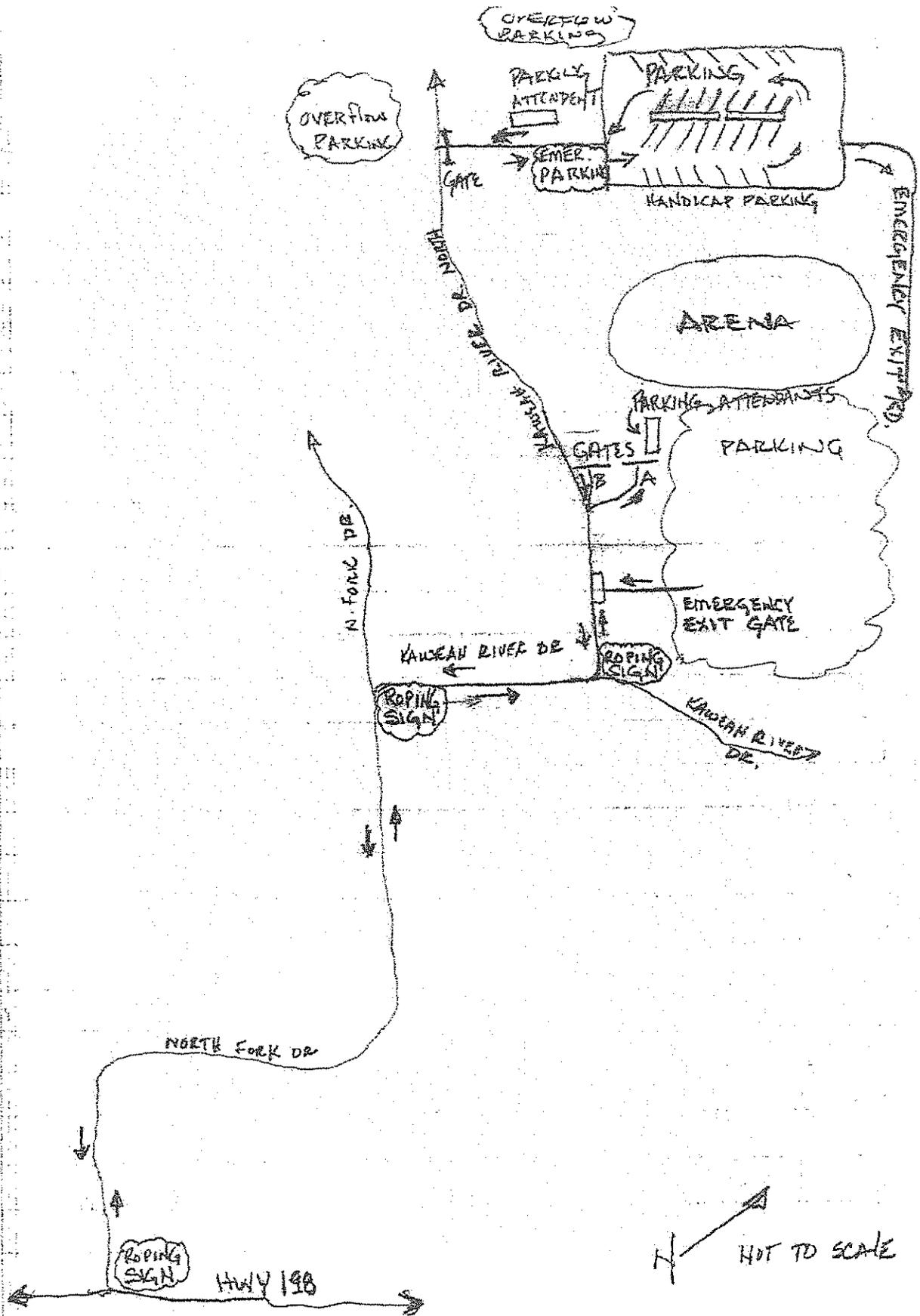
Traffic Management Plan
For
Three Rivers Lions Club
Public Events at Lions Arena

Attendees at these events arrive and depart in random patterns. Arrival times for specific activities are set to avoid commute hours (7AM-9AM and 4PM-6PM). Please see attached map.

- Sign with arrow at intersection of SR198 and North Fork Drive designating direction to Lions Arena.
- Sign with arrow at intersection of North Fork Drive and Kaweah River Drive designating direction to Lions Arena.
- Sign with arrow at intersection of Kaweah River Drive and North Kaweah River Drive designating direction to Lions Arena.
- Gates A and B will be monitored by Lions Members directing where participants of the event and the public should park.
- Designated parking for qualifying handicapped persons will be clearly designated with approved signage.
- Emergency vehicle parking for Sheriff, ambulance and fire will be identified and controlled.
- An emergency exit road is reserved for use if necessary.
- Overflow parking will be available as shown on the attached map.
- If an event is planned to exceed 150 attendees, the following actions will be taken:
Consultation & Coordination with the Caltrans District 6 Permits Office at 559-488-4058 to determine if the following are needed:
 - a) Provide Highway advisory radio announcements to inform the public of the upcoming event;
 - b) California Highway Patrol personnel should be provided to direct & monitor traffic at the State Route 198/North Fork Drive intersection during the event;
 - c) Provide portable changeable message sign(s) on State Route 198 prior to the North Fork Drive intersection in both directions to warn motorists;
 - d) A Caltrans encroachment permit may be needed to implement any of the above. Please call the Caltrans Encroachment Permit Office - District 6: 1352 W. Olive, Fresno, CA 93778, at (559) 488-4058.

President-Three Rivers Lions Club

Senior Vice President Three Rivers Lions Club

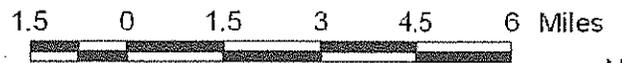
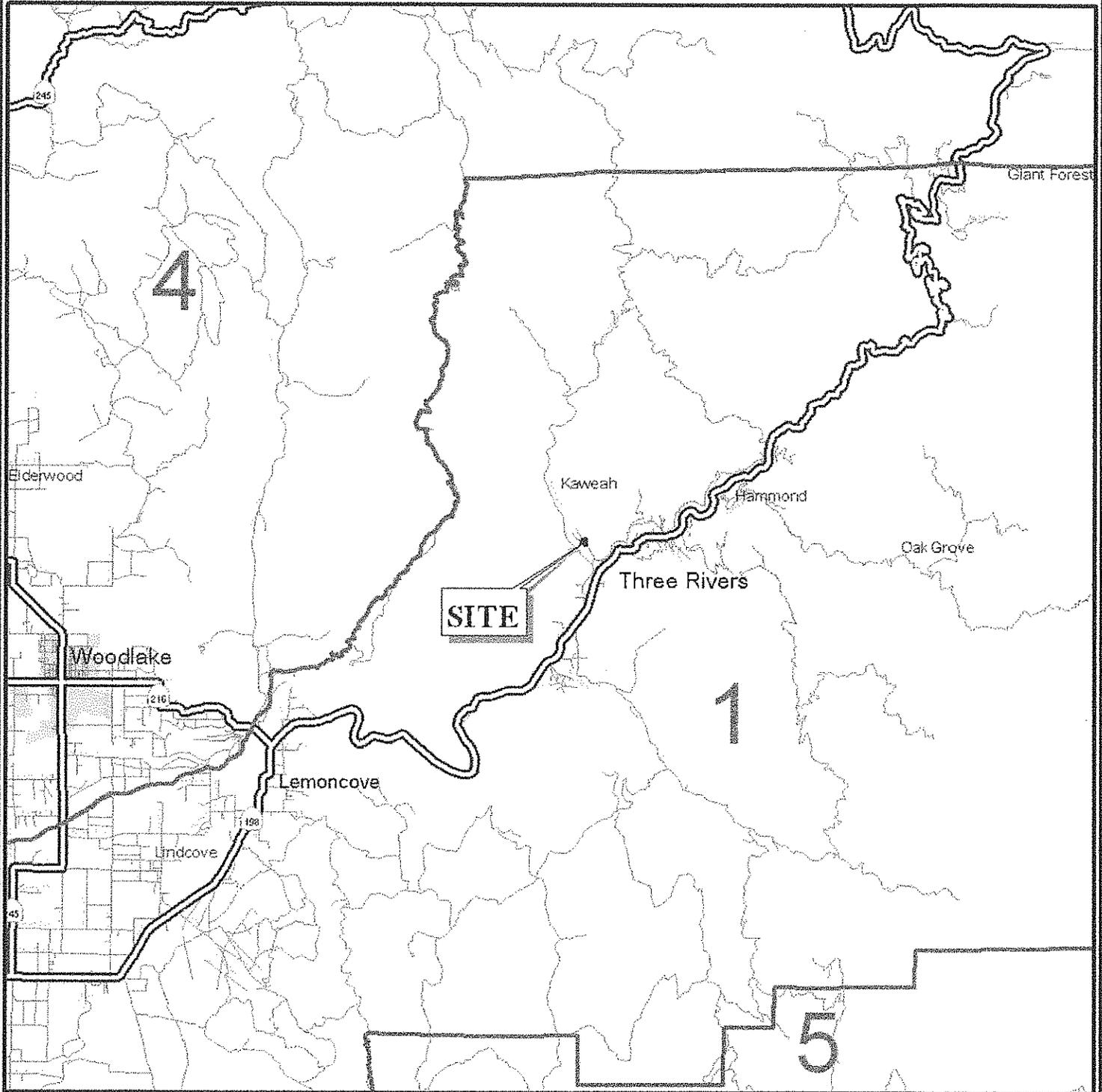


Attachment No. 9

Maps and Graphics



Vicinity Map for PSP 14-034

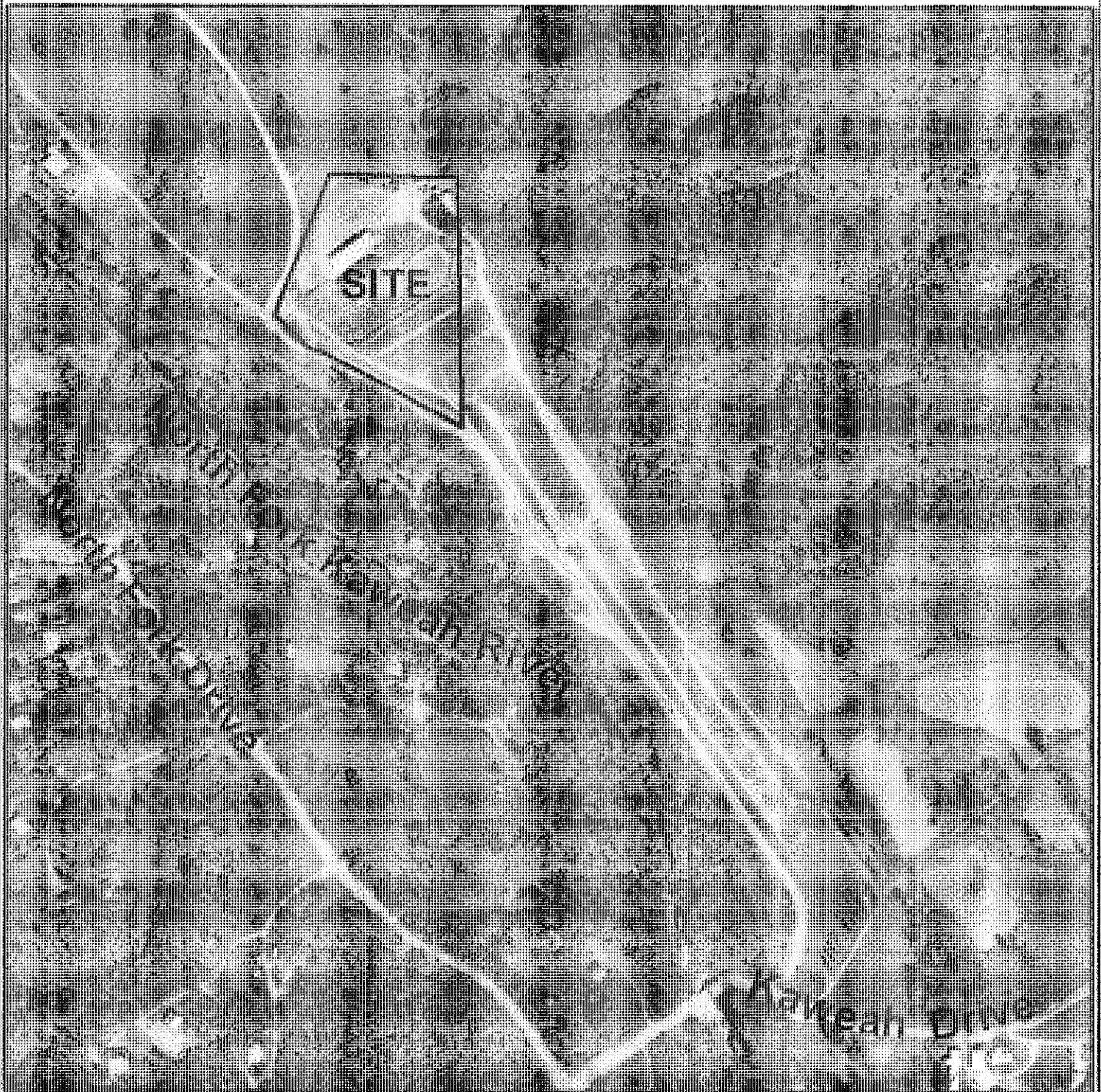
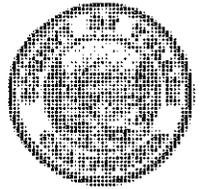


 Supervisorial Districts
Site is in District 1



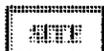
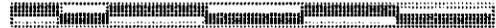


Aerial Photograph for PSP 14-034



Owner: **THREE RIVERS LIONS CLUB**
 Address: **P.O. BOX 106**
 City, State ZIP: **THREE RIVERS CA 93271**
 Applicant: **Three Rivers Lions Club**
 Agent: **none**
 Supervisorial District # **1**
 Assessor's Parcel # **067090022**

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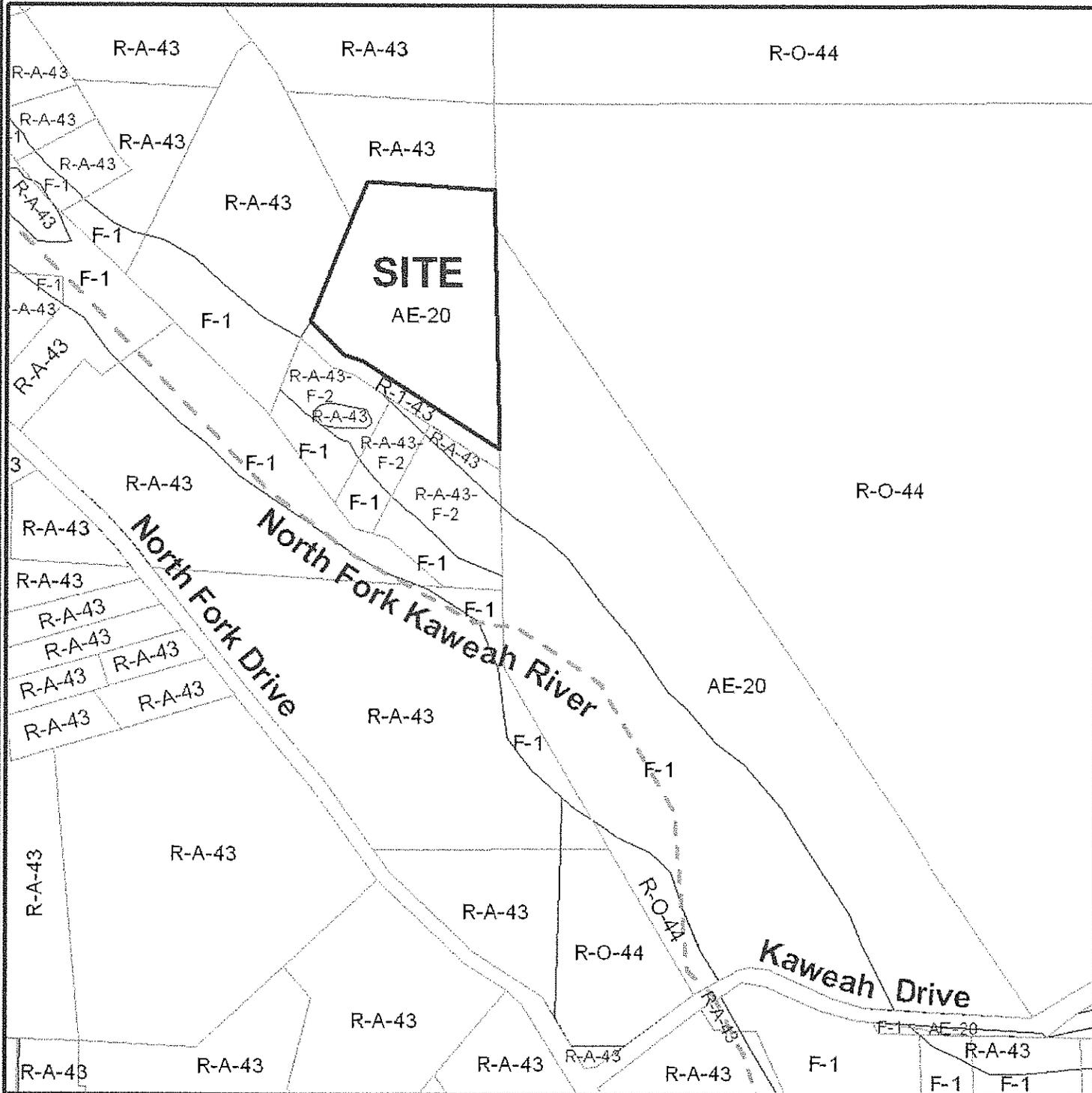


Project Site for PSP 14-034





Existing Zoning Map for PSP 14-034



Owner: THREE RIVERS LIONS CLUB
 Address: P O BOX 206
 City, State ZIP: THREE RIVERS CA 93271
 Applicant: Three Rivers Lions Club
 Agent: none
 Supervisorial District = 1
 Assessor's Parcel = 067090022

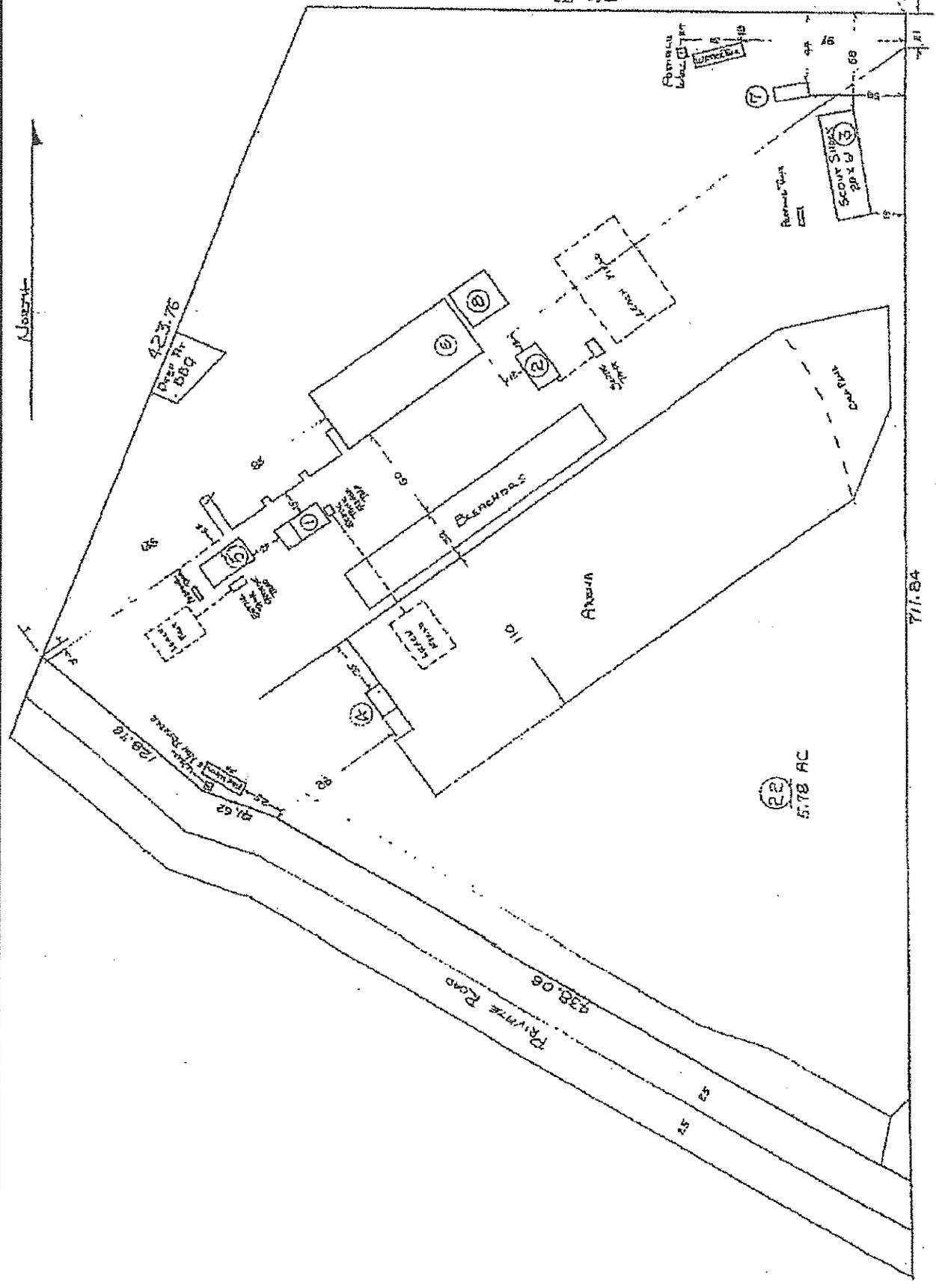


SITE Project Site for PSP 14-034



- 1857-83
- ① Old Cook Shack
Concrete Block
- 1959-60
- ② Rest Rooms
Concrete Block
- 1960-61
- ③ Scout Shack
Wood Frame
- 1984
- ④ Announcers
Steel Pipe-Wood Frame
- 1986-87
- ⑤ New Cook Shack
Wood Frame
- 1993-94
- ⑥ Ag. Building
Metal S/S
- 1995
- ⑦ Sea Train
- 1999
- ⑧ Storage Building
Wood Frame

Site Plan
for
PSP 14-034
P.C. Exhibit "A"
Sheet 1 of 2



North Arrow
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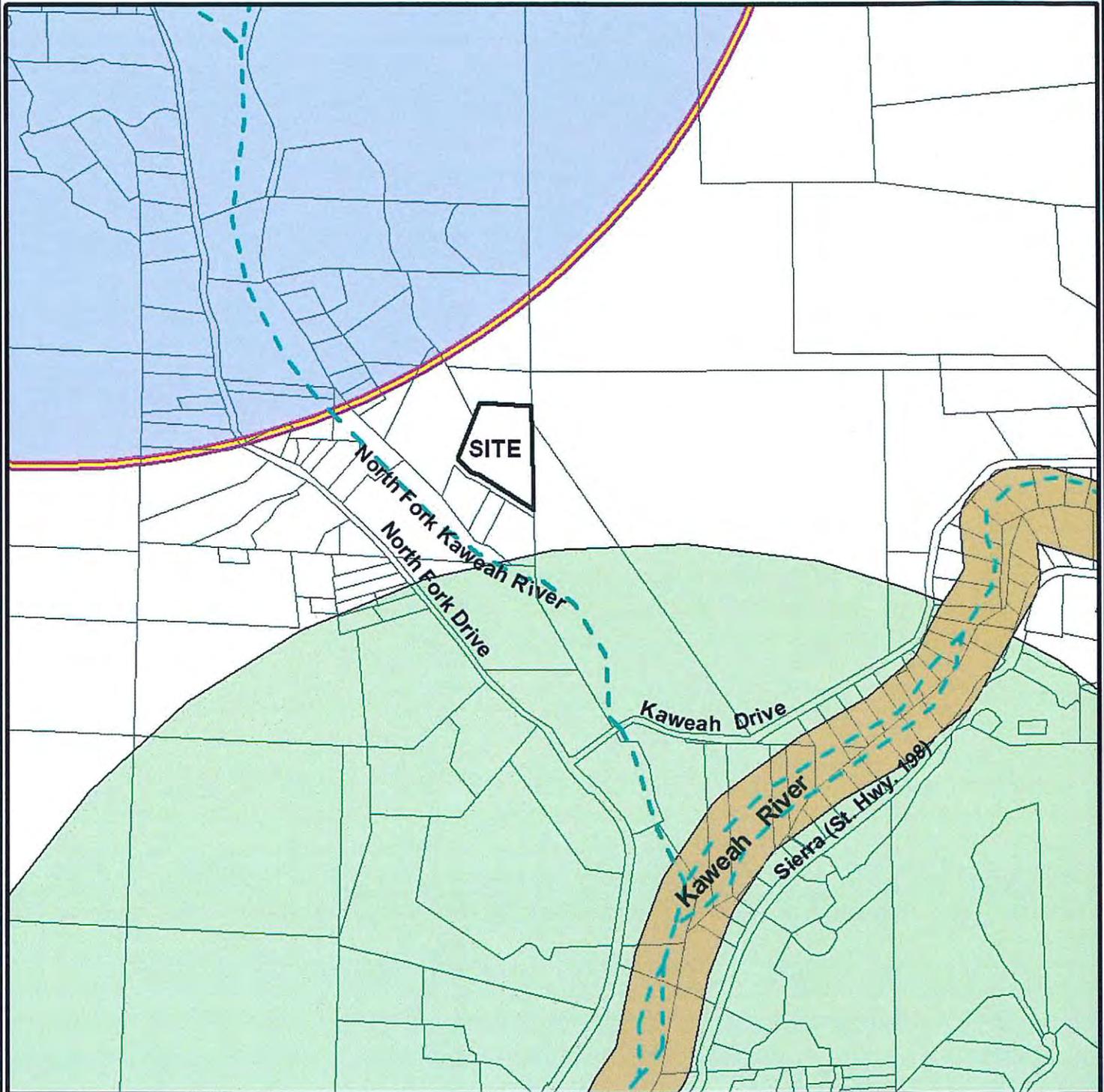
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Species of Concern Map for PSP 14-034



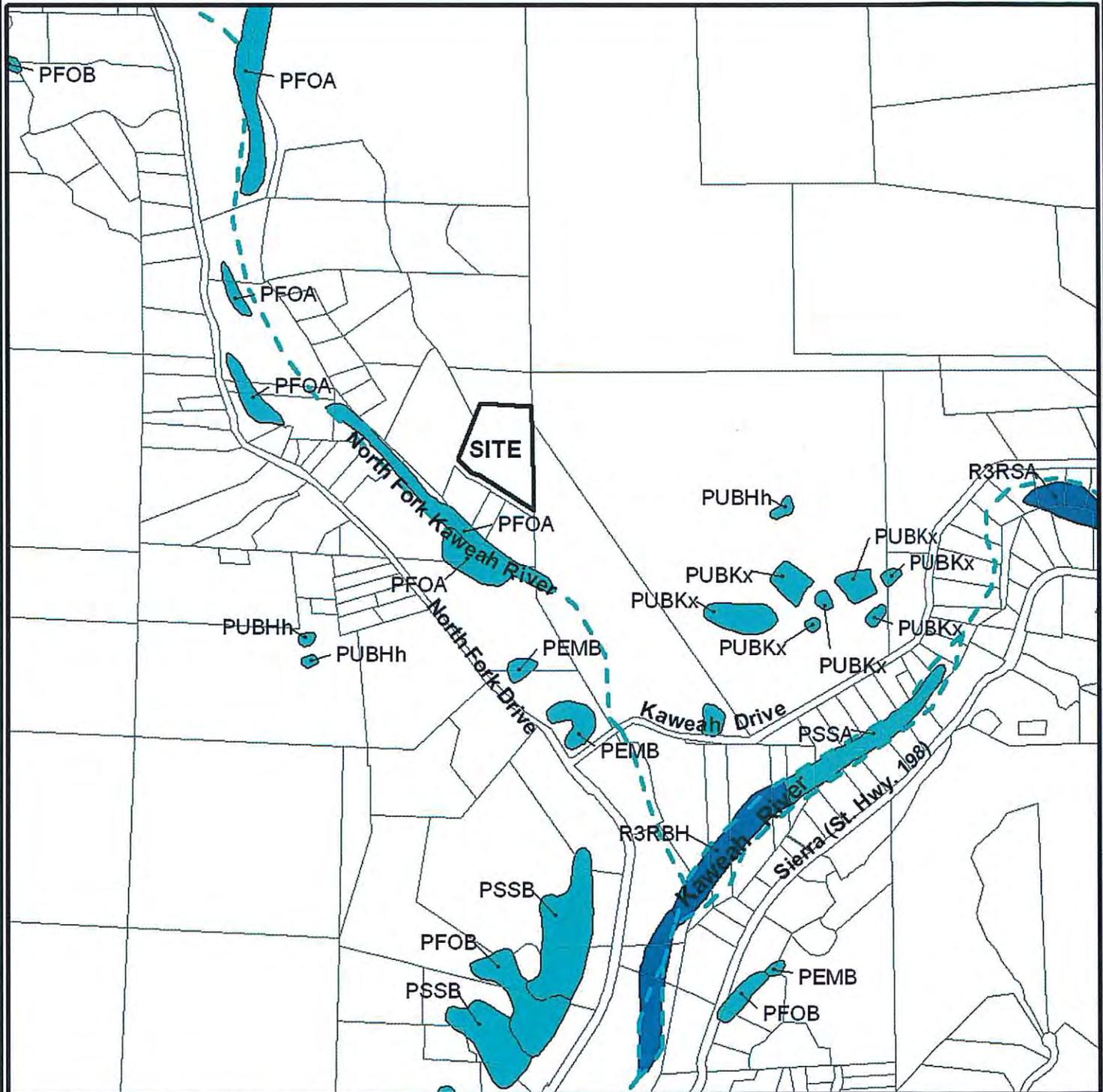
- Species of Concern (CNDDDB)
- Central Valley Drainage Hardhead/Squawfish Stream
 - Madera leptosiphon
 - Morrison's blister beetle
 - moestan blister beetle
 - valley elderberry longhorn beetle



Source: Oct., 2010, California Natural Diversity Database-
California Department of Fish & Wildlife



Wetlands Map for PSP 14-034



National Wetlands Inventory

-  Lacustrine
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-  Riverine
-  Uplands (No Wetlands)
-  No Data

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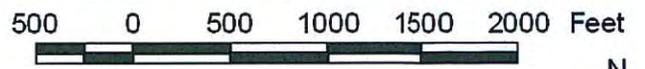
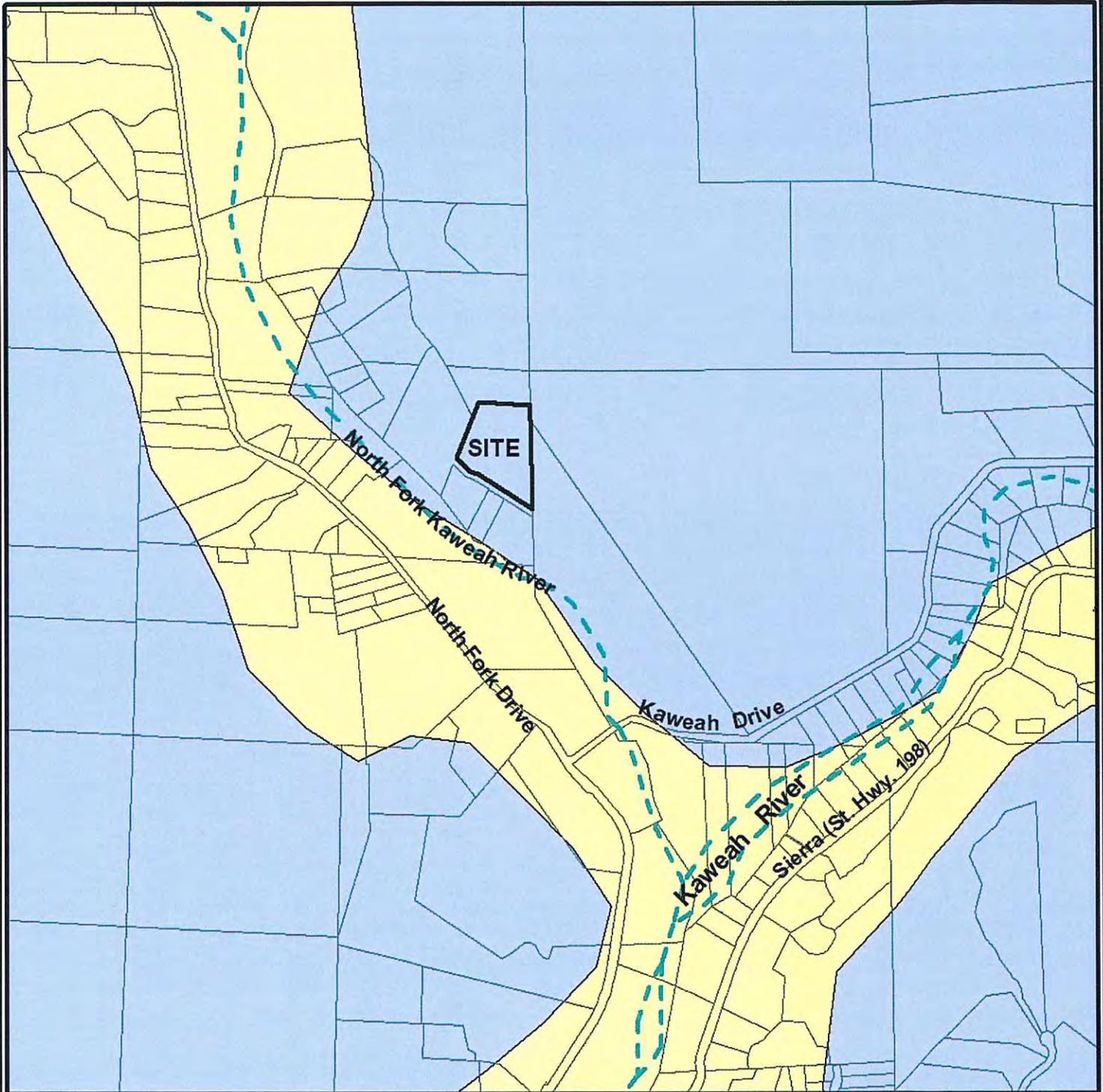


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Source: U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
National Wetlands Inventory





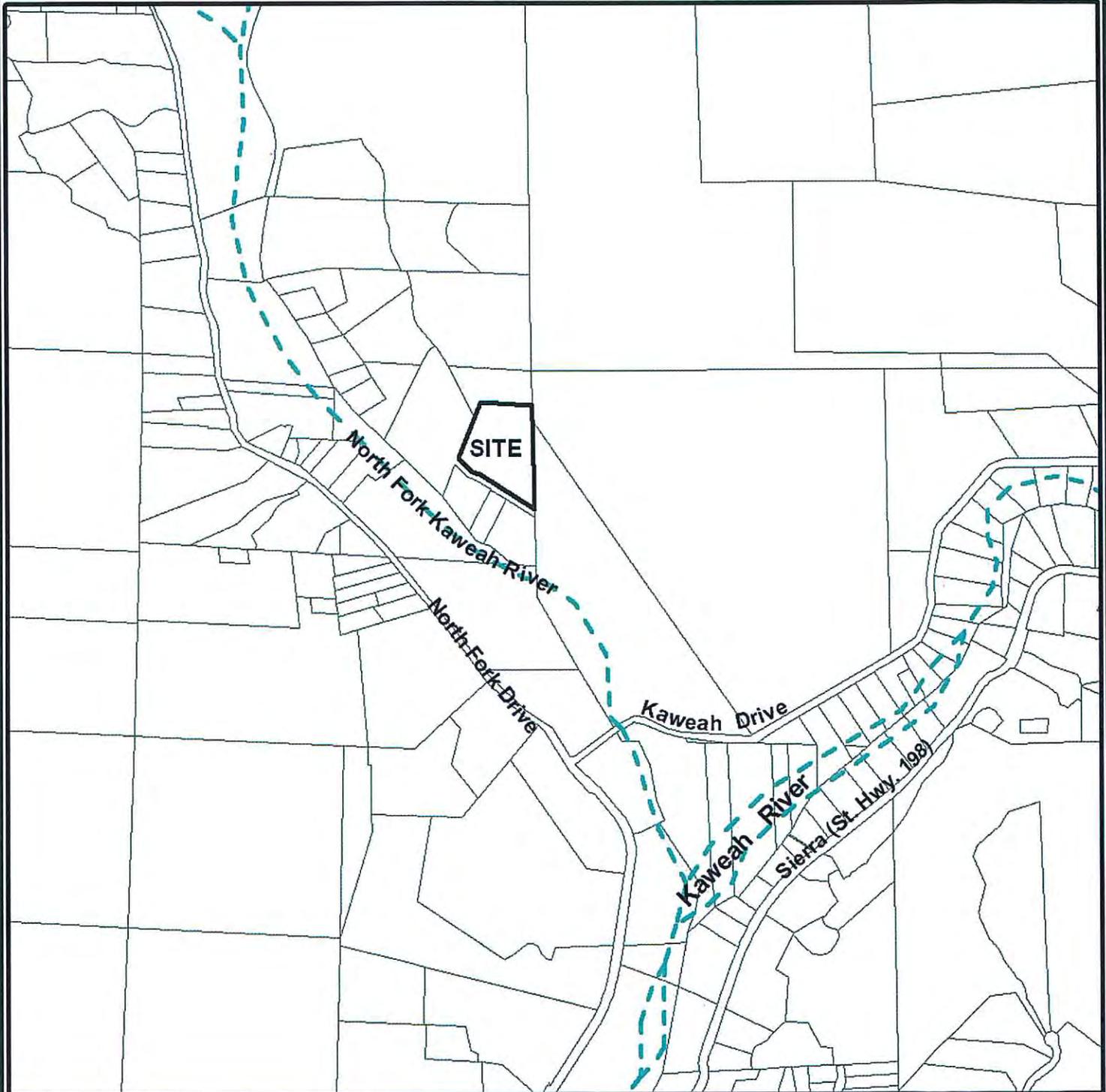
GAP Analysis
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Interior_live_oak

Source: California Department of Fish & Game





Waterways Map for PSP 14-034



 Waterways



Attachment No. 10

BOS Reso. #2014-0515 Denying the Request to Waive
Fees and Reso. #8052 for
Special Use Permit No. PSP 02-013

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

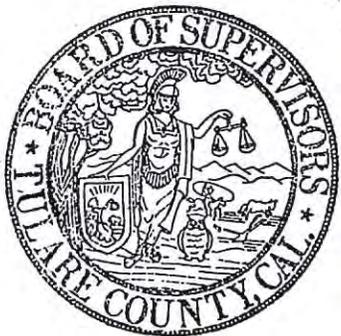
IN THE MATTER OF WAIVER OF)
APPLICATION FEES FROM THE THREE) Resolution No. 2014-0515
RIVERS LIONS CLUB FOR SPECIAL USE)
PERMIT APPLICATION PSP 14-034)

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR ISHIDA, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ENNIS, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD JULY 22, 2014, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: SUPERVISORS ISHIDA AND ENNIS
NOES: SUPERVISORS COX, VANDER POEL AND WORTHLEY
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

ATTEST: JEAN M. ROUSSEAU
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: *Jean M. Rousseau*
Deputy Clerk



Denied the request from the Three Rivers Lions Club for a waiver of application fees for Special Use Permit Application (PSP 14-034) on the ground that it would be unreasonable to collect the fees because the Club does not have funds readily available to pay these fees; and by not moving forward with this project, the community would be deprived of socially beneficial community fund raising activities and projects.

RMA
DAY
7/22/14

BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION

COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF SPECIAL USE PERMIT)

RESOLUTION NO. 8052

APPLICATION NO. PSP 02-013)

Resolution of the Planning Commission of the County of Tulare conditionally approving a Special Use Permit requested by Three Rivers Lions Club, P O Box 206, Three Rivers, CA 93271 (Agent: Howard Hill, 45233 South Fork Drive, Three Rivers, CA 93271) to bring into compliance a rodeo ground and associated assemblage of people on a 5.78-acre parcel in the AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural - 20 acre minimum) Zone, on property located on the east side of the North Fork of the Kaweah River, approximately 1,800 feet northwest of the intersection of Kaweah Drive and North Fork Road, in Three Rivers.

WHEREAS, an application has been filed pursuant to the regulations contained in Section 16 of Ordinance No. 352, the Zoning Ordinance, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has given notice of its intention to consider the granting of a Special Use Permit as provided in Section 18 of said Ordinance No. 352 and as provided in Section 65905 of the Government Code of the State of California, and

WHEREAS, Staff has performed necessary investigations, prepared a written report (made a part hereof), and recommended approval of this application subject to conditions, and

WHEREAS, public hearings were held and an opportunity for public testimony was provided at regular meetings of the Planning Commission on April 14 & 28 and May 12, 2004, and

WHEREAS, at those meetings of the Planning Commission public testimony was received and recorded from Howard Hill, David Paradis, Darlene Mayfield, Shotzee Lovett, Lyle Carr, Cal Johnson, Mike Branch, Kaye Cannarozzi, Jane Dagerman, Glen McIntyre, Wally Rice, Janine Chilcott, Rod Simonian, Maya Ricci and Sherman Rogers in support of the proposal and from Maya Ricci and Sherman Rogers and a letter from William Kadi who raised concerns regarding access, noise and lighting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

A. This Planning Commission hereby certifies that it has reviewed and considered the information contained in the Negative Declaration for the proposed project together with any comments received during the public review process, in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act and the State Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 prior to taking action on the project.

B. This Planning Commission hereby adopts the following findings of fact as to the reasons for approval of this application:

1. The applicant has requested a Special Use Permit to bring into compliance a rodeo ground and associated assemblage of people on a 5.78-acre parcel. The site is located on the east side of the North Fork of the Kaweah River, approximately 1,800 feet northwest of the intersection of Kaweah Drive and North Fork Road, in Three Rivers.
2. The site is zoned AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural - 20 acre minimum) and currently contains a roping arena, announcer's stand, bleachers, two cook shacks, open ag building with a raised stage with electrical hook-up and an area for dancing or exhibits, restroom building, storage building, scout shack, storage sea train, and a deep pit BBQ area.
3. The properties to the north are zoned R-1-43 (Single Family Residential - 43,000 sq. ft. minimum) and they contain grazing and scattered residences. To the east, the properties are zoned AE-20 and R-O-44 (Single Family Estate - 44,000 sq. ft. minimum). The land use of these properties includes the former private airstrip, a catfish farm and fishing park, grazing and scattered residences. South of the site, the properties are zoned R-A-43-F-2 (Rural Residential - 43,000 sq. ft. minimum, Secondary Flood Plain Combining), F-1 (Primary Flood Plain) and R-A-43 (Rural Residential - 43,000 sq. ft. minimum) and contain scattered residences, North Fork Kaweah River and grazing. To the west, the properties are zoned R-1-43 and R-A-43, F-1 and contain grazing, scattered residences and the North Fork Kaweah River.
4. Section 16 ILB of the Tulare County Zoning Ordinance allows Rodeo ground or roping arena - AE, AE-10, AE-20, AE-40, AE-80, A-1, AF, RC, O, CO, M-1, M-2, AP; and Assemblage of people for educational or entertainment purposes in a building or open area not otherwise approved for assemblage under this Ordinance and including but not limited to auto shows, boat shows, art shows, exhibitions and auctions - AE, AE-10, AE-20, AE-40, AE-80, A-1, AF, RC, CO, C-1, C-2, C-3, M-1, M-2. (However, in no case shall auto shows, boat shows, art shows, exhibitions, and auctions be allowed in the AE, AE-10, AE-20, AE-40, or AE-80 Zones.) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Part, a use permit for the assemblage of people may include approval of sales of alcoholic beverages under an on-sale license.
5. The first annual team roping rodeo was held on the subject premises in 1949 prior to Special Use Permit requirements. The use has expanded over the years and the Ordinance has been amended to require a special use permit. Ordinance 3131 was adopted by the Board of Supervisors (effective September 12, 1995), in which the provision excluding auto, boat and art shows, exhibitions and auctions from AE-

designated zones was added. The non-conforming status provisions of Section 15 of the Zoning Ordinance allow such on-going activities established prior to the 1995 revision. Expansions, however, must be authorized with proper permit approvals.

6. The site is not within any Urban Area Boundary, but is within the Planning Area Boundary of the Three Rivers Community Plan. The Three Rivers Community Plan (GPA 80-1) designates the site as "Medium Density Residential" (1 family residence per 1 acre). Non-conforming uses are not specifically addressed by the Community Plan. The implementing zone, together with Section 15 of the Tulare County Zoning Ordinance recognize uses that were established prior to zoning regulations and provides for expansion of those uses upon approval of a special use permit.
7. According to the Noise Element, the site is not within a noise-impacted corridor. The site is located adjacent to land zoned for residential use (R-1-43, R-A-43). According to the County's Noise Element Policy Document, a noise environment of 50 - 60 dB L_{dn} is considered to be "normally acceptable" for residential uses. Potential elevated noise levels by the project's proposed outdoor events, such as the Jazz Festival and rodeo events, may exceed 60 dB at the boundaries to the residential land uses during daytime and/or nighttime hours. According to the County's Noise Element Technical Reference Document, amplified music measures up to 120 dB (considered to be deafening noise level) and outdoor spectator events measure levels up to 70 dB (considered to be loud noise level). Such amplified music would occur outdoors in the site's open area surrounded by rolling foothills and would be during interim, temporary events on weekends, thereby reducing potential impacts by amplified sound. The average noise level over a 24 hour period, weighted with the ambient noise is likely to measure within the acceptable range of 50 - 60 dB L_{dn}. The nearest residence is located at least 200 feet from the site. The project will be subject to conditions of approval to limit amplified sound exposure to a level consistent with surrounding uses.
8. The project has legal non-conforming status, as set forth in Section 15 of the Tulare County Zoning Ordinance. The Zoning Ordinance implements the General Plan and recognizes that uses can be made more compatible with the surrounding land uses with conditions of approval.
9. The Three Rivers Lions Club acquired the site by grant deed recorded May 31, 1962. Chronological order of development/activities pertinent to the subject site:
 - In 1949, the site was used as a roping arena for the public. No building permits were required for the arena, but A-1 Zoning at that time required a Special Use Permit for a rodeo ground or roping arena. No use permit

application was submitted.

- In 1957, a 267 sq. ft. cook shack was constructed for the purpose of providing a food pantry to the public without a building permit. Building permits were required as provided by Ordinance 331, adopted by the Board of Supervisors on July 30, 1946. A Special Use Permit was also required at that time for the assemblage of people for educational or entertainment purposes in a building or open area not otherwise approved for assemblage and included but was not limited to exhibitions and auctions in the A-1 Zone.
- In 1959, an outdoor restroom building was constructed without a building permit.
- In 1960, a 1,220 sq. ft. scout shack was relocated to the subject site from a State park without a building permit for moving and/or conversion.
- The 1st annual Jazz Festival with assemblage of people occurred on the subject site in 1980. The event lasts from 3 to 4 days each year.
- A mobilehome for temporary use was approved on September 23, 1980 by the Zoning Administrator by Decision No. 208 for Special Use Permit No. PSP 80-053 (ZA) to allow a caretaker residence on the premises to prevent vandalism. No building permit was requested or issued for the mobilehome, and the use permit apparently expired.
- The application of PSP 80-053 (ZA) indicated the Lions Club's desire to provide a community recreation area with a baseball and soccer field in the roping arena, and to develop in the future a swimming pool, and a new gym and basketball court (with approval). The site plan indicated parking areas around the roping arena in addition to the original parking area located on the west side of the subject site. Subsequently, a portion of the scout shack was used as a community gymnasium in the 1980's, without building permit issuance.
- In 1984, a 169 sq. ft. announcer's stand was constructed without a building permit.
- In 1985, a new 400 sq. ft. cook shack (kitchen and pantry storage) was constructed without a building permit and was subsequently rehabilitated in 1987 with a concrete slab and electrical upgrades under Building Permit No. A8701129.
- In 1986, the County deeded the adjacent property to current neighbor J. Thomas Chess and included a non-exclusive easement for "road, public utility

and parking lot purposes including the right to conduct occasional competitive or show events, including livestock” in Document No. 57179, recorded October 6, 1986. The Lions Club has verbal permission from Dr. Chess to utilize approximately 5 acres along the private airstrip on Chess’ property, adjacent to the roping arena, for overflow RV and vehicle parking during fundraising events.

- In 1993, a 4,000 sq. ft. ag barn (for ag storage only and fee exempt) was added under Building Permit No. A9303216.
 - In 1996, the old cook shack was re-roofed with a new patio cover under Building Permit No. A9602393.
 - In 1999, a 654 sq. ft. storage building was constructed under Building Permit No. A9903124.
 - On November 1, 2001, the Tulare County Code Enforcement Division issued Violation Notice No. V501-032 for a sea train installed without a building permit and for the conversion of the fee-exempt ag barn meant for storage without utilities into an area for live music with a raised stage and electrical hook-up for lighting and sound and an area for dancing or exhibits without prior use permit approval.
 - On July 23, 2002, the Board of Supervisors determined that a Special Use Permit was required and approved the request for a waiver of filing fees for PSP 02-013.
10. During the two large events, the annual team roping and Jazzaffair, 30 volunteers work in each of two shifts. The Ag Building is set up with 450 removable chairs. The bleachers in the arena also seat 450. Other events are held throughout the year with an attendance of approximately 100 persons. The site is used during the months of April through October, primarily on weekends. The applicant has stated that the hours of operation are between 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. during the large events. According to several attendees and nearby residents, the team roping event on the weekend of April 23, 24 and 25, 2004, continued past midnight. Representatives of the Lion’s Club stated at the public hearing of April 28 that this was a unique occurrence due to unexpectedly high attendance and does not change their intention to conform to the hours stated. Measures to control attendance will be practiced to prevent running late in the future.
11. There are 250 parking spaces in the “upper” and “lower” unmarked, parking areas. During the large events, up to 200 recreational vehicles park on adjacent property to the east of the site and approximately 70 RVs park on-site. Maximum stays are 10 days. There are no hook-ups and the RVs must be self-contained.

12. Horses and steers are brought onto the site for the steer roping event. The steer are brought in for the 3-day event and are kept in the corrals. Livestock are temporarily penned in the parking areas.
13. Food service is provided from concession stands at events utilizing the two cook shacks. The applicant states that a temporary liquor license is purchased prior to each event.
14. A water truck is used for dust control. A tractor is used in the roping arena to spread and disk the manure into the ground.
15. No new buildings are proposed. The applicant will secure building permits for the changes of occupancy and construction of other buildings in violation if the special use permit is approved.
16. With respect to concerns raised in public testimony:
 - Regarding the access issue, the Three Rivers Community Plan designates the access road as a "Proposed Collector". The policies regarding implementation of the Circulation Plan state that right of way should be acquired in conjunction with new development. A condition has been added to require additional right of way to provide for an incremental portion of a 60-foot wide roadway. Regarding road improvement, the Board of Supervisors has taken action on previous appeals of Parcel Maps in the areas which utilize the same road and determined that such land divisions would not be burdened with the standard improvements for the access road at this location. However, the events held at the Lions Club facility involve excessive traffic, including horse trailers and RVs. A proportionate share of upgrading an access easement is typically the obligation imposed on development projects that generate traffic. Condition No. 3 has been modified to ensure a safe and adequate travelway.
 - Regarding noise, the standards of the Noise Element have been included in Condition No. 11. Additionally, Condition No. 13 requires an Event Management Plan that will limit the number of amplified events.
 - Regarding lighting, the standard conditions of approval include "All exterior lighting shall be so adjusted as to deflect direct rays away from public roadways and adjacent properties." With this condition imposed, no further conditions are necessary to ensure that lighting will be sufficiently regulated.
17. A Negative Declaration was prepared for the project and approved for public review by the Environmental Assessment Officer indicating that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

C. This Planning Commission, after considering all of the evidence presented, found that the establishment, maintenance, and operation of the use of building or land applied for PSP 02-013 would not, under the circumstances of the particular case, be detrimental to the health, safety, and general welfare of persons residing or working in the neighborhood or to the general welfare of the County.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED as follows:

A. This Planning Commission hereby finds there is no substantial evidence that said Special Use Permit will have a significant effect on the environment and determines that the Negative Declaration for said Special Use Permit reflects the independent judgment of the County and has been completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act and the State Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970.

B. This Planning Commission hereby approves Special Use Permit Application No. PSP 02-013, subject to the following conditions:

1. Standardized conditions as set forth in Planning Commission Resolution No. 5976 as amended by Resolution Nos. 6013, 6334 and 6702 shall apply to this application (Attachment No. 1).
2. The property owner shall file a Right to Farm Notice with the Tulare County Recorder's Office (see Attachment No. 2).
3. Both the parking area and driveways, including the easement from Kaweah Drive to the northerly property line of the subject site to a width of 20 feet, shall be surfaced for all-weather conditions and be maintained so that dust and mud do not create conditions detrimental to surrounding roadways.
4. A minimum of 250 parking spaces shall be provided and permanently maintained on the premises.
5. All solid waste shall be disposed of at a County approved landfill or transfer station to prevent on-site accumulation of debris resulting in nuisance or fire hazards.
6. Parking or driving across any leach lines shall be prohibited.
7. The property address shall be posted in a location visible from the roadway with numbers of 4" minimum in height on contrasting background.

8. An approved method for providing a reliable water source for fire fighting purposes shall be provided. The Tulare County Fire Department shall review said system prior to installation.
9. The applicant shall provide portable fire extinguishers per NFPA Pamphlet #10.
10. All arena areas shall be watered down as necessary to control dust.
11. The amplified sound system shall be limited to the arena and “ag” building. The noise level shall not exceed 60 dB Ldn at the property line.
12. The hours of operation for events shall be limited to 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. with clean-up activities completed by 12:00 midnight. Participants and livestock may arrive starting at noon on the day preceding an event and must depart the premises by noon the day following the event.
13. An Events Management Plan (“EMP”) shall be completed and submitted to Tulare County RMA annually documenting future booked events and estimated attendance for each activity. Any amendments to the EMP shall be filed with RMA immediately. Controls shall be in place to limit the size, amplification and length of an event to be appropriate for the size and location of the rodeo and grounds of the facility. The EMP shall include (a) the limit on the number of amplified events per year (which shall be five (5) per year); (b) a parking plan which includes an estimate of the number of automobiles, recreational vehicles, stock trailers, and trucks per event; and (c) the type of lighting that will be used for each event. The EMP shall note that the applicant shall provide traffic management personnel before, during and after each event. The EMP will be monitored by RMA Code Compliance pursuant to its monitoring program and based on any complaints made during project operations. Enforcement action may be taken against the permit by the Planning Commission pursuant to Section 18 of the Zoning Ordinance (e.g., modification of conditions or revocation of permit), or by any other action allowed by law.
14. The Blue Oaks (*Quercus douglasii*) shall remain on the property.
15. On no less than a weekly basis, manure shall be scraped from pens and arena areas and properly spread on site. Any stockpiles of manure shall be removed from the site within 24 hours. Neither spreading or stockpiling shall cause any nuisance, odors, or insect vector problems. The overall premises shall be maintained in such a manner as to prevent any nuisances from occurring.
16. The following measures should be incorporated into the project to reduce the overall project’s level of emission, to the extent possible:

- a. Limit engine idling by vehicles operating at the project site;
 - b. Exits onto adjoining streets should be designed to reduce time required to re-enter traffic from the project site.
 - c. Trees should be carefully selected and located to shade the structures during the hot summer months. The measure should be implemented for southern and western exposures. Deciduous trees should be considered since they provide shade in the summer and allow the sun to reach the structures during the cold winter months.
 - d. Energy efficient design including but not limited to automated control system for heating/air conditioning and energy efficiency beyond Title 24 requirements, lighting controls, and energy-efficient lighting in buildings, increased insulation beyond Title 24 requirements, and light-colored roof materials to reflect heat shall be utilized wherever possible.
 - e. Implement the SJVAPCD's rules and regulations for "Fugitive Dust Control at Construction Sites" as set forth in the *Compliance Assistance Bulletin* dated September 2002.
17. Prior to any event that requires traffic control, the applicant should contact the Caltrans District 6 staff, Permits Branch. A Traffic Management Plan (TMP) and/or permit from Caltrans will be required for traffic control for events should traffic control be placed in the State Highway right of way.
 18. Caltrans must review any signs that are placed in the State Highway right of way.
 19. A contact for odor, dust and noise complaints shall be provided to the Tulare County Sheriff's Department and the Tulare County RMA.
 20. An additional five feet shall be dedicated to Tulare County across the parcel along the access road in the form of an irrevocable offer of dedication for right of way purposes.
 21. "No parking" signs shall be posted along the easement on the subject site and the adjacent site used for parking. The operator shall encourage on-site parking as the superior choice at all times.

The foregoing resolution was adopted upon motion of Commissioner Dias , seconded by Commissioner Millwee, at a regular meeting of the Planning Commission on the 12th day of May, 2004, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Dias, Wheeler, Kirkpatrick, Kapheim, Fernandes, Millwee

NOES: Whitlatch

ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: none

TULARE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION



George E. Finney, Secretary

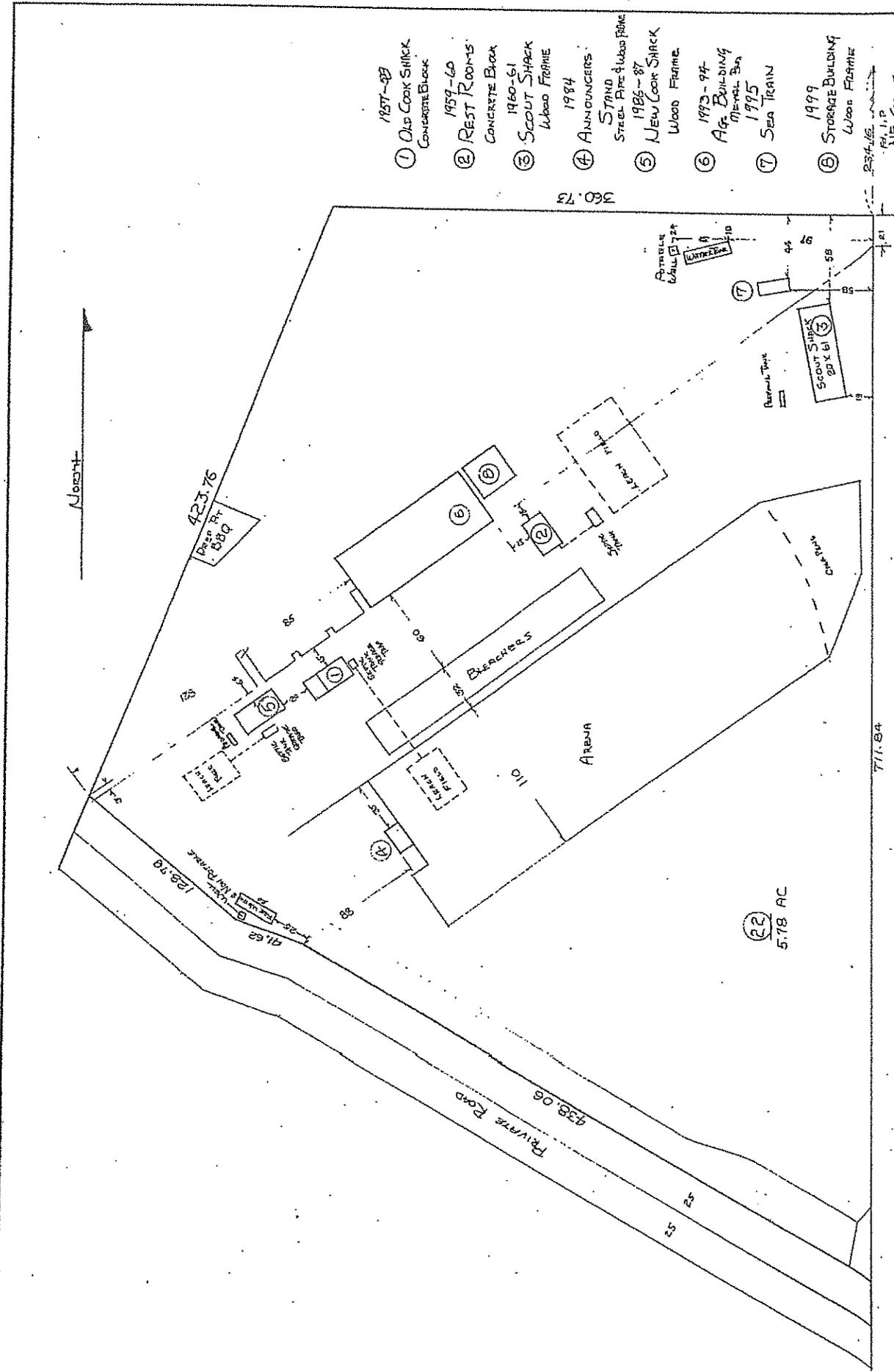
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ATTACHMENT NO. 1

STANDARD CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL FOR SPECIAL USE PERMITS

(Planning Commission Resolution No. 5976 as amended by 6013, 6334 and 6702)

1. Development shall be in accordance with the plan(s) as submitted by the applicant and/or as modified by the Planning Commission (P.C. Exhibit "A") and with the Site Plan Development Standards pertaining to a use of this type adopted by the Planning Commission on February 20, 1970.
2. Regardless of Condition No. 1 above, the Planning and Development Director is authorized to approve minor modifications in the approved plans upon a request by the applicant, or his successors, as long as said modifications do not materially affect the determination of the Planning Commission. Such modification shall be noted on the approved plans and shall be initialed by the Planning and Development Director.
3. All exterior lighting shall be so adjusted as to deflect direct rays away from public roadways and adjacent properties.
4. The proposed facility shall be maintained and operated in accordance with all State and County health regulations.
5. Any structures built shall conform to the building regulations and the building line setbacks of the Ordinance Code of Tulare County insofar as said regulations and setbacks are applicable to such structures.
6. If there are conditions set down herein which require construction of improvements, they shall be complied with before the premises shall be used for the purposes applied for, in order that the safety and general welfare of the persons using said premises, and the traveling public, shall be protected. The Planning Commission may grant exceptions to this condition upon request by the applicant.
7. This use permit shall automatically be null and void two (2) years after the date upon which it is granted by the Planning Commission, unless the applicant, or his successor, has actually commenced the use authorized by the permit within said two year period. The Planning Commission may grant one or more extensions of said two year time, upon request by the applicant.
8. This use permit will not be effective until ten (10) days after the date upon which it is granted by the Planning Commission and until the applicant, at his own expense, has executed and filed with the County Recorder, a certified copy of the resolution of the Planning Commission granting said permit with a duly authorized acceptance, in the form approved by the County Counsel, endorsed thereon.
9. All standard conditions and all special conditions of approval of this Special Use Permit must be complied with at all times in order to continue the use or uses allowed. Compliance with such conditions is subject to review at any time. Unless a sooner review is required, an initial review of compliance shall be conducted by the Tulare County Planning Commission twelve months after the granting of the Special Use Permit. Additional reviews may be undertaken at the discretion of the Planning Commission.
10. This Special Use Permit shall automatically expire and become null and void two (2) years after the use for which it was granted is discontinued or abandoned. However, upon application by the applicant, or his/her successor, the Planning Commission may extend the expiration date in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Zoning Ordinance.



- ① 1937-39 OLD COOK SHACK CONCRETE BLOCK
- ② 1959-60 REST ROOMS CONCRETE BLOCK
- ③ 1960-61 SCOUT SHACK WOOD FRAME
- ④ 1984 ANNOUNCERS STAND STEEL PIPE WOOD FRAME
- ⑤ 1986-87 NEW COOK SHACK WOOD FRAME
- ⑥ 1993-94 AG. BUILDING METAL BR
- ⑦ 1995 SEA TRAIN
- ⑧ 1999 STORAGE BUILDING WOOD FRAME

SITE PLAN I

APPROVED BY: _____
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DRAWN BY: H. HILL
DATE: _____

LIONS CLUB of THREE RIVERS

APN 087-090-22

PLANNING NUMBER: _____

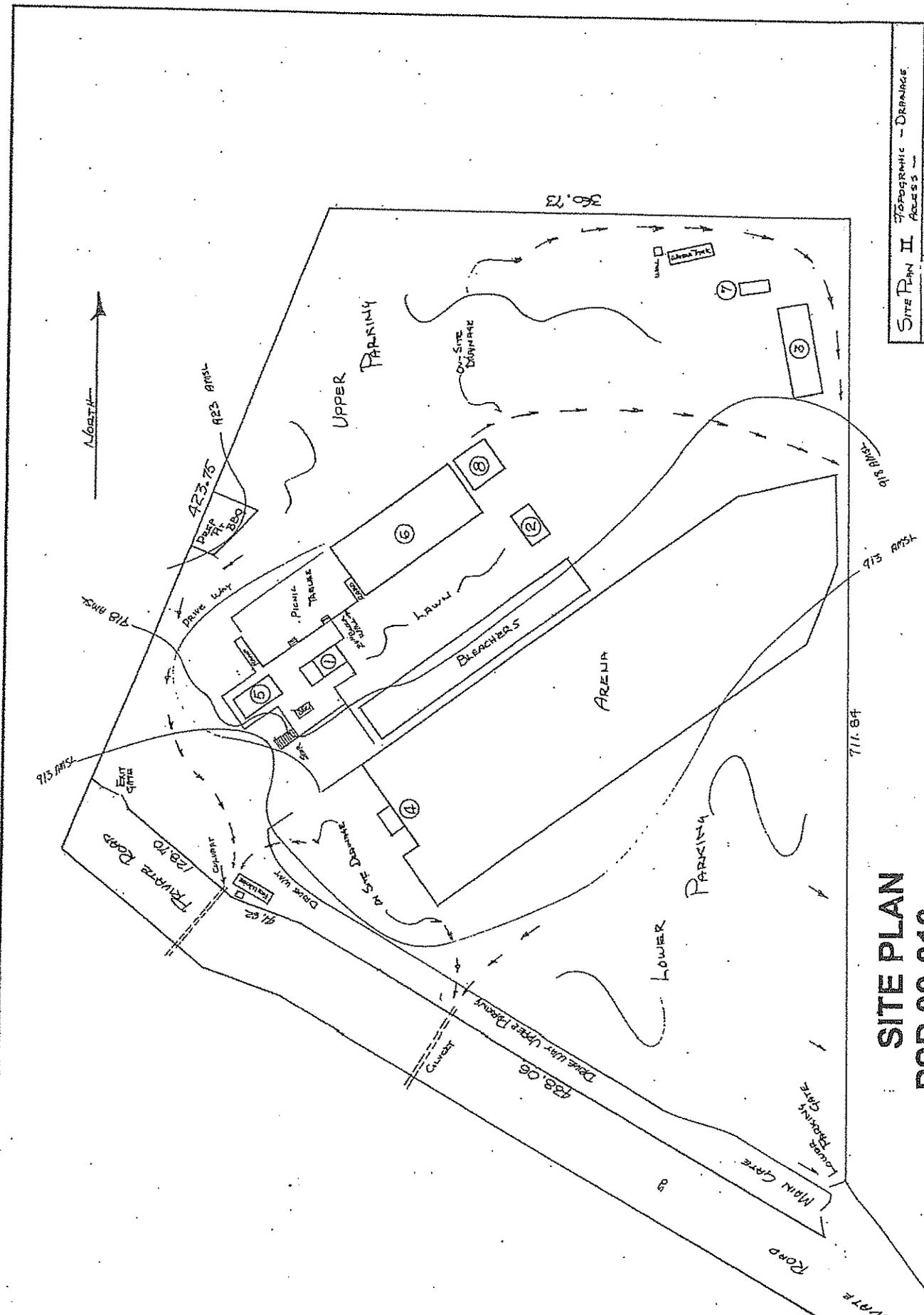
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Attachment No. 11

Ricci Emails

From: maya ricci <mayaricci3@sbcglobal.net>
To: Tom Sparks <tom.sparks@live.com>, Dean Stryd <Dean.Stryd@yahoo.com>, May...
CC: Mettlen Dana <dmettlen@co.tulare.ca.us>, Michael Spata <MSpata@co.tulare...
Date: 09/28/2014 7:13 PM
Subject: Lion's special use permit

This afternoon, early evening i can hear the Three Rivers School Foundation event amplified. By my recollection this will complete the 5th amplified event allowed.

The sound can be verified by residents 1 mile up the North Fork directly across from the Arena as well.

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the Blues Fest
the Emergency Aid Music Event
the TRUS Foundation dinner

Please let me know if this observation is not correct, i.e. there will be no more amplified events for 2014, correct?

Otherwise we will assume any further events will be out of compliance with the current special use permit.

Regards,

Maya Ricci
Vince Andrus

From: maya ricci <mayaricci3@sbcglobal.net>
To: Mettlen Dana <DMettlen@co.tulare.ca.us>, Michael Spata <MSpata@co.tulare...
Date: 11/09/2014 10:04 PM
Subject: Lion's Club Three Rivers - FYI

Dana,

Just thought i would let you know that the Three River's Lion's Club has now allowed a sixth (6th) amplified event Saturday November 8th and Sunday November 9th. If you recall their permit only allows a maximum of 5.

The whole process of how granting a special use permit with guidelines that either are not enforceable by the permit holder or not enforceable by the granting agency, is done eludes me!

This violation is just another in a long line of violations this organization has had in it't attempts to stage events.

How will this be handled? Will the local sheriff come and pull the plug? Will the permit be revoked? Will Three Rivers citizens have suffer the fait of being a' tattle-tale'?

i hope the next step in the process will make much more sense in it's direction than it has happened in the past.

Regards,

Maya Ricci
4269 North Fork Drive
Three Rivers

From: maya ricci <mayaricci3@sbcglobal.net>
To: Michael Spata <MSpata@co.tulare.ca.us>, Mettlen Dana <dmettlen@co.tulare...
Date: 11/21/2014 5:45 AM
Subject: Fwd: Lion's special use permit

Michael/Dana,

if you recall (see below) i listed the amplified events to this point - the THREE RIVERS FOUNDATION DINNER is listed on the Lion's schedule as a non-amplified event, how ever it was not. The speakers used an amplified mike, such that many of us on the North Fork could identify the speaker from our properties.

Then this last weekend - November 8 - 9 the WESTERN FILM EVENT took place - amplified. This became the sixth event.

SEE BELOW TO REMIND OF THE LIST OF EVENTS.

What do you need to believe this is true? I can have other North Fork residents validate this. You can ask the moderator of the "FOUNDATION EVENT" if he used an amplified mike. He is an honorable person and will tell the truth - his name is Lee Crouch - his email is - hlcrouch2@att.net <mailto:hlcrouch2@att.net>. This event being done September 28th. <http://www.trusfoundation.org> <http://www.trusfoundation.org/trus_foundation.html>

There seems to be some notion that the variations of amplification can be excused. It is a little like it is in my line of work, (a woman's health care practice) the definition being similar - there is no such thing as being a little pregnant, one is either pregnant or not!

Amplified sound is amplified sound when it can be heard away from the site in question.

Please feel free to contact me if there is further information needed or where i can point you to to validate this information.

regards, maya ricci

> Begin forwarded message:

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> From: maya ricci <mayaricci3@sbcglobal.net>

> Subject: Lion's special use permit

> Date: September 28, 2014 at 7:13:43 PM PDT

> Cc: Mettlen Dana <dmettlen@co.tulare.ca.us>, Michael Spata <MSpata@co.tulare.ca.us>, mlittle515@netzero.net

> To: Tom Sparks <tom.sparks@live.com>, Dean Stryd <Dean.Stryd@yahoo.com>, Mayfield Darlene <ds_mayfield@sbcglobal.net>

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- > Vince Andrus
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From: maya ricci <mayaricci3@sbcglobal.net>
To: Mettlen Dana <DMettlen@co.tulare.ca.us>
Date: 01/06/2015 1:39 PM
Subject: Fwd: update

good morning ... i really am not intending to bother(stalk) you, however because i am starting to book renters into our vacation rental for upcoming tourist season, i am getting nervous ...

(by-the-way, the rental is legitimate and registered with TC under my husbands name Vincent Andrus if you need to look validate)

you realize that i have issues with this special use permit, but you may not realize that we can hear theses amplified events inside our houses! it gets very tricky booking guests from far away when there is an unknown factor!

i purposefully do not book the weekends of the existing events, which i accept, however the most recent booking is coming from the Netherlands and it will be hard to cancel them if the need be ... they specifically wrote before booking asking about quiet and privacy!"

i really would appreciate a response if possible so i can begin to prepare ...

are you all interested in determining the actual pro's and con's as well as investigating the topographical and geographical implications? (Three Rivers does not have a full sound study recorded yet)

thank you for your time,

maya ricci

> Begin forwarded message:
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> From: maya ricci <mayaricci3@sbcglobal.net>
> Subject: update
> Date: December 16, 2014 at 12:39:02 PM PST
> To: Mettlen Dana <dmettlen@co.tulare.ca.us>
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> re: Lion's
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> just a couple of questions's
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> because you are asking for comment by 12/17 - does that mean the fee for the use permit has been paid? by the discretionary fund?
> what are the implications for this permit if a code violation took place?
> is the "sound study" reportedly done public information yet?
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> thank you,
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> maya ricci

From: maya ricci <mayaricci3@sbcglobal.net>
To: Michael Spata <MSpata@co.tulare.ca.us>, Mettlen Dana <dmettlen@co.tulare...
Date: 04/13/2015 8:07 AM
Subject: more Lion's Club stuff ...

Another issue to consider last week the Lion's Club advertised in the local paper about the upcoming Jazz Festival.

The interesting thing was that it appears to be two events - as was noted by separate ads in the paper.

This begs the question that here-to-for has not been defined, and needs to be - WHAT CONSTITUTES AN EVENT?

As the ad is appealing to two (2) different crowds, does that mean they have already done two (2) events?

Also again i apologize for all the questions, but i have some very intense work related projects going on in my life and i need to pace this issue in terms of research ... to that end can you

send me any information that has been done so far regards traffic studies or intention to do so on the dirt road leading to the site, the North Fork, and ingress/egress issues as it relates to Highway 198 and increase event frequency and participants?

By-the -way, is the road leading to the event site a private road or a county road? What standard is it held to?

Members of the Lion's Club reported to the CSD members that they hope to attract "3,000" participants at some of these projected events?!!

Also consider how much the neighborhood has grown around this area since the Lion's Club began - there are many more houses and is much more of a neighborhood that ever before.

Gee, i was almost remiss in getting out my monthly communique!

i will bring a copy of the ad to the meeting tonight for your records

Regards,

Maya Ricci

Comments on Maya Ricci's comments.

Her first misunderstanding has to do with Jazzaffair being two events. Completely wrong, and anyone who cared to investigate would know or discover that. We advertise in a number of publications our four day Jazzaffair and the fact that on Thursday night the Lion's club will be honoring an individual in our community who has selflessly served our community without any compensation except for a few thank yous. This has been the case for a number of years and the jazz club hosts our sponsors before the Thursday evening opening. We are sincerely sorry if there are individuals who object to the Lion's Club honoring outstanding individual(s) in our community.

The third line appears to be probing for a discussion of semantics. I would think that advertising for an event as Jazzaffair that takes place on four succeeding days would be apparent to most that it is one event.

The fourth line does not seem to indicate which published ad we are discussing. Again, it appears to be criticizing something without pursuing the facts.

The fourth through the eighth lines insinuate that the writer is very busy with personal projects and would rather be spending time on these. I would also be very happy if the writer would spend more time on personal projects and less delving into everyone else business. I would hazard a guess that there are others, including county employees, who are busy doing mindless studies and could be spending valuable time on more worthwhile topics which will benefit the community and the county.

I think it is rather common knowledge that the road leading into the subject property is private and not subject to county control as far as road purposes are concerned.

In responding to line 10 of said letter, I would say that if you add the number of persons participating in Jazzaffair, the Emergency Aid event, and the Western Movie event together, you may have a total of 2,500, but certainly not all at once as the events are scattered over a three month period. Now when it comes to the Lion's Club Roping, the total for this event alone may push 1,500. I think everyone will be happy if we do not exaggertate.

The next point bring up a moot point. The Lion's Club and its events have been here for many years and any intelligent individual would consider that before building a new home or purchasing a new one. As a matter of fact, I know of no one who has moved to the immediate area in the last ten years who has a problem with the Lion's area other that the writer.

In the past I have been a member of the following organizations; Three Rivers Lions 51 years, Community Presbyterian Church 53 years, president of the Tulare County Resource Conservation District 28 years, founding member of the Three Rivers Community Services District, Member of the Three Rivers Cemetary District 6 years, board member of the Three Rivers Volunteer Ambulance Corp 49 years and driver/attendant 28 years, Three Rivers School Board 8 years, Woodlake High School Board 8 years, Volunteer fireman 20 years, founding member Village Foundation, chairman Community Blood drawings 22 years, Three Rivers Historical Society board 8 years, partly as president, and member and secretary Valley Oak Credit Union 8 years. As such I would claim to represent myself. I would hope that I have one or two friends who may agree with me.

Rusty Crain

Attachment No. 12

TC Sheriff, Three Rivers, Incident Redport

Incident Search Print

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see notes on other page

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Attachment No. 13

Letters in Opposition to the Project

From: maya ricci <mayaricci3@sbcglobal.net>
To: <dmettlen@co.tulare.ca.us>
CC: Jason LoBue <jlobue@co.tulare.ca.us>
Date: 06/04/2014 10:39 PM
Subject: lion's club special use permit

dana,

i spoke to you about a week ago about this permit. You sent me a copy of the application - i thank you .

you verbally indicated that you would not be able to begin to process this for about 6 months, yet i find that you have already submitted the application for review to the respective agencies with a due date about 2 1/2 weeks from now for their input!?

is this being fast-tracked?

i am given to understand that the lion's club has done their "sound study" already - can i please get a copy of that?

look forward to hearing from you regarding this matter.

regards, maya ricci

From: maya ricci <mayaricci3@sbcglobal.net>
To: "Dana Mettlen" <DMettlen@co.tulare.ca.us>
Date: 07/15/2014 7:01 AM
Subject: Re: lion's club of three rivers special use permit

this is all that came thru????

On Jul 15, 2014, at 6:48 AM, Dana Mettlen wrote:

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>>>> maya ricci <mayaricci3@sbcglobal.net> 07/15/14 06:48 >>>
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> good morning,
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> could you please forward me the original special use permit that the Lion's Club is operating under
now, as well as the agency reports that commented on the current application, i believe they came in last
month (6/19)
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> i will be in visalia today and if it is easier can come by and pick up copies, pay for them, etc
>
> thank you for your time
>
>
> maya ricci
> 42669 north fork drive/ p.o. box 636
> three rivers

From: maya ricci <mayaricci3@sbcglobal.net>
To: Mettlen Dana <dmettlen@co.tulare.ca.us>, Collins Aaron <aeronchase@hotmail.com>
Date: 08/02/2014 2:45 PM
Subject: Events Management Plan - PSP 02-013

Dana,

In the first SpecialUse Permit, Resolution 8052 the Lion's Club was required to have filed an EVENTS MANAGEMENT PLAN - see Section B : #13 of use conditions

Could you please send me a copy of that and please don't forget to send me a copy of the "services" response to the current application.

thank you,

Maya Ricci

From: maya ricci <mayaricci3@sbcglobal.net>
To: Tom Sparks <tom.sparks@live.com>, Dean Stryd <Dean.Stryd@yahoo.com>, May...
CC: Mettlen Dana <dmettlen@co.tulare.ca.us>, Michael Spata <MSpata@co.tulare...
Date: 09/28/2014 7:13 PM
Subject: Lion's special use permit

This afternoon, early evening i can hear the Three Rivers School Foundation event amplified. By my recollection this will complete the 5th amplified event allowed.

The sound can be verified by residents 1 mile up the North Fork directly across from the Arena as well.

We are not complaining about the sound, we are just validating the number of events.

the Jazz Affair
the Roping event
the Blues Fest
the Emergency Aid Music Event
the TRUS Foundation dinner

Please let me know if this observation is not correct, i.e. there will be no more amplified events for 2014, correct?

Otherwise we will assume any further events will be out of compliance with the current special use permit.

Regards,

Maya Ricci
Vince Andrus

From: maya ricci <mayaricci3@sbcglobal.net>
To: Mettlen Dana <DMettlen@co.tulare.ca.us>, Michael Spata <MSpata@co.tulare...
Date: 11/09/2014 10:04 PM
Subject: Lion's Club Three Rivers - FYI

Dana,

Just thought i would let you know that the Three River's Lion's Club has now allowed a sixth (6th) amplified event Saturday November 8th and Sunday November 9th. If you recall their permit only allows a maximum of 5.

The whole process of how granting a special use permit with guidelines that either are not enforceable by the permit holder or not enforceable by the granting agency, is done eludes me!

This violation is just another in a long line of violations this organization has had in it's attempts to stage events.

How will this be handled? Will the local sheriff come and pull the plug? Will the permit be revoked? Will Three Rivers citizens have suffer the fait of being a 'tattle-tale'?

i hope the next step in the process will make much more sense in it's direction than it has happened in the past.

Regards,

Maya Ricci
4269 North Fork Drive
Three Rivers

From: maya ricci <mayaricci3@sbcglobal.net>
To: Michael Spata <MSpata@co.tulare.ca.us>, Mettlen Dana <dmettlen@co.tulare...>
Date: 11/21/2014 5:45 AM
Subject: Fwd: Lion's special use permit

Michael/Dana,

if you recall (see below) i listed the amplified events to this point - the THREE RIVERS FOUNDATION DINNER is listed on the Lion's schedule as a non-amplified event, how ever it was not. The speakers used an amplified mike, such that many of us on the North Fork could identify the speaker from our properties.

Then this last weekend - November 8 - 9 the WESTERN FILM EVENT took place - amplified. This became the sixth event.

SEE BELOW TO REMIND OF THE LIST OF EVENTS.

What do you need to believe this is true? I can have other North Fork residents validate this. You can ask the moderator of the "FOUNDATION EVENT" if he used an amplified mike. He is an honorable person and will tell the truth - his name is Lee Crouch - his email is - hlcrouch2@att.net <mailto:hlcrouch2@att.net>. This event being done September 28th. <http://www.trusfoundation.org> <http://www.trusfoundation.org/trus_foundation.html>

There seems to be some notion that the variations of amplification can be excused. It is a little like it is in my line of work, (a woman's health care practice) the definition being similar - there is no such thing as being a little pregnant, one is either pregnant or not!

Amplified sound is amplified sound when it can be heard away from the site in question.

Please feel free to contact me if there is further information needed or where i can point you to to validate this information.

regards, maya ricci

> Begin forwarded message:

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> From: maya ricci <mayaricci3@sbcglobal.net>

> Subject: Lion's special use permit

> Date: September 28, 2014 at 7:13:43 PM PDT

> Cc: Mettlen Dana <dmettlen@co.tulare.ca.us>, Michael Spata <MSpata@co.tulare.ca.us>, mlittle515@netzero.net

> To: Tom Sparks <tom.sparks@live.com>, Dean Stryd <Dean.Stryd@yahoo.com>, Mayfield Darlene <ds_mayfield@sbcglobal.net>

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From: maya ricci <mayaricci3@sbcglobal.net>
To: Mettlen Dana <dmettlen@co.tulare.ca.us>
CC: Michael Spata <MSpata@co.tulare.ca.us>
Date: 09/15/2015 10:06 PM
Subject: information please re: Three River's Lion Club Special Use Permit application

could you please forward me a copy of the sound study and any work done on the circulation element for this project

i would appreciate this information as soon as possible

also am wondering if you or Hector Guerra would please consider a visit to the area along North Fork drive that is impacted by these events before you make your final recommendations. I as well as the neighbor behind me will be appreciative of a visit onto our properties

Thank you,

Maya Ricci
42669 North Fork Drive
Three Rivers

From: maya ricci <mayaricci3@sbcglobal.net>
To: Mettlen Dana <dmettlen@co.tulare.ca.us>
Date: 09/16/2014 7:46 AM
Subject: three rivers lion's club

good morning - was just wondering about how close you are to starting to officially work on this special use augmentation project?

please keep me informed as developments arise or start to form toward the hearing - i require planning way ahead as my work schedule is difficult

thank you,

maya ricci

From: maya ricci <mayaricci3@sbcglobal.net>
To: Mettlen Dana <dmettlen@co.tulare.ca.us>
Date: 12/16/2014 12:39 PM
Subject: update

re: Lion's

just a couple of questions's

because you are asking for comment by 12/17 - does that mean the fee for the use permit has been paid? by the discretionary fund?
what are the implications for this permit if a code violation took place?
is the "sound study" reportedly done public information yet?

thank you,

maya ricci

From: maya ricci <mayaricci3@sbcglobal.net>
To: Mettlen Dana <dmettlen@co.tulare.ca.us>
Date: 01/06/2015 10:52 PM
Subject: 3 rivers lion's club

good morning - could you please send me a copy of the "LION'S CLUB EVENT MANAGEMENT PLAN" referred to in the original special use permit from the PLANNING COMMISSION document

that by-the-way is not dated!

thanks much,

maya ricci

From: maya ricci <mayaricci3@sbcglobal.net>
To: Mettlen Dana <DMettlen@co.tulare.ca.us>
Date: 01/06/2015 1:39 PM
Subject: Fwd: update

good morning ... i really am not intending to bother(stalk) you, however because i am starting to book renters into our vacation rental for upcoming tourist season, i am getting nervous ...

(by-the-way, the rental is legitimate and registered with TC under my husbands name Vincent Andrus if you need to look validate)

you realize that i have issues with this special use permit, but you may not realize that we can hear theses amplified events inside our houses! it gets very tricky booking guests from far away when there is an unknown factor!

i purposefully do not book the weekends of the existing events, which i accept, however the most recent booking is coming from the Netherlands and it will be hard to cancel them if the need be ... they specifically wrote before booking asking about quiet and privacy!"

i really would appreciate a response if possible so i can begin to prepare ...

are you all interested in determining the actual pro's and con's as well as investigating the topographical and geographical implications? (Three Rivers does not have a full sound study recorded yet)

thank you for your time,

maya ricci

> Begin forwarded message:
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> From: maya ricci <mayaricci3@sbcglobal.net>
> Subject: update
> Date: December 16, 2014 at 12:39:02 PM PST
> To: Mettlen Dana <dmettlen@co.tulare.ca.us>
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From: maya ricci <mayaricci3@sbcglobal.net>
To: Michael Spata <MSpata@co.tulare.ca.us>, Mettlen Dana <dmettlen@co.tulare...>
Date: 04/13/2015 8:07 AM
Subject: more Lion's Club stuff ...

Another issue to consider last week the Lion's Club advertised in the local paper about the upcoming Jazz Festival.

The interesting thing was that it appears to be two events - as was noted by separate ads in the paper.

This begs the question that here-to-for has not been defined, and needs to be - WHAT CONSTITUTES AN EVENT?

As the ad is appealing to two (2) different crowds, does that mean they have already done two (2) events?

Also again i apologize for all the questions, but i have some very intense work related projects going on in my life and i need to pace this issue in terms of research ... to that end can you

send me any information that has been done so far regards traffic studies or intention to do so on the dirt road leading to the site, the North Fork, and ingress/egress issues as it relates to Highway 198 and increase event frequency and participants?

By-the -way, is the road leading to the event site a private road or a county road? What standard is it held to?

Members of the Lion's Club reported to the CSD members that they hope to attract "3,000" participants at some of these projected events?!!

Also consider how much the neighborhood has grown around this area since the Lion's Club began - there are many more houses and is much more of a neighborhood that ever before.

Gee, i was almost remiss in getting out my monthly communique!

i will bring a copy of the ad to the meeting tonight for your records

Regards,

Maya Ricci

From: maya ricci <mayaricci3@sbcglobal.net>
To: Mettlen Dana <dmettlen@co.tulare.ca.us>
Date: 04/14/2015 5:16 PM
Subject: much appreciated

thank you so much for your timely response

i will pass on the information to all who are bending my ear!

just curious - a temporary use permit is easy to do? over the phone? without input from the neighbors within 300 feet?

what is the cost of a temporary use permit? what constitutes a "temporary use permit" i.e what qualifies ?

once again your time is appreciated

regards, maya ricci

From: maya ricci <mayaricci3@sbcglobal.net>
To: Mettlen Dana <DMettlen@co.tulare.ca.us>
Date: 10/21/2015 4:49 AM
Subject: Re: Three Rivers Lions Club - PSP 14-034

Thanks for touching base - you did receive the package that i left, i hope!

thanks again, maya

> On Oct 20, 2015, at 11:23 AM, Dana Mettlen <DMettlen@co.tulare.ca.us> wrote:
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> Hello Maya,
>
> Thought I would touch bases and let you know that today, Tuesday, October 20, is the final day for you to offer comments regarding the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Three Rivers Lions Club project special use permit.
>
> Regards,
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>
> Dana Mettlen, Planner III
> Project Processing
> Economic Development and Planning Branch
> Tulare County Resource Management Agency
> 5961 S. Mooney Blvd.
> Visalia, CA 93277
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> 559-624-7106 dmettlen@co.tulare.ca.us
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From: maya ricci <mayaricci3@sbcglobal.net>
To: Mettlen Dana <DMettlen@co.tulare.ca.us>
CC: Aaron Bock <ABock@co.tulare.ca.us>
Date: 10/30/2015 8:02 AM
Subject: Re: Meet

> Hi Dana ,
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>
> If you recall i mentioned that i did meet with the Lion's when i heard they were intending to do this -
there was no compromise at that time...
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> As i have never had this approach with RMA in dealing with proposed projects in Three Rivers i think
that in order to take this meeting into consideration
> we will need to understand a few things:
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> what is the intent of such a meeting?
> who will be attending?
> what is on the table? what is the starting assumption?
> why so fast?
> what is the expected outcome?
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> By suggesting the meeting i am to assume that waiting for the There Rivers EIR is not taken into
consideration?
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> We will look forward to your response.
>
> Regards,
>
> Maya

> On Oct 29, 2015, at 2:22 PM, Dana Mettlen <DMettlen@co.tulare.ca.us> wrote:
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> Hello Maya,
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> We at RMA would like to arrange a meeting with you, the Three Rivers Lions Club folks, and us one day
next week. The best day for us would be either Thursday, the 5th, or Friday, the 6th. Are you available
either one of those days? We can meet in the early morning, or any time during the work day.
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> Please advise.
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> Dana Mettlen, Planner III
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> <Mettlen, Dana.vcf>

From: Dana Mettlen
To: Bock, Aaron
Date: 11/03/2015 3:49 PM
Subject: Response to Maya Ricci
Attachments: Re: Meet

Maya,

1) You say that you met with the Lions when they first submitted this application and they were not willing to compromise at that time. This is precisely why we would like to oversee a meeting between the two parties where we could guide the direction of the conversation to a win-win situation for all concerned.

2.a) The intent of the meeting would be to lay all of the options on the table and come to an arrangement/understanding/compromise for all concerned.

b) Those in attendance would be the Three Rivers Lions Club members: Dean Stryd, Tom Sparks, and Moises (?); and Dana Mettlen, Aaron Bock, Dave Bryant, and Michael Washam from the RMA.

c) The starting assumption is that the Lions Club wants to add 5 amplified events and Maya Ricci wants none added.

d) This project has been pending and we have been working toward taking it to public hearing since it was submitted to the RMA on 5/13/2014.

e) The expected outcome is compromise.

f) The Project CEQA document is a Mitigated Negative Declaration that includes a Noise Study and a Traffic Management Plan.

From: maya ricci <mayaricci3@sbcglobal.net>
To: Mettlen Dana <dmettlen@co.tulare.ca.us>
Date: 11/09/2015 6:11 AM
Subject: meeting

good morning ... just wanted to let you know some dates that i am available

i am in a bit of a crunch at work as we have lost one medical provider, and another is leaving at the end of the year. Additionally i am totally scheduled out, many have booked their appointments a year in advance, trying to make sure they can get in under their deductibles, oh yea... holidays are coming up and i stay in the office for Christmas vacation coverage...

While i realize that if this was going directly to the Planning Commission their would be no consideration of my schedule, so if there is some consideration, it would be appreciated.

I am not in the office on Tuesdays and have November 24th, December 1, 22 and 29th, and January 5 open so far. My husband is out of town at the moment and he may have some scheduling issues, but his schedule isn't quite as tight.

Regards, Maya

From: maya ricci <mayaricci@icloud.com>
To: Dana Mettlen <dmettlen@co.tulare.ca.us>, <mwasham@co.tulare.ca.us>
CC: Vincent Andrus <mrva@sbcglobal.net>
Date: 12/06/2015 10:52 PM
Subject: F/U to meeting last Tuesday with the 3R Lion's Club

Good morning Dana,

As you can see by Dean Stryd's demeanor what we are up against This is why we are requesting detailed direction. Reasonable members such as Moses Garza are a rarity in that group. They will be changing presidents next year. They have a diminishing membership for obvious reasons, thus the mentioned (by Dean) stress with staging these events.

For us to be flexible we need assurance that there will be procedures and guidelines.

We do not want to be policing them via having my weekend "wrecked" .

We are hoping that there will be provisions for OBJECTIVE monitoring, and a method for intervention by someone one else.

Please refer to the original Special Use Permit conditions for staffing by members as laid out by the Planning Commission.

Also we are concerned about the definition of an event as reiterated by Michael Washam - if in fact an event can be up to 3 days then conceivably there could be 30 amplified sound days. As of now with the 5 allowed events there are actually of the 3 multiple day events, 9 days of amplification. With the addition two single days events there are 11 total days to date. So with taking that into account there is a relative 'loop hole' in the permitting process. Realistically it is unlikely there would be 30 amplified days, however we need documented assurance that it could not happen. Therefore is it conceivable that there could be a 'cap' of the actual allowable amplified days within the definition of the permit of a lesser amount, i.e. they could have 10 events with a total of 15 amplified days.

We do appreciate your attention to this matter.

Regards, Maya and Vince

Sent from my iPad

From: maya ricci <mayaricci@icloud.com>
To: Dana Mettlen <dmettlen@co.tulare.ca.us>
Date: 12/29/2015 7:38 AM
Subject: Update

Good morning - at the end of December my computer had problems and was down for a while - I just want to make sure I didn't miss any e- mails as I haven't heard from you since our meeting.

I hope your holidays were decent and restful.

Regards,

Maya Ricci

Sent from my iPad

January 19, 2016

Mike Washam
Assistant Director
Economic Development and Planning
Tulare County Resource Management Agency

Mr. Washam,

We apologize for the delay in communications – had a computer issues, etc. Regarding the revised SUP document, while it helps some some, there are still two points that did not get clarified.

As you recall the meeting that we had in an effort to come to a compromise degenerated a bit and at the time couldn't be continued in that climate.

First of all, in order to continue the potential compromise process, and having read the revised SUP we still need to come to some agreement and definition as to what constitutes an event by definition, i.e. how many night/days of actual amplified music will be allowed.

Again as was pointed out the definition as it stands, or appears to be is a fluctuating definition as best.

Example: The Jazz Affair has now become a 4-day event as noted by the Lion's Club members at this meeting, where it had been a three (3) days event in the past for years. With the roping as a 3 amplified event, the Blues Fest being 2 days, etc. you can see how actual days' can covertly build.

The potential exists by verbal discussions only, to produce maximally 30 days/nights of amplified sound during the annual season. That is a lot.

You will need to realize the Lion's Club organization is entirely made up of volunteers and the leadership fluctuates. Clarification of all points needs to be clear and detailed.

Additionally, please realize that the compliance guidelines for decibel adherence are weak. If the Tulare County Sheriffs office is to be the definer and enforcer it is summarily improbable that they will not be able to respond in a timely manner to discern the violation in progress. We cannot get a quick emergency response for a criminal or medical emergency in under 10-20 minutes. It would seem to be in order to define how this will be objectively done. Could transmission of data to an off site objective local be an adequate mitigation measure?

Thank you for taking this into consideration,

Maya Ricci
Vincent Andrus
42669 North Fork Drive
Three Rivers

Cc: Dana Mettlen, Planner III
Project Processing
Economic Development and Planning Branch
Tulare County Resource Management Agency

John Elliot
Tulare County Planning Commission

From: maya ricci <mayaricci3@sbcglobal.net>
To: Mettlen Dana <dmettlen@co.tulare.ca.us>
Date: 02/09/2016 10:39 AM
Subject: Question

Have heard rumors the 3R Lions Club Use Permit may not be on the agenda until March ?

Don't mean to bother, but my schedule is so very tight!

Also 2 neighbors gave me letters of a compromise support that I can forward to you ? Or wait and bring them to the hearing?

They were outside the 300 foot range but are along to access.

Regards- maya

Sent from my iPhone

From: maya ricci <mayaricci3@sbcglobal.net>
To: Dana Mettlen <dmettlen@co.tulare.ca.us>, Michael Washam <mwasham@co.tula...>
Date: 02/16/2016 6:32 AM
Subject: more info on SPECIAL USE PERMIT NO. 14-034
Attachments: joins letters.pdf

Good morning Dana and Michael,

Enclosed are letters that the neighbors have written in regards to the Lion's Club Special Use Permit application.

Please note that these folks are very much impacted by the project, yet didn't receive advance notice because of the "300 foot" rule, which because of property sizes in Three Rivers that rule often doesn't apply to neighbors of project sites.

The first document is a petition that has been circulating along with seditious and slanderous information that has led to more people being aware of the situation.

I also ask that you locate a letter that was sent regarding the "Earth Jam Special Use application" you will find a letter that described the inability of the Sheriff's department to be taken seriously and subsequently being unable to return to the site for enforcement purposes. There is a description in a letter where the Sheriff ordered the music to stop and 10 plus minutes later the music resumed and "the manpower did not exist to send another Sheriff back."

To that end i will be talking to the Department prior to the hearing to see what can be expected from them if it appears the Lion's venues are in violation. Am i correct in assuming that is the only validation or enforcement mechanism at this point? Certainly i will not be believed if i complain. (see prior complaints of violations that went unenforced.) I expect that it will be difficult to get a Sheriff to respond in a timely manner, as we rarely can get emergency services here in Three Rivers in time enough to prevent brain death, let alone a service call for a noise complaint.

Michael, i would like to offer you and your significant other a weekend in Three Rivers at our vacation rental gratis, May 6th, 7th and 8th. Specifically the weekend of the Earth Jam event at the Lion's venue. I cannot rent it anyway that weekend and this will be a good opportunity to for a county employee to experience the effect and enjoy Three Rivers and possibly the National Park. This will clearly be after the hearing, so it is not intended to influence anything, but future projects that may come along, so you will see what a three day event means to the neighborhood.

see vrbo.com - VRBO Listing #312150

Also, as you can see in the letter from Maggie Bloetcher we are impacted by other noises and amplified music in the area - for some reason i am not believed about the River View Restaurant (which is also SPECIAL USE PERMITTED) on Sunday afternoon amplified music on their deck starting in the late spring and running to October - CUMULATIVE IMPACT REALLY NEEDS TO BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION:

The CEQA Guidelines define three types of effects (or impacts): <>

Direct or primary effects that are caused by a project and occur at the same time and place.

Indirect or secondary effects that are reasonably foreseeable and caused by a project, but occur at a different time or place.

Cumulative effects, which refer to two or more individual effects which, when considered together, are considerable or which compound or increase other environmental impacts.

Once again, I think our location qualifies for consideration of cumulative impact.

We will be able to see the final document ahead of time, i.e. before the Planning Commission hearing?

I will get the hard copy of the letters to you.

Regards,

Maya Ricci

Tulare County Planning Commission

Here are my comments about the request for Three Rivers Lions Club to increase the number of music and entertainment events at the Lions Arena. I am a resident of Three Rivers, but not a Lions Club member. This matter involves a way for a service club to earn substantial funds which they contribute to worthy community causes. The Lions have done a lot for our community. The rent money is applied to scholarships, eye clinics & community betterment. The donations attained amount to tens of thousands of dollars. They are now having to turn down requests for use of the Arena by other local groups who aspire to sponsor events for community benefit.

I support the approval of the application of the Three Rivers Lions Club to increase the number of events to 10 amplified events per year.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

THREE RIVERS, CA 93271

DATE _____

Michael J. Spata
Environmental Assessment Officer
Tulare County Resource Management Agency
February, 14, 2016

RE: Lions Club, PSP-14-034

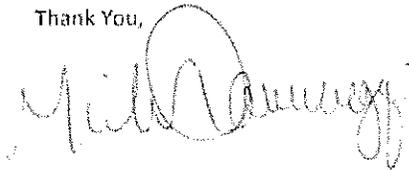
Dear Mr. Spata,

I oppose increasing amplified events at the Three Rivers Lions Club Roping Arena from 5 to 10 events. My home on North Fork Drive is less than 1/8 mile from the event center. Through the past 25 years I have patiently listened to the drone of the PA systems, heard various bands all weekend whether I wanted to or not, and have been woken up as late as 3AM by amplified announcements.

I have never complained out of respect for the good that the Lions Club does for the Community. But pushing their events from 5 to 10 shows a total disregard for all their neighbors. Many of their yearly events run for multiple days. Jazz and Roping are 4 day/night events. Adding 5 more events gives the potential for up to 20 more sleepless nights for the neighborhood. Although the Club is well intentioned, they have not demonstrated the ability to control noise levels during the evening hours.

I formally dispute the validity of the sound study commissioned by the Lions Club by VRPA Technologies the weekend of May 17th 2014. First,, the event sample (one event, one day) was too small to accurately represent the mean decibel increase due to events. Second, the study made no reference to time of day samples were taken. I propose that another study must be commissioned that will sample multiple events especially during the evening hours.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michael L. Cannarozzi". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the "Thank You," text.

Michael L. Cannarozzi

January 20, 2016

Dear Dana Mettler,

I wanted to voice my opinion on the Three Rivers Lions Roping Arena request for more events. Adding one or two maximum might be ok, but as an adjacent resident directly across the river from the extended parking area, I am concerned about the noise and traffic. I support the community events and noise restrictions, but events like the Sober Biker and Blues fest are extremely annoying and not really supportive of our residents. The roping, Jazz Affair, Western Film Festival, Red Bud, and EAA music festivals are good for our residents, but beyond that, I am not supportive of adding more events.

The occasional helicopter traffic is fairly unpleasant, but I know that this is necessary to keep utilities in order, so I accept it. I have lived in this vicinity all my life and the addition of traffic and noise at this location is starting to be an issue for me personally.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie Doctor".

Julie Doctor
PO Box 32
42510 North Fork Drive
Three Rivers, California 93271
559 741-5097
Julie.doctor@fruitgrowers.com

Brad and Maggie Bloetscher
42691 North Fork Drive
PO Box 291
Three Rivers, CA 93271

February 12, 2016

Dana Mettlen, Planner III
Project Processing
Economic Development and Planning Branch
Tulare County Resource Management Agency
5961 S. Mooney Blvd.
Visalia, CA 93277

RE: Three Rivers Lions Club – PSP 14-034

Dear Ms. Mettlen,

We have lived in the same location in close proximity to the Three Rivers Lions Club facility for 40 years. Over the last decade or so we have experienced an accumulation of disturbing and annoying noise in our neighborhood of the North Fork.

The Lions Club facility events are not the only contributor. Mid Valley Disposal uses the facility to park their garbage trucks and store their garbage bins (early morning noise from trucks, loading of bins, etc.), Southern California Edison uses the facility as a heliport when they are working on their flumes (early morning and all day noise of helicopters taking off and landing), and the Riverview Restaurant outside music venue (amplified music) occurs late into the night every weekend, and Sunday afternoons, all summer long.

To all of this noise you add the Lions Club amplified events and the quiet, country experience we had is slowly being eroded away. We don't think that the Lions Club realizes how loud these events are and how far the sound can travel. The Lions Club members get to go home after their time at the event, while we are home for the entire event, hearing all of it loud and clear.

We purchased our 130 acres in large part for the peace and quiet. And we feel that our right to that peace and quiet has been compromised.

We respectfully request that you deny the Three Rivers Lion Club Special Use Permit request of five additional amplified events.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Brad and Maggie Bloetscher". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Brad Bloetscher and Maggie Bloetscher

310 Guyana Ave.
Pismo Beach, Ca. 94029
January 18, 2016

To: Vince Andrus
From: Juanita Tolle
Subject: Music Events at Lions Club Arena
I grew up in Three Rivers and currently own property on North Fork Road, and Kaweah River Drive. My understanding is that the Lions Club has permission for five annual events at the Lions Arena and has asked for five more.

I am aware that the local population has grown over the years (traffic on Kaweah River Drive is a good example). Musical events occurring at the airport reverberate around the North Fork canyon. Daytime noise is tolerated but evening noise definitely disturbs the peace

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and quiet of the neighborhood.

My family and I visit Three Rivers every year to enjoy the quiet beauty of the area and visit local friends and landmarks. We enjoy the warm community spirit and peacefulness of the area. My family has complained about the evening noise from Riverview, and a second venue in the adjoining area would compound this problem.

I believe the current schedule of musical events should remain at five for the following reasons.

1. Noise - these events draw

participants from the valley and visiting tourists increasing the volume of people in town. Consideration should be made

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to its impact on local residents.

2. Traffic - will increase locally with each event. The daily traffic on Kaweah River Drive is noteworthy, and the events increase this, producing noise and traffic hazards and dust if RV/Motor Homes are involved.

3. Number of days - the community needs to spell out the limitation of days for each event, and consider alternative locations for some of the events - not all in one place.

4. Time limits - the community should designate time limits for opening and

Closing events each day.

Musical events should not play loud music during evening hours.

Good luck with this issue!

Attachment No. 14

Letters in Support of the Project

Letters in Support of the Project



SEQUOIA FOOTHILLS
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
www.threerivers.com

03/03/2015

RE: Lions Club of Three Rivers application for additional amplified events

To whom it may concern,

The Sequoia Foothills Chamber of Commerce represents businesses and other non-business entities not only in Three Rivers, but also in the surrounding communities that includes Lemoncove and Visalia. All these entities, while different, do share one common understanding – that their own success depends in large part on the success of the community within which they function. To that end, the Lions Arena and the events held there are a significant part of the community's formula for ongoing success.

The Lions Arena currently hosts several key events that not only provide significant income to the Lions Club, but also represents a major draw of external visitation to the Three Rivers business community. Of the current crop of events at that venue, 4 are of this type – directly benefiting the business community as well as garnering income to benefit the local community through gifting by the Lions Club. These are the annual Jazzaffair, Lions Roping, the EAA music festival, and the Western Movie Festival. There have been discussions lately of adding several other such events that will have a direct and indirect benefit to the community at large.

With that, it is clear to the Chamber that an increase in the number of permitted events would result in a direct benefit not only to the local business community but also to the wider Three Rivers community at large. We wholeheartedly support the Lions in their application and eagerly anticipate approval.

Peter Sodhy
President
Sequoia Foothills Chamber of Commerce



Emergency Aid Alliance

Three Rivers, CA

PO Box 36, Three Rivers, CA 93271

Dean Stryd
Three Rivers Lions Club

March 1, 2015

Re: Tulare County Building and Planning
Special Use amendment for Lion's Club grounds

The non-profit Emergency Aid Alliance of Three Rivers would like to be on record supporting the Tulare County special use amendment to allow ten amplified events from the current five allowed at the Lion's Club arena in Three Rivers.

EAA has used the Lion's Club event grounds for each of the last three years for the Three Rivers Music Festival. This is our only fund-raising event. It has allowed us to disburse almost \$37,000 of aid to residents suffering extreme hardship during family emergencies. Our event draws people of all ages who support our mission, in addition to over one hundred sixty local volunteers and musicians.

I personally live within 1,200 feet of the arena grounds. My family has never had a problem with noise, dust or any other supposed nuisance from the events there. We attend, support and enjoy them. That, along with the fact the arena has been in operation many decades, actually attracted me to purchase and build a home on our property in 1985. I look at it as a recreational plus. I think the existing County requirements regarding dust, noise, fire control, etc. will keep it attractive and safe in the future.

I urge whoever looks at this issue to consider the many benefits expansion of these community facilities, zoned for public use, will provide to so many people. From memorial services, music and film performances to rodeo, we have no other place to hold public events that can hold, comfortably, more than 300 people plus parking. We really NEED this place that serves our community so well.

Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janene Lasswell".

Janene Lasswell, Treasurer, Emergency Aid Alliance
Director, Three Rivers Music Festival

Three Rivers Woman's Club

September 30, 2014

P.O. Box 504

Three Rivers CA 93271

Three Rivers Lions Club

Thank you for speaking to the Three Rivers Woman's Club board members on September 18th concerning the special project in which your club is involved.

After your presentation, followed by a period of questions and answers, the Three Rivers Woman's Club officers supported your effort to obtain a Special Use Permit with the County of Tulare for five more amplified events each year, in addition to the present number of such events.

As Three Rivers' residents, we appreciate your endeavor to increase your ability, as a club, to raise additional funds to help meet the needs of our community.

Sincerely,



Peggy Huddleston

T.R.W.C. President

Sierra Traditional Jazz Club

March 4, 2015

P.O. Box 712

Three Rivers CA 93217

Three Rivers Lions Club,

Thank you for speaking to the Sierra Traditional Jazz Club members and friends on December 13, 2014, concerning the special project in which your club is involved.

After your presentation, followed by a period of questions and answers, the Sierra Traditional Jazz Club overwhelmingly support your effort to obtain a Special Use Permit with the County of Tulare for five more amplified events each year, in addition to the present number of such events.

As Three Rivers' residents, we appreciate your endeavor to increase your ability, as a club, to raise additional funds to help meet the needs of our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Stan Huddleston".

Stan Huddleston

S.T.J.C. President

From: Tom Sparks <tom.sparks@live.com>
To: Mettlen Dana <DMettlen@co.tulare.ca.us>, Spata Michael <MSpata@co.tulare...
Date: 01/25/2016 7:30 AM
Subject: Fwd: Case number PSP 15-058

Will you include these letters in the package that goes to the Commission? Or should we ask them to appear at the hearing?

Sent from my iPad
Tom Sparks

Begin forwarded message:

From: John Crain <i564391@thegrid.net>
Date: January 25, 2016 at 6:17:59 AM PST
To: tom Sparks <tom.sparks@live.com>, info@3rvillagefoundation.org
Subject: Fwd: Case number PSP 15-058

> Begin forwarded message:
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> From: John Crain <i564391@thegrid.net>
> Subject: Case number PSP 15-058
> Date: January 25, 2016 at 6:13:19 AM PST
> To: AHill@co.tulare.ca.us
>
> Regarding application for special permit PSP 15-058:
> In Three Rivers there seems to be a small group making a concerted effort to curtail the sponsoring of any event providing entertainment for the public.
> My wife and I have been property owners and residents of Three Rivers for 58 years and have experienced many of these very enjoyable events.
> Most of these events occur during the time of the year when business activity in the community is at a low point and they provide much needed revenue
> for businesses.
> I am not aware of any serious needs for fire or police involvement at previous events.
> The bottom line is that these events generate much needed income for the sponsors which can be used for community betterment. The Three Rivers
> Lions Club annually donates in excess of \$20,000 for community needs and college scholarships. The Sierra Traditional Jazz provides at least
> \$10,000 for scholarships and educational needs. I do not have figures for other organizations, but I understand they also provide significant amounts
> each year.
> For Jazzaffair, which occurs in a low season, all available rooms in motels are booked, a total of 232 rooms. I would estimate that this event alone
> generates in excess of \$10,000 in room tax to Tulare County each year. An unknown number of homes and bed and breakfast lodging generates
> even more income.
> Please excuse the length of this communication, but it may provide a little useful information.
> My wife and I both support the approval of this application and the application of the Three Rivers Lions Club to increase the number of its events
> to 10 per year.
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>
> John (Rusty) Crain

- > P. O. Box 201
- > (43053 South Fork Dr) resident address
- > Three Rivers, CA 93271
- > 559 561 4549
- > jbarc@thegrid.net

Three Rivers Union School Foundation
P.O. Box 99
Three Rivers, CA 93271
559-561-4466

30 March 2015

Mr. Moises Garza
Three Rivers Lions
P. O. Box 477
Three Rivers, CA 93271

Dear Mr. Garza,

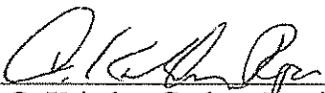
Thank you for speaking to the Three Rivers Union School (TRUS) Foundation Board members last fall concerning the Lions' application to the County of Tulare for additional amplified events.

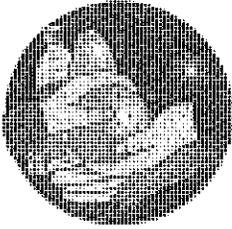
The Three Rivers Union School Foundation holds our major annual fundraiser at the Lions Roping Area, and appreciates the effort Lions members extend to assure our event is enjoyable and successful. The TRUS Foundation also recognizes that the Lions Arena and the events held there attract visitors to our community, raise funds to support numerous local needs, and are a significant part of our community's formula for ongoing success.

The TRUS Foundation wholeheartedly supports the Lion's application to the County of Tulare for additional amplified events.

Sincerely,

THREE RIVERS SCHOOL FOUNDATION BOARD

BY: 
C. Kristina Graber, President



Three Rivers
Bread Basket

PO Box 449
Three Rivers, CA 93271
Tax ID # 26-1094875

March, 2015

To Whom It May Concern;

The Three Rivers Lions Club has donated thousands of dollars to the Three Rivers Bread Basket and especially during this time of drought their support has made an enormous difference in the lives of many Three Rivers families.

The Three Rivers Bread Basket fully endorses the expansion of events at the Three Rivers Lions Roping Arena. Money raised by the Three Rivers Lions Club at their various events continually benefits countless organizations in our community. By increasing the number of events allowed at the roping arena we are increasing the capacity of the Lions Club to support the Three Rivers Community.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Elizabeth LaMar'. The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Elizabeth LaMar

President, Three Rivers Bread Basket

From: Yahoo <tbragg75@sbcglobal.net>
To: <ahill@co.tulare.ca.us>
Date: 01/13/2016 10:27 PM
Subject: Three Rivers Event

To whom it may concern:

I would like to express my support for Earth Jam event in Three Rivers.

As a resident in Three Rivers, I think these type of events are crucial to our local economy. The businesses here depend heavily on tourism, and events like Earth Jam draw crowds that support our economy.

I hope that you take my opinion into consideration when you decide to issue the permit of Earth Jam and other future outdoor events.

Respectfully,

Anne Bragg
41029 Grouse Drive
Three Rivers Ca
559-967-7249

Sent from my iPhone

From: Secycj <secycj@aol.com>
To: <AHill@co.tulare.ca.us>
Date: 01/13/2016 7:33 PM
Subject: Temporary Use Permit No PSP 15-058

I am in favor of granting the above temporary use permit. As I am also in favor of granting the Lions Club of Three Rivers the permit they seek to extend the number of events that their organization can hold. We in Three Rivers depend on the many visitors that come to our community for our different and varying events for helping our town thrive.

Christine Jeffries
40999 Cherokee Oaks Drive
Three Rivers CA 93271

Thank you for your consideration.

From: Marcella Anderson <marcella3r@icloud.com>
To: <ahill@co.tulare.ca.us>
Date: 01/13/2016 6:35 PM
Subject: Three Rivers outdoor events

We love our outdoor events! They make this town.
No new laws on events!!

Marcella Anderson
POB 91
Three Rivers, CA 93271

From: Mauriene Landry <mauriene@sbcglobal.net>
To: <AHill@co.tulare.ca.us>
Date: 01/13/2016 6:16 PM
Subject: Temporary Use Permit No. PSP 15-058

Dear Ms Hill,

I am writing in response to the Temporary Use Permit No. PSP 15-058
Please allow this permit to be issued!

Three Rivers is a small community that depends, largely, on tourists and
the guests that these events bring to our community.

Please do not fall for a few disgruntled people who do not know how to
live in a small community and do not represent the vast majority of
us.

Please continue to allow our community the rich heritage that we have
and allow this permit to go forward.

Thank you so much.

Mauriene Landry
42182 Mynatt Dr.
Three Rivers, CA 93271
559-561-3017

From: Laile Di Silvestro <laile@mindspring.com>
To: April Hill <AHill@co.tulare.ca.us>
Date: 01/13/2016 2:04 PM
Subject: Music Event Use Permit (PSP 15-058)

Hi April,

Although I am an interim Director for the Three Rivers Village Foundation (TRVF), I am writing as an individual who resides in Three Rivers, and my following comments do not represent any position the TRVF might take on this matter.

I have not attended the event in the past, and probably will not attend it in the future; however, I support approval of PSP 15-058.

One of the aspects of Three Rivers that drew me to reside here is its long tradition of community events, almost all of which have a musical component. I was also drawn to the strong bonds of community, and the fact that so many of our events are charitable.

The event that would be allowed by approval of PSP 15-058 is one of our many charitable community events, and I support approval of the application. My approval is particularly strong because of the efforts the organizers are making to minimize any negative impact this event might have on the community.

That said, my discussions with other community members have indicated that some people are quite concerned about the noise level and potential impact on traffic flow. Most of these people, however, support other events with similar noise output and traffic impact. After dialog, I have come to realize that many of these people are actually objecting to the nature of the music and the attendees, and that the current challenge we are facing has more to do with the changing demographics in Three Rivers than any failure on the part of the event organizers to comply with (or, indeed, exceed) County requirements.

Diversity is one of the ingredients of a strong community. Although this event may make some community members uncomfortable, I have no doubt that the organizers will go to great lengths to exceed county requirements, minimize any potential negative impacts on the community, and maximize the event's positive contribution.

Kind regards,

Laile Di Silvestro

L. Laile Di Silvestro
40901 Quail Drive
Three Rivers, CA 93271-9754
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Email: laile@mindspring.com <mailto:laile@mindspring.com>
Web: www.lailedisilvestro.com <http://www.lailedisilvestro.com/>

From: Michelle Jeffries <michelle.jeffries@gmail.com>
To: <AHill@co.tulare.ca.us>
Date: 01/13/2016 1:37 PM
Subject: Temporary Use Permit No. PSP 15-058

Good afternoon,

I was made aware that you are looking for Three Rivers residents' thoughts on the possible approval of this temporary use permit and wanted to add my two cents.

I have been a permanent Three Rivers resident for just over a year now but have been visiting and staying in the area for 8+ years. In just the last year and a half I have seen impressive growth with several new businesses opening that are of extreme value to the local community. I hope myself to be a small business owner here as well one day. We are slowly transforming from a sleepy mountain community where some of the more diverse experiences with shopping, dining, entertainment and events must be consumed only in Visalia and the larger surrounding cities to a vibrant and thriving unique destination town for locals and visitors alike in the foothills of the beautiful national park.

1.8 million visitors passed through the town last year on their way to the park. I believe that opportunities, like Earth Jam, which will attract more of these visitors and keep them in Three Rivers, patronizing these small locally owned businesses can only be a good thing. One weekend out of the year cannot create that much of a nuisance in traffic and increased population to necessitate declining this permit. This town needs those tourist and event dollars coming into our local economy to continue on the path I see us on now.

From what I understand the theme and purpose of something like Earth Jam to be, it is a cultural fit for our community. Not only would we benefit from the business, but it would be of great interest for local attendance as well.

I appreciate your time in reading my letter and offer of support in favor of accepting this temporary use permit. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Michelle Jeffries

michelle.jeffries@gmail.com

From: "Rod Simonian Simonian Saw Service" <rods@theworks.com>
To: <AHill@co.tulare.ca.us>
Date: 01/13/2016 12:49 PM
Subject: Earth Jam yes it is a good thing and so are the Lyons events

Simonian's Saw Service

www.simoniansawservice.com

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Simonians-Saw-Service/115421228536553?created>

From: Major Bryant <majorbryant@gmail.com>
To: <AHill@co.tulare.ca.us>
Date: 01/13/2016 10:33 AM
Subject: Subject:Temporary Use Permit No. PSP 15-058

This is such a wonderful event. Live music in a great outdoor atmosphere.
Family friendly. There needs to be more events like this in our little town.
Thanks for the permit.

Major Justin Bryant

Tulare County Planning Commission

I am submitting this letter in support of the Three Rivers Lions Club to increase the number of permitted events at the Lions Arena from five to ten per year. The Lions Arena is a special for me and my colleagues. We take great pride in sharing it with the Community. I have been a Club member for 10 years. I have witnessed the great effort by the Club to meet the increasing popularity of the Arena as a venue for charitable events. We need to offer the Arena to more local use by groups.

Please approve the proposed amendment to the Special Use Permit.

Tulare County
Resource Management
Agency

FEB 8 2016

NAME K. Harvey
ADDRESS 41594 South Fork
THREE RIVERS, CA 93257 93271
DATE 2/4/16

Tulare County Planning Commission

I am submitting this letter in support of the Three Rivers Lions Club to increase the number of permitted events at the Lions Arena from five to ten per year. The Lions Arena is a special for me and my colleagues. We take great pride in sharing it with the Community. I have been a Club member for 6 years. I have witnessed the great effort by the Club to meet the increasing popularity of the Arena as a venue for charitable events. We need to offer the Arena to more local use by groups.

Please approve the proposed amendment to the Special Use Permit.

NAME *[Signature]*
ADDRESS 43927 Kaweah River DR
THREE RIVERS, CA 93257 93271
DATE 2/4/16

Tulare County
Resource Management
Agency

FEB 8 2016

Tulare County Planning Commission

I am submitting this letter in support of the Three Rivers Lions Club to increase the number of permitted events at the Lions Arena from five to ten per year. The Lions Arena is a special for me and my colleagues. We take great pride in sharing it with the Community. I have been a Club member for 14 years. I have witnessed the great effort by the Club to meet the increasing popularity of the Arena as a venue for charitable events. We need to offer the Arena to more local use by groups.

Please approve the proposed amendment to the Special Use Permit.

NAME Glenn McIntyre
ADDRESS 43554 A Skyline Dr
THREE RIVERS, CA 93257 93271
DATE 2/4/16

Tulare County
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Tulare County Planning Commission

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Please approve the proposed amendment to the Special Use Permit.

NAME Catherine Danza
ADDRESS P.O. Box 479
THREE RIVERS, CA 93257 93271
DATE 2/4/16

Tulare County
Resource Management
Agency

FEB 8 2016

Tulare County Planning Commission

I am submitting this letter in support of the Three Rivers Lions Club to increase the number of permitted events at the Lions Arena from five to ten per year. The Lions Arena is a special for me and my colleagues. We take great pride in sharing it with the Community. I have been a Club member for 63 years. I have witnessed the great effort by the Club to meet the increasing popularity of the Arena as a venue for charitable events. We need to offer the Arena to more local use by groups.

Please approve the proposed amendment to the Special Use Permit.

Tulare County
Resource Management
Agency

FEB 8 2016

NAME Earl A. McKee

ADDRESS 40719 Old Three Rivers Road

THREE RIVERS, CA 93257 93271

DATE 2/04/16

Tulare County Planning Commission

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Please approve the proposed amendment to the Special Use Permit.

NAME MICHAEL LITTLE

ADDRESS 415FO QUAIL RUN DR

THREE RIVERS, CA 93257 93271

DATE 2/4/16

Tulare County
Resource Management
Agency

FEB 8 2016

Tulare County Planning Commission

I am submitting this letter in support of the Three Rivers Lions Club to increase the number of permitted events at the Lions Arena from five to ten per year. The Lions Arena is a special for me and my colleagues. We take great pride in sharing it with the Community. I have been a Club member for 18 years. I have witnessed the great effort by the Club to meet the increasing popularity of the Arena as a venue for charitable events. We need to offer the Arena to more local use by groups.

Please approve the proposed amendment to the Special Use Permit.

NAME Mary Andrade
ADDRESS 40838 Oakridge Dr.
THREE RIVERS, CA 93257 93271
DATE 2/4/16

Tulare County
Resource Management
Agency

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Tulare County Planning Commission

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Please approve the proposed amendment to the Special Use Permit.

NAME

Ed Farn

ADDRESS

40696 CRYSTAL DR

THREE RIVERS, CA 93257

93271

DATE

2-4-16

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Please approve the proposed amendment to the Special Use Permit.

NAME Wanda V. Gurdin
ADDRESS 42486 Kaweah Dr
THREE RIVERS, CA 93257 93271
DATE 2/4/2016

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Please approve the proposed amendment to the Special Use Permit.

NAME Marcus Cardinale
ADDRESS 40835 Oakridge Dr
THREE RIVERS, CA 93257 93271
DATE 2-4-16

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I support the approval of the application of the Three Rivers Lions Club to increase the number of events to 10 amplified events per year.

NAME Pat Crain
ADDRESS P.O. Box 201
THREE RIVERS, CA 93271
DATE 2/4/2016

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Please approve the proposed amendment to the Special Use Permit.

NAME Shirabelle Burns

ADDRESS 24801 Ave 334
Lemon Cove, CA 93214
THREE RIVERS, CA 93257

DATE 2-4-16

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Please approve the proposed amendment to the Special Use Permit.

NAME John Haweg

ADDRESS 41594 South Ford

THREE RIVERS, CA 93257-93271

DATE 1-4-16

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NAME JOHN CRAIN (RUSTY)

ADDRESS P.O. Box 201

THREE RIVERS, CA 93257 93271

DATE 2-4-16

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NAME Susan McIntyre
ADDRESS P O Box 614
THREE RIVERS, CA 93257 93271
DATE 2/4/16

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NAME Justin Spring
ADDRESS 40999 Cherokee Oaks Dr
THREE RIVERS, CA 93257 93271
DATE 2/4/2016

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NAME RJ Habma

ADDRESS 44061 Redwood Trail

THREE RIVERS, CA 93257 93271

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NAME Christine Burns

ADDRESS PO Box 44164
Lemon Cove 93244
THREE RIVERS, CA 93257

DATE 2/4/16

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NAME Barbara Lahmann
ADDRESS 43927 Kaweah River Dr
THREE RIVERS, CA 93271
DATE 2/7/16

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NAME MOISES GARZA

ADDRESS P.O. Box 477

THREE RIVERS, CA 93257 93271

DATE 2.4.16

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Please approve the proposed amendment to the Special Use Permit.

NAME DEWAYNE EASOM

ADDRESS 44755 MINERAL KING Rd.

THREE RIVERS, CA 93257 93271

DATE 2-9-2016

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NAME Michelle Jeffries
ADDRESS 40999 Cherokee Oaks Dr.
THREE RIVERS, CA 93257 93271
DATE 2/4/2016

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NAME

James W. Winters

ADDRESS

P.O. Box 83

THREE RIVERS, CA 93257

93271

DATE

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Please approve the proposed amendment to the Special Use Permit.

NAME JOHN GRIEBACH

ADDRESS P.O. BOX 249

THREE RIVERS, CA 93257 93271

DATE FEB 4, 2016

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Please approve the proposed amendment to the Special Use Permit.

NAME B. J. Clark

ADDRESS 40698 CRYSTAL

THREE RIVERS, CA 93257 93271

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NAME Jill Griffith
ADDRESS 43814 Sierra Dr
THREE RIVERS, CA 93257 93271
DATE 2-4-16

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I support the approval of the application of the Three Rivers Lions Club to increase the number of events to 10 amplified events per year.

NAME Gaynor Mc Kee
ADDRESS 40719 Old 3 Rd.
THREE RIVERS, CA 93271
DATE 2/4/14

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Please approve the proposed amendment to the Special Use Permit.

NAME STAN HULLSTON
ADDRESS 42281 MINAT DR.
THREE RIVERS, CA ~~93257~~ 93271
DATE 2-4-16

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NAME CHARLOTTE LITTLE

ADDRESS 41880 QUAIL RUN DR

THREE RIVERS, CA ~~93257~~ 93271

DATE 2/4/16

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NAME Dannamoe Perdew
ADDRESS 43490 North Fork Dr. Sp15
THREE RIVERS, CA 93271
DATE 2-4-2016

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Please approve the proposed amendment to the Special Use Permit.

NAME



ADDRESS

POX 215

THREE RIVERS, CA 93257

93271

DATE

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Please approve the proposed amendment to the Special Use Permit.

NAME

Peter Angellina

ADDRESS

43275 Kaweah Rd Dr

THREE RIVERS, CA 93257

93271

DATE

2/4/16

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NAME MIGNON GEEG
ADDRESS 40796 Grouse
THREE RIVERS, CA 93271
DATE 2-9-16

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NAME William Haxton
ADDRESS 44879 Dively Dr
THREE RIVERS, CA 93271
DATE Feb 9, 2016

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William Haxton', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Tulare County Planning Commission

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NAME Linda D. Silvestro
ADDRESS 40901 Quail Dr.
THREE RIVERS, CA 93271
DATE 9 February 2016

Peggy Huddleston
42281 Mynatt Drive
Three Rivers CA 93271

February 7, 2016

D. Mettlen
Tulare County
Resource Management

Dear Mr. Mettlen

I'm writing this letter concerning the Three Rivers Lions Club's request to increase amplified events at their Three Rivers Lions Roping Arena. This is located in an especially rural and beautiful setting. The rental of this facility is the Lions Club's main resource for earning money to support the needs and scholarships of the Three Rivers Community. I wholeheartedly support their effort to increase the amplified events and strongly feel this is to the betterment of the community.

I am not a member of the Three Rivers Lions Club but am the President of the Three Rivers Woman's Club here. I know how important it is for the Lions Club to be able to rent their facility in order to earn money for charitable donations.

Thank you in advance for any consideration that might be forthcoming.

Sincerely
Peggy Huddleston

Attachment No. 15

Location and Property Ownership Map

For

Hearing Notification

Attachment No. 16

Public Hearing Notice

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A **MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND AVAILABILITY
OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of Tulare County's intent to adopt a **Mitigated Negative Declaration** for the approval of **SPECIAL USE PERMIT NO. PSP 14-034**. The **Mitigated Negative Declaration** has been approved for public review by the Tulare County Environmental Assessment Officer. Copies are available for review and comment at the Resource Management Agency, Permit Center, 5961 South Mooney Blvd., Visalia, California 93277-9394. Comments and recommendations on the adequacy of the environmental document may be filed at the aforementioned address during the public review period established for each project.

PROJECT: Special Use Permit No. PSP 14-034

APPLICANT/AGENT: Three Rivers Lions Club

LOCATION: Approximately 1,800 feet northwest of the intersection of North Fork Drive and Kaweah Drive, in Three Rivers.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Mitigated Negative Declaration and Special Use Permit No. 14-034 amending and superseding Special Use Permit No. PSP 02-013 to allow an increase in the annual number of amplified special events, from five to ten, at an existing special events venue.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT: Mitigated Negative Declaration

REVIEW PERIOD: 10 days until Monday, February 22, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING: Planning Commission on Wednesday, February 24, 2016, at 9:00 a.m.

All meetings are held at the Board of Supervisors Chambers, 2800 West Burrel Avenue, Visalia, California 93291

All interested parties are invited to attend and be heard. For further information regarding this project, please call **Dana Mettlen (559) 624-7000** or for Environmental questions please call Hector Guerra, Chief Environmental Planner at 624-7121.

If you challenge the decision on any of the foregoing matters in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Tulare County Resource Management Agency, Economic Development and Planning within the review period described herein.

In compliance with the American Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in meetings call (559) 624-7000 48-hours in advance of the meeting.

HECTOR GUERRA, CHIEF ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNER

BENJAMIN RUIZ JR., ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OFFICER

TO BE PUBLISHED ONCE ONLY ON: February 12, 2016

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TULARE COUNTY RESOURCE
MANAGEMENT AGENCY
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A
MITIGATED NEGATIVE
DECLARATION

Project Title:

Special Use Permit No. PSP 14-034

Project Location:

42390 Kaweah River Drive, approximately 1,800 feet northwest of the intersection of North Fork Drive and Kaweah Drive, within the Urban Development Boundary of the unincorporated community of Three Rivers, in Tulare County, CA.

Project Description:

The project is Special Use Permit No. PSP 14-034 requested by Three Rivers Lions Club, PO Box 206, Three Rivers, CA 93271 amending and superseding Special Use Permit No. PSP 02-013 and allowing an increase in the annual number of amplified special events, from five to ten, at an existing special events venue: roping arena and associated assemblage of people, on a 5.78-acre parcel in the AE-20 (Exclusive Agriculture - 20 acre minimum) Zone.

Potentially Significant Environmental Impacts:

It is anticipated that potential environmental impacts may occur to noise and transportation/transit

MND Availability:

A copy of the MND may be obtained and/or reviewed at the following locations:

- Tulare County Resource Management Agency
5961 South Mooney Boulevard
Visalia, CA 93277
(559) 624-7000

- On the County's website at: <http://www.tularecounty.ca.gov/rma/index.cfm/documents-and-forms/planning-documents/environmental-planning/negative-declarations/>

Contact for More Information: Hector Guerra, Chief Environmental Planner (559) 624-7121, (para Español llame Jose Saenz (559) 624-7102).

The MND has a review period of 30 days, starting on September 4, 2015, and ending October 5, 2015, which has been approved by the State of California, Office of Planning and Research. Any written comments on the MND should be sent to the Tulare County Resource Management Agency at the address noted above, to the attention of: Hector Guerra, Chief Environmental Planner.

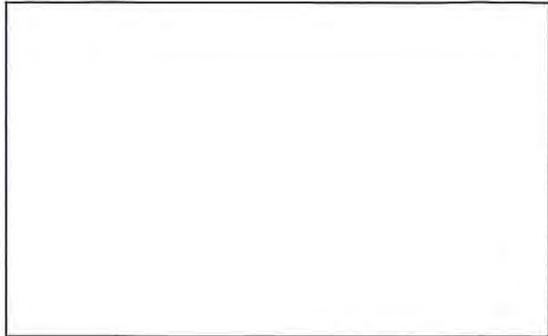
After the close of the public comment review period on the MND established by this notice, this matter will be set for public hearing before the Tulare County Planning Commission. Notice of the date, time and place for such public hearing will be published and/or mailed as provided by law.

Please take notice that - pursuant to Public Resource Code Section 21177, Government Code Section 65009, and other applicable law - if you challenge the proposed action described above in court, then you may be limited to raising only those issues or objections you or someone else raised during the public comment period or the public hearing, or in written correspondence delivered to the Tulare County Resource

Management Agency within the review period, or to the Planning Commission during the public hearing.
MICHAEL C. SPATA
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
OFFICER
Publish: Sept. 4, 2015 #704725

Attachment No. 17
Notice of Determination

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION



To: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Rm113
Sacramento, CA 95814

X Tulare County Clerk
Room 105, Courthouse
221 South Mooney Boulevard
Visalia, California 93291

Lead Agency: Tulare County Resource Management Agency
5961 South Mooney Boulevard
Visalia, CA 93277

Applicant(s): Three Rivers Lions Club
PO Box 206
Three Rivers, CA 93271

Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination in Compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code

Project Title: Special Use Permit No. PSP 14-034

State Clearinghouse Number: 2015-

Contact Person: Hector Guerra

Telephone Number: 559-624-7000

Project Location: 42390 Kaweah River Drive, approximately 1,800 feet northwest of the intersection of North Fork Drive and Kaweah Drive, in Three Rivers. APN 067-090-022; Section 14, Township 17 S, Range 28 E, MDB&M

Project Description/Case File No: Special Use Permit No. PSP 14-034, to amend and supersede Special Use Permit No. PSP 02-013, and allowing an increase in the number of amplified special events, from five to ten, annually, at an existing special events venue: roping arena and associated assemblage of people, on a 5.78-acre parcel in the AE-20 (Exclusive Agriculture - 20 acre minimum) Zone, located at 42390 Kaweah River Drive, approximately 1,800 feet northwest of the intersection of North Fork Drive and Kaweah Drive, in Three Rivers.

This is to advise that the TULARE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION has approved the above-described project on _____, 2015 and has made the following determinations regarding the above-described project:

- 1. The project () will (X) will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment.
2. () A Final Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
(X) A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
The environmental document and record of project approval may be examined at:
5961 S Mooney Blvd., Visalia CA 93277
3. Mitigation Measures (X) were () were not made a condition of approval of the project.
4. A Statement of Overriding Considerations () was (X) was not adopted for the project.

By: [Signature] 4/23/15
Hector Guerra Date
Chief Environmental Planner

By: [Signature] 8/31/15
Michael C. Spata Date
Environmental Assessment Officer

- (X) Dept of Fish & Wildlife Fees Req'd
() E.I.R.
(X) MND
() N.D.

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cc: California. Dept. of Fish & Wildlife, 1416 Ninth St., 12th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814

Note: Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resource Code; Reference: Sections 21108, 21152 and 21167, Public Resource Code.