

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

Approved by:

Darrell Church

Council Meeting of: June 3, 2020

Agenda Number: C-2

Department Director

Arnoldo Rodriguez

Arnoldo Rodriguez, City Manager

SUBJECT:

Public Hearing regarding a General Plan Amendment and Rezone to facilitate the development of a 34-unit (Grove Gardens) apartment complex and Related Actions

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that the Council hold the public hearing and, after it is close, take the following actions:

1. Adopt a Resolution amending the General Plan land use designation for the subject properties encompassing approximately 1.8 acres located on the southeast corner of the intersection of Maple Street and Noble Street from the I (Industrial) to the HD (High Density) land use designation and adopt the associated Negative Declaration;

and

2. Waive the full reading and Introduce an Ordinance rezoning the subject properties encompassing approximately 1.8 acres located on the southeast corner of the intersection of Maple Street and Noble Street from the I (Industrial) to the PD-2000 (Planned Development) Zone District.

SUMMARY:

The project proponent is requesting an amendment of the General Plan, changing the land use designation on two properties and a bisecting segment of public right-of-way from the I (Industrial) to the HD (High Density) General Plan land use designation. Concurrent with the General Plan amendment, an ordinance changing the zoning of the subject properties from the I (Industrial) to the PD-2000 (Planned Development) Zone District is also being requested. Approval of the requested General Plan amendment and rezoning would allow the eventual development of a 34-unit apartment complex composed of four, three story buildings and associated amenities. At its May 12, 2020 meeting, the Planning Commission (Commission)

adopted a resolution recommending to the Council approval of the General Plan amendment and rezone.

DISCUSSION:

The project proponent, Berry Construction, proposes the development of a 34-unit apartment complex composed of four, three story buildings, covered and uncovered parking, open space areas and associated amenities on two properties and a bisecting segment of public right-of-way. To that end, the project proponent submitted an application for a General Plan Amendment, Rezone, Precise Plan, and a Variance from open space requirements. The precise plan and variance were approved by the Commission on May 12, 2020 with conditions contingent upon the adoption of a resolution amending the land use and associated Negative Declaration, and approval of the rezone.

General Plan Amendment

The General Plan currently designates the project site as an I (Industrial) land use. The Industrial designation provides for a number of production and manufacturing uses. The applicant has requested a change in General Plan land use designation to the HD (High Density) land use designation which provides for a buffer between the industrial uses to the south and single-family uses to the north. Though the HD land use allows for up to 50 units per acre, the project proponent is proposing 34 of the 90 maximum allowable units on the 1.8-acre project site. The HD land use designation would provide consistency with the proposed PD- 2000 Zone District.

Rezone

The project site is proposed to be rezoned into the PD-2000 (Planned Development) from the I (Industrial) Zone District. The PD-2000 Zone District is designed to provide land for the development of one unit per 2,000 square feet of site are. Though the PD-2000 Zone district allows for up to 21 units per acre, the project proponent is prosing 34 of the 39 maximum allowable units on the 1.8-acre project site. The PD-2000 Zone District is the correct zone for the development of the proposed apartment complex.

Public Infrastructure

Public infrastructure and utilities required by the Madera Municipal Code and the General Plan are available to serve the proposed governmental offices. Existing infrastructure includes sewer, water, storm drainage and street infrastructure consistent with the City's master plans. Improvements to existing infrastructure may be required as a component of development of the governmental offices.

CEQA

Although the anticipated development of the apartment complex is not under consideration by the Council, the General Plan amendment and rezoning currently under review act as the first steps in the eventual development of the site and are subject to compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Planning Commission has reviewed and recommend

approval of the Negative Declaration consistent with the requirements of CEQA specific to the current entitlement requests. The environmental assessment also accounts for the requirement to vacate the right-of-way that currently bisects the project site in addition to the recordation of a tentative parcel map.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The applicant paid \$17,063 in Planning Department entitlement fees to offset the costs associated with processing this General Plan amendment, rezone, precise plan, variance and the supporting environmental determination. Additional fees will be required from the Engineering and Building Departments in conjunction with final approval of civil improvement plans and building plan check and permitting, and other supporting fees.

CONSISTENCY WITH THE VISION MADERA 2025 PLAN:

The project supports one of the four core vision statements in the Vision Plan, “A Well-Planned City.” The Council, by considering how the neighborhood and infrastructure can be maintained, is actively implementing this key concept of the Vision Plan. Moreover, approval of the General Plan amendment and rezone will help provide consistency with Strategy 131, which states, “Create well-planned neighborhoods throughout Madera that promote connectivity and inclusiveness with a mix of densities and commercial components.”

ALTERNATIVES:

The Council may consider alternatives other than staff’s recommendation for approval of the General Plan amendment and introduction of the rezone ordinance. Those include:

1. Denial of the request for General Plan amendment and rezone. Should the requests be denied, the project site would remain within the current General Plan and zoning.
2. Continuing the item with direction to staff to provide additional information so as to allow the Council time to digest that information in advance of a decision.
3. Provide staff with other alternative directives.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Aerial Imagery
2. Planning Commission Resolution No. 1852
3. General Plan Amendment Resolution
 - Exhibit A - General Plan Map
 - Exhibit B – Zoning Map
4. Rezone Ordinance
 - Exhibit A - Zoning Map
5. Negative Declaration

Attachment 1: Aerial Imagery



Attachment 2: Planning Commission Resolution No. 1852

RESOLUTION NO. 1852

RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MADERA RECOMMENDING TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN CHANGING THE LAND USE DESIGNATION OF APPROXIMATELY 1.8 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED ON THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF MAPLE STREET AND NOBLE STREET FROM THE I (INDUSTRIAL) TO HD (HIGH DENSITY) GENERAL PLAN LAND USE DESIGNATION AND THE REZONING OF THE PROPERTY FROM THE I (INDUSTRIAL) TO THE PD-2000 (PLANNED DEVELOPMENT) ZONE DISTRICT

WHEREAS, State Law requires that local agencies adopt General Plans containing specific mandatory elements; and

WHEREAS, the City of Madera has adopted a Comprehensive General Plan Update and Environmental Impact Report, and the City of Madera is currently in compliance with State mandates relative to Elements of the General Plan; and

WHEREAS, State law also provides for periodic review, updates, and amendments of its various plans; and

WHEREAS, the City has initiated an amendment to the Madera General Plan amending the land use designation for approximately 1.8 acres of property located on the southeast corner of the intersection of Maple Street and Noble Street from the I (Industrial) land use designation to the HD (High Density) land use designation, as shown in the attached Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the City has initiated a Rezone of the property from the I (Industrial) Zone District to the PD-2000 (Planned Development) Zone District, as shown in the attached Exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, the proposed General Plan amendment and Rezone will provide the required consistency between the General Plan and Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the proposed General Plan amendment and Rezone are compatible with the neighborhood and are not expected to be detrimental to the health, safety, peace, comfort or general welfare of the neighborhood or the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Madera, acting as the Lead Agency, prepared an initial study and negative declaration for the project in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act; and

WHEREAS, the negative declaration, General Plan amendment and rezoning were distributed for public review and comment to various local agencies and groups, and public notice of this public hearing was given by mailed and published notice, in accordance with the applicable State and Municipal Codes and standard practices; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has completed its review of the Staff Report and documents submitted for the proposed project, evaluated the information contained in the negative declaration, and considered testimony received as a part of the public hearing process.

WHEREAS, Based upon the testimony and information presented at the hearing, including the initial study and negative declaration and all evidence in the whole record pertaining to this matter, the Commission found that the negative declaration has been prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, that there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment, and that the document reflects the independent judgment of the City of Madera, and was adopted in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MADERA AS FOLLOWS:

1. The above recitals are true and correct.

2. The Planning Commission hereby recommends that the Madera General Plan land use map be amended as specified in the attached Exhibit "A".

3. The proposed amendment to the Land Use Map is hereby found consistent with all elements of the Madera General Plan.

4. The proposed rezoning is hereby found to be consistent with all elements of the General Plan, including the land use map as amended by this application.

5. The Planning Commission hereby recommends the City Council adopt an ordinance rezoning property as specified within the attached Exhibit "B".

6. This resolution is effective immediately.

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Passed and adopted by the Planning Commission of the City of Madera this 12th day of May 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners; Israel Cortes, Robert Gran Jr., Richard Broadhead, Alex Salazar

NOES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Commissioners; Pam Tyler, Ryan Cerioni



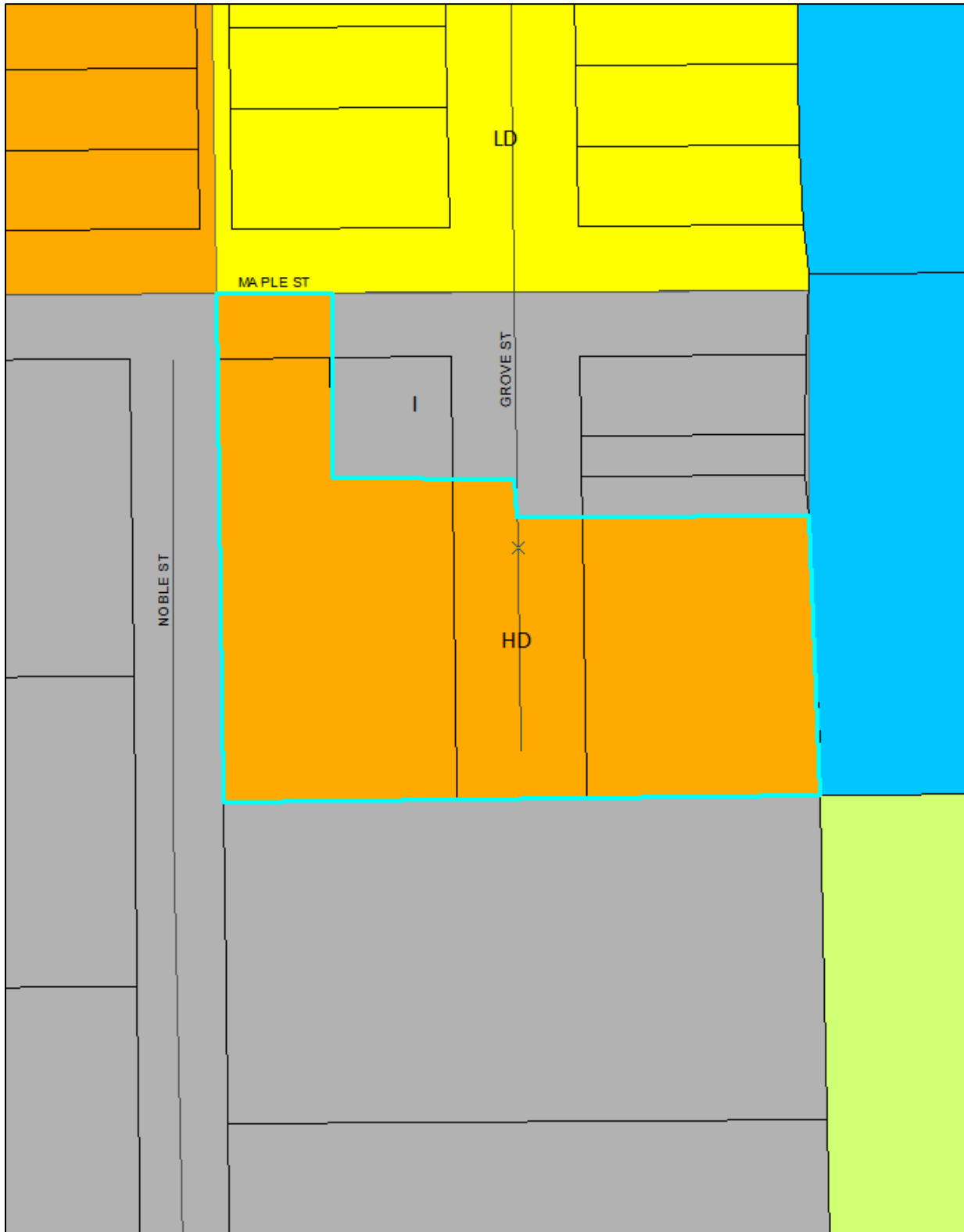
Israel Cortes
Planning Commission Chairperson

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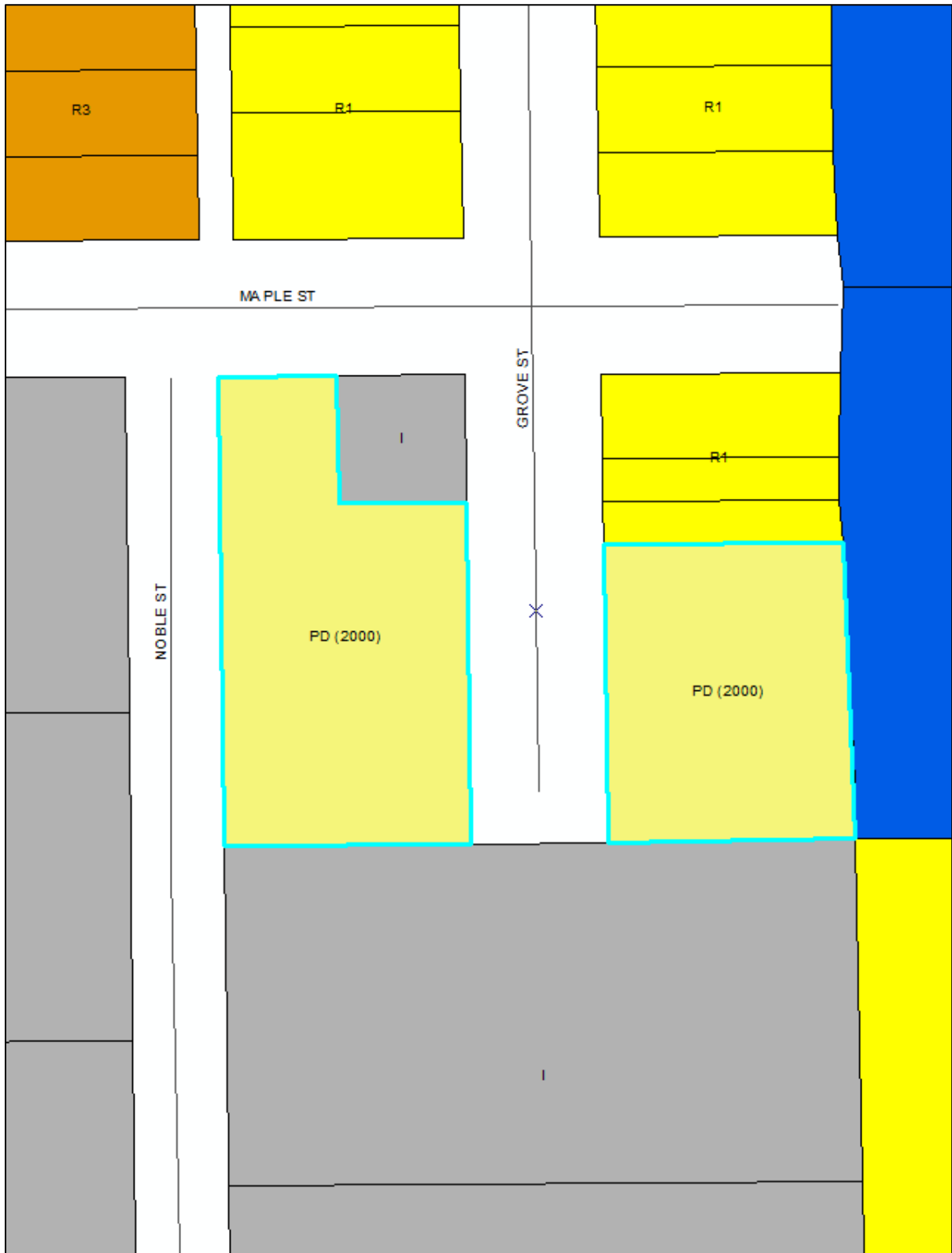


Darrell Unruh
Interim Planning Manager

PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 1852
EXHIBIT 'A'



PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 1852
EXHIBIT 'B'



Attachment 3: General Plan Amendment Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA APPROVING AN AMENDMENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN CHANGING THE LAND USE DESIGNATION OF APPROXIMATELY 1.8 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED ON THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF MAPLE STREET AND NOBLE STREET FROM THE I (INDUSTRIAL) LAND USE DESIGNATION TO THE HD (HIGH DENSITY) LAND USE DESIGNATION AS IDENTIFIED WITHIN EXHIBITS "A" AND ADOPTING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

WHEREAS, State Law requires that local agencies adopt General Plans containing specific mandatory elements; and

WHEREAS, the City of Madera has adopted a Comprehensive General Plan Update and Environmental Impact Report, and the City of Madera is currently in compliance with State mandates relative to Elements of the General Plan; and

WHEREAS, State law also provides for periodic review, updates, and amendments of its various plans; and

WHEREAS, the City has initiated an amendment to the Madera General Plan amending the land use designation for approximately 1.8 acres of property located on the southeast corner of the intersection of Maple Street and Noble Street from the I (Industrial) land use designation to the HD (High Density) land use designation, as shown in the attached Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the City has initiated a Rezone of the property from the I (Industrial) Zone District to the PD-2000 (Planned Development) Zone District, as shown in the attached Exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, the proposed General Plan amendment and Rezone will provide the required consistency between the General Plan and Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the proposed General Plan amendment and Rezone are compatible with the neighborhood and are not expected to be detrimental to the health, safety, peace, comfort or general welfare of the neighborhood or the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Madera, acting as the Lead Agency, prepared an initial study and Negative Declaration for the project in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act; and

WHEREAS, the Negative Declaration, General Plan amendment and rezoning were distributed for public review and comment to various local agencies and groups, and notice of public hearing was given by mailed and published notice, in accordance with the applicable State and Municipal Codes and standard practices; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Madera held a public hearing on May 12, 2020, and adopted a resolution recommending to the City Council approval of the General Plan amendment and rezoning; and

WHEREAS, based upon the testimony and information presented at the hearing, including the initial study and Negative Declaration and all evidence in the whole record pertaining to this matter, the Commission found that the Negative Declaration has been prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, that there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment, and that the document reflects the independent judgment of the City of Madera, and was adopted in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has completed its review of the staff report and documents submitted for the proposed project, evaluated the information and considered testimony received as a part of the public hearing process.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA AS FOLLOWS:

1. The above recitals are true and correct.
2. The City Council finds an environmental assessment initial study was prepared for this project in accordance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines. This process included the distribution of requests for comment from other responsible or affected agencies and interested organizations. Preparation of the environmental assessment necessitated a thorough review of the proposed project and relevant environmental issues. Based on this review and assessment, the City Council finds there is no substantial evidence in the record that this project may have a significant direct, indirect or cumulative effect on the environment, and that a Negative Declaration is appropriate for this project. The City Council further finds the Initial Study and Negative Declaration were timely and properly published and notices as required by CEQA, and no comments were received by the City within the 20-day comment period.
3. Based on the testimony and information presented at the hearing, and all of the evidence in the whole of the record pertaining to this matter, the City Council hereby finds that the City of Madera General Plan Land Use Map be amended as specified in attached Exhibit "A".
4. Based on the testimony and information presented at the hearing, and all of the evidence in the whole of the record pertaining to this matter, the City Council hereby finds that

the proposed amendment to the City of Madera General Plan Land Use Map is hereby found consistent with all elements of the Madera General Plan.

5. This resolution is effective upon adoption.

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EXHIBIT 'A'

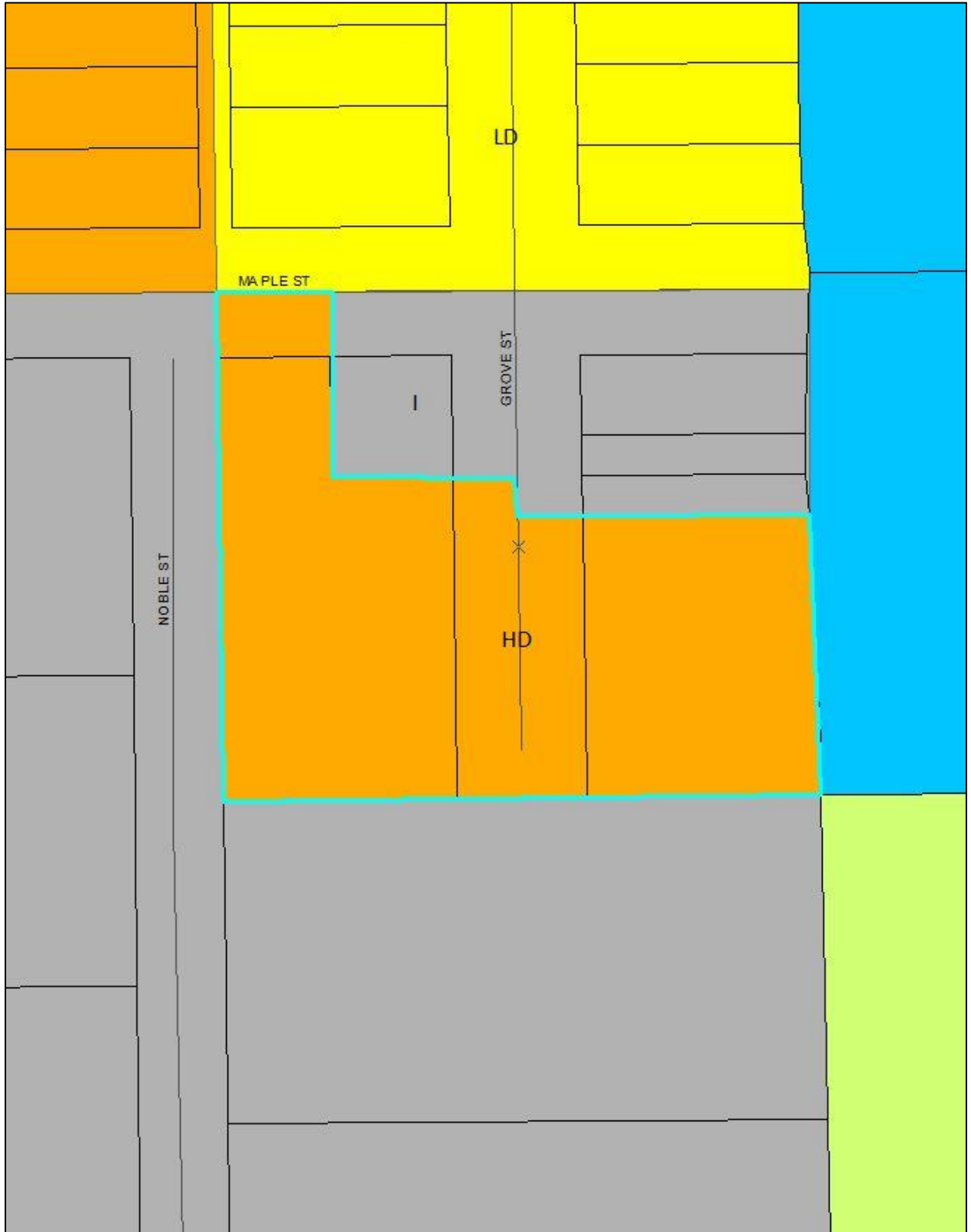


EXHIBIT 'B'



Attachment 4: Rezone Ordinance

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA AMENDING THE OFFICIAL CITY OF MADERA ZONING MAP REZONING APPROXIMATELY 1.8 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED ON THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF MAPLE STREET AND NOBLE STREET TO THE PD-2000 (PLANNED DEVELOPMENT) ZONE DISTRICT AS IDENTIFIED WITHIN EXHIBIT "A"

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Planning Commission of the City of Madera and the City Council have held duly noticed public hearings for the rezoning of approximately 1.8 acres of land located on the southeast corner of the intersection of Maple Street and Noble Street to the PD-2000 (Planned Development) Zone District.

SECTION 2. Based on the testimony and information presented at its public hearing, the City Council determined that the proposed rezoning is consistent with the General Plan as amended and subsequent development will be in conformance with all standards and regulations of the Municipal Code. The City Council has further determined that the adoption of the proposed rezoning is in the best interest of the City of Madera. Such determinations are based on the following findings:

FINDINGS:

1. THE PROPOSED REZONE WILL PROVIDE THE REQUIRED CONSISTENCY BETWEEN THE GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT AND ZONING.
2. THE REZONE IS NOT EXPECTED TO BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE HEALTH, SAFETY, PEACE, COMFORT OR GENERAL WELFARE OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD OR THE CITY.
3. CITY SERVICES AND UTILITIES ARE AVAILABLE OR CAN BE EXTENDED TO SERVE THE AREA.

SECTION 3. The City Council hereby approves the rezoning of the above-described property by rezoning it from the Industrial Zone District to the PD-2000 (Planned Development). The City Council hereby amends the City of Madera Zoning Map as illustrated in Exhibit "A" which is attached and incorporated by reference and which indicates the segment of the City of Madera Zoning Map to be amended.

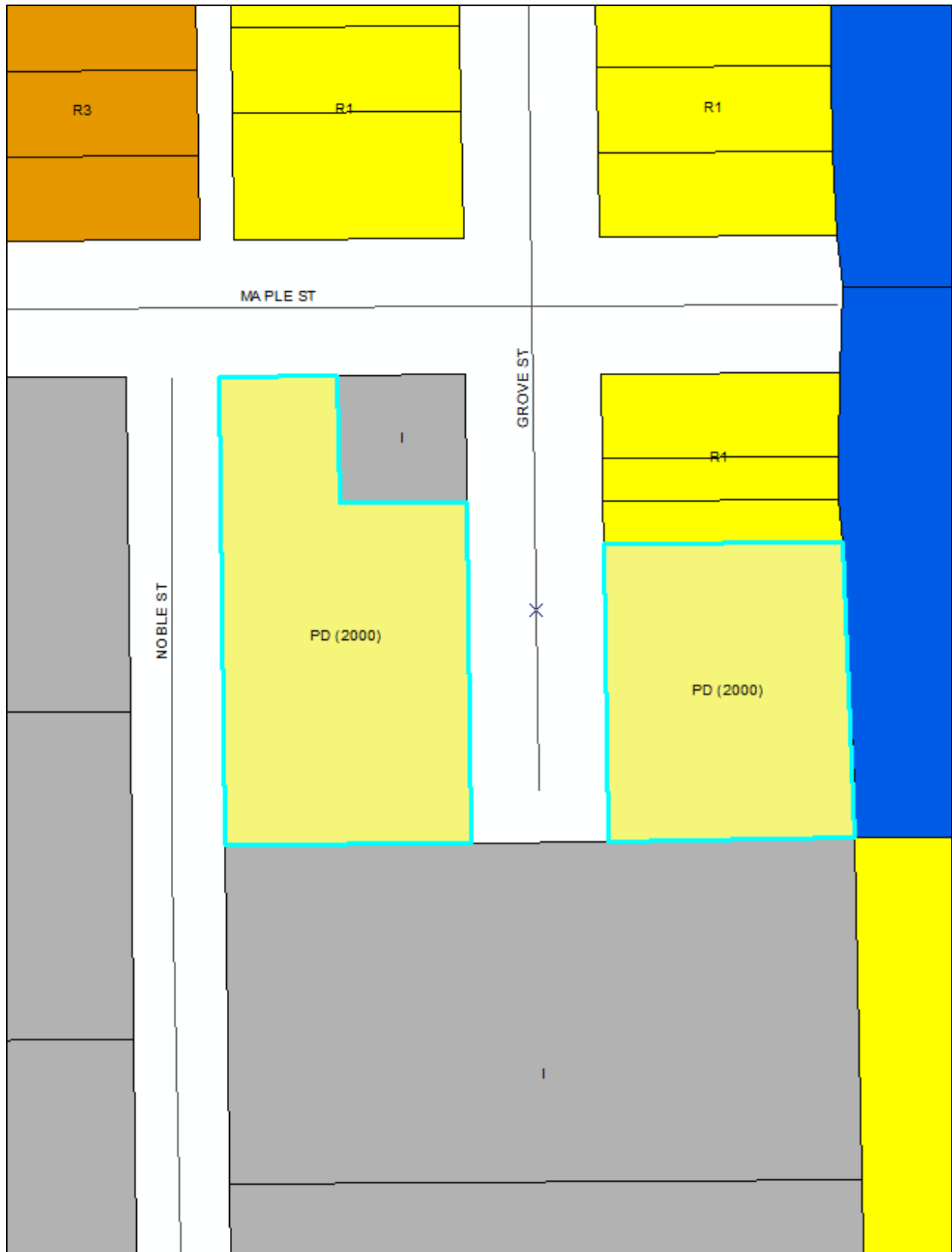
SECTION 4. Unless the adoption of this amendment to the Zoning Map is lawfully stayed, thirty-one (31) days after adoption of this amendment, the Planning Manager and City Clerk shall cause these revisions to be made to the City of Madera Zoning Map which

shall also indicate the date of adoption of this revision and be signed by the Planning Manager and City Clerk.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall be effective and of full force and effect at 12:01 a.m. on the thirty-first day after its passage.

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ORDINANCE - EXHIBIT A



Attachment 5: Negative Declaration

CITY OF MADERA

INITIAL STUDY / ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

I. BACKGROUND AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION

1. **Application No.:**
GPA 2020-02, REZ 2020-01, PPL 2020-03 & VAR 2020-02
2. **Project Title:**
Grove Gardens
3. **Lead Agency Name and Address:**
City of Madera, 205 W. 4th St., Madera, CA 93637
4. **Contact Person and Phone Number:**
Jesus R. Orozco – (559) 661-5436
5. **Project Location:**
304 Grove Street / Southeast corner of Maple Street and Noble Street
6. **Project Applicant's/Sponsor's Name and Address:**
Berry Construction – 413 W. Yosemite Avenue, Madera, CA 93637
7. **General Plan Designation:**
Current: I (Industrial) Proposed: HD (High Density)
8. **Zoning:**
Current: I (Industrial) Proposed: PD-2000 (Planned Development)
9. **Project Background:**
The proposal is an application for a General Plan Amendment from the I (Industrial) to an HD (High Density) concurrent with a rezone from the I (Industrial) zone district to the PD-2000 (Planned Development) zone district providing consistency between the land use and the zone district that will allow for the development of a multi-family apartment complex. The precise plan application will guide the development of a 34-unit multi-family apartment complex composed of four, three story buildings. As a result of providing the necessary parking requirements, the project will be deficient in open space as required by ordinance. The variance will allow for the development of less than the required minimum open space area of 25,500 square feet. The project will provide for approximately 18,200 square feet of landscape open area to include open area for passive recreation and three community garden areas, and other landscape features surrounded by perimeter fencing. The overall development is contingent upon the future abandonment of a segment of public right-of-way that currently bisects the project site and the recordation a parcel map. The future abandonment will be subject to applicable State government code and municipal code. The parcel map will be subject to the Subdivision Map Act and municipal code.

10. **Public Agencies Whose Approval or Review Is Required:**
Madera Irrigation District, Madera Unified School District and San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District.
11. **Have California Native American tribes traditionally and culturally affiliated with the project area requested consultation pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.3.1? If so, is there a plan for consultation that includes, for example, the determination of significance of impacts to tribal cultural resources, procedures regarding confidentiality, etc.?**
California Native American tribes traditionally and culturally affiliated with the project area did not request consultation pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.3.1.

II. ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

The project site encompasses two separate properties and the future abandonment of public right-of-way. As of February 2019, the site vacated five building structures, two single family residences and their associated structures. The project site is currently vacant unattended open space. The project site encompasses approximately 1.80-acres. Access to the property will occur from Noble Street and Grove Street. The project site is surrounded by single-family residential dwellings to the north, an open sports complex to the east, and commercial services/light industrial uses to the south and west.



III. ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

Environmental Factors Potentially Affected by the Project: Some of the environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project, although none of the environmental factors have a "Potentially Significant Impact" or "Potentially Significant Impact Unless Mitigation Incorporation," as indicated by the checklist on the following pages.

✓	Aesthetics		Agricultural and Forest Resources	✓	Air Quality
	Biological Resources		Cultural Resources	✓	Energy
	Geology / Soils	✓	Greenhouse Gas Emissions		Hazards and Hazardous Materials
	Hydrology / Water Quality		Land Use / Planning		Mineral Resources
	Noise	✓	Population / Housing		Public Services
✓	Recreation		Transportation		Tribal Cultural Resources
✓	Utilities/Service Systems		Wildfire		Mandatory Findings of Significance

IV. DETERMINATION

Based on 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 by or agreed to by the project proponent. A NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.	
I find that 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.	

Signature: 

Date: 04/22/2020

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS Issues (and Supporting Information Sources):	Potentially Significant Issues	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
1. AESTHETICS. Except as provided in Public Resources Code Section 21099, would the project:				
a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?				✓
b) Substantially damage scenic resources, including but not limited to trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?				✓
c) Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of public views of the site and its surroundings? (Public views are those that are experienced from publicly accessible vantage point). If the project is in an urbanized area, would the project conflict with applicable zoning and other regulations governing scenic quality?				✓
d) Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?			✓	
<p>Discussion Development of 34-unit multi-family apartment complex composed of four, three story buildings does not affect a scenic vista or have an overall adverse visual impact on the immediate area. The project would not affect a scenic highway and would not have an overall adverse visual impact on any scenic resources. The project will add some additional sources of light within the urban environment. The site is not proximate to locally prominent scenic or visually significant resources. The project would conform with and incorporate General Plan policies and requirements. No additional analysis is required.</p> <p>Less than Significant Impacts d) There will be an increase in light and glare and other aesthetic impacts associated with the development as a result of the project, although it will be a less than significant impact upon implementation of City standards. Exterior lighting on building and in open areas will be shielded or muted by design of fixtures, surrounding buildings and substantial landscaping. The overall impact of additional light and glare will be minimal.</p> <p>No Impacts a. The project will not result in the obstruction of federal, state or locally classified scenic areas, historic properties, community landmarks or formally classified scenic resources, such as a scenic highway, national or state scenic area, or scenic vista. b) The project will not substantially damage scenic resources, including but not limited to trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway. c) The project will not substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings. The project does not also conflict with applicable zoning and other regulations governing scenic quality.</p>				

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<p>2. AGRICULTURE AND FOREST 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 Department of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. In determining whether impacts to forest resources, including timberland, are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to information compiled by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection regarding the state’s inventory of forest land, including the Forest and Range Assessment Project and the Forest Legacy Assessment project; and forest carbon measurement Methodology provided in Forest Protocols adopted by the California Air Resources Board. Would the project:</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 of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?				✓
b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?				✓
c) Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code section 51104(g))?				✓
d) Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?				✓
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?				✓
<p>Discussion The project site is located on land identified as “Urban and Built-Up Land” on the 2016 California Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program map.</p> <p>No Impacts</p> <p>a) The project would not convert prime farmland, unique farmland, or farmland of statewide importance (as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency) to non-agricultural use. The project site is identified as “Urban and Built-Up Land” on the 2016 California Farmland Mapping and</p>				

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<p>Monitoring Program map, which includes land that is occupied by structures with a building density of at least 1 unit to 1.5 acres, or approximately 6 structures to a 10-acre parcel. The project site has been identified for industrial use within the City of Madera General Plan, and the land is not currently being utilized for agricultural purposes.</p> <p>b) The project would not conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use and there are no Williamson Act contracts affecting the subject property.</p> <p>c) The project would not conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land, timberland, or timberland zoned Timberland Production because the project property is not defined as forest land (as defined by Public Resources Code Section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code Section 4526) or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code Section 51104(g)).</p> <p>d) The project would not result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to a non-forest use because the parcel is not defined as forest land (as defined by Public Resources Code Section 12220(g)).</p> <p>e) The project, which will facilitate the development of 34-unit multi-family apartment complex composed of four three story buildings, will not involve other changes in the existing environment, due to the project property's location or nature, that would result in the conversion of Farmland to a non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use.</p>				
<p>3. AIR QUALITY. Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management district or air pollution control district may be relied upon to make the following determinations. Would the project:</p>				
a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?			✓	
b) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard?			✓	
c) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?			✓	
d) Result in other emissions (such as those leading to odors adversely affecting a substantial number of people?			✓	

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<p><u>Discussion</u></p> <p>The project site is located within the San Joaquin Valley Air Basin (SJVAB). Air quality conditions in the SJVAB are regulated by the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD). The region is classified as a State and Federal non-attainment area for PM10 (airborne particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter of less than 10 microns), and ozone (O3).</p> <p>Air quality is determined by the type and amount of contaminants emitted into the atmosphere, the size and topography of the SJVAB, and its meteorological conditions. National and state air quality standards specify the upper limits of concentrations and duration in the ambient air for O3, CO, nitrogen dioxide (NO2), PM10, sulfur dioxide (SO2) and lead (Pb). These are “criteria pollutants.” The SJVAPCD also conducts monitoring for two other state standards: sulfate and visibility.</p> <p>The State of California has designated the project site as being a severe non-attainment area for 1-hour O3, a non-attainment area for PM10, and an attainment area for CO. The EPA has designated the project area as being an extreme non-attainment area for 1-hour O3, a serious non-attainment area for 8-hour O3, a serious non-attainment area for PM10, and a moderate maintenance for CO.</p> <p>The project would not conflict with or obstruct the implementation of applicable Regional Air Quality Control Plans.</p> <p>Similarly, the project will be evaluated to determine required compliance with District Rule 9510, which is intended to mitigate a project’s impact on air quality through project design elements or by payment of applicable off-site mitigation fees. Any applicant subject to District Rule 9510 is required to submit and Air Impact Assessment (AIA) application to the District no later than applying for final discretionary approval, and to pay any applicable off-site mitigation fees before issuance of the first building permit. Demonstration of compliance with District Rule 9510, including payment of all applicable fees before issuance of the first building permit would be made a condition of project approval.</p> <p>Short-term construction impacts on air quality, principally from dust generation, will be mitigated through watering. The project would not create substantial air emissions or deterioration of ambient air quality, and the development will be subject to SJVAPCD review. Construction equipment will produce a small amount of air emissions from internal combustion engines and dust. The project will not violate any air quality standard or substantially contribute to an existing or projected air quality violation. The project will not result in a considerable net increase in non-attainment pollutants in this area. The project will not expose sensitive receptors to any significant amount of pollutants. The project will not create any objectionable odors.</p> <p>The proposed General Plan amendment and rezoning for the project site, and the development of the project site will not create impacts beyond those analyzed and addressed through the General Plan Update and the accompanying environmental impact report. All phases of site development will conform with and incorporate General Plan policies and requirements. All phases of development will</p>				

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similarly conform with and implement regional air quality requirements. No additional analysis is required. Any unique features or project impacts which are identified as specific projects are proposed within the project site will be evaluated and addressed on a project-by-project basis.				
Less than Significant Impacts				
<p>a) According to the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD), the project is subject to some District Rules. The project will not conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan.</p> <p>b) According to the SJVAPCD, the project would have a less than significant impact on air quality when compared to the significance thresholds of the following annual criteria pollutant emissions: 100 tons per year of carbon monoxide (CO), 10 tons per year of oxides in nitrogen (NOx), 10 tons per year of reactive organic gases (ROG), 27 tons per year of oxides of sulfur (SOx), 15 tons per year of particulate matter of 10 microns or less in size (PM10), or 15 tons per year of particulate matter of 2.5 microns or less in size (PM2.5).</p> <p>c) The project would not expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations.</p> <p>d) The development of the project would not result in other emissions, such as those leading to odors adversely affecting a substantial number of people.</p>				
4. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES. Would the project:				
a) Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special-status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?				✓
b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?				✓
c) Have a substantial adverse effect on state or federally protected wetlands (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?				✓
d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or				✓

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wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?				
e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?				✓
f) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?				✓
<p>Discussion</p> <p>With the preparation of the City of Madera General Plan, no threatened or endangered species were identified in the project area. There is no record of special-status species in the project area. Development of the project area is consistent with the urbanization of the Madera area, as evaluated in the General Plan and its EIR; therefore, impacts in this category are not anticipated to exceed the impacts addressed in those documents.</p> <p>The project site is void of any natural features, such as seasonal drainages, riparian or wetland habitat, rock outcroppings, or other native habitat or associated species. Development of the site would not conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, or conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan.</p> <p>No Impacts</p> <p>a) The project would not 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> <p>b) The project would not have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.</p> <p>c) The project would not have a substantial adverse effect on state or federally protected wetlands (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means.</p>				

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<p>d) The project would not 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.</p> <p>e) The project would not conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance.</p> <p>f) The project does not conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan.</p>				
5. CULTURAL RESOURCES. Would the project:				
a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource pursuant to in Section 15064.5?				✓
b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to Section 15064.5?				✓
c) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?				✓
<p>Discussion The project does not have the potential to cause a physical change that would affect unique historic, ethnic, or cultural values. The project would not disturb any archaeological resources. The project would not disturb any unique paleontological or geologic resources. The project would not disturb any human remains. In the event any archaeological resources are discovered during project construction, all activities shall cease and the Community Development Department shall be notified so that the procedures required by State law may be applied.</p> <p>No Impacts</p> <p>a) The project would not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource pursuant to Section 15064.5 because there are no known historical resources located in the affected territory.</p> <p>b) The project would not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to Section 15064.5 because there are no known archaeological resources located in the affected territory.</p> <p>c) The project would not disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries, because there are no known human remains located in the affected territory. When development occurs in the future and if any remains are discovered, the requirements of CEQA that regulate archaeological and historical resources (Public Resources Code Section</p>				

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21083.2 and 21084.1), and all local, state, and federal regulations affecting archaeological and historical resources would be complied with.				
6. ENERGY. Would the project:				
a) Result in potentially significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources, during project construction or operation?			✓	
b) Conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency?				✓
Less than Significant Impacts				
a) The project could utilize inefficient or unnecessary consumption of energy resources during project construction or operation, but because the project will be built to comply with Building Energy Efficiency of the California Building Code (Title 24), the project will not result in potentially significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources during project construction or operation.				
No Impacts				
b) State and local authorities regulate energy use and consumption. These regulations at the state level intended to reduce energy use and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. These include, among others, Assembly Bill (AB) 1493 – Light-Duty Vehicle Standards, California Code of Regulations Title 24, Part 6 – Energy Efficiency Standards, California Code of Regulations Title 24, Part 11 – California Green Building Standards. The project would not conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency.				
7. GEOLOGY AND SOILS. Would the project:				
a) Directly or indirectly cause 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.				✓
ii. Strong seismic ground shaking?				✓
iii. Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?				✓
iv. Landslides?				✓

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b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?				✓
c) Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?				✓
d) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial direct or indirect risks to life or property?				✓
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?				✓
f) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?				✓
<p>Discussion</p> <p>There are no known faults on the project site or in the immediate area. The project site is subject to relatively low seismic hazards compared to many other parts of California. Potential ground shaking produced by earthquakes generated on regional faults lying outside the immediate vicinity in the project area may occur. Due to the distance of the known faults in the region, no significant ground shaking is anticipated on this site. Seismic hazards on the built environment are addressed in The Uniform Building Code that is utilized by the City of Madera Building Division to monitor safe construction within the City limits.</p> <p>No Impacts</p> <p>a)</p> <p>i. The project would not directly or indirectly cause potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury or death involving the 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. No known faults with evidence of historic activity cut through the valley soils in the project vicinity. The major active faults and fault zones occur at some distance to the east, west and south of the project site. Due to the geology of the project area and its distance from active faults, the potential for loss of life, property damage, ground settlement, or liquefaction to occur in the project vicinity is considered minimal.</p>				

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ii.	The project would not directly or indirectly cause potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury or death involving strong seismic ground shaking. Ground shaking generally decreases with distance and increases with the depth of unconsolidated alluvial deposits. The most likely source of potential ground shaking is attributed to the San Andreas, Owens Valley, and the White Wolf faults. Based on this premise and taking into account the distance to the causative faults, the potential for ground motion in the vicinity of the project site is such that a minimal risk can be assigned.			
iii.	The project would not directly or indirectly cause potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury or death involving seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction. Liquefaction describes a phenomenon in which a saturated soil loses strength during an earthquake as a result of induced shearing strains. Lateral and vertical movement of the soil mass combined with loss of bearing usually results. Loose sand, high groundwater conditions (where the water table is less than 30 feet below the surface), higher intensity earthquakes, and particularly long duration of ground shaking are the requisite conditions for liquefaction.			
iv.	The project would not directly or indirectly cause potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury or death involving landslides.			
b)	The project would not result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil. Construction of urban uses would create changes in absorption rates, drainage patterns, and the rate and amount of surface runoff on the selected project site. Standard construction practices that comply with the City of Madera ordinances and regulations, the California Building Code, and professional engineering designs approved by the Madera Engineering Department will mitigate any potential impacts from future urban development, if any.			
c)	The project would not be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable as a result of the project, and not potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse.			
d)	The project would not be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), not creating substantial direct or indirect risks to life or property.			
e)	The project would not 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. The City of Madera would provide necessary sewer and water systems upon project approval.			
f)	The project would not directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature.			

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8. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS. Would the project:				
a) Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?			✓	
b) Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?			✓	
<p>Discussion</p> <p>Climate change is a public health and environmental concern around the world. Globally, temperature, precipitation, sea level, ocean currents, wind patterns, and storm activity are all affected by the presence of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in the atmosphere. Human activity contributes to emissions of six primary GHG gases: carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, hydrofluorocarbons, perfluorocarbons and sulfur hexafluoride. Human-caused emissions of GHGs are linked to climate change.</p> <p>In 2006, the California State Legislature adopted AB32, the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, which aims to reduce GHG emissions in California. GHGs, as defined by AB 32, includes carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, hydrofluorocarbons, perfluorocarbons, and sulfur hexafluoride. AB 32 requires the California Air Resources Board (ARB), the State agency which regulates statewide air quality, to adopt rules and regulations that would achieve GHG emissions equivalent to 1990 statewide levels by 2020.</p> <p>As part of the 2011 City of Madera General Plan update, the Conservation Element includes several goals, policies and programs in the Air Quality, GHG Emissions and Climate Change sections which address and promote practices that meet or exceed all state and federal standards and meet or exceed all current and future state-mandated targets for reducing GHG emissions. The City also requires applicants for all public and private development integrate appropriate methods that reduce GHG emissions consistent with the Energy and Green Building sections of the Conservation Element, General Plan Policy CON-40 through 46.</p> <p>Less than Significant Impacts</p> <p>a) The project would not, by itself, generate significant GHG emissions or contribute to global warming because the new development that is proposed will be required to adhere to local, regional and state regulations.</p> <p>b) The project would not conflict with an applicable plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of GHGs.</p>				
9. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS. Would the project:				

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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?				✓
b) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?				✓
c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within ¼ miles of an existing or proposed school?				✓
d) Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?				✓
e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard or excessive noise for people residing or working in the project area?				✓
f) Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?				✓
g) Expose people or structures, either directly or indirectly, to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires?				✓

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<p>Discussion</p> <p>The project will not create hazards or expose people or property to hazardous conditions. The anticipated development will be consistent with the General Plan and will be delineated with the accompanying site plan.</p> <p>No impacts</p> <p>a) The project would not create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials.</p> <p>b) The project would not 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.</p> <p>c) The project would not emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within ¼ miles of an existing or proposed school.</p> <p>d) The project would not 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, it would not create a significant hazard to the public or the environment.</p> <p>e) The project site is not located within an airport land use plan and would result in a safety hazard or excessive noise for people residing or working in the project area.</p> <p>f) The project would not impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan.</p> <p>g) The project would not expose people or structures, either directly or indirectly, to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildfires.</p>				
10. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY. Would the project:				
a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade surface or ground water quality?				✓
b) Substantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that the project may impede sustainable groundwater management of the basin?				✓
c) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or				✓

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river or through the addition of impervious surfaces, in a manner which would: i. Result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site;				
ii. Substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site;				✓
iii. Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned storm water drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff; or				✓
d) In flood hazard, tsunami or seiche zones, risk release of pollutants due to project inundation?				✓
e) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan?				✓

Discussion

The project would not violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements. There will not be a significant reduction in the amount of groundwater otherwise available for public water supplies as a result of this project. Services will be provided in accordance with the City’s Master Plans. The project would not change any drainage patterns or stream courses, or the source or direction of any water movement. During construction, the project site may be exposed to increased soil erosion from wind and water. Dust control would be used during construction. With completion of the project, the project would not bring about erosion, significant changes in topography or unstable soil conditions.

The project would not expose people or property to water-related hazards. Standard construction practices and compliance with City ordinances and regulations, The Uniform Building Code, and adherence to professional engineering design approved by the Madera Engineering Department would mitigate any potential impacts from this project. This development would be required to comply with all City ordinances and standard practices which will assure that storm water would be adequately drained into the approved storm water system. The project would not create any impacts on water quality.

Based on a review of the City’s FEMA maps, the site is located in Zone X and the project would not place housing or other land uses in a 100-year flood hazard area. These areas are outside of the 500-year flood area. The project would not expose people or structures to a significant risk because of dam or levee failure. The project would not expose people or structures to a significant risk because of a seiche, mudflow, or tsunami.

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<p>a) The project would not violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade surface or ground water quality. The development of the project site will be required to comply with all City of Madera ordinances and standard practices which assure proper grading and storm water drainage into the approved storm water systems. Any development will also be required to comply with all local, state, and federal regulations to prevent any violation of water quality standards or waste discharge requirements.</p> <p>b) The project would not substantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that the project may impede sustainable groundwater management of the basin.</p> <p>c)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The project would not substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river or through the addition of impervious surfaces, in a manner which would not result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site. ii. The project would not substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river or through the addition of impervious surfaces, in a manner which would not substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site. iii. The project would not substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river or through the addition of impervious surfaces, in a manner which would not create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned storm water drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff. <p>d) The project is not located in flood hazard, tsunami or seiche zones and it will not risk release of pollutants due to project inundation.</p> <p>e) The project does not conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan.</p>				
11. LAND USE AND PLANNING. Would the project:				
a) Physically divide an established community?				✓
b) Cause a significant environmental impact due to a conflict with any land use plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the				✓

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purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?				
<p>Discussion</p> <p>The project will not provide conflict with the General Plan and Zoning Ordinance because the General Plan Amendment and the rezone will provide consistency with the proposed 34-unit apartment complex as well as build a bridge between the single-family residential uses to the north and the commercial service/light industrial uses to the south and west.</p> <p>No Impacts</p> <p>a) The project would not physically divide an established neighborhood. The project logically allows development to occur in an orderly manner, adjacent to future urban development.</p> <p>b) The project would not cause a significant environmental impact due to a conflict with any land use plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect.</p>				
12. MINERAL RESOURCES. Would the project:				
a) Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?				✓
b) Result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan, or other land use plan?				✓
<p>No Impacts</p> <p>a) The project would not result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state.</p> <p>b) The project would not 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.</p>				
13. NOISE: Would the project result in:				
a) Generation of a substantial temporary or permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the vicinity of the project in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance or applicable standards of other agencies?				✓
b) Generation of excessive ground borne vibration or ground borne noise levels?				✓
c) For a project located within the vicinity of a private airstrip or an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted,				✓

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within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?				
<p>Discussion</p> <p>These potential impacts were addressed in the General Plan EIR, and goals and mitigation measures were adopted to reduce potential impacts to a less than significant level. Development of the project area is consistent with the urbanization of the Madera area, as evaluated in the General Plan, and its EIR. Use of outdoor leisure areas, particularly those designed for children, will result in the generation of associated noise. The development's design shelters and buffers these areas from adjacent residential properties. Therefore, impacts in this category are not anticipated to exceed the impacts addressed in these documents. Construction activities must comply with applicable noise policies and standards established by the City.</p> <p>No Impacts</p> <p>a) The project would not generate a substantial temporary or permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the vicinity of the project in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance or applicable standards of other agencies.</p> <p>b) The project would not generate excessive ground borne vibration or ground borne noise levels.</p> <p>c) The project site is not located within the vicinity of a private airstrip or an airport land use plan and would not expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels.</p>				
14. POPULATION AND HOUSING. Would the project:				
a) Induce substantial unplanned population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?			✓	
b) Displace substantial numbers of existing people or housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				✓
<p>Discussion</p> <p>The proposed project would not induce additional substantial growth in this area. The project site would not displace any housing. Likewise, the project would not displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere.</p> <p>Less than Significant Impacts</p> <p>a) The project does induce unplanned population growth in the area directly with the construction of thirty-four new dwelling units, but the growth will not be substantial.</p>				

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No Impacts				
b) The project will not displace substantial numbers of existing people or housing which will not necessitate the construction of replacement housing elsewhere.				
15. PUBLIC SERVICES. Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities or need for new or physical altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times, or other performance objectives for any of the public services:				
a) Fire protection?				✓
b) Police protection?				✓
c) Schools?				✓
d) Parks?				✓
e) Other public facilities?				✓
Discussion				
<p>The development of the project site would not result in substantial adverse physical impacts from new or altered public facilities. As development occurs, there would be a resultant increase in job opportunities, and a greater demand placed upon services, such as fire and police protection, and additional park and school facilities. This additional demand is consistent with the demand anticipated in the General Plan and evaluated in the General Plan EIR.</p>				
<p>The project would not bring about the need for new wastewater treatment facilities. The project would not significantly increase the demand on water supplies beyond the levels anticipated in the General Plan and the Water Master Plan. There will not be a significant reduction in the amount of groundwater otherwise available for public water supplies as a result of this project. The project would not increase the need for additional storm water drainage facilities beyond the existing and master planned drainage basin facilities that are planned to serve the project area. The project area would be required to provide additional facilities within the development, and comply with the City's Master Plan, ordinances and standard practices. The project would not bring about a significant increase in the demand for solid waste disposal services and facilities.</p>				
No Impacts				
a) The project would not result in substantial adverse physical impacts to fire protection services.				
b) The project would not result in substantial adverse physical impacts to fire protection services.				
c) The project would not result in substantial adverse physical impacts to school services. The Madera Unified School District levies a school facilities fee to assist defraying the impact of residential development.				
d) The project would not result in substantial adverse physical impacts to park facilities.				

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e) The project would not result in substantial adverse physical impacts on other public facilities.				
16. RECREATION. Would the project:				
a) Increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?			✓	
b) Include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?				✓
<p>Discussion Residential development is consistent with the City of Madera General Plan and Zoning Ordinance. Impacts in this category are not anticipated to exceed the impacts addressed in those documents.</p> <p>Less Than Significant Impact a) The project would cause some increase on the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated. The project will provide open space areas consistent with zone districts open space requirements, which would reduce the impacts to existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities to a less than significant impact.</p> <p>No Impacts b) The project will include the construction of large open space community areas including a playground, covered lounge areas, a tree surrounded by a seat wall and tot lot that would provide for recreational activities, but they will not have an adverse physical effect on the environment.</p>				
17. TRANSPORTATION. Would the project:				
a) Conflict with a program plan, ordinance or policy addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadway, bicycle and pedestrian facilities?				✓
b) Would the project conflict or be inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines section 15064.3, subdivision (b)?				✓
c) Substantially increase hazards due to a geometric design feature (for example, sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (for example, farm equipment)?				✓

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d) Result in inadequate emergency access?				✓
<p>Discussion</p> <p>The project site was included in the General Plan and its accompanying EIR and the potential traffic generated from the eventual development of this land is considered. The goals and policies of the General Plan serve to mitigate traffic impacts that occur as a result of new development.</p> <p>No Impacts</p> <p>a) The project would not conflict with any program plan, ordinance or policy addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadway, bicycle and pedestrian facilities. All pedestrian walkways will be constructed consistent with the City of Madera Engineering Department standards and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.</p> <p>b) The project would not conflict or be inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.3, subdivision (b). The project is not located within one-half mile of an existing major transit stop or along an existing high-quality transit corridor.</p> <p>c) The project would not substantially increase hazards due to a geometric design feature (for example, sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (for example, farm equipment).</p> <p>d) The project would not result in inadequate emergency access.</p>				
18. Tribal Cultural Resources. Would the project:				
<p>Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource, defined in Public Resources Code section 21074 as either a site, feature, place, cultural landscape that is geographically defined in terms of the size and scope of the landscape, sacred place, or object with cultural value to a California Native American tribe, and that is:</p> <p>a) Listed or eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources, or in a local register of historical resources as defined in Public Resources Code section 5020.1(k), or</p>				✓
<p>b) A resource determined by the lead agency, in its discretion and supported by substantial evidence, to be significant pursuant to criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code Section 5024.1. In applying the criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code Section 5024.1, the</p>				✓

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lead agency shall consider the significance of the resource to a California Native American tribe				
No Impacts				
<p>a) The project would not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource, defined in Public Resources Code section 21074 as either a site, feature, place, cultural landscape that is geographically defined in terms of the size and scope of the landscape, sacred place, or object with cultural value to a California Native American tribe, and the project is not listed or eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources, or in a local register of historical resources as defined in Public Resources Code Section 5020.1(k). As described above, no known TCRs have been identified (as defined in Section 21074) within the project area. Therefore, the project would not cause a significant adverse change in the significance of a TCR that is either listed in, or eligible for listing in, the CRHR, or in a local register of historical resources as defined in Public Resources Code section 5020.1(k).</p> <p>b) The project is not a resource determined by the lead agency (City of Madera), in its discretion and supported by substantial evidence, to be significant pursuant to criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code Section 5024.1. The project site is not listed as a historical resource in the California Register of Historical Sources. As described above, no known TCRs have been identified (as defined in Section 21074) within the project area, and no substantial information has been provided to the City to indicate otherwise. Therefore, the project would not cause a significant adverse change, based on substantial evidence, in the significance of a TCR.</p>				
19. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS. Would the project:				
a) Require or result in the relocation or construction of new or expanded water, wastewater treatment or storm water drainage, electric power, natural gas, or telecommunications facilities, the construction or which could cause significant environmental effects?			✓	
b) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project and reasonably foreseeable future development during normal, dry and multiple dry years?				✓
c) Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?				✓

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d) Generate solid waste in excess of State or local standards, or in excess of the capacity of local infrastructure, or otherwise impair the attainment of solid waste reduction goals?				✓
e) Comply with federal, state, and local management and reduction statutes and regulations related to solid waste?				✓

Discussion

The City’s community sewage disposal system would continue to comply with Discharge Permit requirements. The project would not bring about the need for new wastewater treatment facilities. The project would not significantly increase the demand on water supplies, adequate domestic water and fire flows should be available to the property. There would not be a significant reduction in the amount of groundwater otherwise available for public water supplies as a result of this project. The project would not increase the need for additional storm water drainage facilities beyond the existing and master planned drainage basin facilities that are planned to serve the project. The project site would be required to comply with the City’s Master Plan, ordinances and standard practices. The project would not bring about a significant increase in the demand for solid waste disposal services and facilities.

Less than Significant Impacts

a) The project would require the relocation of electric power, natural gas, but the construction would not cause significant environmental effects. The developer will be subject to local and regional requirements for the relocation, expansion and/or installation of any mandatory utility services.

No Impacts

- b) The project would have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project and reasonably foreseeable future development during normal, dry and multiple dry years.
- c) The project would result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project’s projected demand in addition to the provider’s existing commitments.
- d) The project would not generate solid waste in excess of State or local standards, or in excess of the capacity of local infrastructure, or otherwise impair the attainment of solid waste reduction goals.
- e) The project would comply with federal, state, and local management and reduction statutes and regulations related to solid waste.

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

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a) Substantially impair an adopted emergency response and/or emergency evacuation?				✓
b) Due to slope, prevailing winds, and other factors, exacerbate wildfire risks, and thereby expose project occupants to, pollutant concentrations from a wildfire or the uncontrolled spread of a wildfire?				✓
c) Require the installation or maintenance of associated infrastructure (such as roads, fuel breaks, emergency water sources, power lines or other utilities) that may exacerbate fire risk or that may result in temporary or ongoing impacts to the environment?				✓
d) Expose people or structures to significant risks, including downslope or downstream flooding or landslides, as a result of runoff, post-fire slope instability, or drainage changes?				✓
<p>Discussion</p> <p>The project site is not located in or near state responsibility areas or lands classified as very high fire hazard severity zones. The project will be developed consistent with all regulations of the California Fire Code and would provide no impact to wildfire hazards.</p> <p>No Impacts</p> <p>a) The project would not substantially impair an adopted emergency response and/or emergency evacuation.</p> <p>b) The project would not, due to slope, prevailing winds, and other factors, exacerbate wildfire risks, and thereby expose project occupants to pollutant concentrations from a wildfire or the uncontrolled spread of a wildfire.</p> <p>c) The project would not require the installation or maintenance of roads and will not exacerbate fire risk or result in temporary or ongoing impacts to the environment as the project is also not located in or near state responsibility areas or lands classified as very high fire hazard severity zones.</p> <p>d) The project would not expose people or structures to significant risks, including downslope or downstream flooding or landslides, as a result of runoff, post-fire slope instability, or drainage changes.</p>				

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21. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE. Would the project:				
e) Have the potential to substantially degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, substantially reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?				✓
f) Have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of the past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects.)				✓
g) Have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?				✓
<p>Discussion</p> <p>Based upon staff analysis and comments from experts, it has been determined that the proposed project could generate some limited adverse impacts in the areas of Aesthetics, Air Quality, Energy, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Population and Housing, Recreation and Utilities and Service Systems.</p> <p>The potential impacts identified in this Initial Study are considered to be less than significant since they will cease upon completion of construction or do not exceed a threshold of significance. Therefore, a Negative Declaration is the appropriate level of documentation for this project.</p>				

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<p>No Impacts</p> <p>a) The project would not have the potential to substantially degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, substantially reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory.</p> <p>b) The project would not have cumulatively considerable impacts that are beyond less than significant.</p> <p>c) The project would not have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly.</p>				