

PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA

CHAIRPERSON:
Chris Gomez



VICE CHAIRPERSON:
Marvin Hansen

COMMISSIONERS: Mary Beatie, Adam Peck, Marvin Hansen, Chris Gomez

MONDAY, JULY 12, 2021

VISALIA CONVENTION CENTER

LOCATED AT 303 E. ACEQUIA AVE. VISALIA, CA

MEETING TIME: 7:00 PM

Citizens may appear at the Planning Commission meeting in person and will be asked to maintain appropriate, physical distancing from others and wear a mask or face shield pursuant to the Governor's Executive Orders and public health guidance during the COVID-19 situation.

1. CALL TO ORDER –
2. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE –
3. SWEARING IN OF NEW COMMISSIONERS –
 - Chris Gomez
 - Chris Tavarez
4. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR –
5. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS – This is the time for citizens to comment on subject matters that are not on the agenda but are within the jurisdiction of the Visalia Planning Commission. You may provide comments to the Planning Commission at this time, but the Planning Commission may only legally discuss those items already on tonight's agenda.

The Commission requests that a five (5) minute time limit be observed for Citizen Comments. You will be notified when your five minutes have expired.
6. CHANGES OR COMMENTS TO THE AGENDA –
7. CONSENT CALENDAR – All items under the consent calendar are to be considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. For any discussion of an item on the consent calendar, it will be removed at the request of the Commission and made a part of the regular agenda.
 - No items on the consent calendar
8. PUBLIC HEARING – Paul Bernal, City Planner
Candelas II Tentative Subdivision Map No. 5579: A request by Lennar Homes of California to subdivide 16.35-acres into a 59-lot single-family residential subdivision with four out lots to be used for landscape and lighting district lots and a 3.95-acre Remainder in the R-1-5 (Single-Family Residential 5,000 square foot minimum site area) zone. The project site is

located on the southwest corner of East Tulare Avenue and South Vista Street (APNs: 101-050-043 and 101-050-044). An Initial Study was prepared for this project, consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), which disclosed that environmental impacts are determined to be not significant and that Negative Declaration No. 2021-15 be adopted.

9. PUBLIC HEARING – Brandon Smith, Principal Planner
General Plan Amendment No. 2021-01: A request by the City of Visalia to amend language to General Plan Land Use Policy LU-P-34, removing a requirement for the establishment of an agricultural mitigation program associated with the conversion of certain farmlands in Growth Tiers II and III. The project applies city wide to properties within the Urban Growth Boundary established by the Visalia 2030 General Plan. An Addendum to the City of Visalia 2030 General Plan Environmental Impact Report (SCH No. 2010041078), in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA; Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.) and the State CEQA Guidelines (CEQA Guidelines; California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, Section 15000, et seq.), has been prepared to address the environmental effects of General Plan Amendment No. 2021-01.

10. CITY PLANNER / PLANNING COMMISSION DISCUSSION –

- a. Next Planning Commission Meeting is Monday, July 26, 2021.

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

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

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

APPEAL PROCEDURE

THE LAST DAY TO FILE AN APPEAL IS THURSDAY, JULY 22, 2021 BEFORE 5 PM

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

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 26, 2021

REPORT TO CITY OF VISALIA PLANNING COMMISSION



HEARING DATE: July 12, 2021

PROJECT PLANNER: Paul Bernal, City Planner
Phone No.: (559) 713-4025
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SUBJECT: **Candelas II Tentative Subdivision Map No. 5579** a request by Lennar Homes of California to subdivide 16.35-acres into a 59-lot single-family residential subdivision with four out lots to be used for landscape and lighting district lots and a 3.95-acre Remainder in the R-1-5 (Single-Family Residential 5,000 square foot minimum site area) zone. The project site is located on the southwest corner of East Tulare Avenue and South Vista Street (APNs: 101-050-043 and 101-050-044).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the Candelas II Tentative Subdivision Map No. 5579, as conditioned, based on the findings and conditions in Resolution No. 2021-18. Staff's recommendation is based on the conclusion that the request is consistent with the Visalia General Plan, Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances.

RECOMMENDED MOTION

I move to approve Candelas II Tentative Subdivision Map No. 5579, based on the findings and conditions in Resolution No. 2021-18.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The applicant, Lennar Homes of California, has filed Candelas II Tentative Subdivision Map No. 5579 (see Exhibit "A"). The tentative subdivision map is a request to subdivide 16.35-acres of R-1-5 (Single-family Residential 5,000 square foot minimum site area) zoned property into a 59-lot single-family residential subdivision with four out lots to be used for landscape and lighting district lots and a 3.95-acre "Remainder". Pursuant to Section 66424.6 of the Subdivision Map Act, the subdivider (i.e., applicant) may designate as a "remainder" that portion of land which is not to be subdivided for the purpose of sale, lease, or financing. The subdivision will be developed at a density of 3.60 dwelling units per acre.

Primary access to the subdivision will be from Tulare Avenue, a collector street, and Vista Street, a local street. Both streets will be improved to their ultimate right-of-way width within the boundaries of the subdivision map. The project will also include the construction of 60-foot wide local streets within the subdivision, including Vista Street. Frontage improvements along Tulare Avenue will include construction of curb, gutter, sidewalk, roadway pavement, installation of landscaping, and a block wall. The remainder, which is not a part of the map, fronts South Lovers Lane and will not be improved with frontage improvements.

The lots established by the subdivision will meet the R-1-5 zoning designation standards, including minimum setbacks and site area. The lot sizes proposed with this subdivision are between ±5,500 square feet to ±11,575 square feet (see Exhibit "A").

The setbacks for the R-1-5 zone are as follows:

Minimum Lot Area	Front	Side	Street Side	Rear
5,000 sq. ft.	15-ft. to habitable space. 22-ft. to garage	5-ft.	10-ft.	25-ft.

The subdivision map's four lettered lots will be created for Landscaping and Lighting District (LLD) purposes. All of the LLD lots will contain landscaping and six-foot tall block walls along the Tulare Avenue and Vista Street frontages, extending around to the street sides of all corner lots or side-on lots.

The 16.35-acre site is planted with an active orchard and is surrounded by residential and office development including an approximately 3.5-acre neighborhood park (i.e., Kiwanis Park). The remainder lot created by the tentative subdivision map is developed with two single-family residential homes and a large accessory structure. The homes and structures will remain as they are not a part of the subdivision project site.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

General Plan Land Use Designation:	Residential Low Density
Zoning:	R-1-5 (Single-family Residential, 5,000 square foot minimum lot size)
Surrounding Zoning and Land Use:	North: Tulare Ave. & P-A (Professional Admin. Office / Tulare Avenue and vacant site that was approved for the development of 32 multi-family units South: R-1-5 / Vacant property East: Vista St. & Park / Vista St (local street) and Kiwanis Park West: Lovers Lane / 4 lane divided arterial roadway
Environmental Review:	Initial Study / Negative Declaration No. 2021-15
Special Districts:	None
Site Plan Review:	SPR No. 2020-194

RELATED PLANS & POLICIES

Please see attached summary of related plans and policies.

RELATED PROJECTS

A portion of the 16.35-acre site (1.25-acres) is owned by the City of Visalia. Conditional Use Permit No. 2020-15 approved by the Planning Commission at their June 22, 2020 meeting authorized the development of a new 6,844 square foot Fire Station (Fire Station 56) and related infrastructure on the site. However, the City of Visalia has since decided to sell the 1.25-acre parcel to Lennar Homes because the City has found another site in the immediate area that better suits the Fire Department's needs for a new fire station in the southeast quadrant of Visalia.

PROJECT EVALUATION

Staff recommends approval of Candelas II Tentative Subdivision Map No. 5579 based on the project's consistency with the Land Use Element of the General Plan and the Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances. The following potential issue areas have been analyzed for the proposed project.

General Plan Consistency

The proposed 59-lot single-family residential subdivision on 16.35-acres is compatible with existing residential development surrounding the site. The project is consistent with Land Use Policy LU-P-19 of the 2014 General Plan, which states "ensure that growth occurs in a compact and concentric fashion by implementing the General Plan's phased growth strategy." Existing utility infrastructure (i.e., sewer, storm and water) can be extended from nearby urban development to accommodate the project at buildout.

The project is also consistent with Policy LU-P-34. The conversion of the site from an agrarian use to urban residential development does not require mitigation to offset the loss of prime farmland as stated in Policy LU-P-34. The policy states: *"the mitigation program shall specifically allow exemptions for conversion of agricultural lands in Tier I."*

Compatibility with the surrounding area is required by the General Plan in the decision to approve the proposed subdivision. The proposed 59-lot single-family subdivision will be developed at a gross density of 3.60 units per acre, which is within the Low Density Residential land use designation's range of 2 to 10 units per gross acre. The proposed Candelas II Tentative Subdivision Map meets all the codified standards contained in the Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances, as well as all General Plan policies pertaining to residential development. Staff finds that the proposed tentative subdivision map is compatible with the surrounding area and the Low Density Residential land use designation.

Tulare Avenue Street Improvements and Local Street Connectivity

The developer of the subdivision will be required to construct street improvements along East Tulare Avenue. Tulare Avenue is a designated 84-foot wide collector street. Improvements along this roadway within the boundaries of the subdivision map include completion of street paving along the southerly frontage, a Class II bike lane, curb, gutter, sidewalks, streetlights, block wall and landscaping. The landscaping frontage along Tulare Avenue is required to be dedicated to a Landscape and Lighting District which will be formed with the subdivision map. These Landscape and Lighting District lots are identified as Outlots "A", "B", "C" and "D" of the Candelas II tentative subdivision map (see Exhibit "A").

Local Street Connectivity: The 59-lot Candelas II subdivision is designed to comply with the City's Engineering Improvement Standards "P-15 – Super Block Connectivity". This improvement standard provides for access via the local street connectivity pattern within a superblock thereby reducing trips onto arterial and collector streets. The superblock connectivity design allows for through movement and good connections between and within neighborhoods. The on-site circulation proposed within the 59-lot subdivision includes a street stub to facilitate the full buildout of Vista Street, which will provide local street connectivity with future development south of the project site (see Exhibit "A"). No connectivity is provided to the west of the subdivision since the parcels located between Lovers Lane and the subdivision consist of Professional Administrative Office and Multi-family Residential.

Development Standards

The proposed subdivision's lots will utilize standard single-family residential standards for lot size and setbacks. The lots will be required to meet R-1-5 zone setback standards, described in further detail in Zoning Ordinance Chapter 17.12 (see attached Related Plans and Policies).

Landscape and Lighting Assessment District and Block Walls

A Landscaping and Lighting District (LLD) will be required for the long-term maintenance of the out lots (Lots A through D), which include blocks walls, landscaping and streets lights as noted on Exhibit "A".

The block walls along the major street frontages will be typical City standard 6-foot, 8-inch block walls. The block wall height shall be reduced to three feet where the block wall runs adjacent to the front yard setback along the front yard areas of the adjoining residential lots (i.e., Lots 1, 23, 32, 33, 50, and 51). The three-foot transition areas can be found between the corner residential lots and the local streets heading into the subdivision. Staff has included Condition No. 4 to require the stepped down walls.

Infrastructure

Water Service: Staff received correspondence (Exhibit "B", attached herein) from the California Water Service Company (Cal Water), indicating that Cal Water agrees to operate the water system and provide service in accordance with the rules and regulations of the California Public Utilities Commission. The determination of water availability shall remain valid for two years from the date of their letter, June 21, 2021. The letter also states that if the project does not commence within the two-year time frame, Cal Water will be under no obligation to serve the project site unless the developer receives an updated letter from Cal Water reconfirming water availability. In addition, the letter can be rescinded at any time in the event that water supply is severely reduced by legislative, regulatory or environmental factors.

Staff has included Condition No. 5 that requires the developer to obtain a valid Will Serve letter from the California Water Service Company if, prior to development of the subdivision, the determination of water availability letter lapses.

Sanitary Sewer: The subdivision will have sanitary sewer flows directed into the City's sewer system. There is a major sewer line stubbed in Tulare Avenue west of the project site. Upon development of the subdivision, sewer lines will be extended throughout the subdivision.

Storm Drainage: The subdivision will have storm-water flows directed into the City's storm drain system.

Subdivision Map Act Findings

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

Staff has reviewed the seven findings for a cause of denial and finds that none of the findings can be made for the proposed project. The seven findings and staff’s analysis are below. Recommended findings in response to this Government Code section are included in the recommended findings for the approval of the tentative subdivision map.

<u>GC Section 66474 Finding</u>	<u>Analysis</u>
(a) That the proposed map is not consistent with applicable general and specific plans as specified in Section 65451.	The proposed map has been found to be consistent with the City’s General Plan. This is included as recommended Finding No. 1 of the Tentative Subdivision Map. There are no specific plans applicable to the proposed map.
(b) That the design or improvement of the proposed subdivision is not consistent with applicable general and specific plans.	The proposed design and improvement of the map has been found to be consistent with the City’s General Plan. This is included as recommended Finding No. 1 of the Tentative Subdivision Map. There are no specific plans applicable to the proposed map.
(c) That the site is not physically suitable for the type of development.	The site is physically suitable for the proposed map and its affiliated development plan, which is designated as Low Density Residential and developed at a density of 3.60 units per acre. This is included as recommended Finding No. 3 of the Tentative Subdivision Map.
(d) That the site is not physically suitable for the proposed density of development.	The site is physically suitable for the proposed map and its affiliated development plan, which is designated as Low Density Residential. This is included as recommended Finding No. 4 of the Tentative Subdivision Map.
(e) That the design of the subdivision or the proposed improvements are likely to cause substantial environmental damage or substantially and avoidably injure fish or wildlife or their habitat.	The proposed design and improvement of the map has been found not likely to cause environmental damage or substantially and avoidably injure fish or wildlife or their habitat. This finding is further supported by the project’s determination of no new effects under the Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), included as recommended Finding No. 6 of the Tentative Subdivision Map.

(f) That the design of the subdivision or type of improvements is likely to cause serious public health problems.	The proposed design of the map has been found to not cause serious public health problems. This is included as recommended Finding No. 2 of the Tentative Subdivision Map.
(g) That the design of the subdivision or the type of improvements will conflict with easements, acquired by the public at large, for access through or use of property within the proposed subdivision.	The proposed design of the map does not conflict with any existing or proposed easements located on or adjacent to the subject property. This is included as recommended Finding No. 5 of the Tentative Subdivision Map.

Environmental Review

An Initial Study and Negative Declaration were prepared for the proposed project. Initial Study and Negative Declaration No. 2021-15 disclosed that environmental impacts are determined to be not significant. Staff concludes that Initial Study and Negative Declaration No. 2021-15 adequately analyzes and addresses the proposed project and reduces environmental impacts to a less than significant level.

RECOMMENDED FINDINGS

1. That the proposed location and layout of the Candelas II Tentative Subdivision Map No. 5579, its improvement and design, and the conditions under which it will be maintained is consistent with the policies and intent of the General Plan and Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance. The 16.35-acre project site, which is the site of the proposed 59-lot single-family residential subdivision, is consistent with Land Use Policy LU-P-19 of the General Plan. Policy LU-P-19 states “ensure that growth occurs in a compact and concentric fashion by implementing the General Plan’s phased growth strategy.”
2. That the proposed Candelas II Tentative Subdivision Map No. 5579, its improvement and design, and the conditions under which it will be maintained will not be detrimental to the public health, safety, or welfare, nor materially injurious to properties or improvements in the vicinity, nor is it likely to cause serious public health problems. The proposed tentative subdivision map will be compatible with adjacent land uses. The project site is bordered by existing residential development and two major streets.
3. That the site is physically suitable for the proposed tentative subdivision map. The Candelas II Tentative Subdivision Map No. 5579 is consistent with the intent of the General Plan and Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance, and is not detrimental to the public health, safety, or welfare or materially injurious to properties or improvements in the vicinity. The project site is adjacent to land zoned for residential development, and the subdivision establishes a local street pattern that will serve the subject site and the future development of vacant parcels located to the south of the subject site.
4. That the site is physically suitable for the proposed tentative subdivision map and the project’s density, which is consistent with the underlying Low Density Residential General Plan Land Use Designation. The proposed location and layout of the Candelas II Tentative Subdivision Map No. 5579, its improvement and design, and the conditions under which it will be maintained is consistent with the policies and intent of the General Plan and Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance. The 16.35-acre project site, which is the site of the proposed 59-lot single-family residential subdivision, is consistent with Land Use Policy LU-P-19 of the General Plan. Policy LU-P-19 states “ensure that growth occurs in a compact and concentric fashion by implementing the General Plan’s phased growth strategy.”

5. That the proposed Candelas II Tentative Subdivision Map No. 5579, the design of the subdivision and the type of improvements will not conflict with easements, acquired by the public at large, for access through or use of, property within the proposed subdivision. The 59-lot subdivision is designed to comply with the City's Engineering Improvement Standards. The development of the site with a 59-lot single-family residential subdivision would extend local streets, infrastructure improvements, utilities, right-of-way improvements and a residential lot pattern consistent with existing residential development found in the surrounding area. The project will include the construction of local streets within the subdivision, connection to Vista Street to the east and frontage street improvements along Tulare Avenue.
6. That an Initial Study was prepared for this project, consistent with CEQA, which disclosed that environmental impacts are determined to be not significant and that Negative Declaration No. 2021-15, is hereby adopted. Furthermore, the design of the subdivision or the proposed improvements is not likely to neither cause substantial environmental damage nor substantially and avoidably injure fish or wildlife or their habitat.

RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS

1. That the subdivision map be developed in substantial compliance with the comments and conditions of the Site Plan Review Committee as set forth under Site Plan Review No. 2020-194, incorporated herein by reference.
2. That the Candelas II Tentative Subdivision Map No. 5579 be prepared in substantial compliance with the subdivision map in Exhibit "A".
3. That the setbacks for the single-family residential lots shall comply with the R-1-5 (Single-Family Residential 5,000 sq. ft. min. site area) zone district standards for the front, side, street side yard, and rear yard setbacks.
4. That the block walls located within the Landscape and Lighting District lots shall transition to three-foot height within the 15-foot front yard setback areas of the adjoining residential identified as Lots 1, 23, 32, 33, 50, and 51 of the Candelas II Tentative Subdivision Map No. 5579 (Exhibit "A").
5. That if, prior to development of the subdivision, the determination of water availability letter lapses, then the applicant/developer shall obtain and provide the City with a valid Will Serve letter from the California Water Service Company.
6. That all applicable federal, state, regional, and city policies and ordinances be met.

APPEAL INFORMATION

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

Attachments:

- Related Plans and Policies
- Resolution No. 2021-18 – Candelas II Tentative Subdivision Map No. 5579
- Exhibit "A" – Candelas II Tentative Subdivision Map No. 5579
- Exhibit "B" – California Water Service Company Will Serve Letter
- Initial Study / Negative Declaration No. 2021-15
- Site Plan Review Item No. 2020-194 Comments
- General Plan Land Use Map
- Zoning Map
- Aerial Map
- Location Map

RELATED PLANS AND POLICIES

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

General Plan Land Use Policies:

- LU-P-19:** Ensure that growth occurs in a compact and concentric fashion by implementing the General Plan's phased growth strategy. The General Plan Land Use Diagram establishes three growth rings to accommodate estimated City population for the years 2020 and 2030. The Urban Development Boundary I (UDB I) shares its boundaries with the 2012 city limits. The Urban Development Boundary II (UDB II) defines the urbanizable area within which a full range of urban services will need to be extended in the first phase of anticipated growth with a target buildout population of 178,000. The Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) defines full buildout of the General Plan with a target buildout population of 210,000. Each growth ring enables the City to expand in all four quadrants, reinforcing a concentric growth pattern.
- LU-P-20:** Allow annexation and development of residential, commercial, and industrial land to occur within the "Tier I" Urban Development Boundary (UDB) at any time, consistent with the City's Land Use Diagram.
- LU-P-45** Promote development of vacant, underdeveloped, and/or redevelopable land within the City limits where urban services are available and adopt a bonus/incentive program to promote and facilitate infill development in order to reduce the need for annexation and conversion of prime agricultural land and achieve the objectives of compact development established in this General Plan.
- LU-P-46** Adopt and implement an incentive program for residential infill development of existing vacant lots and underutilized sites within the City limits as a strategy to help to meet the future growth needs of the community.

Zoning Ordinance Chapter for R-1 Zone

Chapter 17.12

R-1 SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONE

17.12.010 Purpose and intent.

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

17.12.015 Applicability.

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

17.12.020 Permitted uses.

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

- A. One-family dwellings;
- B. Raising of fruit and nut trees, vegetables and horticultural specialties;
- C. Accessory structures located on the same site with a permitted use including private garages and carports, one guest house, storehouses, garden structures, green houses, recreation room and hobby shops;

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

17.12.030 Accessory uses.

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

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

17.12.040 Conditional uses.

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

- A. Planned development subject to the provisions of Chapter 17.26;
- B. Public and quasi-public uses of an educational or religious type including public and parochial elementary schools, junior high schools, high schools and colleges; nursery schools, licensed day care facilities for more than fourteen (14) children; churches, parsonages and other religious institutions;
- C. Public and private charitable institutions, general hospitals, sanitariums, nursing and convalescent homes; not including specialized hospitals, sanitariums, or nursing, rest and convalescent homes including care for acute psychiatric, drug addiction or alcoholism cases;

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

17.12.050 Site area.

The minimum site area shall be as follows:

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

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

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

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

17.12.060 One dwelling unit per site.

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

17.12.070 Replacement and expansion of legally existing multiple family units.

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

- A. A site plan review permit as provided in Chapter 17.28 is required for all expansions or replacements.
- B. Replacement/expansion of unit(s) shall be designed and constructed in an architectural style compatible with the existing single-family units in the neighborhood. Review of elevations for replacement/expansion shall occur through the site plan review process. Appeals to architectural requirements of the site plan review committee shall be subject to the appeals process set forth in Chapter 17.28.050.
- C. Setbacks and related development standards shall be consistent with existing single-family units in the neighborhood.
- D. Parking requirements set forth in Section 17.34.020 and landscaping requirements shall meet current city standards and shall apply to the entire site(s), not just the replacement unit(s) or expanded area, which may result in the reduction of the number of units on the site.
- E. The number of multiple family units on the site shall not be increased.
- F. All rights established under Sections 17.12.020 and 17.12.070 shall be null and void one hundred eighty (180) days after the date that the unit(s) are destroyed (or rendered uninhabitable), unless a building permit has been obtained and diligent pursuit of construction has commenced. The approval of a site plan review permit does not constitute compliance with this requirement.

17.12.080 Front yard.

A. The minimum front yard shall be as follows:

Zone	Minimum Front Yard
R-1-5	Fifteen (15) feet for living space and side-loading garages and twenty-two (22) feet for front-loading garages or other parking facilities, such as, but not limited to, carports, shade canopies, or porte cochere. A Porte Cochere with less than twenty-two (22) feet of setback from property line shall not be counted as covered parking, and garages on such sites shall not be the subject of a garage conversion.
R-1-12.5	Thirty (30) feet
R-1-20	Thirty-five (35) feet

- B. On a site situated between sites improved with buildings, the minimum front yard may be the average depth of the front yards on the improved site adjoining the side lines of the site but need not exceed the minimum front yard specified above.
- C. On cul-de-sac and knuckle lots with a front lot line of which all or a portion is curvilinear, the front yard setback shall be no less than fifteen (15) feet for living space and side-loading garages and twenty (20) feet for front-loading garages.

17.12.090 Side yards.

- A. The minimum side yard shall be five feet in the R-1-5 and R-1-12.5 zone subject to the exception that on the street side of a corner lot the side yard shall be not less than ten feet and twenty-two (22) feet for front loading garages or other parking facilities, such as, but not limited to, carports, shade canopies, or porte cocheres.
- B. The minimum side yard shall be ten feet in the R-1-20 zone subject to the exception that on the street side of a corner lot the side yard shall be not less than twenty (20) feet.
- C. On a reversed corner lot the side yard adjoining the street shall be not less than ten feet.
- D. On corner lots, all front-loading garage doors shall be a minimum of twenty-two (22) feet from the nearest public improvement or sidewalk.

E. Side yard requirements may be zero feet on one side of a lot if two or more consecutive lots are approved for a zero lot line development by the site plan review committee.

F. The placement of any mechanical equipment, including but not limited to, pool/spa equipment and evaporative coolers shall not be permitted in the five-foot side yard within the buildable area of the lot, or within five feet of rear/side property lines that are adjacent to the required side yard on adjoining lots. This provision shall not apply to street side yards on corner lots, nor shall it prohibit the surface mounting of utility meters and/or the placement of fixtures and utility lines as approved by the building and planning divisions.

17.12.100 Rear yard.

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

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

17.12.110 Height of structures.

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

17.12.120 Off-street parking.

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

17.12.130 Fences, walls and hedges.

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

RESOLUTION NO 2021-18

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF VISALIA APPROVING CANDELAS II TENTATIVE SUBDIVISION MAP NO. 5579, A REQUEST BY LENNAR HOMES OF CALIFORNIA TO SUBDIVIDE 16.35-ACRES INTO A 59-LOT SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION WITH FOUR OUT LOTS TO BE USED FOR LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING DISTRICT LOTS AND A 3.95-ACRE REMAINDER IN THE R-1-5 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL 5,000 SQUARE FOOT MINIMUM SITE AREA) ZONE. THE PROJECT SITE IS LOCATED ON THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF EAST TULARE AVENUE AND SOUTH VISTA STREET
(APNS: 101-050-043 AND 101-050-044)

WHEREAS, Candelas II Tentative Subdivision Map No. 5579 is a request by Lennar Homes of California to subdivide 16.35-acres into a 59-lot single-family residential subdivision with four out lots to be used for landscape and lighting district lots and a 3.95-acre Remainder in the R-1-5 (Single-Family Residential 5,000 square foot minimum site area) zone. The project site is located on the southwest corner of East Tulare Avenue and South Vista Street (APNs: 101-050-043 and 101-050-044); and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Visalia, after duly published notice, held a public hearing before said Commission on July 12, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Visalia finds the Candelas II Tentative Subdivision Map No. 5579 in accordance with Chapter 16.16 of the Subdivision Ordinance of the City of Visalia, based on the evidence contained in the staff report and testimony presented at the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, an Initial Study was prepared which disclosed that no significant environmental impacts would result from this project; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission finds that Initial Study No. 2021-15 has identified the proposed project has no new effects that could occur that have not been addressed within the scope of the Program Environmental Impact Report (SCH No. 2010041078). The Environmental Impact Report prepared for the City of Visalia General Plan was certified by Resolution No. 2014-37, adopted on October 14, 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Planning Commission hereby adopts Negative Declaration No. 2021-15 for Candelas II Tentative Subdivision Map No. 5579 that was prepared consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act and City of Visalia Environmental Guidelines.

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

1. That the proposed location and layout of the Candelas II Tentative Subdivision Map No. 5579, its improvement and design, and the conditions under which it will be maintained is consistent with the policies and intent of the General Plan and Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance. The 16.35-acre project site, which is the site of the proposed 59-lot single-family residential subdivision, is consistent with Land Use Policy LU-P-19 of the General Plan. Policy LU-P-19 states “ensure that growth occurs in a compact and concentric fashion by implementing the General Plan’s phased growth strategy.”
2. That the proposed Candelas II Tentative Subdivision Map No. 5579, its improvement and design, and the conditions under which it will be maintained will not be detrimental to the public health, safety, or welfare, nor materially injurious to properties or improvements in the vicinity, nor is it likely to cause serious public health problems. The proposed tentative subdivision map will be compatible with adjacent land uses. The project site is surrounded by existing residential development and one major street to the north.
3. That the site is physically suitable for the proposed tentative subdivision map. The Candelas II Tentative Subdivision Map No. 5579 is consistent with the intent of the General Plan and Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance, and is not detrimental to the public health, safety, or welfare or materially injurious to properties or improvements in the vicinity. The project site is adjacent to land zoned for residential development, and the subdivision establishes a local street pattern that will serve the subject site and the future development of vacant parcels located to the west of the subject site.
4. That the site is physically suitable for the proposed tentative subdivision map and the project’s density, which is consistent with the underlying Low Density Residential General Plan Land Use Designation. The proposed location and layout of the Candelas II Tentative Subdivision Map No. 5579, its improvement and design, and the conditions under which it will be maintained is consistent with the policies and intent of the General Plan and Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance. The 16.35-acre project site, which is the site of the proposed 59-lot single-family residential subdivision, is consistent with Land Use Policy LU-P-19 of the General Plan. Policy LU-P-19 states “ensure that growth occurs in a compact and concentric fashion by implementing the General Plan’s phased growth strategy.”
5. That the proposed Candelas II Tentative Subdivision Map No. 5579, the design of the subdivision and the type of improvements will not conflict with easements, acquired by the public at large, for access through or use of, property within the proposed subdivision. The 59-lot subdivision is designed to comply with the City’s Engineering Improvement Standards. The development of the site with a 59-lot single-family residential subdivision would extend local streets, infrastructure improvements, utilities, right-of-way improvements and a residential lot pattern consistent with existing residential development found in the surrounding area. The project will include the construction of local streets within the subdivision, and frontage street improvements along both East Tulare Avenue and South Vista Street.

6. That an Initial Study was prepared for this project, consistent with CEQA, which disclosed that environmental impacts are determined to be not significant and that Negative Declaration No. 2021-15, is hereby adopted. Furthermore, the design of the subdivision or the proposed improvements is not likely to neither cause substantial environmental damage nor substantially and avoidably injure fish or wildlife or their habitat.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Planning Commission hereby approves the tentative subdivision map on the real property herein above described in accordance with the terms of this resolution under the provisions of Section 16.16.030 of the Ordinance Code of the City of Visalia, subject to the following conditions:

1. That the subdivision map be developed in substantial compliance with the comments and conditions of the Site Plan Review Committee as set forth under Site Plan Review No. 2020-194, incorporated herein by reference.
2. That the Candelas II Tentative Subdivision Map No. 5579 be prepared in substantial compliance with the subdivision map in Exhibit "A".
3. That the setbacks for the single-family residential lots shall comply with the R-1-5 (Single-Family Residential 5,000 sq. ft. min. site area) zone district standards for the front, side, street side yard, and rear yard setbacks.
4. That the block walls located within the Landscape and Lighting District lots shall transition to three-foot height within the 15-foot front yard setback areas of the adjoining residential identified as Lots 1, 23, 32, 33, 50, and 51 of the Candelas II Tentative Subdivision Map No. 5579 (Exhibit "A").
5. That if, prior to development of the subdivision, the determination of water availability letter lapses, then the applicant/developer shall obtain and provide the City with a valid Will Serve letter from the California Water Service Company.
6. That all applicable federal, state, regional, and city policies and ordinances be met.

MARCH 19, 2021

LENNAR - TULARE AVE TENTATIVE SUBDIVISION MAP

RECORDS DIVISION OF A PORTION OF THE 1/4 SECTION 15, T18N, R16E, S14E, RANGE 16E, T18N, R16E, S14E, IN THE CITY OF VISALIA, COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

LEGEND

- APN: 101-050-043 & 44
- ACREAGE: 16.35
- PROPOSED LOTS: 302
- FLOOD ZONE: R-1.5
- EXISTING ZONING: R-1.5
- PROPOSED ZONING: LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL
- GENERAL PLAN: SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON
- ELECTRICITY: CAL WATER
- ZONING: AT&T (TBD)
- TELEPHONE: CITY OF VISALIA
- REFUSE: SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS
- NATURAL GAS: SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS
- SEWER: SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS
- PROPOSED USE: LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL
- PROPOSED MAINTENANCE: CITY OF VISALIA
- NET ACREAGE: 12.41 AC 59 UNITS 4.75 DU/AC

TYPICAL LOT SIZES:
5,000 SF 59 UNITS

UTILITIES:

STORM WATER CONNECTION LOCATED IN TULARE AVE
SEWER CONNECTION LOCATED IN TULARE AVE 8" SS PIPELINE
WATER: 12" WATER TIE INTO EXISTING WATER LINE IN TULARE AVE
LOT A-D DEDICATED TO CITY OF VISALIA LLD



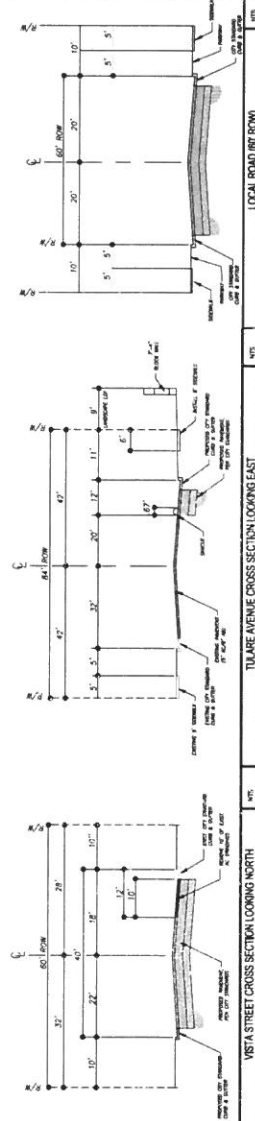
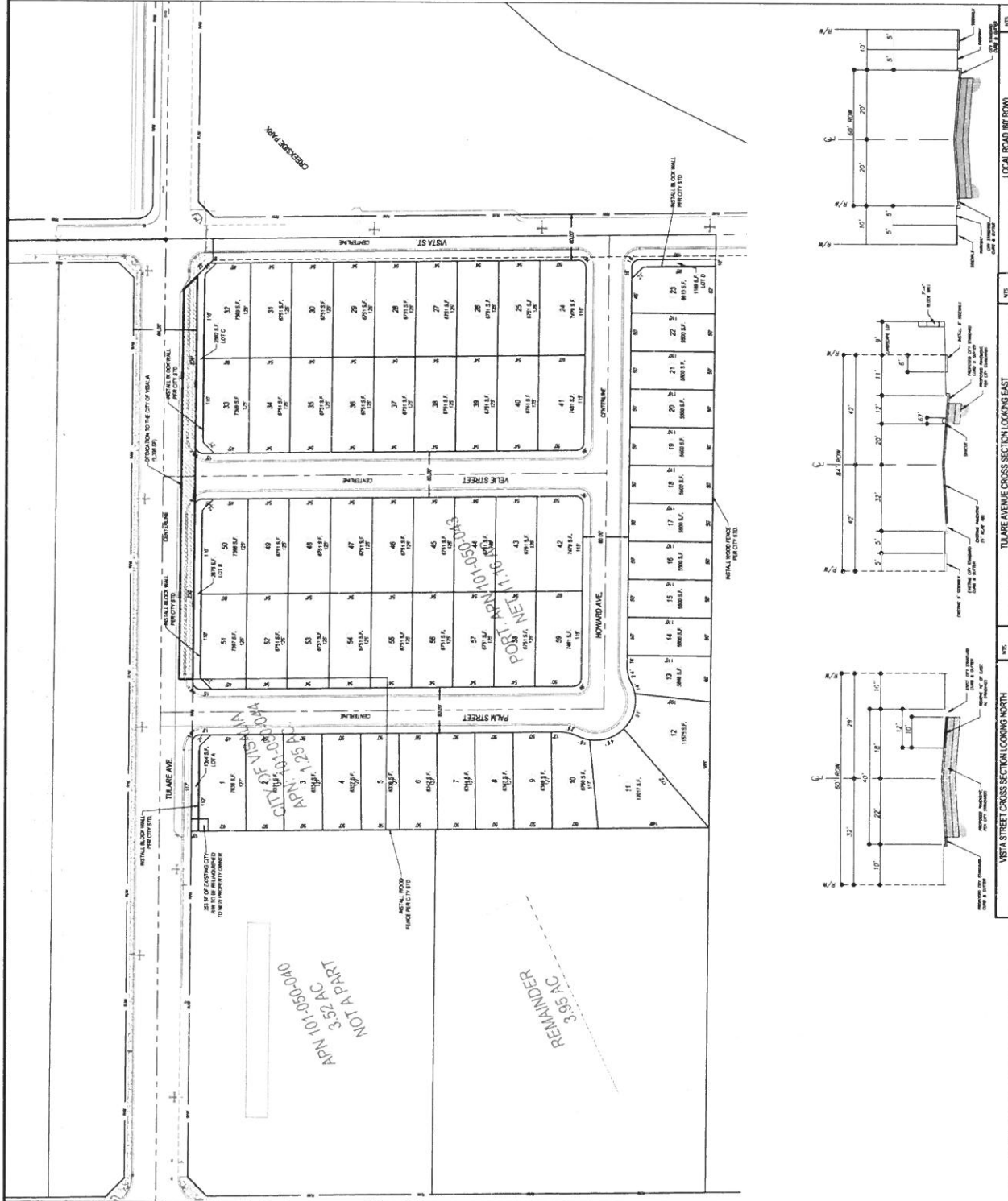
VICINITY MAP

SCALE: 1" = 100'

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VISTA STREET CROSS SECTION LOOKING NORTH
TULARE AVENUE CROSS SECTION LOOKING EAST
LOCAL ROAD (80' ROW)



CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE

Visalia District 216 North Valley Oaks Drive
Visalia, CA 93292 Tel: (559) 624-1600

June 21, 2021

City of Visalia
Paul Bernal
Planning Division
315 E Acequia Ave
Visalia, CA 93291

Will Serve Letter
Tentative Subdivision Map No. 5578
Developer: Lennar Tulare Ave –Candelas II

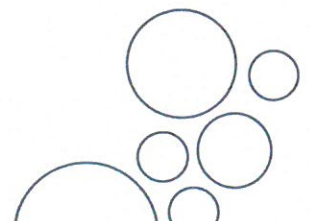
Gentlemen:

As a regulated utility, California Water Service Company Visalia district ("Cal Water") has an obligation to provide water service in accordance with the rules and regulations of the California Public Utility Commission (CPUC). Assuming you receive all required permits from City of Visalia, Cal Water will provide water service to the above referenced project. Cal Water agrees to operate the water system and provide service in accordance with the rules and regulations of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and the company's approved tariffs on file with the CPUC. This will serve letter shall remain valid for **two years** from the date of this letter. If construction of the project has not commenced within this **two year** time frame, Cal Water will be under no further obligation to serve the project unless the developer receives an updated letter from Cal Water reconfirming our commitment to serve the above mentioned project. Additionally, Cal Water reserves the right to rescind this letter at any time in the event its water supply is severely reduced by legislative, regulatory or environmental actions.

Cal Water will provide such potable¹ water at such pressure as may be available from time to time as a result of its normal operations per the company's tariffs on file with the CPUC. Installation of facilities through developer funding shall be made in accordance with the current rules and regulations of the CPUC including, among others, Tariff Rules 15 and 16 and General Order 103-A. In order for us to provide adequate water for domestic use as well as fire service protection, it may be necessary for the developer to fund the cost of special facilities, such as, but not limited to, booster pumps, storage tanks and/or water wells,² in addition to the cost of mains and services. Cal Water will provide more specific information regarding special facilities and fees after you provide us with your improvement plans, fire department requirements, and engineering fees for this project.

¹ This portion of the letter to be modified accordingly in the event the development for which this letter is being generated is to be served with potable and non potable water.

² For the districts that collect facility fees on a per lot basis, delete the reference to wells as a special facility here and add in the following sentence, "Developer will also be required to contribute towards Cal Water's water supply by paying facilities fees on a per lot basis as described in Rule 15"





CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE

This letter shall at all times be subject to such changes or modifications by the CPUC as said Commission may, from time to time, require in the exercise of its jurisdiction.

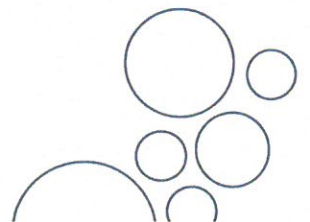
If you have any questions regarding the above, please call me at (559) 624-1600.

Sincerely,

Stephen Johnson

Stephen Johnson
District Manager

cc: Rashmi Kashyap – Cal Water Engineering Dept.
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CITY OF VISALIA
315 E. ACEQUIA STREET
VISALIA, CA 93291

**NOTICE OF A PROPOSED
INITIAL STUDY AND NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

Project Title: Candelas II Tentative Subdivision Map No. 5579

Project Description: **Candelas II Tentative Subdivision Map No. 5579** is a request to subdivide 16.35-acres into a 59-lot single-family residential subdivision with four out lots to be used for landscape and lighting district lots and a 3.95-acre Remainder. The project will include the construction of local streets within the subdivision, and connection to Tulare Avenue to the north and Vista Street to the east. Frontage improvements along Tulare Avenue, a designated collector street, include construction of curb, gutter, sidewalk, roadway pavement, installation of landscaping, block wall, and streetlights throughout the subdivision. The Remainder, which is not a part of the map, fronts South Lovers Lane and will not be improved with frontage improvements.

The development of the property, if approved, will create additional housing units in the southeast quadrant of Visalia. The tentative subdivision map will be developed at a density of 3.60 dwelling units to the acre which is consistent with the 2 to 10 dwelling units per acre for the Residential Low Density land use designation as defined per Table 2-3 "*Density and Intensity Standards by Land Use Classification*" of the General Plan.

Project Location: The project site is located on the southwest corner of East Tulare Avenue and South Vista Street, within the City of Visalia, situated in Tulare County (APN: 101-050-043 and 101-050-044).

Contact Person: Paul Bernal, City Planner, Phone: (559) 713-4025, Email: paul.bernal@visalia.city

Time and Place of Public Hearing: A public hearing will be held before the Planning Commission on July 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Visalia Convention Center located at 303 East Acequia Avenue, Visalia, California.

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

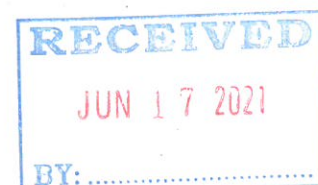
Reasons for Negative Declaration: Initial Study No. 2021-15 has not identified any significant, adverse environmental impacts that may occur because of the project.

Copies of the initial study and other documents relating to the subject project may be examined by interested parties at the Planning Division in City Hall East, at 315 East Acequia Avenue, Visalia, CA. In the event that City Hall front counter services are closed to the public, copies of the initial study and other documents relating to the subject project may be requested by contacting project planner Paul Bernal, City Planner, by phone at (559) 713-4025 or by email at paul.bernal@visalia.city.

Comments on this proposed Negative Declaration will be accepted from June 17, 2021 to July 7, 2021.

Date: 6/16/21

Signed: 
Brandon Smith, AICP
Environmental Coordinator
City of Visalia



NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Project Title: Candelas II Heights Tentative Subdivision Map No. 5579

Project Description: Candelas II Tentative Subdivision Map No. 5579 is a request to subdivide 16.35-acres into a 59-lot single-family residential subdivision with four out lots to be used for landscape and lighting district lots and a 3.95-acre Remainder. The project will include the construction of local streets within the subdivision, and connection to Tulare Avenue to the north and Vista Street to the east. Frontage improvements along Tulare Avenue, a designated collector street, include construction of curb, gutter, sidewalk, roadway pavement, installation of landscaping, block wall, and streetlights throughout the subdivision. The Remainder, which is not a part of the map, fronts South Lovers Lane and will not be improved with frontage improvements.

The development of the property, if approved, will create additional housing units in the southeast quadrant of Visalia. The tentative subdivision map will be developed at a density of 3.60 dwelling units to the acre which is consistent with the 2 to 10 dwelling units per acre for the Residential Low Density land use designation as defined per Table 2-3 "*Density and Intensity Standards by Land Use Classification*" of the General Plan.

Project Location: The project site is located on the southwest corner of East Tulare Avenue and South Vista Street, within the City of Visalia, situated in Tulare County (APN: 101-050-043 and 101-050-044).

Project Facts: Refer to Initial Study for project facts, plans and policies, and discussion of environmental effects.

Attachments:

- Initial Study,
- Environmental Checklist,
- Subdivision Map
- Location Map

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 a rare or endangered plant or animal, or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory.
- (b) The project does not have the potential to achieve short-term environmental goals to the disadvantage of long-term environmental goals.
- (c) The project does not have environmental effects which are individually limited but cumulatively considerable. Cumulatively considerable means that the incremental effects of an individual project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects.
- (d) The environmental effects of the project will not cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly.

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

APPROVED
Brandon Smith, AICP
Environmental Coordinator

By: 

Date Approved: 6/17/21

Review Period: 20 days

INITIAL STUDY

I. GENERAL

A. Project Name and Description:

Candelas II Tentative Subdivision Map No. 5579 is a request to subdivide 16.35-acres into a 59-lot single-family residential subdivision with four out lots to be used for landscape and lighting district lots and a 3.95-acre Remainder. The project will include the construction of local streets within the subdivision, and connection to Tulare Avenue to the north and Vista Street to the east. Frontage improvements along Tulare Avenue, a designated collector street, include construction of curb, gutter, sidewalk, roadway pavement, installation of landscaping, block wall, and streetlights throughout the subdivision. The Remainder, which is not a part of the map, fronts South Lovers Lane and will not be improved with frontage improvements.

The development of the property, if approved, will create additional housing units in the southeast quadrant of Visalia. The tentative subdivision map will be developed at a density of 3.60 dwelling units to the acre which is consistent with the 2 to 10 dwelling units per acre for the Residential Low Density land use designation as defined per Table 2-3 “*Density and Intensity Standards by Land Use Classification*” of the General Plan.

Project Location: The project site is located on the southwest corner of East Tulare Avenue and South Vista Street, within the City of Visalia, situated in Tulare County (APN: 101-050-043 and 101-050-044).

B. Identification of the Environmental Setting:

The 16.35-acre site is planted with an active orchard and is surrounded by residential and commercial development including an approximately 3.5-acre community park (i.e., Kiwanis Park). The Remainder, which is not a part of the tentative subdivision map, is developed with two single-family residential homes and a large accessory structure. The homes and structures will remain as they are not a part of the subdivision project site. The site is bounded by Tulare Avenue to the north, which is a designated collector status roadway and the future Vista Street to the east which will be developed as a 60-foot wide local street.

The development of the site with a 59-lot single-family residential subdivision would extend local streets, infrastructure improvements, utilities, right-of-way improvements and a residential lot pattern consistent with existing residential development found in the surrounding area. The project will include the construction of local streets within the subdivision and frontage street improvements along both East Tulare Avenue and South Vista Street. These types of improvements include construction of curb, gutter, sidewalks, and the installation of park strip landscaping and streetlights throughout the subdivision.

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

	General Plan	Zoning	Existing uses
North:	Tulare Avenue (collector roadway) Office	P-A (Professional administrative Office)	Vacant but the site is entitled to be developed with 26 residential units.
South:	Residential Low Density	R-1-5 (Single-family residential, 5,000 sq. ft. min. site area)	Vacant property
East:	Residential Low Density & Parks	R-1-5 (Single-family residential, 5,000 sq. ft. min. site area) & Q-P (Quasi-Public)	Diamond Creek Estates subdivision and Kiwanis Park
West:	Lovers Lane (four-lane divided arterial roadway)	Lovers Lane (4-lane divided arterial roadway), R-M-2, P-A	Lovers Lane (four-lane divided arterial roadway), Post Office, vacant land, office complex

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

C. Plans and Policies:

The General Plan Land Use Diagram designates the site as Residential Low Density. The subdivision will facilitate the development of the site with single-family residential units consistent with the residential development pattern in the surrounding area.

II. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

No significant adverse environmental impacts have been identified for this project that cannot be mitigated to a *less than significant impact*. The City of Visalia General Plan and Zoning Ordinance contains policies and regulations that are designed to mitigate impacts to a level of non-significance.

III. MITIGATION MEASURES

There are no mitigation measures for this project.

IV. MITIGATION MONITORING PROGRAM

No mitigation is required for this project to reduce significance.

IV. PROJECT COMPATIBILITY WITH EXISTING ZONES AND PLANS

The project is compatible with the General Plan, Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances as the project relates to surrounding properties.

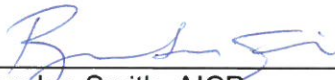
V. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

The following documents are hereby incorporated into this Negative Declaration and Initial Study by reference:

- Visalia General Plan Update. Dyett & Bhatia, October 2014.
- Visalia City Council Resolution No. 2014-38 (Certifying the Visalia General Plan Update) passed and adopted October 14, 2014.
- Visalia General Plan Update Final Environmental Impact Report (SCH No. 2010041078). Dyett & Bhatia, June 2014.
- Visalia General Plan Update Draft Environmental Impact Report (SCH No. 2010041078). Dyett & Bhatia, March 2014.
- Visalia City Council Resolution No. 2014-37 (Certifying the EIR for the Visalia General Plan Update) passed and adopted October 14, 2014.
- Visalia Municipal Code, including Title 17 (Zoning Ordinance).
- California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines.
- City of Visalia, California, Climate Action Plan, Draft Final. Strategic Energy Innovations, December 2013.
- Visalia City Council Resolution No. 2014-36 (Certifying the Visalia Climate Action Plan) passed and adopted October 14, 2014.
- City of Visalia Storm Water Master Plan. Boyle Engineering Corporation, September 1994.
- City of Visalia Sewer System Master Plan. City of Visalia, 1994.
- City of Visalia Zoning Ordinance Update. City of Visalia, March 2017.
- 2015 Urban Water Management Plan, Visalia District. California Water Service Company, June 2016.

VI. NAME OF PERSON WHO PREPARED INITIAL STUDY

Paul Bernal
City Planner



Brandon Smith, AICP
Environmental Coordinator

**INITIAL STUDY
 ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST**

Name of Proposal	Candelas II Tentative Subdivision Map No. 5579		
NAME OF PROPONENT:	Sam Sciacca	NAME OF AGENT:	4Creeks, Attn: Steven Mascias,
Address of Proponent:	2200 W. Main St.	Address of Agent:	324 S. Santa Fe. St., Suite A
	Visalia, CA 93291		Visalia, CA 93292
Telephone Number:	(559) 733-5338	Telephone Number:	(559) 802-3052
Date of Review	June 17, 2021	Lead Agency:	City of Visalia

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

1 = No Impact 2 = Less Than Significant Impact
 3 = Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated 4 = Potentially Significant Impact

I. AESTHETICS

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

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

II. AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES

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

- 2 a) Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance, as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency to non-agricultural use?
- 2 b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?
- 1 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))?
- 1 d) Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?

- 2 e) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland to nonagricultural use?

III. AIR QUALITY

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

- 2 a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?
- 2 b) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard?
- 2 c) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?
- 2 d) Result in other emissions, such as those leading to odors adversely affecting a substantial number of people?

IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

Would the project:

- 2 a) Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?
- 2 b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?
- 2 c) Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands (including but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?
- 2 d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?
- 1 e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?

- 2 f) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?

V. CULTURAL RESOURCES

Would the project:

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

VI. ENERGY

Would the project:

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

VII. GEOLOGY AND SOILS

Would the project:

- a) Directly or indirectly cause potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:
- 1 i) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.
- 1 ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?
- 1 iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?
- 1 iv) Landslides?
- 1 b) Result in substantial soil erosion or loss of topsoil?
- 1 c) Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction, or collapse?
- 1 d) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property?
- 1 e) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of wastewater?
- 1 f) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?

VIII. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

Would the project:

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

IX. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Would the project:

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

X. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY

Would the project:

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

XI. LAND USE AND PLANNING

Would the project:

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

XII. MINERAL RESOURCES

Would the project:

- 1 a) Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?
- 1 b) Result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?

XIII. NOISE

Would the project result in:

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

XIV. POPULATION AND HOUSING

Would the project:

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

XV. PUBLIC SERVICES

Would the project:

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

XVI. RECREATION

Would the project:

- 1 a) Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?
- 1 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?

XVII. TRANSPORTATION / TRAFFIC

Would the project:

- 1 a) Conflict with a program, plan, ordinance or policy addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadway, bicycle and pedestrian facilities?
- 2 b) Conflict with an applicable congestion management program, including, but not limited to level of service standards and travel demand measures, or other standards established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways?
- 1 c) Substantially increase hazards due to a geometric design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?
- 1 d) Result in inadequate emergency access?

XVIII. TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES

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

- 1 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
- 1 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 lead agency shall consider the significance of the resource to a California Native American tribe.

XIX. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS

Would the project:

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

XX. WILDFIRE

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

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

XXI. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

Would the project:

- 2 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, substantially reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?
- 2 b) Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)?
- 2 c) Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?

Note: Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21083.05, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 65088.4, Gov. Code; Sections 21080(c), 21080.1, 21080.3, 21083, 21083.05, 21083.3, 21093, 21094, 21095, and 21151, Public Resources Code; *Sundstrom v. County of Mendocino*, (1988) 202 Cal.App.3d 296; *Leonoff v. Monterey Board of Supervisors*, (1990) 222 Cal.App.3d 1337; *Eureka Citizens for Responsible Govt. v. City of Eureka* (2007) 147 Cal.App.4th 357; *Protect the Historic Amador Waterways v. Amador Water Agency* (2004) 116 Cal.App.4th at 1109; *San Franciscans Upholding the Downtown Plan v. City and County of San Francisco* (2002) 102 Cal.App.4th 656.

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Authority: Public Resources Code sections 21083 and 21083.09

Reference: Public Resources Code sections 21073, 21074, 21080.3.1, 21080.3.2, 21082.3/ 21084.2 and 21084.3

DISCUSSION OF ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION

I. AESTHETICS

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

The proposed project is new residential construction which will meet City standards for setbacks, landscaping and height restrictions. The development of the project site with residences will be consistent with the RLD (Residential Low Density) Land Use Designation and R-1-5 zoning.

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

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

II. AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES

- a. The project is located on property that is identified as Prime Farmland on maps prepared by the California Natural Resources Agency, Department of Conservation, and will involve the conversion of the property to non-agricultural use.

The Visalia General Plan Update Environmental Impact Report (EIR) has already considered the environmental impacts of the conversion of properties within the Planning Area, which includes the subject property, into non-agriculture uses. Overall, the General Plan results in the conversion of over 14,000 acres of Important Farmland to urban uses, which is considered significant and unavoidable. Aside from preventing development altogether the conversion of Important Farmland to urban uses cannot be directly mitigated. However, the General Plan contains multiple polices that together work to limit conversion only to the extent needed to accommodate long-term growth. The General Plan policies identified under Impact 3.5-1 of the EIR serve as the mitigation, which assists in reducing the severity of the impact to the extent possible while still achieving the General Plan's goals of accommodating a certain amount of growth to

occur within the Planning Area. These policies include the implementation of a three-tier growth boundary system that assists in protecting open space around the City fringe and maintaining compact development within the City limits.

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

The development of 16.35 acres for a proposed 59-lot single-family residential subdivision is within the Urban Development Tier 1 Boundary. Development of residential lands in Tier 1 may occur at any time. The proposed project is consistent with Land Use Policy LU-P-19 of the General Plan. Policy LU-P-19 states; "Ensure that growth occurs in a compact and concentric fashion by implementing the General Plan's phased growth strategy."

- b. The project site, if approved, will facilitate the development of the site with 59 residential lots which is consistent with the urban development pattern in the area. In addition, the proposed urban land use and zoning designations will not conflict with any existing Williamson Act contract.
- c. There is no forest land or timberland currently located on the site, nor does the site conflict with a zoning for forest land, timberland, or timberland zoned Timberland Production.
- d. There is no forest or timberland currently located on the site.
- e. The proposed 59-lot single-family residential subdivision will result in conversion of farmland to a non-agricultural use. However, the City's General Plan supports infill development opportunities if the site can be designed and developed in a manner consistent with the surrounding land uses. The proposed development is consistent with the surrounding area. By supporting the subdivision of this site for Low Density Residential development, the site can be developed in a manner that further facilitates housing units within the City's Tier 1 Urban Development Boundary. Development of residential lands in Tier 1 may occur at any time consistent with the City's Land Use Diagram. The request to subdivide the site with a 59-lot single-family residential subdivision is consistent with Land Use Policy LU-P-19 of the General Plan. Policy LU-P-19 states; "Ensure that growth occurs in a compact and concentric fashion by implementing the General Plan's phased growth strategy."

III. AIR QUALITY

- a. The project site is located in an area that is under the jurisdiction of the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD). The project in itself does not disrupt implementation of the San Joaquin Regional Air Quality Management Plan, and will therefore be a less than significant impact.
- b. Tulare County is designated non-attainment for certain

federal ozone and state ozone levels. The project will result in a net increase of criteria pollutants. Development under the General Plan will result in increases of construction and operation-related criteria pollutant impacts, which are considered significant and unavoidable. General Plan policies identified under Impacts 3.3-1, 3.3-2, and 3.3-3 serve as the mitigation that assists in reducing the severity of the impact to the extent possible while still achieving the General Plan's goals of accommodating a certain amount of growth to occur within the Planning Area.

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

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

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

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

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

- d. The proposed project will not involve the generation of objectionable odors that would affect a substantial number of people.

IV. **BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES**

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

special species.

In addition, staff conducted an on-site visit to the site on May 5, 2021 to observe biological conditions and did not observe any evidence or symptoms that would suggest the presence of a sensitive, candidate, or special species.

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

- b. The project is not located within an identified sensitive riparian habitat or other natural community.

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

- c. The project is not located within or adjacent to federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

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

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

- e. The City has a municipal ordinance in place to protect

valley oak trees. All existing valley oak trees on the project site will be under the jurisdiction of this ordinance. Any oak trees to be removed from the site are subject to the jurisdiction of the municipal ordinance.

There are no Valley Oak trees onsite.

- f. There are no local or regional habitat conservation plans for the area.

V. CULTURAL RESOURCES

- a. There are no known historical resources located within the project area. If some potentially historical or cultural resource is unearthed during development all work should cease until a qualified professional archaeologist can evaluate the finding and make necessary mitigation recommendations.
- b. There are no known archaeological resources located within the project area. If some archaeological resource is unearthed during development all work should cease until a qualified professional archaeologist can evaluate the finding and make necessary mitigation recommendations.
- c. There are no known human remains buried in the project vicinity. If human remains are unearthed during development all work should cease until the proper authorities are notified and a qualified professional archaeologist can evaluate the finding and make any necessary mitigation recommendations. In the event that potentially significant cultural resources are discovered during ground disturbing activities associated with project preparation, construction, or completion, work shall halt in that area until a qualified Native American Tribal observer, archeologist, or paleontologist can assess the significance of the find, and, if necessary, develop appropriate treatment measures in consultation with Tulare County Museum, Coroner, and other appropriate agencies and interested parties.

VI. ENERGY

- a. Development of the site will require the use of energy supply and infrastructure. However, the use of energy will be typical of that associated with residential development associated with the underlying zoning. Furthermore, the use is not considered the type of use or intensity that would result in wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources during construction or operation. The project will be required to comply with California Building Code Title 24 standards for energy efficiency.

Policies identified under Impacts 3.4-1 and 3.4-2 of the EIR will reduce any potential impacts to a less than significant level. With implementation of these policies and the existing City standards, impacts to energy will be less than significant.

- b. The project will not conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency, based on the discussion above.

VII. GEOLOGY AND SOILS

- a. The State Geologist has not issued an Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Map for Tulare County. The project area is not located on or near any known earthquake fault lines. Therefore, the project will not expose people or structures

to potential substantial adverse impacts involving earthquakes.

- b. The development of this site will require movement of topsoil. Existing City Engineering Division standards require that a grading and drainage plan be submitted for review to the City to ensure that off- and on-site improvements will be designed to meet City standards.
- c. The project area is relatively flat and the underlying soil is not known to be unstable. Soils in the Visalia area have few limitations with regard to development. Due to low clay content and limited topographic relief, soils in the Visalia area have low expansion characteristics.
- d. Due to low clay content, soils in the Visalia area have an expansion index of 0-20, which is defined as very low potential expansion.
- e. The project does not involve the use of septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems since sanitary sewer lines are used for the disposal of wastewater at this location.
- f. There are no known unique paleontological resources or geologic features located within the project area. In the event that potentially significant cultural resources are discovered during ground disturbing activities associated with project preparation, construction, or completion, work shall halt in that area until a qualified Native American Tribal observer, archeologist, or paleontologist can assess the significance of the find, and, if necessary, develop appropriate treatment measures in consultation with Tulare County Museum, Coroner, and other appropriate agencies and interested parties.

VIII. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

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

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

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

- b. The State of California has enacted the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB 32), which included provisions for reducing the GHG emission levels to 1990 "baseline" levels by 2020 and to a level 80% below 1990 baseline levels by 2050. In addition, the State has enacted SB 32 which included provisions for reducing the GHG emission levels to a level 40% below 1990 baseline levels by 2030.

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

IX. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

- a. No hazardous materials are anticipated with the project.
- b. Construction activities associated with development of the project may include maintenance of on-site construction equipment that could lead to minor fuel and oil spills. The use and handling of any hazardous materials during construction activities would occur in accordance with applicable federal, state, regional, and local laws. Therefore, impacts are considered to be less than significant.
- c. There are no school sites within one-quarter mile of the project site
- d. The project area does not include any sites listed as hazardous materials sites pursuant to Government Code Section 65692.5.
- e. Tulare County's adopted Comprehensive Airport Land Use Plan shows the project area is located outside of all Airport Safety Hazard Zones. There are no restrictions for the proposed project related to Airport Zone requirements.

The project area is located approximately seven miles from the Visalia Airport. The project site is not located in a flight path, collision safety zone, or noise threshold of the airport.

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

X. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY

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

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

Furthermore, there are no reasonably foreseeable reasons why the project would result in the degradation of water quality.

The Visalia General Plan contains multiple polices, identified under Impact 3.6-2 and 3.9-3 of the EIR, that together work to reduce the potential for impacts to water quality. With implementation of these polices and the

existing City standards, impacts to water quality will be less than significant.

- b. The project will not substantially deplete groundwater supplies in the project vicinity. The project will be served by a water main for domestic, irrigation, and fire protection use. The project area overlies the southern portion of the San Joaquin unit of the Central Valley groundwater aquifer. The project will result in an increase of impervious surfaces on the project site, which might affect the amount of precipitation that is recharged to the aquifer. However, as the City of Visalia is already largely developed and covered by impervious surfaces, the increase of impervious surfaces through this project will be small by comparison. The project therefore might affect the amount of precipitation that is recharged to the aquifer. The City of Visalia's water conservation measures and explorations for surface water use over groundwater extraction will assist in offsetting the loss in groundwater recharge.

c.

- i. The development of this site will require movement of topsoil. Existing City Engineering Division standards require that a grading and drainage plan be submitted for review to the City to ensure that off- and on-site improvements will be designed to meet City standards.

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

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

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

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

- e. Development of the site has the potential to affect drainage patterns in the short term due to erosion and sedimentation during construction activities and in the long term through the expansion of impervious surfaces. Impaired storm water runoff may then be intercepted and directed to a storm drain or water body, unless allowed to stand in a detention area. The City's existing standards may require the preparation and implementation of a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) in accordance with the SWRCB's General Construction Permit process, which would address erosion control measures.

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

XI. LAND USE AND PLANNING

- a. The project will not physically divide an established community. The proposed project is to be developed on land designated for residential development. The project site is surrounded on three sides by urban development and is bordered by two roadways. The General Plan Land Use Diagram, adopted October 14, 2014, designates the area as both Residential Very Low Density

The project entails subdividing the 16.35 acres of property to facilitate the subdivision of the project site into a 59-lot single-family residential development, with local street connection throughout the subdivision. The development will help facilitate additional residential units within the Tier 1 Urban Growth Boundary. The proposed subdivision is compatible with the adjacent residential uses.

The Visalia General Plan contains multiple polices, identified under Impact 3.1-2 of the EIR, that together work to reduce the potential for impacts to the development of land as designated by the General Plan. With implementation of these policies and the existing City standards, impacts to land use development consistent with the General Plan will be less than significant.

- b. The project site is within the Urban Development Tier 1 Boundary. Development of lands in Tier 1 may occur at any time. The proposed project is consistent with Land Use Policies LU-P-19 of the General Plan. Policy LU-P-19 states; "Ensure that growth occurs in a compact and concentric fashion by implementing the General Plan's phased growth strategy."

The project as a whole does not conflict with any land use plan, policy or regulation of the City of Visalia. The site's General Plan Land Use Designation of Residential Low Density, and the zoning designation of Single-family Residential (R-1-5), is consistent with each other based on the underlying allowed land uses and density ranges as identified in Table 9-1 "*Consistency between the Plan and Zoning*" of the General Plan. The City of Visalia's Zoning Ordinance allows for single-family residences as permitted uses in their respective zones.

The proposed project will be consistent with the Land Use Element of the General Plan, including Policy LU-P-55 for Residential Low Density development, and consistent with the standards pursuant to the Visalia Municipal Code Title 17 (Zoning Ordinance) Chapters 17.12.

XII. MINERAL RESOURCES

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

XIII. NOISE

- a. The project will result in noise generation typical of urban development, but not in excess of standards established in the City of Visalia's General Plan or Noise Ordinance. The Visalia Noise Element and City Ordinance contain criterion for acceptable noise levels inside and outside residential living spaces. This standard is 65 dB DNL for outdoor activity areas associated with residences and 45 dB DNL for indoor areas.

Ambient noise levels will increase beyond current levels as a result of the project; however, these levels will be typical of noise levels associated with urban development and not in excess of standards established in the City of Visalia's General Plan or Noise Ordinance. The City's standards for setbacks and construction of fences or walls along major streets and between residential uses reduce noise levels to a level that is less than significant. Noise associated with the establishment of new residential uses was previously evaluated with the General Plan for the conversion of land to urban uses.

Noise levels will increase temporarily during the construction of the project but shall remain within the limits defined by the City of Visalia Noise Ordinance. Temporary increase in ambient noise levels is considered to be less than significant.

- b. Ground-borne vibration or ground-borne noise levels may occur as part of construction activities associated with the project. Construction activities will be temporary and will not expose persons to such vibration or noise levels for an extended period of time; thus, the impacts will be less than significant. There are no existing uses near the project area that create ground-borne vibration or ground-borne noise levels.
- c. The project area is located in excess of seven miles from a public airport. The project will not expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels resulting from aircraft operations.

XIV. POPULATION AND HOUSING

- a. The project will not directly induce substantial unplanned population growth that is in excess of that planned in the General Plan.
- b. Development of the site will result in the orchard being removed. The removal of these trees will help in facilitating the development of this site with 59 new single-family homes at a density of 3.60 units per acre.

XV. PUBLIC SERVICES

- a.
 - i. Current fire protection facilities are located at the Visalia Station 56, located one-quarter mile south of the property, and can adequately serve the site without a need for alteration. Impact fees will be paid to mitigate the project's proportionate impact on these facilities.

- ii. Current police protection facilities can adequately serve the site without a need for alteration. Impact fees will be paid to mitigate the project's proportionate impact on these facilities.
- iii. The project will generate additional dwelling units, for which existing schools in the area may accommodate.
- iv. Current park facilities can adequately serve the site without a need for alteration. Impact fees will be paid to mitigate the project's proportionate impact on these facilities.
- v. Other public facilities can adequately serve the site without a need for alteration.

XVI. RECREATION

- a. The proposed project does not include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities within the area that might have an adverse physical effect on the environment.
- b. The proposed project does not include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities within the area that might have an adverse physical effect on the environment.

XVII. TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC

- a. Development and operation of the project is not anticipated to conflict with applicable plans, ordinances, or policies establishing measures of effectiveness of the City's circulation system. The project will result in an increase in traffic levels on arterial and collector roadways, although the City of Visalia's Circulation Element has been prepared to address this increase in traffic.
- b. Development of the site will result in increased traffic in the area, but will not cause a substantial increase in traffic on the city's existing circulation pattern.

The City of Visalia, in determining the significance of transportation impacts for land use projects, recognizes the adopted City of Visalia Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMT) Thresholds and Implementation Guidelines ("Guidelines") recommended threshold as the basis for what constitutes a significant or less than significant transportation impact. The Guidelines recommend a 16% reduction target based on the Greenhouse Gas emission reduction target for 2035 for the Tulare County region set by the SB 375 Regional Plan Climate Target. Therefore, residential projects exceeding 16% below the existing VMT per capita is indicative of a significant environmental impact.

For the metric measuring VMT per capita, a map of the City of Visalia, produced by Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG), provides areas with 84% or less average VMT per trip distance, or 16% below the regional average. In the subject site's TAZ, the current average trip distance experienced is below 10.0 miles and the 16% target reduction of 10.0 miles. Based on this determination, it is presumed that the project will have a less than significant transportation impact

- c. There are no planned geometric designs associated with the project that are considered hazardous.
- d. The project will not result in inadequate emergency access.

XVIII. TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES

The proposed project would not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource, defined in Public Resources Code section 21074 as either a site, feature, place, cultural landscape that is geographically defined in terms of the size and scope of the landscape, sacred place, or object with cultural value to a California Native American tribe.

- a. The site is not listed or eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources, or in a local register of historical resources as defined in Public Resources Code section 5020.1(k).
- b. The site has been determined to not be significant pursuant to criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code Section 5024.1. In applying the criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resource Code Section 5024.1, the lead agency shall consider the significance of the resource to a California Native American tribe.

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

Additionally, invitations for early consultation were sent on April 15, 2021 to the five Native American tribes with a historic presence in the Visalia Planning Area. An e-mail from Shana Powers, Cultural Director with the Santa Rosa Rancheria was received. The e-mail recommends Native American Monitoring on ground disturbing activities associated with this project. As required per the initial study, if human remains are unearthed during development all work should cease until the proper authorities are notified and a qualified professional archaeologist can evaluate the finding and make any necessary mitigation recommendations. In the event that potentially significant cultural resources are discovered during ground disturbing activities associated with project preparation, construction, or completion, work shall halt in that area until a qualified Native American Tribal observer, archeologist, or paleontologist can assess the significance of the find, and, if necessary, develop appropriate treatment measures in consultation with Tulare County Museum, Coroner, and other appropriate agencies and interested parties.

XIX. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS

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

The project site will be accommodated by an extension of the City's sanitary sewer and storm water lines. As part of the project, existing sanitary sewer and storm water mains will be extended off-site along public street frontages. Usage of these lines is consistent with the City Sewer System Master Plan and Storm Water Master Plan. These improvements will not cause significant environmental impacts.

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

XX. WILDFIRE

- a. The project is located on a site that is adjacent on multiple sides by existing development. The site is further served by multiple points of access. In the event of an emergency response, coordination would be made with the City's Engineering, Police, and Fire Divisions to ensure that adequate access to and from the site is maintained.
- b. The project area is relatively flat and the underlying soil is not known to be unstable. Therefore, the site is not in a location that is likely to exacerbate wildfire risks.

- c. The project is located on a site that is adjacent on multiple sides by existing development. New project development will require the installation and maintenance of associated infrastructure; however, the infrastructure would be typical of residential development and would be developed to the standards of the underlying responsible agencies.
- d. The project area is relatively flat and the underlying soil is not known to be unstable. Therefore, the site is not in a location that would expose persons or structures to significant risks of flooding or landslides.

XXI. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

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

DETERMINATION OF REQUIRED ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

- I find that the proposed project **COULD NOT** have a significant effect on the environment. **A NEGATIVE DECLARATION WILL BE PREPARED.**
- I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because the mitigation measures described on the attached sheet have been added to the project. **A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION WILL BE PREPARED.**
- I find the proposed project **MAY** have a significant effect on the environment, and an **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT** is required.
- I find that the proposed project **MAY** have a "potentially significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact on the environment, but at least one effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT** is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.
- I find that as a result of the proposed project no new effects could occur, or new mitigation measures would be required that have not been addressed within the scope of the Program Environmental Impact Report (SCH No. 2010041078). The Environmental Impact Report prepared for the City of Visalia General Plan was certified by Resolution No. 2014-37 adopted on October 14, 2014. **THE PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT WILL BE UTILIZED.**



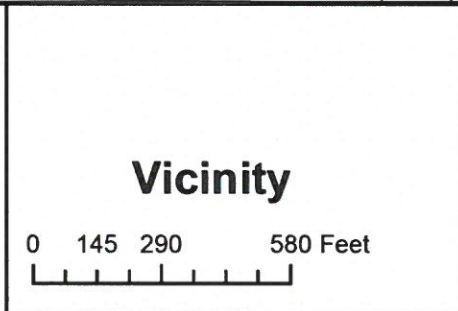
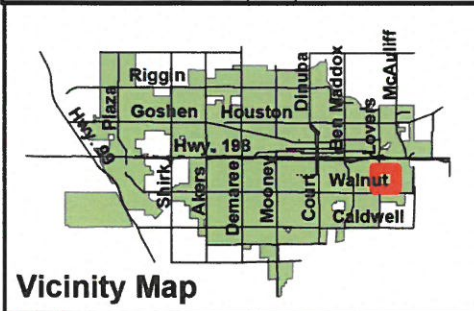
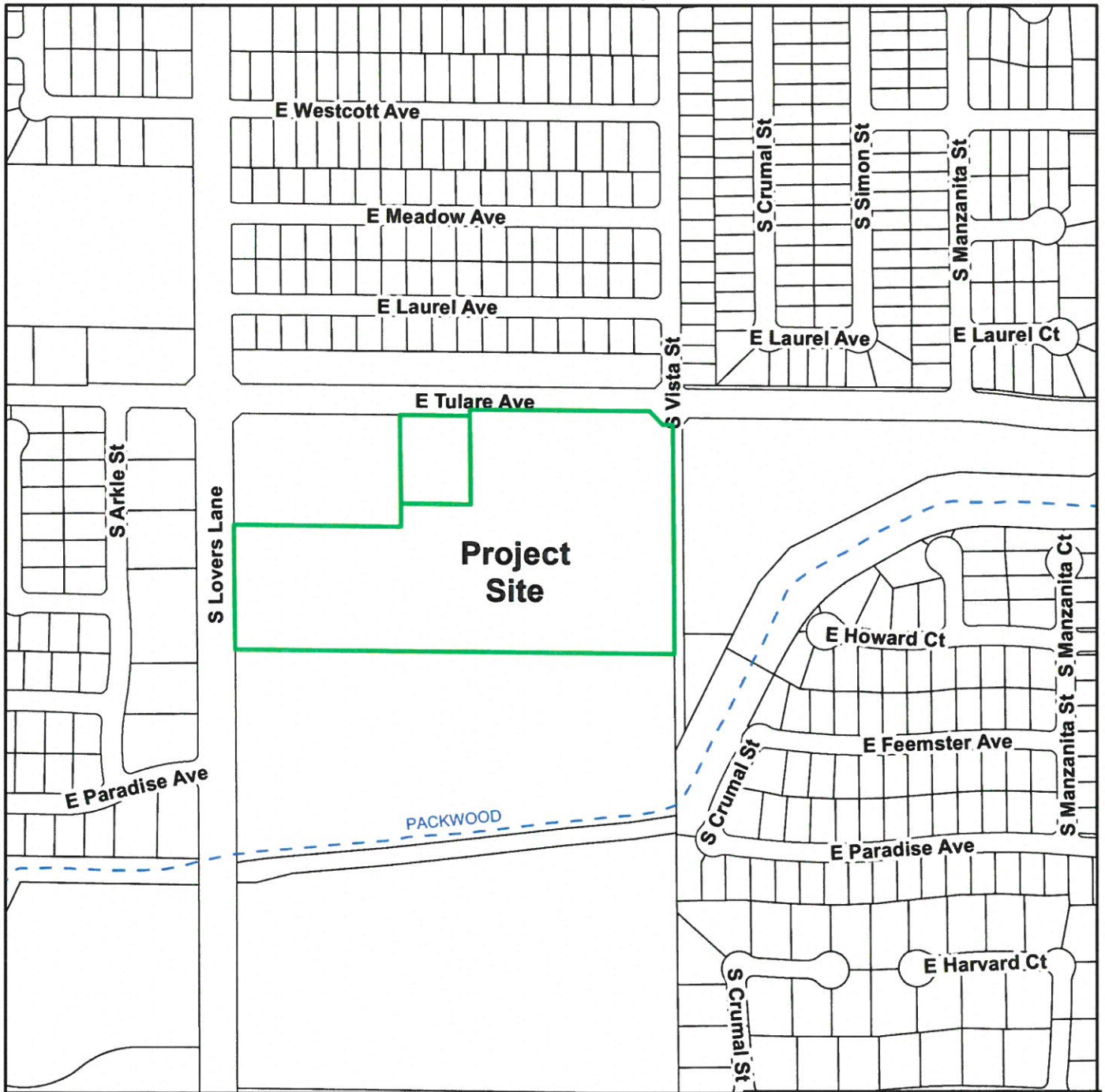
Brandon Smith, AICP
Environmental Coordinator

6/17/21

Date

Candelas II Tentative Subdivision Map No. 5579

The project is located on
the southwest corner of E. Tulare Ave.
and S. Vista St.
(APNs: 101-050-043 & 044)





April 15, 2021

stevenm@4-creeks.com

Site Plan Review No. 20-194:

Pursuant to Zoning Ordinance Chapter 17.28 the Site Plan Review process has found that your application complies with the general plan, municipal code, policies, and improvement standards of the city. A copy of each Departments/Divisions comments that were discussed with you at the Site Plan Review meeting are attached to this document.

Based upon Zoning Ordinance Section 17.28.070, this is your Site Plan Review determination. However, your project requires discretionary action as stated on the attached Site Plan Review comments. You may now proceed with filing discretionary applications to the Planning Division.

This is your Site Plan Review Permit; your Site Plan Review became effective **February 17, 2021**. A site plan review permit shall lapse and become null and void one year following the date of approval unless, prior to the expiration of one year, a building permit is issued by the building official and construction is commenced and diligently pursued toward completion.

If you have any questions regarding this action, please call the Community Development Department at (559) 713-4359.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Paul Bernal". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Paul Bernal
City Planner
315 E. Acequia Ave.
Visalia, CA 93291

Attachment(s):

- Site Plan Review Comments



MEETING DATE February 17, 2021
SITE PLAN NO. 2020-194
PARCEL MAP NO.
SUBDIVISION
LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT NO.

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

- RESUBMIT** Major changes to your plans are required. Prior to accepting construction drawings for building permit, your project must return to the Site Plan Review Committee for review of the revised plans.
- During site plan design/policy concerns were identified, schedule a meeting with
- Planning Engineering prior to resubmittal plans for Site Plan Review.
- Solid Waste Parks and Recreation Fire Dept.

REVISE AND PROCEED (see below)

A revised plan addressing the Committee comments and revisions must be submitted for Off-Agenda Review and approval prior to submitting for building permits or discretionary actions.

Submit plans for a building permit between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Your plans must be reviewed by:

- CITY COUNCIL REDEVELOPMENT
 PLANNING COMMISSION PARK/RECREATION
 Tentative Subdivision Map
 HISTORIC PRESERVATION OTHER –TCUP

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

If you have any questions or comments, please call Adrian Bubalcaba at (559) 713-4271
Site Plan Review Committee



RECYCLED PAPER

**SUBDIVISION & PARCEL MAP
REQUIREMENTS
ENGINEERING DIVISION**

Adrian Rubalcaba 713-4271
 Diego Corvera 713-4209

ITEM NO: 3 DATE: FEBRUARY 17, 2021

SITE PLAN NO.: 20-194 3RD RESUBMITTAL
PROJECT TITLE: LOVERS LANE - TULARE AVE SUBDIVISION
DESCRIPTION: NEW 50 LOT SUBDIVISION (O-PA, R-1-5, R-M-2)
APPLICANT: STEVE MACIAS
PROP. OWNER: SOUZA BRYAN G
LOCATION: LOVERS LANE AT TULARE AVE
APN: 000-012-815

SITE PLAN REVIEW COMMENTS

- REQUIREMENTS (Indicated by checked boxes)
- Submit improvements plans detailing all proposed work; Subdivision Agreement will detail fees & bonding requirements
- Bonds, certificate of insurance, cash payment of fees/inspection, and approved map & plan required prior to approval of Final Map.
- The Final Map & Improvements shall conform to the Subdivision Map Act, the City's Subdivision Ordinance and Standard Improvements.
- A preconstruction conference is required prior to the start of any construction.
- Right-of-way dedication required. A title report is required for verification of ownership. by map by deed
ALL NEW LOCALS STREETS, TULARE & VISTA FRONTAGES.
- City Encroachment Permit Required which shall include an approved traffic control plan.
- CalTrans Encroachment Permit Required. CalTrans comments required prior to tentative parcel map approval. CalTrans contacts: David Deel (Planning) 488-4088
- Landscape & Lighting District/Home Owners Association required prior to approval of Final Map. Landscape & Lighting District will maintain common area landscaping, street lights, street trees and local streets as applicable. Submit completed Landscape and Lighting District application and filing fee a min. of 75 days before approval of Final Map.
- Landscape & irrigation improvement plans to be submitted for each phase. Landscape plans will need to comply with the City's street tree ordinance. The locations of street trees near intersections will need to comply with Plate SD-1 of the City improvement standards. A street tree and landscape master plan for all phases of the subdivision will need to be submitted with the initial phase to assist City staff in the formation of the landscape and lighting assessment district.
- Dedicate landscape lots to the City that are to be maintained by the Landscape & Lighting District.
- Northeast Specific Plan Area: Application for annexation into Northeast District required 75 days prior to Final Map approval.
- Written comments required from ditch company. Contacts: James Silva 747-1177 for Modoc, Persian, Watson, Oakes, Flemming, Evans Ditch and Peoples Ditches; Paul Hendrix 686-3425 for Tulare Irrigation Canal, Packwood and Cameron Creeks; Bruce George 747-5601 for Mill Creek and St. John's River.
- Final Map & Improvements shall conform to the City's Waterways Policy. Access required on ditch bank, 12' minimum. Provide wide riparian dedication from top of bank.
- Sanitary Sewer master plan for the entire development shall be submitted for approval prior to approval of any portion of the system. The sewer system will need to be extended to the boundaries of the development where future connection and extension is anticipated. The sewer system will need to be sized to serve any future developments that are anticipated to connect to the system. **EXTEND EXISTING SS ACROSS ALL STREET FRONTAGES**
- Grading & Drainage plan required. If the project is phased, then a master plan is required for the entire project area that shall include pipe network sizing and grades and street grades. Prepared by registered civil engineer or project architect. All elevations shall be based on the City's benchmark network. Storm run-off from the project shall be handled as follows: a) directed to the City's existing storm drainage system; b) directed to a permanent on-site basin; or c) directed to a temporary on-site basin is

required until a connection with adequate capacity is available to the City's storm drainage system. On-site basin: : maximum side slopes, perimeter fencing required, provide access ramp to bottom for maintenance. **EXTEND EXISTING SD MAINS ACCORDINGLY**

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

Additional Comments:

- 1. Proposed map scenarios appear to be acceptable and can be processed by their respective layouts.**
- 2. Widen to ultimate right-of-way along Tulare and Vista frontages. Complete road improvements along Vista St. Roadway transitions and temp barricade will need to be established at terminus of Vista St. Extent of improvement at or beyond terminus to be determined at time of civil review.**
- 3. Tentative map shall show cross sections of the fronting streets indicating correct right-of-way, landscape lots, and required improvements. If City parcel is not acquired, subdivision to complete full street frontage improvements (including all necessary utility extensions) along City parcel as part of improvements.**
- 3. Restriping of Tulare Ave will be required. Final map will need to show new lane configuration in Tulare Ave. with tentative map submittal.**
- 4. Refer to City local and collector street standards.**
- 5. Install street lighting per City street light standards. City owns and maintains street lighting, a service pedestal will need to be installed. Provide electrical design plan with civil submittal.**
- 6. Use 30' radius for curb ramp returns at the local street connections to Tulare Ave.**

7. IOD for future right-of-way will not be acceptable as the right-of-way shall be dedicated on the final map.

8. Roadway transitions and temp barricade will need to be established at terminus of Vista St. Extent of improvement to be determined at time of civil review.

9. Project will incur development impact fees associated with development of the land and new SFD's.

SUMMARY OF APPLICABLE DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES

Site Plan No: **20-194 3rd RESUBMITTAL**

Date: **2/17/2021**

Summary of applicable Development Impact Fees to be collected at the time of final/parcel map recordation:

(Preliminary estimate only! Final fees will be based on approved subdivision map & improvements plans and the fee schedule in effect at the time of recordation.)

(Fee Schedule Date:**9/1/2020**)

(Project type for fee rates:**SFD**)

Existing uses may qualify for credits on Development Impact Fees.

FEE ITEM	FEE RATE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trunk Line Capacity Fee	\$822/UNIT
	TREATMENT PLANT FEE:
	\$816/UNIT
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sewer Front Foot Fee	\$45/LF
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Storm Drainage Acquisition Fee	\$3,629/AC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park Acquisition Fee	\$1,618/UNIT
	PARK DEVELOPMENT FEE:
	\$2,185/UNIT
<input type="checkbox"/> Northeast Acquisition Fee Total	
Storm Drainage	
Block Walls	
Parkway Landscaping	
Bike Paths	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Waterways Acquisition Fee	\$2,666/AC

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

City Reimbursement:

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



Adrian Rubalcaba

SITE PLAN REVIEW COMMENTS

CITY OF VISALIA TRAFFIC SAFETY DIVISION

February 17, 2021

ITEM NO: 3 Resubmit
SITE PLAN NO: SPR20194
PROJECT TITLE: Lovers Lane - Tulare Ave. Subdivision
DESCRIPTION: New 50 Lot Subdivision (O-PA, R-1-5, R-M-2)
APPLICANT: Steve Macias
OWNER: SOUZA BRYAN G
APN: 000012815
LOCATION: Lovers Lane at Tulare Ave

THE TRAFFIC DIVISION WILL PROHIBIT ON-STREET PARKING AS DEEMED NECESSARY

- No Comments
- See Previous Site Plan Comments
- Install Street Light(s) per City Standards.
- Install Street Name Blades at *intersections* Locations at time of development.
- Install Stop Signs on *local roads* intersecting with arterial/collector status roadways *and on Vista St at Tulare Ave* at time of development.
- Construct parking per City Standards PK-1 through PK-4.
- Construct drive approach per City Standards at time of development.
- Traffic Impact Analysis required (CUP)
 - Provide more traffic information such as . Depending on development size, characteristics, etc., a TIA may be required.
- Additional traffic information required (Non Discretionary)
 - Trip Generation - Provide documentation as to concurrence with General Plan.
 - Site Specific - Evaluate access points and provide documentation of conformance with COV standards. If noncomplying, provide explanation.
 - Traffic Impact Fee (TIF) Program - Identify improvements needed in concurrence with TIF.

Additional Comments:

- VMT analysis may be required.
- Spacing between roadways onto Tulare (collector status roadway) shall comply with COV standard P-15.
- Tulare may require striping for TWLTL. Show Tulare cross section with the number of lanes and usage.

Leslie Blair

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SITE PLAN REVIEW COMMENTS

Josh Dan, Planning Division (559) 713-4003

Date: February 17, 2020

SITE PLAN NO: 2020-194 - D
PROJECT: Lovers Lane – Tulare Ave. Subdivision
DESCRIPTION: NEW 50 LOT SUBDIVISION
APPLICANT: STEVE MACIAS
PROP. OWNER: SOUZA BRYAN G
LOCATION TITLE: LOVERS LANE AT TULARE
APN TITLE: 000-012-815
GENERAL PLAN: RLD (Residential Low Density)
ZONING: R-1-5 (Residential 5,000sqft minimum)

Rule 9510 – This project may be subject to the Rule 9510 requirements of the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District – see District web-site for information.

Planning Division Recommendation:

- Revise and Proceed
 Resubmit

Project Requirements

- TSM
- IS/ND
- Apply for building permits.

PROJECT SPECIFIC INFORMATION: February 17, 2021

1. Tentative Subdivision Map
2. Environmental may require a minimum Initial Study / Neg Dec.
3. Label street names
4. Make sure proposed homes meet setbacks – variances will not be entertained.
5. Comply with all codes and ordinances.

PROJECT SPECIFIC INFORMATION: January 13, 2021

6. Tentative Subdivision Map
7. Environmental may require a minimum Initial Study / Neg Dec.
8. Label street names
9. Make sure proposed homes meet setbacks – variances will not be entertained.
10. The westerly access along Tulare appears to conflict with traffic along Tulare Ave and entitled the development to the north. There also appears to be line of sight issues at the street corner too.
11. Staff would suggest the applicant remove one drive access (westerly one) from Tulare and mirror lot pattern on the east side of the proposal.
12. Comply with all codes and ordinances.

PROJECT SPECIFIC INFORMATION: December 23, 2020

13. Tentative Subdivision Map
14. Environmental may require a minimum Initial Study / Neg Dec.
15. Label street names
16. Make sure proposed homes meet setbacks – variances will not be entertained.
17. City lot may no longer be used for its intended use, and any change to the site will require the applicant to return to Site Plan Review with a new tentative subdivision map.
18. Comply with street connectivity to Tulare and proposed access to the north.
19. Comply with all codes and ordinances.

PROJECT SPECIFIC INFORMATION: November 25, 2020

20. Tentative Subdivision Map
21. Environmental may require a minimum Initial Study / Neg Dec.
22. Label out lots
23. Make sure proposed homes meet setbacks – variances will not be entertained.
24. City lot listed as “not a part” or remainder
25. Comply with street connectivity to Tulare and proposed access to the north.
26. Comply with all codes and ordinances.

Landscaping and Lighting Act District:

1. A landscaping and lighting act district, or similar instrument, may be required for the maintenance of common areas or infrastructure such as street lights and similar infrastructure.
2. Annexation to an existing district may be required.
3. That a Landscaping and Lighting Act Assessment District be formed, prior to recordation of the final map, for the maintenance of the landscaping and fences and/or walls along the public street frontages and open space areas of the subdivision. The Landscaping and Lighting Act Assessment District shall also include the operational and maintenance cost for the street lights both internal to the subdivision and along streets abutting the subdivision. The Landscape and Lighting Act District shall also include provisions for the City to collect payments from the subdivider to cover the estimated cost to operate and maintain the improvements of the District prior to assessments occurring on the property tax roll.

17.32.080 Maintenance of landscaped areas.

A landscaped area provided in compliance with the regulations prescribed in this title or as a condition of a use permit or variance shall be planted with materials suitable for screening or ornamenting the site, whichever is appropriate, and plant materials shall be maintained and replaced as needed, to screen or ornament the site. (Prior code § 7484)

Site Area in non-residential zones – ZO Section **17.30.015-A** - Site areas less than 5 acres may be approved/created upon approval of an acceptable master plan by the Site Plan Review Committee.

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

Maximum Building Height: 35 Feet

Minimum Setbacks:

	Building	Landscaping
➤ Front	15 Feet	15 Feet
➤ Front Garage (garage w/door to street)	22 Feet	22 Feet
➤ Side	5 Feet	5 Feet
➤ Street side on corner lot (long side of lot)	10 Feet	10 Feet
➤ Street side on corner to garage door	22 Feet	22 Feet
➤ Rear	25 Feet*	25 Feet

Minimum Site Area: 5,000 square feet

Accessory Structures:

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

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

Reverse Corner Lots: No structure in the 15 feet of adjacent lot's front yard area, see Zoning Ordinance Section 17.12.100 for complete standards and requirements.

Parking:

1. Provide parking spaces based Zoning Ordinance Section 17.34.020

2. 30% of the required parking stalls may be compact and shall be evenly distributed in the lot.
3. Provide handicapped space(s).
4. An 80 sq. ft. minimum landscape well is required every 10 contiguous parking.
5. A planter is required every other row. (5-9 feet in width containing trees on twenty (20) foot centers.
6. No repair work or vehicle servicing allowed in a parking area.
7. It is highly recommended that bicycle rack(s) be provided on site plan.
8. No parking shall be permitted in a required front/rear/side yard.
9. Design/locate parking lot lighting to deflect any glare away from abutting residential areas.
10. Parking lot to be screened from view by a 3-foot tall solid wall or shrubs when located adjacent to a public street or when across from residential property.
11. Front carport area to have a 3 to 6-foot tall screening wall.
12. Provide shopping cart storage areas on site plan.
13. Provide transit facilities on site plan.
14. Provide shared parking/access agreements
15. Provide off-street loading facility.
16. The project should provide preferential parking spaces for carpools and vanpools to decrease the number of single occupant vehicle work trips. The preferential treatment could include covered parking spaces or close-in parking spaces, or designated free parking, or a guaranteed space for the vehicle.
17. Provide a "No Parking" (dead-head) stall at the end of the parking row (for rows over 6 stalls deep with no outlet) to allow vehicles to turn around rather than backing out if no stalls are available.

Fencing and Screening:

1. Provide screening for roof mounted equipment (Zoning Ordinance Section 17.30.130.F).
2. Provide second-story screening for all windows that may intrude into adjacent residential properties. Details and cross-sections will be required to be reviewed and approved prior to issuance of building permits (Zoning Ordinance Section 17.30.130.F).
3. Provide screened trash enclosure with solid screening gates (Zoning Ordinance Section 17.30.130.F).
4. Provide solid screening of all outdoor storage areas. Outdoor storage to be screened from public view with solid material (Zoning Ordinance Section 17.30.130.F).
5. Outdoor retail sales prohibited.
6. Cross Sections need to be provided for site Plan Review if there is greater than an 18-inch difference between the elevation of the subject site and the adjacent properties, and the sections would be required for the public hearing process also.
7. All outdoor storage areas are to be identified on the site plan and they are to be shown with screening (fencing). No materials may be stored above the storage area fence heights (Zoning Ordinance Section 17.30.130.F).
8. If there is an anticipated grade difference of more than 12-inches between this site and the adjacent sites, a cross section of the difference and the walls must be provided as a part of the Subdivision and/or CUP application package.
9. NOTE: The maximum height of block walls and fences is 7-feet in the appropriate areas; this height is measured on the tallest side of the fence. If the height difference is such that the fence on the inside of the project site is not of sufficient height, the fence height should be discussed with Planning Staff prior to the filing of applications to determine if an Exception to fence/wall height should also be submitted.

Landscaping:

1. The City has adopted the State Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance. The ordinance applies to projects installing 2,500 square feet or more of landscaping. It requires that landscaping and irrigation plans be certified by a qualified entity (i.e., Landscape Architect) as meeting the State water conservation requirements. The City's implementation of this new State law will be accomplished by self-certification of the final landscape and irrigation plans by a California licensed

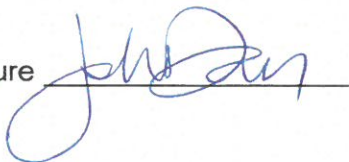
landscape architect or other qualified entity with sections signed by appropriately licensed or certified persons as required by the ordinance. **NOTE: Prior to a final for the project, a signed Certificate of Compliance for the MWELO standards is required indicating that the landscaping has been installed to MWELO standards.**

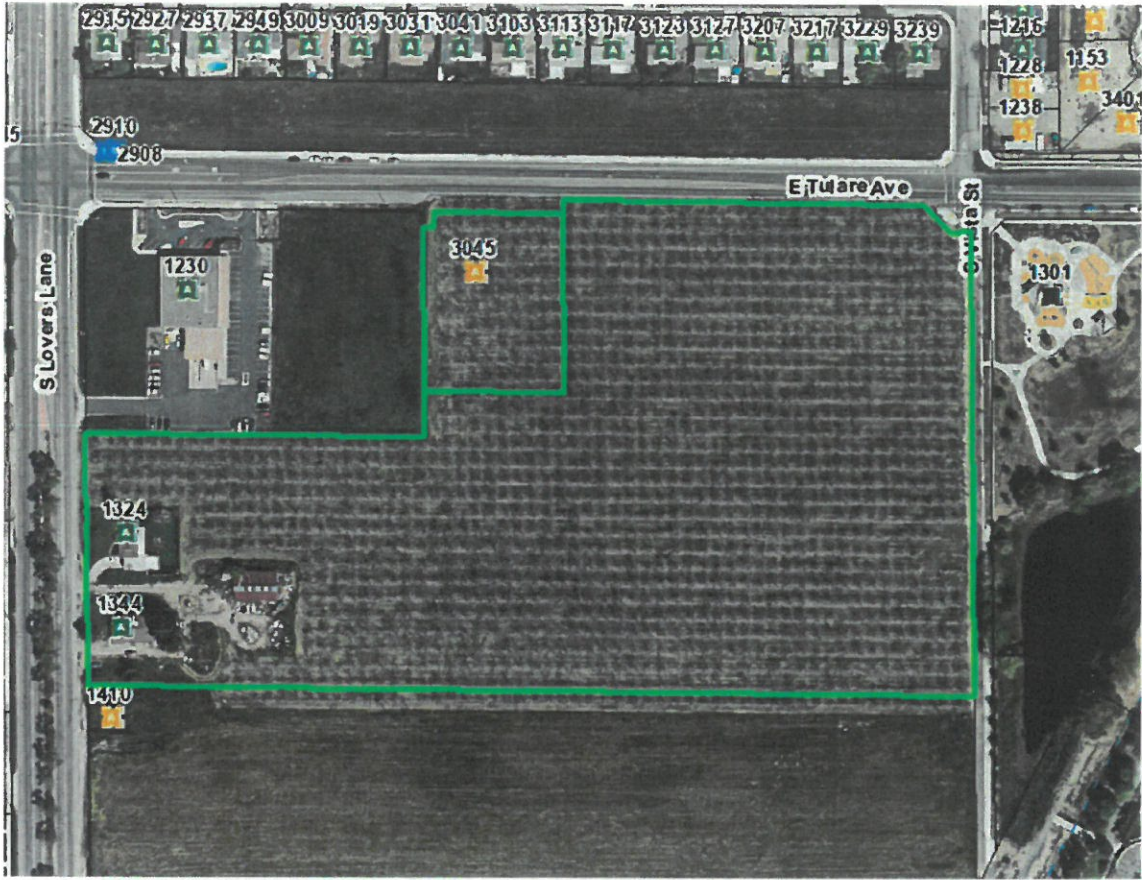
2. Provide street trees at an average of 20-feet on center along street frontages. All trees to be 15-gallon minimum size (Zoning Ordinance Section 17.30.015-2).
3. In the P(R-M) multi-family residential zone, all multiple family developments shall have landscaping including plants, and ground cover to be consistent with surrounding landscaping in the vicinity. Landscape plans to be approved by city staff prior to installation and occupancy of use and such landscaping to be permanently maintained. (Zoning Ordinance Section 17.16.180)
4. All landscape areas to be protected with 6-inch concrete curbs (Zoning Ordinance Section 17.30.130.F).
5. All parking lots to be designed to provide a tree canopy to provide shade in the hot seasons and sunlight in the winter months.
6. Provide a detailed landscape and irrigation plan as a part of the building permit package (Zoning Ordinance Section 17.34.040).
7. An 80 sq. ft. minimum landscape well is required every 10 contiguous parking stalls (Zoning Ordinance Section 17.30.130.C).
8. Provide a detailed landscape and irrigation plan for review prior to issuance of building permits. Please review Zoning Ordinance section 17.30.130-C for current landscaping and irrigation requirements.
9. Provide a conceptual landscape plan for resubmittal or planning commission review.
10. Locate existing oak trees on site and provide protection for all oak trees greater than 2" diameter (see Oak Tree Preservation Ordinance).
11. Maintenance of landscaped areas. - A landscaped area provided in compliance with the regulations prescribed in this title or as a condition of a use permit or variance shall be planted with materials suitable for screening or ornamenting the site, whichever is appropriate, and plant materials shall be maintained and replaced as needed, to screen or ornament the site. (Prior code § 7484)

Lighting:

1. All lighting is to be designed and installed so as to prevent any significant direct or indirect light or glare from falling upon any adjacent residential property. This will need to be demonstrated in the building plans and prior to final on the site.
2. Parking lot and drive aisle lighting adjacent to residential units or designated property should consider the use of 15-foot high light poles, with the light element to be completely recessed into the can. A reduction in the height of the light pole will assist in the reduction/elimination of direct and indirect light and glare which may adversely impact adjacent residential areas.
3. Building and security lights need to be shielded so that the light element is not visible from the adjacent residential properties, if any new lights are added or existing lights relocated.
4. NOTE: Failure to meet these lighting standards in the field will result in no occupancy for the building until the standards are met.
5. In no case shall more than 0.5 lumens be exceeded at any property line, and in cases where the adjacent residential unit is very close to the property line, 0.5 lumens may not be acceptable.

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

Signature 



City of Visalia
Building: Site Plan
Review Comments

PTK 20111T
 NEW SUBDIVISION MAP
 000012815

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

- A building permit will be required. *For information call (559) 713-4444*
- Submit 1 digital set of professionally prepared plans and 1 set of calculations. (Small Tenant Improvements)
- Submit 1 digital set of plans prepared by an architect or engineer. Must comply with 2016 California Building Cod Sec. 2308 for conventional light-frame construction or submit 1 digital set of engineered calculations.
- Indicate abandoned wells, septic systems and excavations on construction plans.
- You are responsible to ensure compliance with the following checked items:**
- Meet State and Federal requirements for accessibility for persons with disabilities.
- A path of travel, parking and common area must comply with requirements for access for persons with disabilities.
- All accessible units required to be adaptable for persons with disabilities.
- Maintain sound transmission control between units minimum of 50 STC.
- Maintain fire-resistive requirements at property lines.
- A demolition permit & deposit is required. *For information call (559) 713-4444*
- Obtain required permits from San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Board. *For information call (661) 392-5500*
- Plans must be approved by the Tulare County Health Department. *For information call (559) 624-8011*
- Project is located in flood zone _____ * Hazardous materials report.
- Arrange for an on-site inspection. (Fee for inspection \$157.00) *For information call (559) 713-4444*
- School Development fees. Commercial \$0.66 per square foot & Self-Storage \$.23 per sf. Residential \$4.16 per square foot.
- Park Development fee \$_____, per unit collected with building permits.
- Additional address may be required for each structure located on the site. *For information call (559) 713-4320*
- Acceptable as submitted
- No comments at this time

Additional comments: _____

VAL GARCIA 2/17/21
 Signature



Site Plan Comments

Visalia Fire Department
Corbin Reed, Fire Marshal
420 N. Burke
Visalia CA 93292
559-713-4272 office
prevention.division@visalia.city

Date	February 16, 2021
Item #	3
Site Plan #	20194
APN:	000012815

- The Site Plan Review comments are issued as **general overview** of your project. With further details, additional requirements will be enforced at the Plan Review stage. Please refer to the 2019 California Fire Code (CFC), 2019 California Building Codes (CBC) and City of Visalia Municipal Codes.
- This item is a **resubmittal**. Please see comments from previous submittals.

Corbin Reed
Fire Marshal



City of Visalia
 Police Department
 303 S. Johnson St.
 Visalia, CA 93292
 (559) 713-4370

Date: 2-16-21
 Item: 3 Resub
 Site Plan: 20-194
 Name: Agent McEwen

SITE PLAN REVIEW COMMENTS

- No Comment at this time
- Request opportunity to comment or make recommendations as to safety issues as plans are developed.
- Public Safety Impact Fee:
 Ordinance No. 2001-11 Chapter 16.48 of Title 16 of the Visalia Municipal Code
 Effective date – August 17, 2001

 Impact fees shall be imposed by the City pursuant to this Ordinance as a condition of or in conjunction with the approval of a development project. "New Development or Development Project" means any new building, structure or improvement of any parcels of land, upon which no like building, structure of improvement previously existed. *Refer to Engineering Site Plan comments for fee estimation.
- Not enough information provided. Please provide additional information pertaining to:

- Territorial Reinforcement: Define property lines (private/public space).

- Access Controlled / Restricted etc.:

- Lighting Concerns:

- Traffic Concerns:

- Surveillance Issues:

- Line of Sight Issues:

- Other Concerns:

CITY OF VISALIA
SOLID WASTE DIVISION
336 N. BEN MADDOX
VISALIA CA. 93291
713 - 4532
COMMERCIAL BIN SERVICE

20194

February 17, 2021

- No comments.
- See comments below
- Revisions required prior to submitting final plans. See comments below.
- Resubmittal required. See comments below.
- Customer responsible for all cardboard and other bulky recyclables to be broken down before disposing of in recycle containers
- ALL refuse enclosures must be R-3 OR R-4
- Customer must provide combination or keys for access to locked gates/bins
- Type of refuse service not indicated.
- Location of bin enclosure not acceptable. See comments below.
- Bin enclosure not to city standards double.
- Inadequate number of bins to provide sufficient service. See comments below.
- Drive approach too narrow for refuse trucks access. See comments below.
- Area not adequate for allowing refuse truck turning radius of : Commercial 50 ft. outside 36 ft. inside; Residential 35 ft. outside, 20 ft. inside.
- Paved areas should be engineered to withstand a 55,000 lb. refuse truck.
- Bin enclosure gates are required
- Hammerhead turnaround must be built per city standards.
- Cul - de - sac must be built per city standards.
- Bin enclosures are for city refuse containers only. Grease drums or any other items are not allowed to be stored inside bin enclosures.
- Area in front of refuse enclosure must be marked off indicating no parking
- Enclosure will have to be designed and located for a STAB service (DIRECT ACCESS) with no less than 38' clear space in front of the bin, included the front concrete pad.
- Customer will be required to roll container out to curb for service.
- Must be a concrete slab in front of enclosure as per city standards, the width of the enclosure by ten(10) feet, minimum of six(6) inches in depth.
- Roll off compactor's must have a clearance of 3 feet from any wall on both sides and there must be a minimum of 53 feet clearance in front of the compactor to allow the truck enough room to provide service.
- City ordinance 8.28.120-130 (effective 07/19/18) requires contractor to contract with City for removal of construction debris unless transported in equipment owned by contractor or unless contracting with a franchise permittee for removal of debris utilizing roll-off boxes.
- Comment Standard 3 can residential services to be assigned per account.

Jason Serpa, Solid Waste Manager, 559-713-4533
Edward Zuniga, Solid Waste Supervisor, 559-713-4338

Nathan Garza, Solid Waste, 559-713-4532



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SENT VIA EMAIL

Ms. Susan Currier, Sr. Administrative Assistant
City of Visalia – Community Development – Site Plan Review
315 E. Acequia Ave
Visalia, CA 93291

Dear Ms. Currier:

Thank you for the opportunity to review Site Plan #20194 for the proposal to divide 16.81 acres into 55 single-family residential lots. The Project site is located on the southeast quadrant of the Tulare Avenue and Lovers Lane intersection, approximately 1 mile south of the State Route (SR) 198/Lovers Lane interchange, in the City of Visalia in Tulare County.

The Project documents indicate that if a parcel owned by the City of Visalia is acquired by the Project, it will add 59 additional single-family residential lots to the Project for a total of 114 single-family residential lots.

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) provides the following comments consistent with the State's smart mobility goals that support a vibrant economy and sustainable communities:

1. Caltrans has estimated that this development will generate over 100 trips
2. Caltrans anticipates some of these trips would utilize the State Route (SR) 198 interchange at Lovers Lane for daily commuting.
3. The SR 198 interchange at Lovers Lane is currently operating at its maximum capacity and would need improvements to accommodate the traffic demands due to continuous growth in the area.

4. Caltrans recommends the Project contribute towards the City of Visalia's Development Impact Fee Program to provide funding for future improvements of State and local transportation facilities.
5. Alternative transportation policies should be applied to the development. An assessment of multi-modal facilities should be conducted to develop an integrated multi-modal transportation system to serve and help alleviate traffic congestion caused by the project and related development in this area of the City. The assessment should include the following:
 - a. Pedestrian walkways should link this proposal to an internal project area walkway, transit facilities, as well as other walkways in the surrounding area.
 - b. The project should consider bicycles as an alternative mode of transportation and offer internal amenities to encourage bicycle use which should include parking, security, lockers and showers. However, internal bicycle paths should be coordinated with local and regional pathways to further encourage the use of bicycles for commuter and recreational purposes.
 - c. If transit is not available within ¼-mile of the site, transit should be extended to provide services to what will be a high activity center.
6. Caltrans recommends that the project proponent continue to work with the County of Tulare to further implement improvements to reduce vehicles miles traveled and offer a variety of transportation modes for its citizens.

If you have any further questions, contact Scott Lau at (559) 445-5763 or scott.lau@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



LORENA MENDIBLES, Chief
Transportation Planning - South



#9

MEETING DATE: November 25, 2020

SITE PLAN NO. 20-194

PARCEL MAP NO.

SUBDIVISION:

LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT NO.

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

RESUBMIT Major changes to your plans are required. Prior to accepting construction drawings for building permit, your project must return to the Site Plan Review Committee for review of the revised plans.

During site plan design/policy concerns were identified, schedule a meeting with

Planning Engineering prior to resubmittal plans for Site Plan Review.

Solid Waste Parks and Recreation Fire Dept.

REVISE AND PROCEED (see below)

A revised plan addressing the Committee comments and revisions must be submitted for Off-Agenda Review and approval prior to submitting for building permits or discretionary actions.

Submit plans for a building permit between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Your plans must be reviewed by:

CITY COUNCIL

REDEVELOPMENT

PLANNING COMMISSION

PARK/RECREATION

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

OTHER: _____

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS :

If you have any questions or comments, please call (559) 713-4444.

Site Plan Review Committee

SITE PLAN REVIEW COMMENTS

CITY OF VISALIA TRAFFIC SAFETY DIVISION

November 25, 2020

ITEM NO: 9

SITE PLAN NO: SPR20194

PROJECT TITLE: Lovers Lane - Tulare Ave. Subdivision

DESCRIPTION: New 50 Lot Subdivision (O-PA, R-1-5, R-M-2)

APPLICANT: Steve Macias

OWNER: SOUZA BRYAN G

APN: 000012815

LOCATION: Lovers Lane at Tulare Ave

THE TRAFFIC DIVISION WILL PROHIBIT ON-STREET PARKING AS DEEMED NECESSARY

- No Comments
- See Previous Site Plan Comments
- Install Street Light(s) per City Standards.
- Install Street Name Blades at **intersections** Locations at time of development.
- Install Stop Signs on **local roads** intersecting with arterial/collector status roadways at time of development.
- Construct parking per City Standards PK-1 through PK-4.
- Construct drive approach per City Standards at time of development.
- Traffic Impact Analysis required (CUP)
 - Provide more traffic information such as . Depending on development size, characteristics, etc., a TIA may be required.
- Additional traffic information required (Non Discretionary)
 - Trip Generation - Provide documentation as to concurrence with General Plan.
 - Site Specific - Evaluate access points and provide documentation of conformance with COV standards. If noncomplying, provide explanation.
 - Traffic Impact Fee (TIF) Program - Identify improvements needed in concurrence with TIF.

Additional Comments:

- How do these N-S streets align with future driveways for development on northside of Tulare Ave? Need to show. To accommodate access from Tulare Ave, alignment required.
- Spacing between roadways onto Tulare (collector status roadway) shall comply with COV standard P-15. 150' minimum spacing required.

Leslie Blair

Leslie Blair



City of Visalia
 Police Department
 303 S. Johnson St.
 Visalia, CA 93292
 (559) 713-4370

Date: 11-20-20
 Item: #9
 Site Plan: 20-194
 Name: Agent McEwen

SITE PLAN REVIEW COMMENTS

- No Comment at this time
- Request opportunity to comment or make recommendations as to safety issues as plans are developed.
- Public Safety Impact Fee:
 Ordinance No. 2001-11 Chapter 16.48 of Title 16 of the Visalia Municipal Code
 Effective date – August 17, 2001

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- Not enough information provided. Please provide additional information pertaining to:

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- Access Controlled / Restricted etc.:

- Lighting Concerns:

- Traffic Concerns:

- Surveillance Issues:

- Line of Sight Issues:

- Other Concerns:

**SUBDIVISION & PARCEL MAP
REQUIREMENTS
ENGINEERING DIVISION**

Adrian Rubalcaba 713-4271
 Lupe Garcia 713-4197

ITEM NO: 8 DATE: 11-25-20

SITE PLAN NO.: 20-194
PROJECT TITLE: Lovers Lane - Tulare Ave Substation
DESCRIPTION: New 50 Lot Subdivision
APPLICANT: Steve Macias
PROP. OWNER: Souza Bryan G
LOCATION: Lovers Lane at Tulare
APN: 000012815

SITE PLAN REVIEW COMMENTS

- REQUIREMENTS (Indicated by checked boxes)
- Submit improvements plans detailing all proposed work; Subdivision Agreement will detail fees & bonding requirements
- Bonds, certificate of insurance, cash payment of fees/inspection, and approved map & plan required prior to approval of Final Map.
- The Final Map & Improvements shall conform to the Subdivision Map Act, the City's Subdivision Ordinance and Standard Improvements.
- A preconstruction conference is required prior to the start of any construction.
- Right-of-way dedication required. A title report is required for verification of ownership. by map by deed
- City Encroachment Permit Required which shall include an approved traffic control plan.
- CalTrans Encroachment Permit Required. CalTrans comments required prior to tentative parcel map approval. CalTrans contacts: David Deel (Planning) 488-4088
- Landscape & Lighting District/Home Owners Association required prior to approval of Final Map. Landscape & Lighting District will maintain common area landscaping, street lights, street trees and local streets as applicable. Submit completed Landscape and Lighting District application and filing fee a min. of 75 days before approval of Final Map.
- Landscape & irrigation improvement plans to be submitted for each phase. Landscape plans will need to comply with the City's street tree ordinance. The locations of street trees near intersections will need to comply with Plate SD-1 of the City improvement standards. A street tree and landscape master plan for all phases of the subdivision will need to be submitted with the initial phase to assist City staff in the formation of the landscape and lighting assessment district.
- Dedicate landscape lots to the City that are to be maintained by the Landscape & Lighting District.
- Northeast Specific Plan Area: Application for annexation into Northeast District required 75 days prior to Final Map approval.
- Written comments required from ditch company. Contacts: James Silva 747-1177 for Modoc, Persian, Watson, Oakes, Flemming, Evans Ditch and Peoples Ditches; Paul Hendrix 686-3425 for Tulare Irrigation Canal, Packwood and Cameron Creeks; Bruce George 747-5601 for Mill Creek and St. John's River.
- Final Map & Improvements shall conform to the City's Waterways Policy. Access required on ditch bank, 12' minimum. Provide wide riparian dedication from top of bank.
- Sanitary Sewer master plan for the entire development shall be submitted for approval prior to approval of any portion of the system. The sewer system will need to be extended to the boundaries of the development where future connection and extension is anticipated. The sewer system will need to be sized to serve any future developments that are anticipated to connect to the system. **see comments**
- Grading & Drainage plan required. If the project is phased, then a master plan is required for the entire project area that shall include pipe network sizing and grades and street grades. Prepared by registered civil engineer or project architect. All elevations shall be based on the City's benchmark network. Storm run-off from the project shall be handled as follows: a) directed to the City's existing storm drainage system; b) directed to a permanent on-site basin; or c) directed to a temporary on-site basin is required until a connection with adequate capacity is available to the City's storm drainage system. On-site

basin: : maximum side slopes, perimeter fencing required, provide access ramp to bottom for maintenance. **see comments**

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

Additional Comments:

1. **North and south street should align with proposed development to the north under SPR 19-074 and 20-187.**
2. **Meet Traffic Safety requirements for street spacing.**
3. **Sewer extension to property limits will be required.**
4. **Full frontage improvements along Tulare are required.**
5. **Provide cut sections of Vista and Tulare with Plans.**
6. **Provide right of way dimensions of Tulare and Vista on plans.**
7. **Show clearly proposed connection point to the north under SPR 19-074 and 20-187.**
8. **Fire station is not part of the development project. How will that parcel be established? Remainder parcel?**
9. **How will existing parcel encompassing proposed parcels 1-5 be transferred since this project doesn't own it?**
10. **Clearly define all lots affected with this subdivision.**
11. **Vista street will need to be installed across property frontage.**
12. **Barricades must be installed at Vista project limits.**
13. **Parcel with fire station must dedicate ROW sufficient to install City standard ROW improvements with this map.**

SITE PLAN REVIEW COMMENTS

Josh Dan, Planning Division (559) 713-4003

Date: November 25, 2020

SITE PLAN NO: 2020-194
PROJECT: Lovers Lane – Tulare Ave. Subdivision
DESCRIPTION: NEW 50 LOT SUBDIVISION
APPLICANT: STEVE MACIAS
PROP. OWNER: SOUZA BRYAN G
LOCATION TITLE: LOVERS LANE AT TULARE
APN TITLE: 000-012-815
GENERAL PLAN: RLD (Residential Low Density)
ZONING: R-1-5 (Residential 5,000sqft minimum)

Rule 9510 – This project may be subject to the Rule 9510 requirements of the [San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District](#) – see District web-site for information.

Planning Division Recommendation:

- Revise and Proceed - CUP
 Resubmit

Project Requirements

- TSM
- IS/ND
- Apply for building permits.

PROJECT SPECIFIC INFORMATION: November 25, 2020

1. Tentative Subdivision Map
2. Environmental may require a minimum Initial Study / Neg Dec.
3. Label out lots
4. Make sure proposed homes meet setbacks – variances will not be entertained.
5. City lot listed as “not a part” or remainder
6. Comply with street connectivity to Tulare and proposed access to the north.
7. Comply with all codes and ordinances.

Landscaping and Lighting Act District:

1. A landscaping and lighting act district, or similar instrument, may be required for the maintenance of common areas or infrastructure such as street lights and similar infrastructure.
2. Annexation to an existing district may be required.
3. That a Landscaping and Lighting Act Assessment District be formed, prior to recordation of the final map, for the maintenance of the landscaping and fences and/or walls along the public street frontages and open space areas of the subdivision. The Landscaping and Lighting Act Assessment District shall also include the operational and maintenance cost for the street lights both internal to the subdivision and along streets abutting the subdivision. The Landscape and Lighting Act District shall also include provisions for the City to collect payments from the subdivider to cover the estimated cost to operate and maintain the improvements of the District prior to assessments occurring on the property tax roll.

17.32.080 Maintenance of landscaped areas.

A landscaped area provided in compliance with the regulations prescribed in this title or as a condition of a use permit or variance shall be planted with materials suitable for screening or ornamenting the site, whichever is appropriate, and plant materials shall be maintained and replaced as needed, to screen or ornament the site. (Prior code § 7484)

Site Area in non-residential zones – ZO Section 17.30.015-A - Site areas less than 5 acres may be approved/created upon approval of an acceptable master plan by the Site Plan Review Committee.

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

Maximum Building Height: 35 Feet

Minimum Setbacks:

	Building	Landscaping
➤ Front	15 Feet	15 Feet
➤ Front Garage (garage w/door to street)	22 Feet	22 Feet
➤ Side	5 Feet	5 Feet
➤ Street side on corner lot (long side of lot)	10 Feet	10 Feet
➤ Street side on corner to garage door	22 Feet	22 Feet
➤ Rear	25 Feet*	25 Feet

Minimum Site Area: 5,000 square feet

Accessory Structures:

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

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

Reverse Corner Lots: No structure in the 15 feet of adjacent lot's front yard area, see Zoning Ordinance Section 17.12.100 for complete standards and requirements.

Parking:

1. Provide parking spaces based Zoning Ordinance Section 17.34.020
2. 30% of the required parking stalls may be compact and shall be evenly distributed in the lot.
3. Provide handicapped space(s).
4. An 80 sq. ft. minimum landscape well is required every 10 contiguous parking.
5. A planter is required every other row. (5-9 feet in width containing trees on twenty (20) foot centers.
6. No repair work or vehicle servicing allowed in a parking area.
7. It is highly recommended that bicycle rack(s) be provided on site plan.
8. No parking shall be permitted in a required front/rear/side yard.
9. Design/locate parking lot lighting to deflect any glare away from abutting residential areas.
10. Parking lot to be screened from view by a 3-foot tall solid wall or shrubs when located adjacent to a public street or when across from residential property.
11. Front carport area to have a 3 to 6-foot tall screening wall.
12. Provide shopping cart storage areas on site plan.
13. Provide transit facilities on site plan.
14. Provide shared parking/access agreements
15. Provide off-street loading facility.
16. The project should provide preferential parking spaces for carpools and vanpools to decrease the number of single occupant vehicle work trips. The preferential treatment could include covered parking spaces or close-in parking spaces, or designated free parking, or a guaranteed space for the vehicle.
17. Provide a "No Parking" (dead-head) stall at the end of the parking row (for rows over 6 stalls deep with no outlet) to allow vehicles to turn around rather than backing out if no stalls are available.

Fencing and Screening:

1. Provide screening for roof mounted equipment (Zoning Ordinance Section 17.30.130.F).
2. Provide second-story screening for all windows that may intrude into adjacent residential properties. Details and cross-sections will be required to be reviewed and approved prior to issuance of building permits (Zoning Ordinance Section 17.30.130.F).

3. Provide screened trash enclosure with solid screening gates (Zoning Ordinance Section 17.30.130.F).
4. Provide solid screening of all outdoor storage areas. Outdoor storage to be screened from public view with solid material (Zoning Ordinance Section 17.30.130.F).
5. Outdoor retail sales prohibited.
6. Cross Sections need to be provided for site Plan Review if there is greater than an 18-inch difference between the elevation of the subject site and the adjacent properties, and the sections would be required for the public hearing process also.
7. All outdoor storage areas are to be identified on the site plan and they are to be shown with screening (fencing). No materials may be stored above the storage area fence heights (Zoning Ordinance Section 17.30.130.F).
8. If there is an anticipated grade difference of more than 12-inches between this site and the adjacent sites, a cross section of the difference and the walls must be provided as a part of the Subdivision and/or CUP application package.
9. NOTE: The maximum height of block walls and fences is 7-feet in the appropriate areas; this height is measured on the tallest side of the fence. If the height difference is such that the fence on the inside of the project site is not of sufficient height, the fence height should be discussed with Planning Staff prior to the filing of applications to determine if an Exception to fence/wall height should also be submitted.

Landscaping:

1. The City has adopted the State Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance. The ordinance applies to projects installing 2,500 square feet or more of landscaping. It requires that landscaping and irrigation plans be certified by a qualified entity (i.e., Landscape Architect) as meeting the State water conservation requirements. The City's implementation of this new State law will be accomplished by self-certification of the final landscape and irrigation plans by a California licensed landscape architect or other qualified entity with sections signed by appropriately licensed or certified persons as required by the ordinance. **NOTE: Prior to a final for the project, a signed Certificate of Compliance for the MWELO standards is required indicating that the landscaping has been installed to MWELO standards.**
2. Provide street trees at an average of 20-feet on center along street frontages. All trees to be 15-gallon minimum size (Zoning Ordinance Section 17.30.015-2).
3. In the P(R-M) multi-family residential zone, all multiple family developments shall have landscaping including plants, and ground cover to be consistent with surrounding landscaping in the vicinity. Landscape plans to be approved by city staff prior to installation and occupancy of use and such landscaping to be permanently maintained. (Zoning Ordinance Section 17.16.180)
4. All landscape areas to be protected with 6-inch concrete curbs (Zoning Ordinance Section 17.30.130.F).
5. All parking lots to be designed to provide a tree canopy to provide shade in the hot seasons and sunlight in the winter months.
6. Provide a detailed landscape and irrigation plan as a part of the building permit package (Zoning Ordinance Section 17.34.040).
7. An 80 sq. ft. minimum landscape well is required every 10 contiguous parking stalls (Zoning Ordinance Section 17.30.130.C).
8. Provide a detailed landscape and irrigation plan for review prior to issuance of building permits. Please review Zoning Ordinance section 17.30.130-C for current landscaping and irrigation requirements.
9. Provide a conceptual landscape plan for resubmittal or planning commission review.
10. Locate existing oak trees on site and provide protection for all oak trees greater than 2" diameter (see Oak Tree Preservation Ordinance).
11. Maintenance of landscaped areas. - A landscaped area provided in compliance with the regulations prescribed in this title or as a condition of a use permit or variance shall be planted with materials suitable for screening or ornamenting the site, whichever is appropriate, and plant materials shall be maintained and replaced as needed, to screen or ornament the site. (Prior code § 7484)

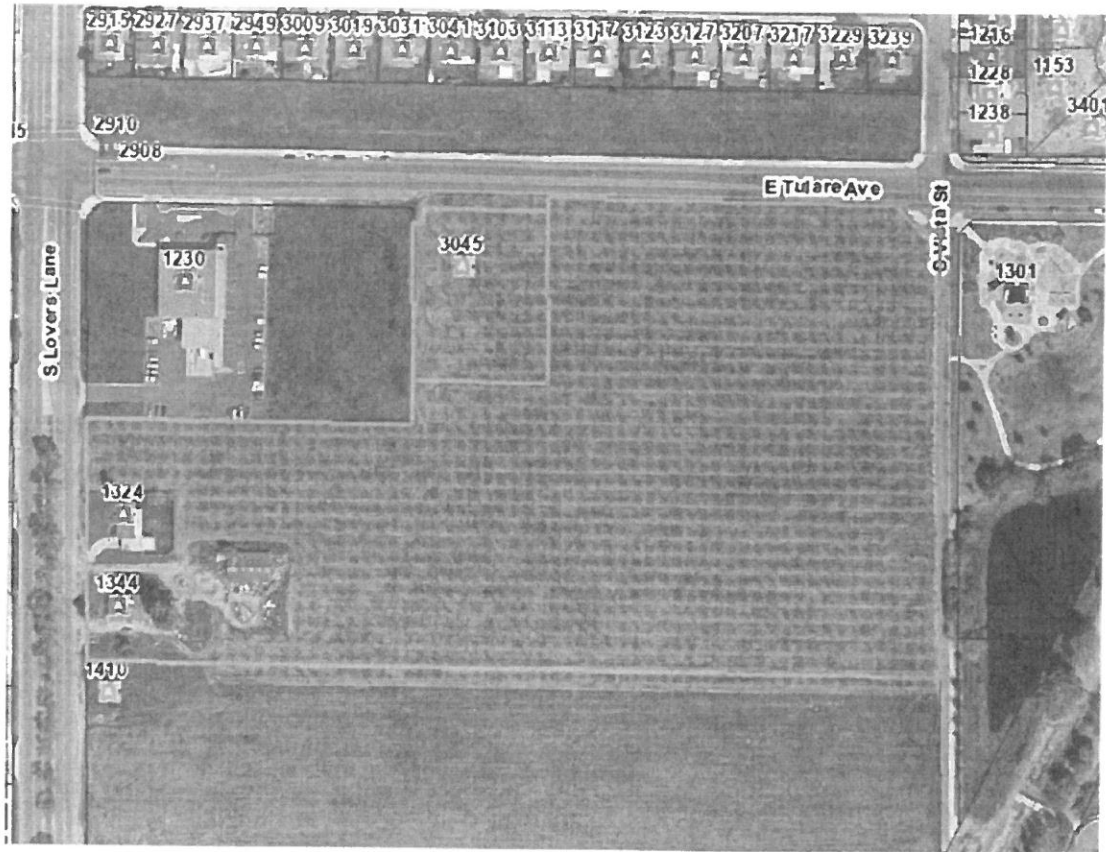
Lighting:

1. All lighting is to be designed and installed so as to prevent any significant direct or indirect light or glare from falling upon any adjacent residential property. This will need to be demonstrated in the building plans and prior to final on the site.
2. Parking lot and drive aisle lighting adjacent to residential units or designated property should consider the use of 15-foot high light poles, with the light element to be completely recessed into the can. A reduction in the height of the light pole will assist in the reduction/elimination of direct and indirect light and glare which may adversely impact adjacent residential areas.
3. Building and security lights need to be shielded so that the light element is not visible from the adjacent residential properties, if any new lights are added or existing lights relocated.
4. NOTE: Failure to meet these lighting standards in the field will result in no occupancy for the building until the standards are met.
5. In no case shall more than 0.5 lumens be exceeded at any property line, and in cases where the adjacent residential unit is very close to the property line, 0.5 lumens may not be acceptable.

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

Signature

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SFR 20194
LOWER LANE SUBDIVISION MAP
000012815

City of Visalia
Building: Site Plan
Review Comments

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

- A building permit will be required. *For information call (559) 713-4444*
- Submit 1 digital set of professionally prepared plans and 1 set of calculations. (Small Tenant Improvements)
- Submit 1 digital set of plans prepared by an architect or engineer. Must comply with 2016 California Building Cod Sec. 2308 for conventional light-frame construction or submit 1 digital set of engineered calculations.
- Indicate abandoned wells, septic systems and excavations on construction plans.
- You are responsible to ensure compliance with the following checked items:**
- Meet State and Federal requirements for accessibility for persons with disabilities.
- A path of travel, parking and common area must comply with requirements for access for persons with disabilities.
- All accessible units required to be adaptable for persons with disabilities.
- Maintain sound transmission control between units minimum of 50 STC.
- Maintain fire-resistive requirements at property lines.
- A demolition permit & deposit is required. *For information call (559) 713-4444*
- Obtain required permits from San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Board. *For information call (661) 392-5500*
- Plans must be approved by the Tulare County Health Department. *For information call (559) 624-8011*
- Project is located in flood zone _____ * Hazardous materials report.
- Arrange for an on-site inspection. (Fee for inspection \$157.00) *For information call (559) 713-4444*
- School Development fees. Commercial \$0.66 per square foot & Self-Storage \$.23 per sf. Residential \$4.16 per square foot.
- Park Development fee \$_____, per unit collected with building permits.
- Additional address may be required for each structure located on the site. *For information call (559) 713-4320*
- Acceptable as submitted
- No comments at this time

Additional comments: _____

YEL GARCIA 11/25/20
Signature



Site Plan Comments
Visalia Fire Department
Corbin Reed, Fire Marshal
420 N. Burke
Visalia CA 93292
559-713-4272 office
prevention.division@visalia.city

Date November 24, 2020
Item # 9
Site Plan # 20194
APN: 000012815

- The Site Plan Review comments are issued as **general overview** of your project. With further details, additional requirements will be enforced at the Plan Review stage. Please refer to the 2019 California Fire Code (CFC), 2019 California Building Codes (CBC) and City of Visalia Municipal Codes.
- Fire protection items are not required to be installed for **parcel map or lot line adjustment** at this time; however, any developments taking place on these parcels will be subject to fire & life safety requirements including fire protection systems and fire hydrants in accordance with all applicable sections of the California Fire Code.
- Construction and demolition sites prior to and during construction shall comply with the attached **Access & Water Guidelines**.
- **Address numbers** must be placed on the exterior of the building in such a position as to be clearly and plainly visible from the street. Numbers will be at least four inches (4") high and shall be of a color to contrast with their background. If multiple addresses are served by a common driveway, the range of numbers shall be posted at the roadway/driveway. 2019 CFC 505.1
- Residential developments shall be provided with **fire hydrants** every six hundred (600) lineal feet of residential frontage. In isolated developments, no less than two (2) fire hydrants shall be provided. The exact location and number of fire hydrants shall be at the discretion of the fire marshal, fire chief and/or their designee. VMC 16.36.120(5); 2019 CFC §507, App B and C
- **All streets** shall meet the City of Visalia's Design & Improvement Standards for streets to ensure that fire apparatus can make access to all structures in the event of an emergency.

Corbin Reed
Fire Marshal



Visalia Fire Department Access and Water Guidelines for Residential Construction

Effective July 1, 2019

Model Homes & Non-Model Homes

Model and Non-Model homes may be constructed once all of the following conditions have been met:

1. All portions of proposed residential construction shall be located and accessible within 150 feet of an existing, paved, city street.
2. **Exceptions:** If any portion of a model home or a non-model is located greater than 150 feet from an existing city street, a fire apparatus access road shall be installed and maintained unobstructed at all times. The fire access road, including curb and gutter, shall be installed per City Specifications and City Standard P-1 excluding the Asphalt Concrete layer, but in no circumstance shall have a structural section less than required under City Standard P-25 based on R-Value of existing subgrade unless otherwise specified on approved plans. Compaction tests, including testing of the aggregate base layer, shall be performed under City inspection and reports shall be submitted to the Public Works Inspector prior to City acceptance for the road to be used for fire access. The fire access roads shall be usable and maintained in place until permanent paved access has been provided meeting City standards and specifications.
3. All required fire hydrants shall be installed in the approved locations per the stamped and approved plans and shall be fully operational.

Exception: If fire hydrant installation has not been completed an onsite elevated water tank shall be provided. The minimum size of provided water tank shall be 10,000 gallons, and shall be designated as "Fire Department use only". Tanks shall be located within 300 feet travel distance of each structure being developed. Tanks shall remain in place until all fire hydrant installation has been completed and all hydrants are fully operational. Travel distance shall be measured by an approved fire apparatus access route.

Connection provided on water tanks shall be a four and one half inch National Hose thread male fitting and shall be gravity fed, with connection point located between 18 and 36 inches above ground level.

***If at any time the conditions of these guidelines are not being met the Fire Marshal/Fire Chief or his/her designee have the authority to issue a "Stop Work Order" until corrections have been made.**

*** This information is intended to be a guideline. The Fire Marshal and/or Fire Chief shall have the discretion to modify requirements at any time as set forth under CFC Appendix D. The applicability of this guideline will be evaluated on February 1, 2020 by the Fire Marshal or Fire Chief.**



City of Visalia
 Police Department
 303 S. Johnson St.
 Visalia, CA 93292
 (559) 713-4370

Date: 11-20-20
 Item: #9
 Site Plan: 20-194
 Name: AGENT MCEWEN

SITE PLAN REVIEW COMMENTS

- No Comment at this time
- Request opportunity to comment or make recommendations as to safety issues as plans are developed.
- Public Safety Impact Fee:
 Ordinance No. 2001-11 Chapter 16.48 of Title 16 of the Visalia Municipal Code
 Effective date – August 17, 2001

 Impact fees shall be imposed by the City pursuant to this Ordinance as a condition of or in conjunction with the approval of a development project. "New Development or Development Project" means any new building, structure or improvement of any parcels of land, upon which no like building, structure of improvement previously existed. *Refer to Engineering Site Plan comments for fee estimation.
- Not enough information provided. Please provide additional information pertaining to:

- Territorial Reinforcement: Define property lines (private/public space).

- Access Controlled / Restricted etc.:

- Lighting Concerns:

- Traffic Concerns:

- Surveillance Issues:

- Line of Sight Issues:

- Other Concerns:

SITE PLAN REVIEW COMMENTS

CITY OF VISALIA TRAFFIC SAFETY DIVISION

November 25, 2020

ITEM NO: 9

SITE PLAN NO: SPR20194
PROJECT TITLE: Lovers Lane - Tulare Ave Subdivision
DESCRIPTION: New 50 Lot Subdivision (O-PA, R-1-5, R-M-2)
APPLICANT: Steve Macias
OWNER: SOUZA BRYAN G
APN: 000012815
LOCATION: Lovers Lane at Tulare Ave

THE TRAFFIC DIVISION WILL PROHIBIT ON-STREET PARKING AS DEEMED NECESSARY

- No Comments
- See Previous Site Plan Comments
- Install Street Light(s) per City Standards.
- Install Street Name Blades at **intersections** Locations at time of development.
- Install Stop Signs on **local roads** intersecting with arterial/collector status roadways at time of development.
- Construct parking per City Standards PK-1 through PK-4.
- Construct drive approach per City Standards at time of development.
- Traffic Impact Analysis required (CUP)
 - Provide more traffic information such as . Depending on development size, characteristics, etc., a TIA may be required.
- Additional traffic information required (Non Discretionary)
 - Trip Generation - Provide documentation as to concurrence with General Plan.
 - Site Specific - Evaluate access points and provide documentation of conformance with COV standards. If noncomplying, provide explanation.
 - Traffic Impact Fee (TIF) Program - Identify improvements needed in concurrence with TIF.

Additional Comments:

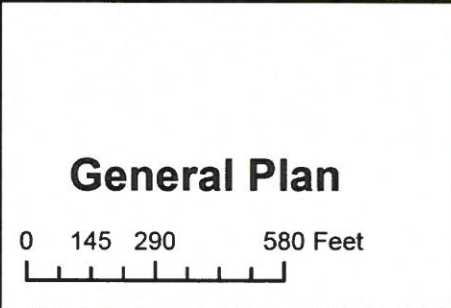
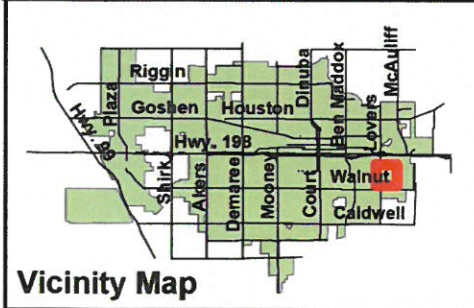
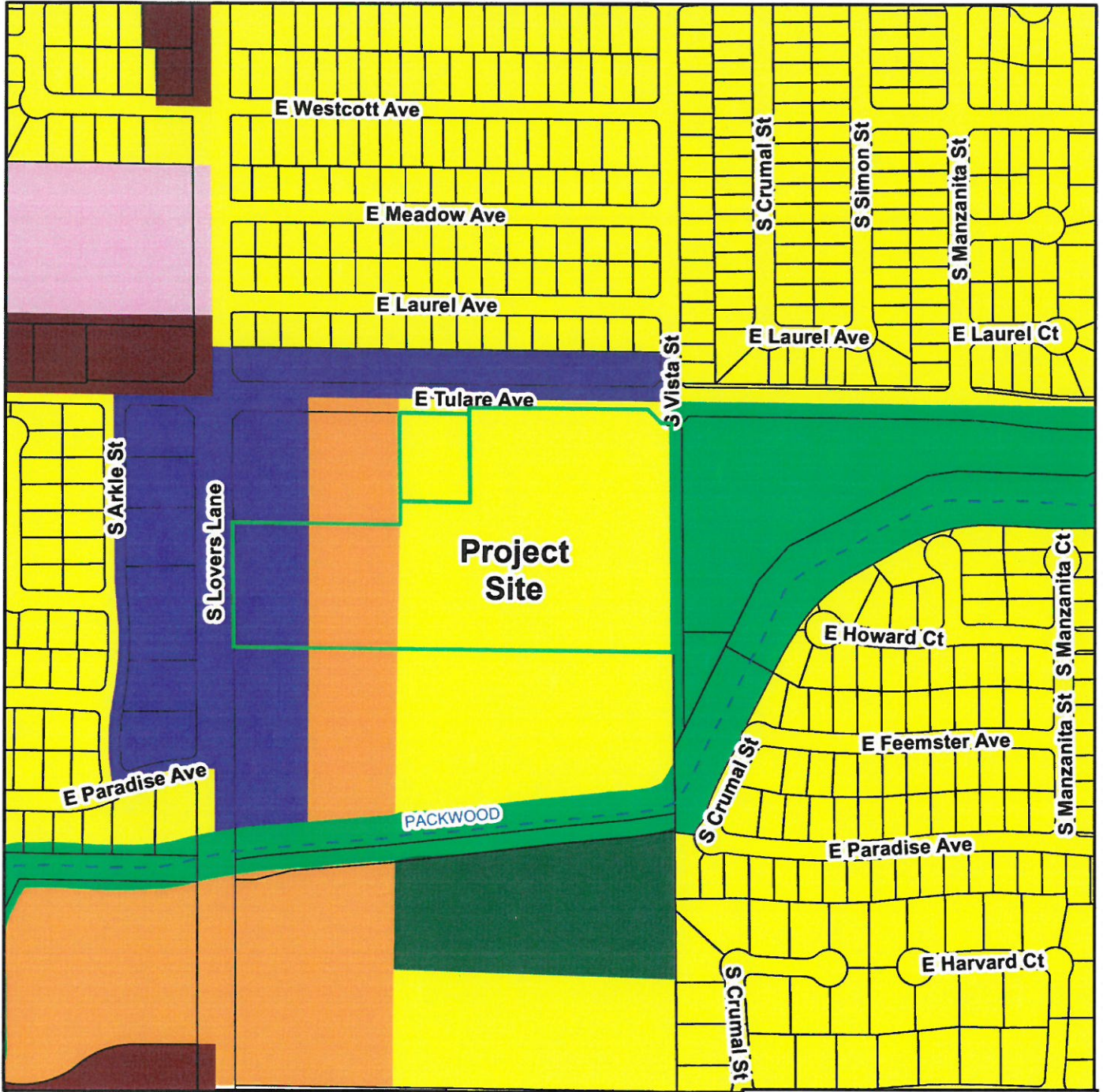
- How do these N-S streets align with future driveways for development on northside of Tulare Ave? Need to show. To accommodate access from Tulare Ave, alignment required.
- Spacing between roadways onto Tulare (collector status roadway) shall comply with COV standard P-15. 150' minimum spacing required.

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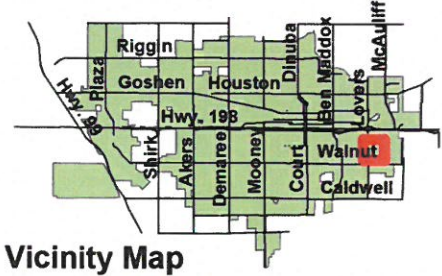
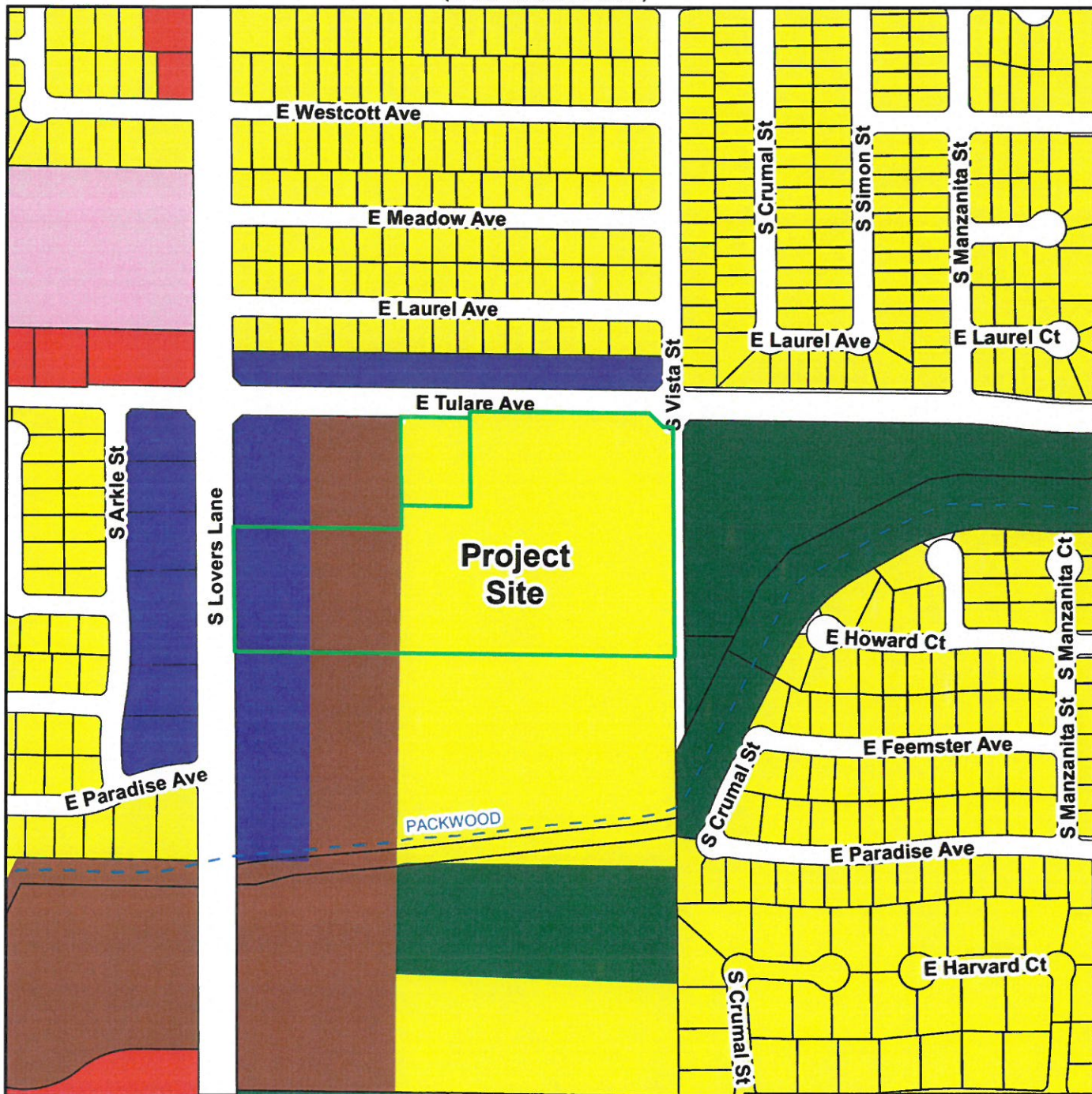
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(APNs: 101-050-043 & 044)

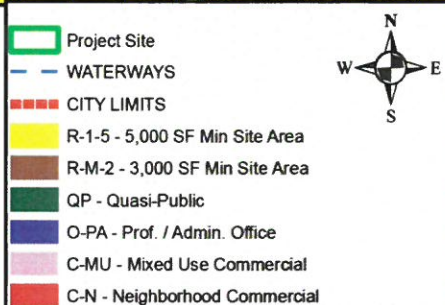
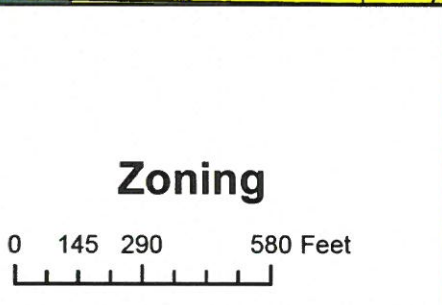


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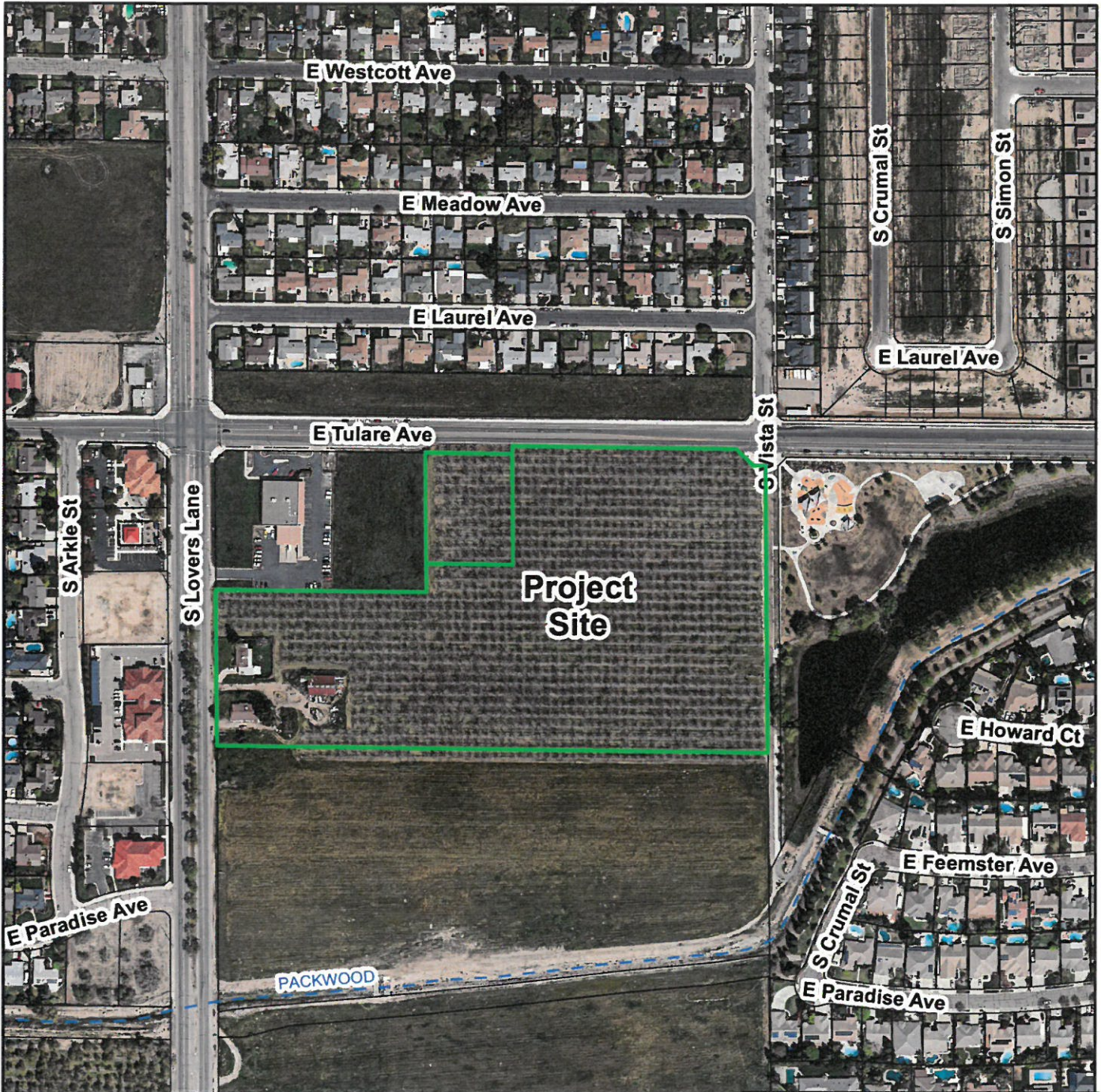


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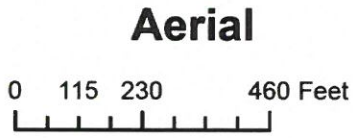


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Aerial

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