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Staff Report

ITEM NO. 2-4

To: Lemoore City Council
From: Steve Brandt, City Planner 
Date: September 30, 2014 **Meeting Date:** October 7, 2014
Subject: Adoption of Resolution 2014-28 Adoption of Notice of Exemption in Accordance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

Discussion:

The City of Lemoore has been working to underground the ditch in front of the Cinnamon Complex, widen Cinnamon Drive and install sidewalk and street trees. This step in the process meets the environmental requirements of CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) by conditionally approving the project, subject to allocation of grant funding and a successful bid process. An approved CEQA document is required to obtain final grant funding approval from the State.

Budget Impact:

The project has already been budgeted for in the City Capital Improvement Program using local transportation funds and the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP.)

Recommendation:

City staff recommends that the City Council, by motion, adopt Resolution 2014-28 finding that the activity is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) and that said activity has no possibility of having a significant effect on the environment.

Environmental Assessment

The activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment. After approval by the City Council, City staff will file the Notice of Exemption with the CA Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and with the Kings County Clerk.

RESOLUTION #2014-28

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEMOORE
ADOPTING AN EXEMPTION FOR THE CINNAMON DRIVE AND DOCKSTEADER
DITCH PROJECT**

At a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Lemoore duly called and held on October 7, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. on said day, it was moved by Council Member _____, seconded by Council Member _____ and carried that the following Resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, the City of Lemoore desires to widen the portion of Cinnamon Drive adjacent to the City's Cinnamon Complex and pipe the existing open ditch; and

WHEREAS, the activity is all within City right of way; and

WHEREAS, funding has been allocated from the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and local transportation funds (LTF); and

WHEREAS, the City of Lemoore (City) as Lead Agency, has prepared an Exemption pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and State CEQA Guidelines relating to the environmental evaluation of the Cinnamon Drive and Dockstader Ditch Project; and

WHEREAS, the City has analyzed the activity and the determination of the Exemption pursuant to CEQA and determined that the activity is exempt from CEQA under CEQA Guideline 15061(b)(3).

WHEREAS, the City will file a Notice of Exemption with the Kings County Clerk and the State Office of Planning and Research.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Lemoore, in compliance with CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines, finds that the activity has been conditionally approved (subject to finalization of State funding and a successful bid process) and is exempt under CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) and that said activity has no possibility of having a significant effect on the environment.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Lemoore held the 7th day of October 2014, by the following votes:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAINING:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Mary J. Venegas, City Clerk

Lois Wynne, Mayor

Notice of Exemption

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

From: City of Lemoore
711 W Cinnamon Drive
Lemoore, CA 93245

Kings County Clerk/Recorder
Kings County Government Center
1400 W Lacey Blvd.
Hanford, CA 93230

Project Title: Cinnamon Road and Ditch Project

Project Location - Specific: The proposed project is located on the south side of Cinnamon Avenue, between Hill Street and Liberty Drive. The project site is completely within city public right of way.

Project Location - City: Lemoore

Project Location - County: Kings

Description of Project:

The city-sponsored project will underground and pipe a 1,200-foot long man-made ditch that is regularly kept free of vegetation. The project will also widen Cinnamon Avenue on the south side of the roadway to add a parking lane, curb, gutter and sidewalk.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Lemoore

Name of Person or Agency Carrying out Project: City of Lemoore

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number : 15061(b)(3)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number.

Reasons why project is exempt:

The activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.

Lead Agency Contact Person: David Wlaschin
Planning and Public Works Director

Signature:  **Date:** 10-2-14 **Title:** Planning/Public Works

EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

Environmental Checklist and Discussion

1. Project title:

Cinnamon Road and Ditch Project

2. Lead agency name and address:

City of Lemoore
711 W Cinnamon Drive
Lemoore, CA 93245

3. Contact person and phone number:

Lauren Apone
City of Lemoore
(559) 924-6734

4. Project location:

The proposed project is located on the south side of Cinnamon Avenue, between Hill Street and Liberty Drive, in the City of Lemoore, California. The project site is completely within city public right of way.

5. Project sponsor's name and address:

Lauren Apone
City of Lemoore
711 W Cinnamon Drive
Lemoore, CA 93245

6. General plan designation:

There is no General Plan designation. The project is within City right of way.

7. Zoning:

There is no zoning. The project is within City right of way.

8. Description of project:

The city-sponsored project will underground and pipe a 1,200-foot long man-made ditch that is regularly kept free of vegetation. The project will also widen Cinnamon Avenue on the south side of the roadway to add a parking lane, curb, gutter and sidewalk.

9. Surrounding land uses and setting:

The area surrounding the project site currently contains residences to the north, existing roadway to the east and west, and the City owned facilities for the Parks, Planning, and Public Works Departments.

The setting has been urbanized for many years. The man-made ditch is currently an underground pipe for approximately 2 miles upstream and approximately ¾ miles downstream. Due to drought conditions, there has been little to no water in the ditch for the past few years. The ditch is regularly treated to remove all vegetation.

10 Other public agencies whose approval or consultation is required; a general plan amendment and zone change will be required. (e.g., permits, financing approval, participation agreements):

None

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:

The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project, involving at least one impact that is a “Potentially Significant Impact” as indicated by the checklist on the following pages.

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

DETERMINATION:

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

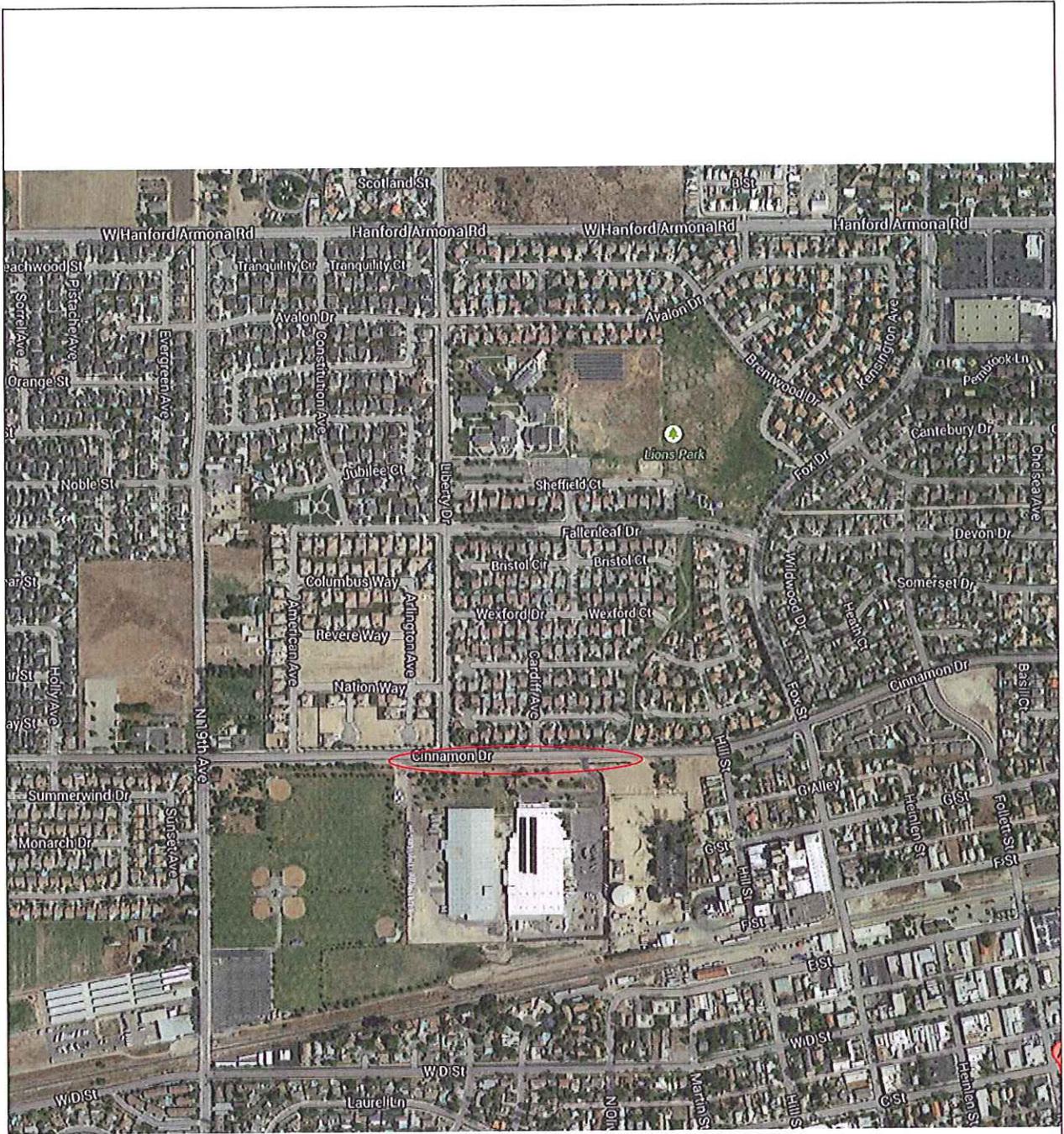
- I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, as it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.
- I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.
- I find that the proposed project MAY have a “potentially significant impact” or “potentially significant unless mitigated” impact on the environment, but at least one effect has been 1) adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards; and 2) addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.
- I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.

Signed:



David Wlaschin
Planning and Public Works Director
City of Lemoore

September 2014
Date



PROJECT LOCATION

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Environmental Checklist and Discussion

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

Response

The project site is in an urbanized area. The project will not result in blocking or disturbing any views. There are no trees, rock outcroppings, or historic buildings on or near the site. The project will improve the visual character by planting urban-style landscaping. New street lights will be shielded to keep light only downward onto the expanded roadway.

Conclusion:

The project would cause no impact to aesthetics.

Mitigation Measures: None are required.

3.2 AGRICULTURAL AND FOREST RESOURCES

In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Department of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. Would the project:

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code section 12229(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by GC section 51104(g))?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of farmland, to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Response: There will not be any conversion of farmland, nor zoning for agricultural land that conflict with the Williamson Act, and/or forest land.

Conclusion: The project shall have no impact on agriculture or forest resources.

Mitigation Measures: None are required.

3.3 AIR QUALITY

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

	<u>Potentially Significant Impact</u>	<u>Less than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated</u>	<u>Less than Significant Impact</u>	<u>No Impact</u>
a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations or hazardous emissions?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e) Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Response: The project is too small to result in emission that would create such impacts.

Conclusion: This project would have no impact with respect to air quality attainment plan consistency.

Mitigation Measures: None are required.

3.4 BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

Would the project:

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, and regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

	<u>Potentially Significant Impact</u>	<u>Less than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated</u>	<u>Less than Significant Impact</u>	<u>No Impact</u>
f) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Response: There is no natural habitat within the project area. The project site has been surrounded on all sides by urban development for many years. The man-made ditch has been regularly kept free of weeds and vegetation. There are no trees within the project area. This is the only section of the ditch that is not already piped underground.

Conclusion: The project would have no impact to the proposed project site.

Mitigation Measures: None are required.

3.5 CULTURAL RESOURCES

	<u>Potentially Significant Impact</u>	<u>Less than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated</u>	<u>Less than Significant Impact</u>	<u>No Impact</u>
Would the project:				
a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in §15064.5?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to §15064.385?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource site or unique geologic feature?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Response: There is no natural habitat within the project area. The project site has been surrounded on all sides by urban development for many years. The man-made ditch has been regularly kept free of weeds and vegetation. There are no trees within the project area. This is the only section of the ditch that is not already piped underground.

Conclusion: The project would cause no impact to the project site.

Mitigation Measures: None are required.

3.6 GEOLOGY/SOILS

Would the project:

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:				
i) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
iv) Landslides?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

	<u>Potentially Significant Impact</u>	<u>Less than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated</u>	<u>Less than Significant Impact</u>	<u>No Impact</u>
e) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems when sewers are not available for the disposal of wastewater?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Response: There is no natural habitat within the project area. The project site has been surrounded on all sides by urban development for many years. The man-made ditch has been regularly kept free of weeds and vegetation. There are no trees within the project area. This is the only section of the ditch that is not already piped underground.

Conclusion: The project would cause no impact to the project site

Mitigation Measures: None are required.

3.7 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

Would the project:

	<u>Potentially Significant Impact</u>	<u>Less than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated</u>	<u>Less than Significant Impact</u>	<u>No Impact</u>
a) Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Response: The project will create a parking lane on the street and a sidewalk. This will not create increased traffic beyond existing levels.

Conclusion: The project would have no impact regarding Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

Mitigation Measures: None are required.

<u>Potentially Significant Impact</u>	<u>Less than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated</u>	<u>Less than Significant Impact</u>	<u>No Impact</u>
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3.8 HAZARDS/HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Would the project:

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| a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| d) Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
g) Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
h) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Response: The project does not involve hazardous materials and is not located within 2 miles of an airport.

Conclusion: The project would cause no impact to the proposed area.

Mitigation Measures: None are required.

3.9 HYDROLOGY/WATER QUALITY

Would the project:

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e) Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f) Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
g) Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
h) Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
i) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
j) Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Response: Piping of the ditch will not alter existing drainage. The adjacent sites do not drain directly into the ditch so its piping does not alter any drainage. The site is not within a flood zone. Existing city drainage systems can support the roadway widening.

Conclusion: The project would cause no impact to the area concerning hydrology or water quality.

Mitigation Measures: None are required.

<u>Potentially Significant Impact</u>	<u>Less than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated</u>	<u>Less than Significant Impact</u>	<u>No Impact</u>
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3.10 LAND USE/PLANNING

Would the project:

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

Response: The project would not physically divide an established community or conflict with any applicable habitat in the area or land use plan.

Conclusion: The project would cause no impact to the area.

Mitigation Measures: None are required.

<u>Potentially Significant Impact</u>	<u>Less than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated</u>	<u>Less than Significant Impact</u>	<u>No Impact</u>
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3.11 MINERAL RESOURCES

Would the project:

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|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 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? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Result in the loss of availability of a locally important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Response: The project will not result in a loss to any known mineral resources that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state, nor does it affect mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan.

Conclusion: The project would cause no impact to mineral resources on the site.

Mitigation Measures: None are required.

3.12 NOISE

	<u>Potentially Significant Impact</u>	<u>Less than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated</u>	<u>Less than Significant Impact</u>	<u>No Impact</u>
Would the project result in:				
a) Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Response: There will not be any exposure to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the general plan or noise ordinance, nor any increase in ambient noise levels in the vicinity above existing levels. No airstrips present in the area.

Conclusion: The project would cause no impact to the project area.

Mitigation Measures: None are required.

<u>Potentially Significant Impact</u>	<u>Less than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated</u>	<u>Less than Significant Impact</u>	<u>No Impact</u>
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3.13 POPULATION AND HOUSING

Would the project:

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| a) Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| c) Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Response: The site would not contribute to population growth, and it is not proposing any housing, nor displacement of housing.

Conclusion: The project would cause no impact to the project site regarding population and housing.

Mitigation Measures: None are required.

<u>Potentially Significant Impact</u>	<u>Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated</u>	<u>Less than Significant Impact</u>	<u>No Impact</u>
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3.14 PUBLIC SERVICES

Would the project:

- a) 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 impact, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios for any of the public services:

Fire protection?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Police protection?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Schools?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Parks?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other public facilities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Response: The project shall not result in substantial adverse physical impacts to any governmental facilities.

Conclusion: The project would cause no impact to any public services in the project area.

Mitigation Measures: None are required.

3.15 RECREATION

Would the project:

	<u>Potentially Significant Impact</u>	<u>Less than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated</u>	<u>Less than Significant Impact</u>	<u>No Impact</u>
a) Increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Response: The project shall not contribute to an increase to regional parks or other recreational facilities nor create expansion to recreational areas.

Conclusion: The project would have no impact on recreational sites.

Mitigation Measures: None are required.

3.16 TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC

Would the project:

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Conflict with an applicable plan, ordinance or policy establishing measures of effectiveness for the performance of the circulation system, taking into account all modes of transportation including mass transit and non-motorized travel and relevant components of the circulation system, including but not limited to intersections, streets, highways and freeways, pedestrian and bicycle paths, and mass transit?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Conflict with an applicable congestion management program, including, but not limited to level of service standards and travel demand measures, or other standards established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e) Result in inadequate emergency access?)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f) Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs regarding public transit, bicycle, or pedestrian facilities, or otherwise decrease the performance or safety of such facilities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Response: The project shall not conflict with the circulation system, congestion management program, traffic patterns, or programs regarding public transit, bicycle, and pedestrian facilities.

Conclusion: The project would cause no impact to transportation/traffic.

Mitigation Measures: None are required.

<u>Potentially Significant Impact</u>	<u>Less than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporation</u>	<u>Less than Significant Impact</u>	<u>No Impact</u>
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3.17 UTILITIES/SERVICE SYSTEMS

Would the project:

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| a) Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| c) Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| d) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| e) Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| f) Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| g) Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Response: The project shall not exceed wastewater treatment requirements, involve construction of new wastewater treatment facilities, new storm drainage, or expanded entitlements. There no special circumstances needed for wastewater or landfills to accommodate waste disposal.

Conclusion: The project would cause no impact to utilities or service systems.

Mitigation Measures: None are required.

<u>Potentially Significant Impact</u>	<u>Less than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated</u>	<u>Less than Significant Impact</u>	<u>No Impact</u>
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3.18 MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

Would the project:

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| a) Have the potential to: substantially degrade the quality of the environment; substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species; cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels; threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community; substantially reduce the number or restrict the range of an endangered, rare, or threatened species; or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 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)? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| c) Does the project have environmental effects that will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Response: The project will not degrade the quality of the environment, the project site has been in existence at its current location for the past thirty years. There are no potential environmental effects to the area.

3.19 DETERMINATION

I find that the activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment. Therefore, the activity is not subject to CEQA.

AN EXEMPTION based on Section 15061(b)(3) will be prepared.

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Date