

Milpitas Residential Lots 1 & 2 Los Coches

Appendix G

ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST FORM

- 1. Project title: Milpitas Residential Lots 1 & 2 Los Coches**
- 2. Lead agency name and address: City of Milpitas, 455 E Calaveras Blvd., Milpitas, CA 95035**
- 3. Contact person and phone number: Tiffany Brown, 408-586-3283**
- 4. Project location: 375 Los Coches (APN's 086-39-001, 002)**
- 5. Project sponsor's name and address: San Ramon Land, LLC, C/O DRG Builders Inc., 3480 Buskirk Ave, Ste 260, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523**
- 6. General plan designation: Town Center**
- 7. Zoning: Town Center with Site and Architectural Overlay**

8. Description of project: The project site, located at the corner intersection of S Milpitas Blvd and Los Coches Street, consists of two parcels. The first lot, (APN: 86-39-001) located at 345 Los Coches Street is a 1.489 acre parcel. The second lot, (APN: 86-39-002) is a 1.16 acre parcel consists of a 19,600 square foot R&D building with associated parking lot. The proposal includes a Major Tentative Map (No. MT12-0002), a Site Development Permit (No. SD12-0003), and a Conditional Use Permit (No. UP12-0016) to demo the existing 19,600 square foot building with associated parking and construct 33 new single family residential units across both properties equaling in approximately 2.655 acres.

9. Surrounding land uses and setting:

Just to the west of the site, a residential project is pending evaluation through the entitlement process for the construction of 80 new single family homes. Properties to the north are zoned Town Center and are currently professional offices. The property is bound to the east by S Milpitas Blvd and to the south is a business park zoned Heavy Industrial.

10. Other public agencies whose approval is required: Caltrans District #4, Fish & Game Region #3 and Toxic Substances Control Department

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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 Forestry Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Geology /Soils |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greenhouse 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 / Housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation/Traffic | <input type="checkbox"/> Utilities / Service Systems | <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory Findings of Significance |

DETERMINATION: (To be completed by the Lead Agency)

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

- I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made 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 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.
- I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.

Signature

Date

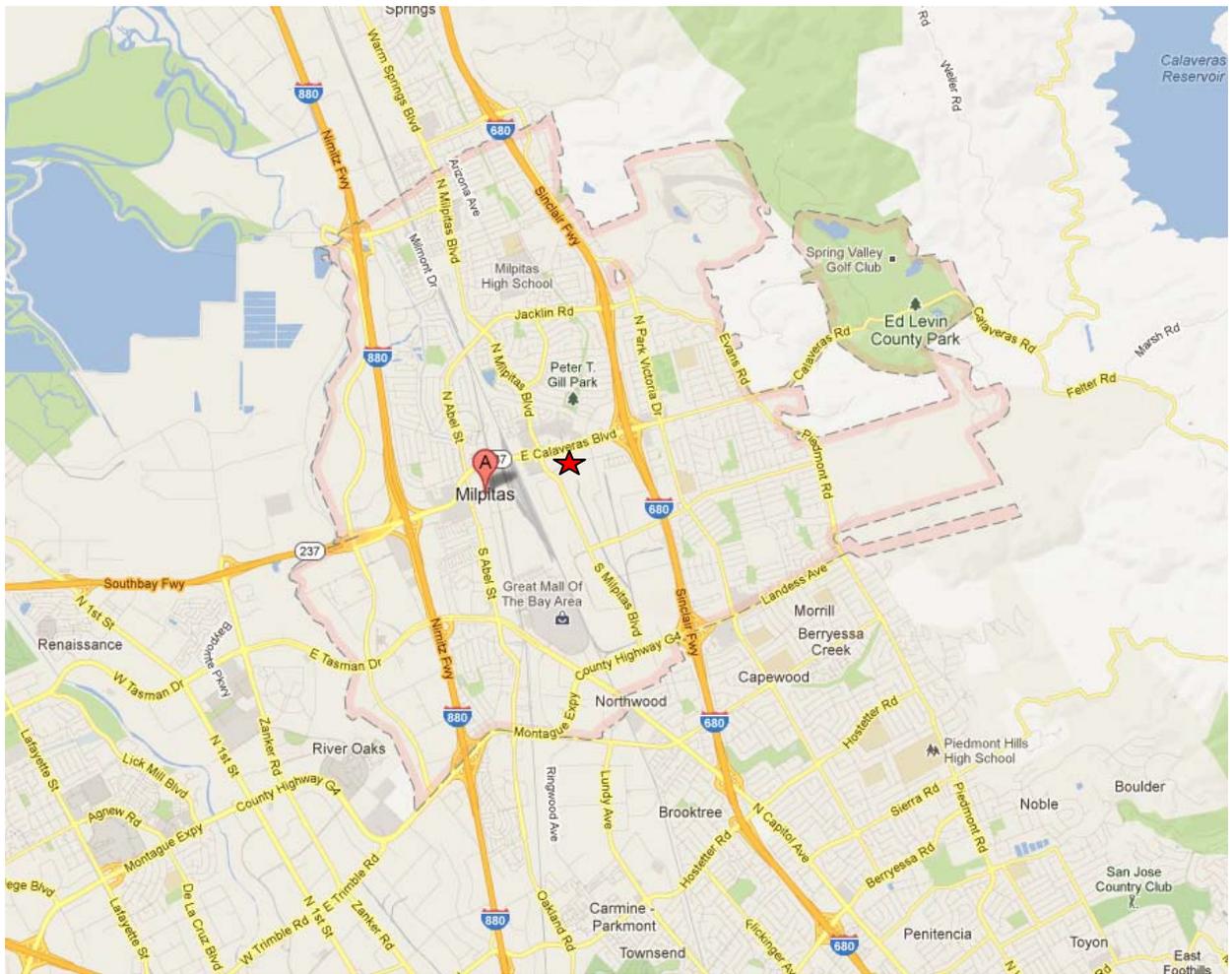
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MAPS

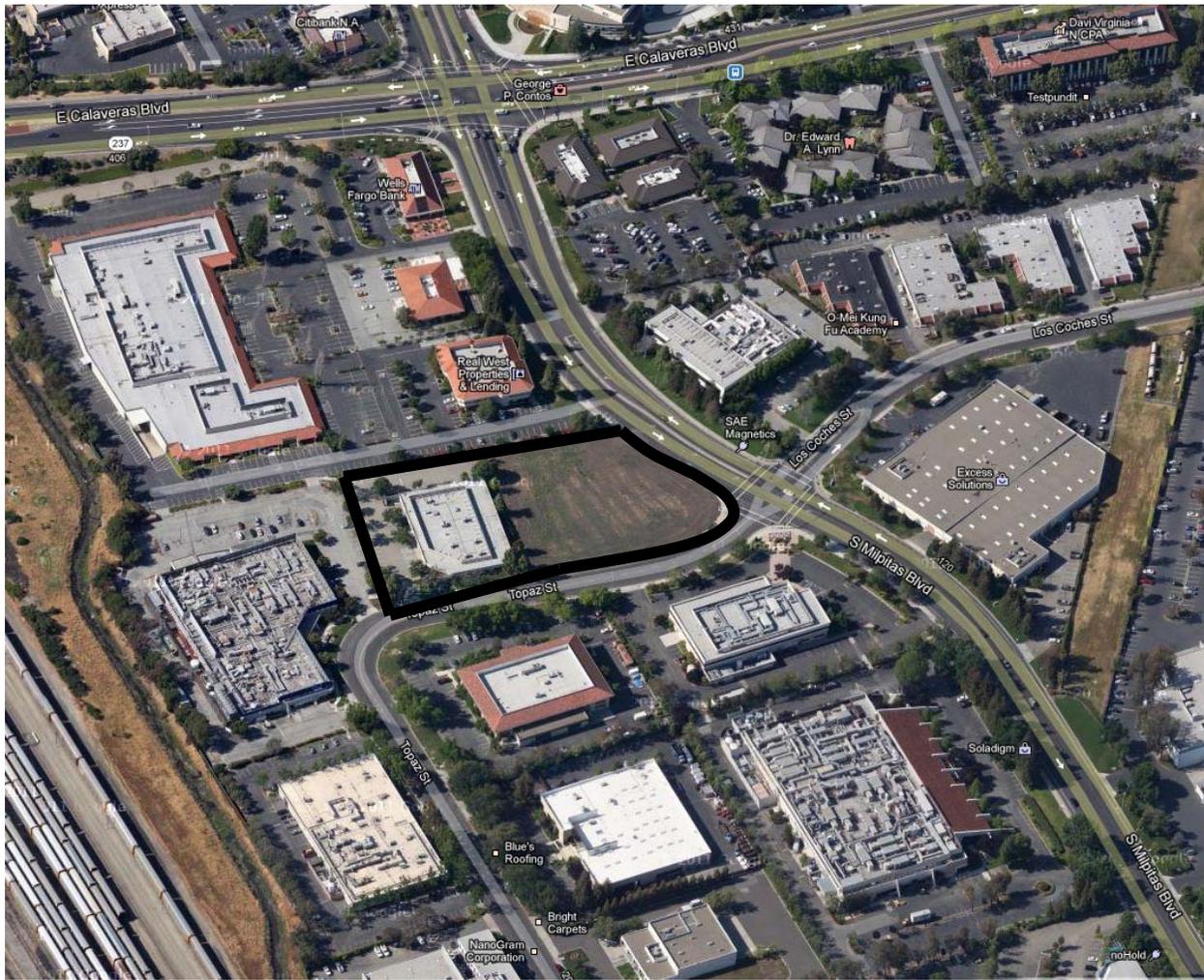
Figure 1: Regional Map



★ Project Location

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Figure 2: Vicinity Map



 Project Site

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EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

1. A brief explanation is required for all answers except "No Impact" answers that are adequately supported by the information sources a lead agency cites in the parentheses following each question. A "No Impact" answer is adequately supported if the referenced information sources show that the impact simply does not apply to projects like the one involved (e.g., the project falls outside a fault rupture zone). A "No Impact" answer should be explained where it is based on project-specific factors as well as general standards (e.g., the project will not expose sensitive receptors to pollutants, based on a project-specific screening analysis).
2. All answers must take account of the whole action involved, including off-site as well as on-site, cumulative as well as project-level, indirect as well as direct, and construction as well as operational impacts.
3. Once the lead agency has determined that a particular physical impact may occur, then the checklist answers must indicate whether the impact is potentially significant, less than significant with mitigation, or less than significant. "Potentially Significant Impact" is appropriate if there is substantial evidence that an effect may be significant. If there are one or more "Potentially Significant Impact" entries when the determination is made, an EIR is required.
4. "Negative Declaration: Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated" applies where the incorporation of mitigation measures has reduced an effect from "Potentially Significant Impact" to a "Less Than Significant Impact." The lead agency must describe the mitigation measures, and briefly explain how they reduce the effect to a less than significant level (mitigation measures from "Earlier Analyses," as described in (5) below, may be cross-referenced).
5. Earlier analyses may be used where, pursuant to the tiering, program EIR, or other CEQA process, an effect has been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or negative declaration. Section 15063(c)(3)(D). In this case, a brief discussion should identify the following:
 - a. Earlier Analysis Used. Identify and state where they are available for review.
 - b. Impacts Adequately Addressed. Identify which effects from the above checklist were within the scope of and adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and state whether such effects were addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis.
 - c. Mitigation Measures. For effects that are "Less than Significant with Mitigation Measures Incorporated," describe the mitigation measures which were incorporated or refined from the earlier document and the extent to which they address site-specific conditions for the project.
6. Lead agencies are encouraged to incorporate into the checklist references to information sources for potential impacts (e.g., general plans, zoning ordinances). Reference to a previously prepared or outside document should, where appropriate, include a reference to the page or pages where the statement is substantiated.
7. Supporting Information Sources: A source list should be attached, and other sources used or individuals contacted should be cited in the discussion.
8. This is only a suggested form, and lead agencies are free to use different formats; however, lead agencies should normally address the questions from this checklist that are relevant to a project's environmental effects in whatever format is selected.
9. The explanation of each issue should identify:
 - a. the significance criteria or threshold, if any, used to evaluate each question; and
 - b. the mitigation measure identified, if any, to reduce the impact to less than significance

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ISSUES

I. AESTHETICS					
	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Information Source(s)
Would the project:					
1) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2, 4, 8
2) 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"/>	2, 4, 8
3) 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"/>	2, 8
4) 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"/>	1, 8

The General Plan defines scenic resources as the foothills and the tree-lined Coyote Creek corridor. These resources provide a scenic backdrop and visual reference points for Milpitas. Scenic resources can be both natural and man-made. Figure 4-6 within the General Plan identifies hillsides, ridges visually significant vegetation and other elements that are deemed critical in shaping the City’s scenic identity.

The project site is located on the northwest corner of the S Milpitas Boulevard and Los Coches Intersection. State Route 237, (Calaveras Boulevard) is located just to the north (approximately 700 ft.±), from the project site. State Route 237 is designated as a Scenic Route and Connector within the General plan. The Scenic Routes, in this case, are streets that provide efficient connections between areas of scenic value or provide distant views of Scenic Resources. Scenic Connectors is the same as a Scenic Route, but a Scenic Connector may not necessarily traverse an area of scenic value, and the abutting land is not subject to the scenic Corridor land use controls. However, special design treatment – which may include roadside landscaping, undergrounding of utility lines, and street furnishings will be carried out to provide a visual continuity with the Scenic Corridors.

The existing commercial office buildings located to the north of the project site were built in the 1980’s and stand one to two stories high. Adjacent to the project site, another project is currently being evaluated. Cumulative impacts are addressed in this document. Just to the west of that is a Wrigley Creek and trail, which abuts the Union Pacific Railroad Corporation yard and rail lines.

Comments/Conclusion:

1) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista? **NI**
 The proposed homes are located approximately 700 lineal feet from the State Route 237 Scenic Route/Connector. From Calaveras Boulevard, the new buildings will not be visible.

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2) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway? **NI**
One of the project sites is an unoccupied R&D buildings with associated parking. The other site is undeveloped and lacks landscape maintenance. There will not be a disturbance of scenic resources such as trees, rock outcroppings or Historic Buildings on either property. The property does not include any documented historical significance for protected trees as defined in the Municipal Code.

3) Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings? **NI**
The proposal will enhance the community by revitalizing the area with new single family homes with new monolithic side walk and associated landscaping along South Milpitas Blvd. The applicant is also proposing a pedestrian portal connection from S Milpitas Blvd through the project site connecting with a proposed trail along Wrigley creek to the west.

4) Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area? **NI**
Proposed lighting includes bollard lighting for the pedestrian trail connection, residential street lighting, and motion lights for the homes. Lighting for a residential use at this location will not create a new substantial amount of light or glare and should not adversely affect day or nighttime views beyond the existing site lighting conditions.

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II. AGRICULTURAL AND FOREST RESOURCES					
<p>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.</p>					
	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Information Source(s)
<p>Would the project:</p> <p>1) 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?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1,2,4
<p>2) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1,2
<p>3) Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code section 12220(g)) or timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code section 4526)?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<p>4) Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<p>5) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1,2

Environmental Setting:

The proposed project site is not currently used for agricultural purposes and is not designated as farmland.

Conclusion:

The proposed project would not result in impacts to agricultural resources. NI

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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.					
	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Information Source(s)
Would the project:					
1) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1,10
2) 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"/>	1,10
3) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is classified as 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"/>	3,10
4) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1, 2, 7
5) Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1

Environmental Setting:

Local and Regional Air Quality

The project site is within the San Francisco Bay Area Air Basin. The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) is the regional government agency that monitors and regulates air pollution within the air basin.

Both the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the California Air Resources Board have established ambient air quality standards for common pollutants. These ambient air quality standards are levels of contaminants which represent safe levels that avoid specific adverse health effects associated with each pollutant. The ambient air quality standards cover what are called “criteria” pollutants because the health and other effects of each pollutant are described in criteria documents. The major criteria pollutants are ozone, carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide (NOx) sulfur dioxide, and particulate matter.

Toxic Air Contaminants (TACs) are another group of pollutants of concern. There are many different types of TACs, with varying degrees of toxicity. Cars and trucks release at least forty different toxic air contaminants. The most important, in terms of health risk, are diesel particulate, benzene, formaldehyde, 1,3-butadiene and acetaldehyde. Public exposure to TACs can result from emissions from normal operations, as well as accidental releases.

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Sensitive Receptors

BAAQMD defines sensitive receptors as facilities where sensitive receptor population groups (children, the elderly, the acutely ill and the chronically ill) are likely to be located. These land uses include residences, school playgrounds, childcare centers, retirement homes, convalescent homes, hospitals and medical clinics. There are no close receptors in close proximity to the project site.

Comment:

A GreenHouse Gas / Air Quality Technical Report for the project site was conducted by Donald Ballanti, a Certified Consulting Meteorologist.

Ambient Air Quality

BAAQMD monitors air quality at several locations within the San Francisco bay Air Basin. The closest multi-pollutant monitoring site to the project sites is located in downtown San Jose on Jackson Street. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has classified the San Francisco Bay Area as a non-attainment area for the federal standard and PM_{2.5} standards. The Bay Area was designated as unclassifiable/attainment for the federal PM10 standard Under the California Clean Air Act, Santa Clara County is a non-attainment area for ozone and particulate matter. The county is either attainment or unclassified for other pollutants.

Conclusion:

1) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan? **NI**
The San Francisco Bay Area Air Basin is currently non-attainment for ozone particulate matter. While an air quality plan exists for ozone, none currently exists for air quality plan. The project would not result in a substantial unplanned increase in population, employment, regional growth in vehicle miles traveled, or emissions so it could not conflict with or obstruct implementation of the air quality plan.

2) Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation? **LS**
Development projects in the Bay Area are most likely to violate an air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation through generation of vehicle trips. New vehicle trips add to carbon monoxide concentrations near streets providing access to the site. Carbon Monoxide is an odorless, colorless poisonous gas whose primary source in the Bay Area is automobiles. Concentrations of this gas are highest near intersections of major roads.

Based on existing surface road volumes in the project vicinity, the project would not increase traffic volumes at affected interactions to more than 24,000 vehicles per hour and would not affect any intersections where vertical and/or horizontal mixing is substantially limited. The report prepared by Donald Ballanti based this information on the California Environmental Health Tracking Program, and Traffic Volume Linkage Tools. Based on the BAAQMD criteria, the proposed project would have a less-than significant impact on carbon monoxide concentrations.

3) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is classified as non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors? **LS**

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The CalEEMod model was used in the report prepared by Donald Ballanti. The model quantifies construction and operational emissions. The average daily construction and operational emissions are below the BAAQMD thresholds of significance. This would be a less-than-significant impact.

- 4) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations? **LS**

Construction Dust

Activities associated with site preparation, and construction would generate short-term emissions of dust. Per the report, the effects of construction activities would be increased dust-fall and locally elevated levels of PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} downwind of construction activity. Construction dust has the potential for creating a nuisance at nearby properties.

The BAAQMD threshold of significance for construction dust impacts is whether the Best Management practices are to be utilized. Per the conditions of approval, the applicant will follow the Best management Practices in the construction phase. therefore the threshold of significance for construction impacts, according to BAAQMD, for this project would be less-than-significant.

Toxic Air Contaminant (TAC) Exposure of Project Residents

The project would include residences that are sensitive receptors that would be exposed to mobile and stationary sources of TACs affecting the site.

The California Air Resources Board's *Air Quality and Land Use Handbook* was developed in response to studies that have demonstrated a link between exposure to poor air quality and respiratory illnesses, both cancer and non-cancer related. The CARB handbook recommends that planning agencies strongly consider proximity to these sources when finding new locations for "sensitive" land uses such as homes, medical facilities, daycare centers, schools and playgrounds. Air pollution sources of concern include highways, rail yards, ports, refineries, distribution centers, chrome plating facilities, dry cleaners and gasoline service stations.

A review of land uses near the project showed that there are no refineries, distribution centers, chrome plating facilities or dry cleaners in proximity to the project site. There is a highway, rail yard, gasoline fueling facilities and two stationary emergency backup diesel generators near the project site. Per the report prepared by Donald Ballanti, exposures to these sources are evaluated to be below the CARB recommended thresholds of significance.

Freeways/Highways

According to the report prepared by Donald Ballanti, CARB's advisory recommendation with respect to proximity to highways is to avoid placing new sensitive land uses within 500 feet of a freeway, urban roads with 100,000 vehicles/day, or rural roads with 50,000 vehicles/day. The project site is at least 4,500 feet from I-680 and 3,500 feet from I-880. Volumes on SR 237 near the site are 66,000 vehicles per day, so it would not constitute an "urban road with 100,000 vehicles/day".

Gasoline Filling Stations

The report prepared by Donald Ballanti states that small amounts of gasoline vapor (a reactive organic gas) escape to the atmosphere at filling stations due to loading losses, breathing losses, refueling losses and spillage. The BAAQMD has stringent requirements for the control of gasoline vapor emissions from gasoline dispensing facilities that require all facilities to install and maintain CARB Certified Vapor Recovery Systems.

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The CARB Handbook recommendations are to avoid placing new sensitive land uses within 300 feet of a large gasoline dispensing facility (defined as a facility with a throughput of 3.6 million gallons per year or greater). A 50 foot separation is recommended for typical gas dispensing facilities.

The latest BAAQMD inventory of permitted sources of Toxic Air Contaminants includes two gasoline fueling facilities located on the opposite site of the rail corridor located west of the project site on Bothelo Avenue. These sources are well beyond the CARB recommended minimum setbacks for sensitive receptors.

Rail Yards

Rail yards are a major source of diesel particulate air pollution. The CARB Handbook recommendations are to avoid placing new sensitive land uses:

- Within 1,000 feet of a major service and maintenance rail yard.
- Within one mile of major service and maintenance rail yard, consider possible placement limitations and mitigation approaches.

These recommendations were based on a rail yard risk analysis conducted for the Union Pacific rail yard in Roseville, California. The Roseville rail yard is one of the largest service and maintenance rail yards in the West with over 30,000 locomotives visiting annually.

Per the report prepared by Donald Ballanti, the Milpitas rail yard is not classified as a "major service and maintenance yard", and the CARB recommended setbacks would not apply to the proposed project. The Milpitas yard has a lower level of rail activity compared with Roseville and the site is located a minimum of 275 feet from the nearest non-spur rail line in the yard.

Other Facility Types that Emit Air Pollutants of Concern

In addition to source specific recommendations, *Air Quality and Land Use Handbook* includes a list of other industrial sources that could pose a significant health risk to nearby sensitive individuals. The list includes stationary diesel engines that are a source of diesel particulate matter (DPM). The *Air Quality and Land Use Handbook* does not contain specific recommendations for setbacks between such sources and sensitive receptors but recommends that impacts be evaluated based on a number of factors including the amount of pollutant emitted and its toxicity, the distance to nearby individuals, and the type of emission controls in place.

The neighborhood of the proposed project includes two existing stationary emergency diesel generators. One is located at Nanogram Technology located about 70 meters south of the site, the other is located at the Milpitas City Hall about 190 meters north and east of the project site. Emissions of diesel exhaust from these two sources were evaluated for health risk. The Greenhouse Gas/ Air Quality Technical Report assesses the significance of longer-term project exposure to diesel emissions. Emissions were taken from the BAAQMD toxic emissions inventory and by using the SCREEN-3 output, a worst-case annual average concentration of diesel particulate matter (DPM) was estimated. The SCREEN-3 estimated annual average concentrations were used to calculate the excess cancer risk associated with exposure to diesel exhaust at the nearest residence. The calculated excess cancer risk using the very conservative SCREEN-3 model results was 0.189 in one million for the City Hall generator and 1.08 in one million for the Nanogram Technology generator. Separately and combined, these

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risk values are below the BAAQMD threshold of significance of 10 in one million contained in the 1999 CEQA Guidelines.

Conclusion

The project meets all CARB recommendations for minimum setbacks from freeways/highways, exposure to gasoline emissions and rail yard emissions. A health risk assessment found that exposure to emissions from permitted toxic air contaminant sources would be below the recommended threshold of significance. Project impacts due to exposure of sensitive receptors to toxic air contaminants would be a less-than-significant impact.

5) Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people? **NI**
The proposed project does not include uses that have been identified by BAAQMD as potential sources of objectionable odors. Sources of odors include restaurants, manufacturing plants, and agricultural operations and industrial operations such as wastewater treatment plants and solid waste transfer stations or landfills.

As a new sensitive receptor for odors, the project is distant from the types of land uses that identified by the BAAQMD as having potential to create objectionable odors. Therefore the proposed project would have a no impact because it would not frequently create substantial objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people.

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IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES					
	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Information Source(s)
Would the project:					
1) 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"/>	1,4
2) 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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1,4
3) 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"/>	1,4
4) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1,4
5) 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"/>	1, 4, 8
6) 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"/>	1,4

Environmental Setting:

The Planning Area and the surrounding region offer a variety of wildlife habitats, such as marshlands, riparian areas, grasslands, and woodlands. While much of the City is built-out,

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species supported by habitats such as Coyote Creek, salt marsh and mud flats to the west and the rolling hills of Ed Levin Park and beyond to the east include the California coastal deer, gophers and water snakes, as well as rattlers, songbirds such as the mocking bird and the red-winged blackbird, upland game birds, pheasant, quails and doves, squirrels, and bobcats. Fish species found include bass, catfish, trout and other non-game species which may be found in the Calaveras Reservoir (east of the Planning Area), Sandy Wool Lake, periodically in Coyote Creek, and impounded waters within the foothills.

Certain species are recognized as needing special protection under state and federal law due to their rare, endangered, or threatened status. These species are afforded varying degrees of protection through the applicable laws and regulations of the Federal Endangered Species Act, the California Native Plant Protection Act, the California Endangered Species Act, and the California Environmental Quality Act.

The California Natural Diversity Data Base (CNDDDB), run by the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG), is the most complete single-source inventory of officially (state and federal) listed rare, endangered and threatened animals and plants, plus those considered by the scientific community to be deserving of such listing. An October 2010 search through the CNDDDB for the Milpitas and Calaveras Reservoir Quadrangles identified eight (8) species with special status. It should be noted the Milpitas and Calaveras Reservoir Quadrangles contain areas that are outside of the Milpitas planning area. The CNDDDB also inventories both terrestrial and aquatic natural communities that are of extremely high quality and/or very limited distribution; no such communities were found in Milpitas.

The California Native Plant Society's Inventory of Rare and Endangered Vascular Plants of California for the Milpitas and Calaveras Reservoir quads were also consulted. But again the reservoirs are outside the planning area.

Comment:

The properties do not contain protective Native Plants.

Conclusion:

As mentioned in the Environmental Setting, Per the California Natural Diversity Data Base, any identified rare, endangered and threatened animals and plants were found outside of the Milpitas Planning Area. Therefore the proposed project will have no-impact on Biological Resources.

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V. CULTURAL RESOURCES					
	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Information Source(s)
Would the project:					
1) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an historical resource as defined in §15064.5?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1,4
2) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource as defined in §15064.5?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1,4
3) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site, or unique geologic feature?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1,4
4) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1,4

Environmental Setting:

Prehistoric Period

The lands now occupied by the City of Milpitas were once a part of the home territory of the Tamyen tribelet of Costanoan (ohlone) Indians. Like other Costanoan groups, the Tamyen maintained a few year-round village sites but also visited various temporary camps at different seasons of the year to hunt and gather food as it became available.

The presence of a deposit of cinnabar (later famous as the mines of New Almaden) within Tamyen territory increased traffic through the early Milpitas area. The cinnabar (used as a body paint) stimulated considerable trade. The deposits were known over much of northern California, and parties from as far away as the Columbia River journeyed to Costanoan territory to obtain it. Trade for other items—such as wooden bows, salt, and pine nuts—also brought many visitors to the Tamyen territories

Two notable Costanoan village sites lie within the city limits of Milpitas. One, a huge shellmound near the present-day Elmwood Rehabilitation Center, was discovered in 1949 and dates back to the eighteenth century. The other, on the site of the Alviso Adobe near the corner of Calaveras and Piedmont, is at least 3,000 years old and is one of only a handful of archaeological sites in California with such a long history of continuous occupation.

Historic Period

Aboriginal Milpitas must have been criss-crossed with a network of paths from village to village and from village to camp. For centuries, these aboriginal footpaths and deer trails were the only roadways of Milpitas. The year 1769 marked the most dramatic event since human beings first migrated into the Bay Area; in that year, the expedition of Gaspar de Portola inaugurated the historic era, bringing in its wake a host of changes. The expedition passed through Milpitas.

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The Spanish presence in the South Bay region was rapidly modified over the next few decades. Over the following half-century, the mission holdings were broken up by secularization, supplanted by private land grants such as the Rancho de Milpitas.

Milpitas was already achieving distinction as a stopover point by the late 1840's when Higuera Adobe welcomed travelers on the immigrant trail between Sutter's Fort and San Jose, via Livermore Pass. In 1855, settlers in the Calaveras Valley petitioned for a county road across the flats to Alviso. The resulting intersection – where the Alviso road crossed the Mission Road, encouraged the development of Milpitas. By the late 1850's a stage line was operating between San Jose and Oakland, with stops at Milpitas, as general stores, stables, saloons, hotels, blacksmiths, carriage shops, and a post office catered to the needs of farming families.

Comment:

Cultural resources and historic districts are designated by the City Council on the recommendation of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Commission. Currently there are fifteen sites officially designated and locally registered as a Milpitas Cultural Resources. Of the fifteen sites, the Alviso Adobe and Milpitas Grammar School are included in the National Register of Historic Places. The proposed project sites are not listed as a Historical and/or Cultural Resource.

The primary impact that could occur would be disturbance of cultural resources during grading and/or development of property. Existing national, state and local laws as well as policies contained in the General Plan would reduce these potential impacts on historic and archaeological resources to less than significant levels.

Conclusion:

Buried Prehistoric and Historic Resources

The proposed project does include disturbance of soils for trenching, site grading and other construction activities. Although it is unlikely that buried cultural materials would be encountered, standard conditions for excavation activities would be applied to the project as described below.

Mitigation Measure 1: The proposed project shall implement the following standard measure:

CUL-1: As required by County ordinance, this project has incorporated the following guidelines.
- Pursuant to Section 7050.5 of the Health and Safety Code, and Section 5097.94 of the Public Resources Code of the State of California in the event of the discovery of human remains during construction, there shall be no further excavation or disturbance of the site or any nearby area reasonably suspected to overlie adjacent remains. The Santa Clara County Coroner shall be notified and shall make a determination as to whether the remains are Native American. If the Coroner determines that the remains are not subject to his authority, he shall notify the Native American Heritage Commission who shall attempt to identify descendants of the deceased Native American. If no satisfactory agreement can be reached as to the disposition of the remains pursuant to this State law, then the land owner shall re-bury the human remains and items associated with Native American burials on the property in a location not subject to further subsurface disturbance.

Conclusion:

The proposed project, with the implementation of the above mitigation measure, would not result in significant impacts to cultural resources. **LS/M**

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VI. GEOLOGY AND SOILS					
	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Information Source(s)
Would the project:					
1) Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:					
a) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as described 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1,11, 12, 13
b) Strong seismic ground shaking?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1, 11, 12, 13
c) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1, 11, 12, 13
d) Landslides?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1
2) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1, 11, 12, 13
3) Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that will become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1, 11, 12, 13
4) 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"/>	1, 11, 12, 13
5) 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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1, 11, 12, 13

Environmental Setting:

The project site is located within the Milpitas Valley Floor. The relatively flat, urbanized Valley Floor is underlain by alluvial soil, and clay. The thickness of the alluvial soil increases westward from zero at the base of the hills to 1,000 feet or more at the western edge of the City. The alluvial soil in Milpitas was deposited in and adjacent to stream channels, in low-lying basins between streams, and on the floor of the Bay when the shoreline was set of the present position. The composition and consistency of alluvial soils varies laterally and vertically over small distances and depths.

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Most of the alluvial soil in Milpitas is expansive and susceptible to liquefaction, and alluvial areas along creeks may be susceptible to lateral spreading. Local areas have compressible soils, poorly drained soils, shallow ground water, or are susceptible to lateral spreading. Because soil composition varies vertically as well as laterally, several soil types may underlie a particular site.

Comment:

Per the General Plan Seismic and Geological Hazards Section under Geology and Soils, the project sites are located in the Valley Floor zone outside of mapped compressible soils, expansive soils, liquefiable soils, or unstable soils on slopes. Per the Seismic and Geotechnical evaluations within the General Plan, the project sites are located within a Liquefaction-Prone zone, but not located within a fault rupture zone or landslide hazard zone.

Although the project area is located outside of the Alquist-Priolo Fault zone, the site is in a seismically active region. Geologic conditions on the site will require that the new buildings be designed and constructed in accordance with standard engineering techniques and Uniform Building Code guidelines for Seismic Zones to avoid or minimize potential damage from seismic shaking and liquefaction on the site.

Any proposed development will be designed and constructed in accordance with a design level geotechnical investigation prepared for the site, which will identify the specific design features that will be required for the project, including site preparation, re-compaction and lime treatment of subgrade solid, fill replacement and compaction, trench excavations, surface drainage, flexible pavements, slabs-on-grade and curbs, landscape retaining walls, and foundations. With implementation of recommendations in the design level geotechnical report, the project will not expose people or property to significant impacts associated with geologic or seismic conditions on site.

Conclusion:

The proposed project would not result in significant, adverse geology, soils, or seismicity impacts that cannot be avoided through standard engineering and construction techniques.

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VII. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS					
	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Information Source(s)
Would the project:					
1) 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"/>	2, 3
2) Conflict with any applicable plan, policy or regulation of an agency adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2, 3

Environmental Comment:

A GreenHouse Gas / Air Quality Technical Report for the project sites was conducted by Donald Ballanti, a Certified Consulting Meteorologist. Per the report, gases that trap heat in the atmosphere are referred to as greenhouse gasses because they capture heat radiated from the sun as it is reflected back into the atmosphere, much like a greenhouse does. The accumulation of greenhouse gasses has been implicated as a driving force for global climate change. Definitions of climate change vary, but in general can be described as the changing of the earth’s climate caused by natural fluctuations and anthropogenic activities which alter the composition of the global atmosphere. The most common greenhouse gas that results from human activity is carbon dioxide, followed by methane and nitrous oxide. The last three of the six identified greenhouse gasses are primarily emitted by industrial facilities. The study was based on the primary greenhouse gasses which are: Carbon Dioxide, primarily generated by fossil fuel, Methane, emitted from biogenic sources landfills, and leaks in natural gas pipelines, and Nitrous Oxide, produced by both natural and human-related sources like agricultural uses.

Conclusion:

The CalEEMod program estimated construction and ¹operational emissions of greenhouse gases for the proposed project. Project construction emissions were calculated as 1,761.08 MTCO₂E, to be emitted over the construction period. Construction emissions are generally considered separately from operational emissions because construction emissions are a one-time event, while operational emissions would be continuous over the life of the project. BAAQMD has no adopted thresholds for construction emissions but recommends quantification and disclosure of these emissions.

The BAAQMD significance threshold for operational GHG emissions is that a development project, other than a stationary source, would have significant cumulative impact unless:

- The project can be shown to be in compliance with a qualified Climate Action Plan; or
- Project emissions of CO₂ equivalent GHGs (CO₂e) are less than 1,100 metric tons per year; or
- Project emissions of CO₂ equivalent GHGs are less than 4.6 metric tons per year per service population (residents plus employees).

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Project GHG emissions are below the 1,100 metric tons per year, so project GHG impacts would be less-than-significant. **LS**

¹Operational Emissions: Building Energy, Mobile Vehicles, solid waste disposal, water use, and area use.

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VIII. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS					
	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Information Source(s)
Would the project:					
1) 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"/>	1
2) 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"/>	1
3) 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"/>	1
4) 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
5) 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"/>	1
6) 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"/>	1
7) 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"/>	1

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VIII. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS					
	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Information Source(s)
Would the project: 8) 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"/>	1

Environmental Setting:

The subject properties were agricultural land until the late 1970s. A building was constructed in 1987 on the property known as 375 Los Coches or Lot 2 (APN: 086-39-002). The adjacent Lot 1 or 345 Los Coches Street (APN: 086-39-001) has not been developed. A search of regulatory agencies shows that there are no reports for files for contaminant or hazardous materials or underground storage tanks for the property.

Since the project is located near industrial uses, a Risk Assessment Report was prepared by ENVIRON International Corporation, as part of the application submittal. The risk assessment identifies facilities within the sphere of influence to the project site and evaluates the potential health and safety risks to individuals from exposure to hazardous materials which may occur at the proposed site.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Risk Management Program Guidance for Offsite Consequence Analysis methodology was used to evaluate potential impacts at the Site. To assess the potential effects of chemicals, the National Institute of Occupational Health and Safety (NIOSH) has established an evaluation criteria known as the “Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health” (IDLH) level. The IDLH is considered a maximum concentration above which only a highly reliable breathing apparatus providing maximum worker protection was permitted. In determining IDLH values, the ability of a worker to escape without loss of life or irreversible health effects was considered along with severe eye or respiratory irritation. As a safety margin, IDLH values were based on the effects that might occur as a consequence of a 30-minute exposure of a healthy adult. It can be assumed that the health risks are increased when applied to children and the elderly.

Comment:

Lot 1 is an undeveloped site. The property known as Lot 2, was initially developed as a commercial office building and had permits and notes in files stated that hazardous materials were not used in the building. The Santa Clara County Environmental Health Department maintains records of tanks and hazardous materials. There were no records of underground fuel storage tanks or reported problems for the subject property. A Phase I was prepared by DRG Builders Inc. for both sites. Based on the findings of the Phase I, DRG Builders did not identify any significant environmental impacts associated with the property known as Lots 1 and Lots 2 (APN: 86-39-001, 002) S Milpitas Boulevard. BSA did not recommend further environmental testing be done. BSA does recommend the following:

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- o Limited testing of ACBM was performed in 1999 at the 375 Los Coches (Lot 2) site and asbestos was not detected. If further building renovation or demolition is planned a qualified contractor should test for ACBM if suspect materials are encountered and properly managed and dispose of the ACBM if needed.

Based on the report, no constraints for future residential development were identified.

The Risk Assessment identifies four facilities within a quarter mile of the project site that store and use toxic gases and that upon an accidental release could impact the project site. The four facilities are: Headway Technologies, 497 S Hillview Drive, Linear Technology Corporation, 275 South Hillview Drive, Nanogram Corporation, 165 Topaz Street, and Magic technologies, 463 South Milpitas Boulevard.

Facilities with Toxic Gas			
Linear Technology 275 S. Hillview Drive	Magic Technologies 463 S Milpitas	Nanogram 165 Topaz	Headway Technologies 497 S Hillview Drive
Chemical Gas Used by Businesses			
Ammonia, anhydrous	Ammonia	Ammonia, anhydrous	Ammonia, anhydrous
Boron Trifluoride	Boron Trichloride	Diborane	Boron Trichloride
Chlorine	Carbon Monoxide	Phosphine	Chlorine
Diborane	Chlorine-250	Sulfur Hexafluoride	Sodium Hydroxide
Hydrogen Bromide	Hydrogen Bromide		Sulfuric Acid
Hydrogen Chloride			
Phosphine			
Tungsten Hexafluoride			
Arsine			
Dichlorosilane			
Nitrogen Trifluoride			
Sodium Hydroxide			
Sulfuric Acid			
Sulfur Hexafluoride			
Tungsten Hexafluoride			

The Project is in the 1/10 IDLH concentration zone of impacts for the above listed four facilities. The Project is also in the TEP concentration zone of impact for the same four industrial businesses.

System Services of America, Inc., located at 1029 Montague Expressway uses anhydrous ammonia. The distance to the IDLJ, TEP and 1/10 IDLH concentrations are 0.4, and 1.1 miles from System Services of America. The project sites are located 1.2 miles to the north-northwest

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of the business, and as such is outside the IDLK, TEP and 1/10 IDLH zones of impact for anhydrous ammonia.

Under the worst-case scenario for the actual amount of anhydrous ammonia stored in the single largest vessel, the project is not located within the hypothetical distance to the 1/10 IDLH concentrations of anhydrous ammonia.

Conclusion:

Based on the findings of the Phase I, DRG Builders (developer) did not identify any significant environmental impacts associated with the property known as Lots 1 and Lots 2 (APN: 86-39-001, 002) S Milpitas Boulevard. Based on the report, no constraints for future residential development were identified. BSA does recommend the following Mitigation Measure:

Mitigation Measure: The proposed project shall implement the following standard measure:

HAZMAT-1.1: If further building renovation or demolition is planned a qualified contractor should test for ACBM if suspect materials are encountered and properly managed and dispose of the ACBM if needed.

Based on the Risk Assessment provided by ENVIRON dated November 13, 2012, only one of the industrial facilities uses chemicals in amounts larger than the CalARP Threshold Quantity. Facilities using regulated substances in a process in excess of the CalARP Threshold Quantity are subject to CalARP Program requirements, which vary depending on the location, size, and type of the facility. System services of America, Inc., is assumed to be compliant with CalARP requirements. The subject property, however is located far enough away from System Services of America, INC. to not be within its CALARP TEP zone of impact for anhydrous ammonia.

Although the project is not within the CalARP TEP zone of impact, as a result of being within the 1/10 IDLJ zones of impact of anhydrous ammonia, chlorine, diborane, hydrogen bromide, and phosphine, ENVIRON is recommending the following mitigation measures.

Mitigation Measure: The proposed project shall implement the following standard measures:

HAZMAT-1.2: The Project will provide an Emergency Action Plan (EAP) with evacuation and shelter-in-place procedures to the Milpitas Fire Department.

HAZMAT-1.3: The project homeowners association should review this RAP and the EAP, update the RAP and EAP as required and submit the RAP and EAP to the Milpitas Fire Department on an annual basis.

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IX. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY					
	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Information Source(s)
Would the project:					
1) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1,2
2) 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"/>	1,2
3) 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"/>	1,2
4) 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"/>	1,2
5) Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned storm water drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1,2
6) Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1,2
7) 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"/>	1,2, 14

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IX. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY					
	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Information Source(s)
Would the project:					
8) 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"/>	1, 2, 14
9) 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"/>	1,2
10) Be subject to inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1,2

Comment:

Drainage and Flooding

All new development would conform to the City flood hazard management ordinance and therefore, the implementation of the project would not result in people or structures being exposed to any significant flood risk. Impervious surfaces on the proposed project would be approximately the same as the amount of impervious surfaces that exist on the site. New landscaping and/or vegetated bio-swales would be installed on site as part of the project, and designed to detain stormwater runoff and infiltrate excess water into the soil. This would ensure that stormwater runoff from the project site would not exceed the capacity of the existing storm drainage system, or contribute significantly to downstream flooding.

Water Quality

The proposed development project includes stormwater quality best management practices such as directing site runoff into vegetated swales in conformance with requirements in the City of Milpitas’s Municipal NPDES Permit. The coverage of impervious surfaces would be no more than the current condition. Vegetated swales may be located in or adjacent to trees and shrubs, but must include only vegetation consistent with their function.

Construction activities on the development site would temporarily generate dust, sediment, litter, oil, paint, and other pollutants that could contaminate runoff from the site.

Mitigation Measures:

The following mitigation measures are included in the project to reduce water quality impacts during construction and post-construction periods to a less than significant level:

HYDRO-1.1: Prior to construction of the project, the City shall require the applicant submit a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) and a Notice of Intent (NOI) to the State of California Water Resource Quality Control Board to control the discharge of storm water pollutants including sediments associated with construction activities. Along with these documents, the applicant may also be required to prepare an Erosion Control Plan. The Erosion Control Plan may include Best Management Practices (BMPs) as specified in the California

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Storm Water Best Management Practice Handbook (such as silt fences/straw waddles around the perimeter of the site, regular street cleaning, and inlet protection) for reducing impacts on the City's storm drainage system from construction activities. The SWPPP shall include control measures during the construction period for:

- Soil stabilization practices,
- Sediment control practices,
- Sediment tracking control practices,
- Wind erosion control practices, and
- Non-storm water management and waste management and disposal control practices.

HYDRO-1.2: Prior to issuance of a grading permit, the applicant shall be required to submit copies of the NOI and Erosion Control Plan (if required) to the Department of Public Works. The applicant shall also be required to maintain a copy of the most current SWPPP on-site and provide a copy to any City representative or inspector on demand.

HYDRO-1.3: The development shall comply with City of Milpitas ordinances, including erosion- and dust-control during site preparation and grading, and maintaining adjacent streets free of dirt and mud during construction.

HYDRO-1.4: The proposed development shall comply with the NPDES permit issued to the City of Milpitas.

Conclusion:

The proposed project would not result in substantial adverse flooding or drainage impacts, and with implementation of the mitigation measures included in the project, possible impacts to water quality would be reduced to a less than significant level. **LS/M**

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X. LAND USE					
	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Information Source(s)
Would the project:					
1) Physically divide an established community?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1, 2
2) 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"/>	1, 2
3) 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"/>	1, 2, 4

Environmental Setting:

The City Council rezoned the project site and neighboring properties from Industrial Park to Town Center in September of 2012. Town Center zoning allows for a variety of uses such as, commercial, business offices, professional and medical offices, community centers and residential. To the north of the project site is Wells Fargo Bank and Union Bank, to the east is a business office, a church and two cultural centers. To the west of the project site another residential development for 80 single family units is under consideration. The cumulative impacts are discussed in this document. And to the south of the project site is a business park zoned Heavy Industrial. The proposed project includes the construction of 33 new single family residential homes located on the northwest corner of the intersection of South Milpitas Blvd and Los Coches Street. All access to the site will be from a main entrance onto Los Coches Street with secondary access onto Topaz Street (which is an extension of Los Coches Street.)

The project includes new monolithic sidewalks with associated landscaping and a landscaped pedestrian/bicycle portal to connect to the Wrigley Creek Trail. There is a proposed connection from the proposed Wrigley creek trail to the subject project. In addition, the subject project proposes pedestrian and bike access under Calaveras Boulevard to the existing Terra Serena Senior housing and Beresford Commercial Shopping Center located just north of Calaveras Blvd.

Conclusion:

The project proposal will establish a new residential neighborhood that includes both pedestrian and vehicle connections to nearby commercial areas. The proposed residential land use and density is conditionally permitted within the Town Center Zoning district, and is consistent with the General Plan. The project will not conflict with applicable habitat conservation proposed plan or natural community conservation plan. The proposed project will have no impact. **NI**

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XI. MINERAL RESOURCES					
	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Information Source(s)
Would the project:					
1) 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"/>	1, 4
2) 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"/>	1, 4

Environmental Setting:

Per the General Plan Section 4.5 for Mineral Resources, there are four areas identified by the State Geologist as containing Regionally Significant Construction Aggregate Resources. These areas are located in the foothills outside the City Limits.

Comment:

The project site is located on the valley floor of Milpitas, far from the four identified sites, therefore the proposed project will have no impact on mineral resources.

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XII. NOISE					
	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Information Source(s)
Would the project result in:					
1) 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1, 6
2) 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"/>	1, 6
3) 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"/>	1, 6
4) 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"/>	1, 6
5) 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"/>	1, 6
6) 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"/>	1, 6

Environmental Setting:

The of City of Milpitas General Plan Noise Element sets forth implementing policies to guide the development of residential and commercial land uses. For single-family residential land use, up to 60 dBA Ldn is considered normally acceptable, up to 70 dBA Ldn is considered conditionally acceptable, and above 70 dBA Ldn is considered normally unacceptable.

The project site is located southwest of the intersection of Calaveras Boulevard and Milpitas Boulevard. Currently under review is the proposal for 80 single family homes located just to the west of the project site, a light industrial/manufacturing facility south of the site, office/commercial uses north of the site, and is bound to the east by Calaveras Boulevard. Issues related to noise associated with this project include the compatibility of the proposed

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residential land uses with the noise environment at the site resulting from vehicular traffic on nearby roadways and noise generated by the commercial and light industrial uses in the vicinity.

Per the Environmental Noise Assessment prepared by Fred M. Svinth, INCE, Assox. AIA, The average daytime noise levels at the project site ranged from 55 to 57 dBA L_{eq} and the average hourly nighttime noise levels ranged from 52 to 58 dBA L_{eq} . The Day/Night Average Noise Level (L_{dn}) at the project site is 62 dBA. Due to the somewhat subdued diurnal pattern, where nighttime levels did not drop to far below daytime levels, the area noise environment appears to be influenced by mechanical equipment noise from the adjacent commercial and industrial uses. See the attached Noise Assessment for further measurement details.

Under future conditions, the exterior noise environment across the project site would continue to result primarily from traffic along South Milpitas Blvd. Based on the Noise Assessment prepared by Fred M. Svinth, INCE, Assoic AIA., residential lots on the northern edge of the site are expected to be exposed to future L_{dn} levels of between 71 and 72 dBA. Homes further removed from S. Milpitas Blvd. would be exposed to lower noise levels, however, all homes on the perimeter of the site with views of the roadway are expected to be exposed to future L_{dn} levels above 60 dBA. However, noise levels at the interior lots and the interior common area of the site would be reduced by the barrier effect provided by intervening structures such that these areas are expected to be exposed to future L_{dn} noise levels below 60dBA.

Comment:

The noise environment at lots adjacent to S. Milpitas Blvd. would be exposed to noise levels considered “normally unacceptable” and perimeter lots would be exposed to noise levels considered “normally unacceptable” for residential development by the City’s General Plan noise land use compatibility standards. Noise levels at the interior lots and the interior common area of the site would be “normally acceptable” by these standards. Per the Noise Assessment, a result of this finding is that the common exterior use are of the project site would meet City noise standards, and thus would not require noise mitigation. However, noise levels within the interiors of the homes on the site may exceed the City’s interior noise standards.

Typical wood frame construction techniques with standard thermal insulating glass in closed windows will reduce traffic noise levels by between 20 to 25 dBA. When windows open, the traffic noise attenuation from exterior to interior is reduced to between 12 to 15 dBA. Based on this average exterior to interior noise attenuation, interior L_{dn} levels residences in adjacent to S. Milpitas Blvd and on the site perimeter may exceed the City’s 45 dBA L_{dn} interior noise standard with closed standard thermal insulating windows. Interior noise levels in all other homes on the site are expected to be below the City’s 45 dBA interior noise standard when standard windows are closed for the purpose of noise control. However noise levels within all residences may exceed an L_{dn} of 45 dBA with open windows. This is a potentially significant impact, which can be mitigated with the incorporation of Mitigation Measures. See Measures below.

Mitigation Measure

NOS-1.1: Sound Rated Windows: Homes on lots adjacent to S. Milpitas Blvd. and on the site perimeter, as identified within the Noise Assessment, will require sound rated windows to meet average (45 dBA L_{dn}) interior noise standards. The needed Sound Transmission Class (STC) ratings of windows of these homes are expected to range from 31 to 33 on the lots adjacent to S. Milpitas Blvd., and from 29 to 31 on the identified perimeter lots as shown in the Noise Assessment. When building plan and elevations are available for these lots, an acoustical

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consultant shall be detained to determine the needed window STC ratings necessary to achieve the 45 dBA L_{dn} interior noise limits.

NOS-1.2 Mechanical Ventilation: All residences on lots at the site perimeter will require mechanical ventilation to allow the windows to remain closed at the residents' option as the interior noise standards would not be met with open windows. Typically such a system must meet the following airflow provisions:

"If interior noise levels are met by requiring that windows remain unopenable or closed, the design of the design for the structure must also specify a ventilation system to provide a habitable interior environment. The ventilation system must not compromise the dwelling unit or guest room noise reduction."

In our experience a standard central air conditioning system or a central heating system equipped with a 'summer switch' which allows the fan to circulate air without furnace operation in each residence requiring mechanical ventilation will provide a habitable interior environment and meet the airflow provisions referenced above.

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XIII. POPULATION AND HOUSING					
	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Information Source(s)
Would the project:					
1) 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1, 2, 8
2) 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"/>	1
3) 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"/>	1

Comment:

The project proposal includes the demolition of one Industrial building with associated parking lot and the construction of 33 new single family residential units on approximately 2.7 acres. The project is consistent with the General Plan and Zoning Ordinance.

Conclusion:

The proposed project would not result in significant population or housing impacts. **LS**

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XIV. PUBLIC SERVICES					
	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Information Source(s)
Would the project:					
1) Result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, the 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:					
Fire Protection?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1
Police Protection?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1
Schools?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1
Parks?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1
Other Public Facilities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1

Environmental Setting:

Fire Service

The Milpitas Fire Department (MFD) provides full response, preparedness, and prevention services. The department's emergency response and preparedness division handles emergency incidents, safety, training, disaster preparedness and public information. The department fire prevention division handles fire plans, and permits, hazardous materials regulation, inspections and investigations.

Police Service

Law enforcement services in Milpitas are provided by the City of Milpitas Police Department (MPD). Additionally, the California Highway Patrol provides law enforcement services in the Planning Area, and the Transit Patrol Division of the Santa Clara County Sheriff provides contract security and law enforcement services for the Valley Transportation Authority. In 2005, the Police Department had a total of 95 sworn police officers: one chief, 21 officers in the Support Services Bureau and 73 officers in the Police Operations Bureau. In 2005, with a total population of 65,000, Milpitas had a ratio of 1.46 officers per 1,000 residents. This service ratio is within the California standards of 1.4 to 1.7 officers per 1,000 residents. There are no known community concerns about the location, condition, size, form, or condition of the current police stations. In 2005, the MPD received 18,243 emergency calls. In 2005, the average response time to emergency calls was 3:43. The average response time to non-emergency calls was 7:09. The average response time within the City is approximately four minutes and 40 seconds. Highest priority is assigned to emergency calls where life-threatening conditions occur. The target response time for such emergency calls is three minutes. The number of overall service calls being received by the MPD is currently increasing, rising 10.7 percent between 2004 and 2005, and the department expects the number of calls to continue increasing citywide. MPD's Communications Division has adopted the following standards for dispatching:

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- 9-1-1 calls shall be answered by Public Safety Dispatchers within 10 seconds at least 95 percent of the time.
- Dispatch 95 percent of calls within 60 seconds of event creation in CAD.
- Dispatch 95 percent of non-emergency calls within 30 minutes of event creation in CAD.

Most of the incidents that occur in the Planning Area are specific to the Great Mall—thefts, forgery/fraud, and stolen vehicles—and there is little violent crime. In the rest of the Planning Area, more than half of the police-related calls are vehicle violations, traffic accidents, and theft from autos.

Parks and Schools

According to the Milpitas General Plan, the city has 161 acres of city owned parks and recreational facilities. Part of the 1,544-acre Ed Levin Regional Park is within City limits as well. The closest park within a walkable distance from the project site is Gill Park. Gill Park is an 8.16 acre park that includes a basketball court, three tennis courts, a softball field, and covered picnic area.

Enrollment and Capacity

Staff received a Classroom Capacity Analysis update on March 28, 2012 from Kinzie & Associates. On the following page is a chart summarizing the MUSD classroom Capacity for 2011/2012 and projected new students for 2014, 2017, and 2021.

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Summary of Classroom Capacity

	Class-rooms	Capacity	2011/12 Enrollment	Available Capacity	EPC New Students by Oct 2014	EPC New Students by Oct 2017	EPC New Students by Oct 2021
Burnett	30	654	636	18	14		
Curtner	30	667	678	(11)	5		
Pomeroy	29	645	724	(79)	(5)		
Randall	23	492	465	27	22		
Rose	28	630	443	187	19		
Sinnott	32	689	714	(25)	18		
Spangler	33	711	530	181	28		
Weller	26	556	451	105	9		
Zanker	29	645	679	(34)	50		
Total Elementary	260	5,689	5,320	369	**155	140	256
Rancho MS	34	876	728	148	69		
Russell MS	32	753	742	11	54		
Total Middle	66	1,629	1,470	159	***114	3	9
Milpitas HS	126	3,330	3,009	*150			
Calaveras Hills	12	189	168	21			
Airpoint Site	2	54	0	54			
Total HS	140	3,573	3,177	225	140	250	11
Ayers Adult Ed	16	432	0	0			
Totals	482	11,323	9,967	753	409	393	276

Assumes Class Size Reduction K-3 @ 20 Pupils/Classroom

* Adjusted for Academies educational program requirements

** Less 5 ES per EPC study. EPC study does not break projections down per school beyond 2014.

*** Less 9 MS per EPC study. EPC study does not break projections down per school beyond 2014.

Comment:

Schools

The number of new students generated the proposed project may or may not exceed the maximum amount of students allowed for the school. The school district collects impact fees to address capacity within their jurisdiction.

Fire Protection

With the proposed development for 33 new single family residences, it is not expected that the Fire Department would have to expand. The project plans have been reviewed by fire and meets all fire prevention codes including the required street width for fire truck clearance in order to serve the residence in case of a fire.

Police Services

With the minor increase of 33 dwelling units, the long-term demand for police assistance and new staff and equipment should not be required.

Parks

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The combination of Parks/Plazas and Linear Parks meets the expected park requirements for the proposed residential development. For more detail on parks see the Recreation section of this report.

Conclusion

The project would not result in significant impacts to public facilities. **LS**

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XV. RECREATION					
	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Information Source(s)
Would the project:					
1) 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"/>	1, 4, 8
2) 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"/>	1, 4, 8

Environmental Setting:

The project includes a 6,168 square foot common area with tot lot, a new monolithic sidewalks with associated landscaping, and a landscaped pedestrian/bicycle portal to connect to the Wrigley Creek Trail. The trail connects the subject site to the proposed Wrigley creek trail and, in addition, to a proposed pedestrian and bike access under Calaveras Boulevard to the existing Terra Serena Senior housing and Beresford Commercial Shopping Center located just north of Calaveras Blvd.

Comment:

1) 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?

It is not expected that the addition of 33 residences will increase the use of existing parks that a physical deterioration of facilities would occur.

2) 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?

Per the Milpitas Municipal Code, the project is required to have 0.26 acres of private recreational open space and 0.40 acres of public open space with an option of paying park-in-lieu fee. The park-in-lieu fee allows developers to pay a fee in lieu of building a public park. This option is allowed for projects where it is infeasible to construct the required public park. The fee goes into a joint parks fund where the City utilized the funds to create new parks or update existing facilities. The proposed project meets the private open space requirements and will be paying a park-in-lieu fee for the difference in park acres that they do not meet.

Conclusion:

The proposed residential development will have a less than significant impact on existing facilities. **LS**

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XVI. TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC					
	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Information Source(s)
Would the project:					
1) Exceed the capacity of the existing circulation system, based on an applicable measure of effectiveness (as designated in a general plan policy, ordinance, etc.), taking into account all relevant components of the circulation system, including but limited to intersections, streets, highways and freeways, pedestrian and bicycle paths, and mass transit?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1, 3
2) 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1, 3
3) 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"/>	1
4) Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible land uses (e.g., farm equipment)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1
5) Result in inadequate emergency access?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1
6) Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation (e.g., bus turnouts, bicycle racks)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1

Environmental Setting:

The proposed project would include 33 single family dwellings and would be located on the northwest corner of the intersection of South Milpitas Blvd with Los Coches Street. All access to the site will be from a main entrance onto Los Coches Street with a secondary access onto Topaz Street (which is an extension of Los Coches Street). The proposed project includes a two car garage for each unit along with two uncovered spaces on the driveway to each unit. All traffic from the project will enter onto Los Coches Street.

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Based on the project's trip generation and the potential for traffic impacts, a Traffic Study was prepared by Abrams Associates, which includes a study on six (6) intersections near the proposed project site that may be affected. The intersections that were studied include:

1. Calaveras Boulevard / Abel Street
2. Calaveras boulevard / Milpitas boulevard
3. Calaveras Boulevard / Town Center Drive
4. Calaveras Boulevard / Hillview Drive
5. Milpitas Boulevard / Los Coches Street
6. Milpitas Boulevard / Turquoise Street

The intersections were evaluated on existing conditions, baseline conditions for the year 2014, and baseline conditions including the proposed project.

Existing operational conditions at the six (6) intersections have been evaluated using Synchro Software to implement the 2000 *Highway Capacity Manual (HCM)* Level of Service (LOS) methodology. Level of service is an expression, in the form of a scale, of the relationship between the capacity of an intersection (or roadway segment) to accommodate the volume of traffic moving through it at any given time. The level of service scale describes traffic flow with six ratings ranging from A to F, with "A" indicating relatively free flow of traffic and "F" indicating stop-and-go traffic characterized by traffic jams.

As the amount of traffic moving through a given intersection or roadway segment increases, the traffic flow conditions that motorists experience rapidly deteriorate as the capacity of the intersection or roadway segment is reached. Under such conditions, there is general instability in the traffic flow, which means that relatively small incidents (e.g., momentary engine stall) can cause considerable fluctuations in speeds and delays that lead to traffic congestion. This near capacity situation is labeled level of service (LOS) E. Beyond LOS E, the intersection or roadway segment capacity has been exceeded, and arriving traffic will exceed the ability of the intersection to accommodate it.

Planned Roadway Improvements

The VTA and the City of Milpitas are participating in ongoing planning for long term improvements to Calaveras Boulevard which would likely involve the construction of additional through lanes in each direction. Beyond this project there are no significant planned roadway improvements at any of the project study intersections and no planned roadway network changes that would significantly change travel patterns in the area.

Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities

Pedestrian and bicycle activity is relatively light in the immediate vicinity of the project site. Sidewalks are provided in most areas and it should be noted that the sidewalks would be completed along the frontage of the site as part of the proposed project. Bicycle lanes are provided on Milpitas Boulevard in the vicinity of the project site. Based on the report prepared by Abrams Associates Traffic Engineering, Inc., the proposed project would not significantly impact any bicycle or pedestrian facilities, including bike lanes, routes or paths.

Transit Service

The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) operates bus and light rail service in Santa Clara County. The Montague light rail station is located on the southeast side of the study area and is elevated above Capitol Avenue. VTA bus routes 46, 47, 66, 70, 71, 77, 104, 180, and 321, as well as AC Transit route 217, provide bus service within the project study area. The

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Altamont Commuter Express (ACE) Violet Shuttle (Route 831) also provides service within the project study area.

Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART)

Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) – BART is a rapid transit system which provides regional transportation connections to much of the Bay Area. It runs from the North Bay Area in Richmond to the South Bay Area in Fremont. In the east-west direction it runs from Pittsburg to the San Francisco Airport and Milbrae with several connections in Oakland. VTA bus service provides a connection to the Fremont BART station which provides regional access to San Francisco with several stops in Oakland where connections may be made to other lines.

The Traffic Impact Study (see attachments) includes the impacts of previously approved projects within the area. Approved, not yet built, projects include 732 approved apartment units at 1200 Piper Drive (Citation), 303 approved apartment units at Milpitas Boulevard and the Montague Expressway (Milpitas Station), 80 approved single family dwellings on Sinclair Road (Sinclair Renaissance), 83 approved single family dwellings at 905-980 Los Coches Street (Robson Single Family), 375 approved apartment units and 148,805 square feet of approved commercial space at 600 Barber Lane (Landmark Tower), 366 approved apartment units at 1102 Abel Street (Centria West), and 204 approved apartment units at 1201 South Main Street (SD11-0011). To account for the baseline growth for the analysis (and a general background traffic increase to 2014) a 6 percent increase was applied to the existing traffic volumes. There is a proposed 80 unit residential project (Los Coches Residential) currently in the review process located on the west side of the project site. The Traffic Impact Study for Los Coches Residential, also by Abrams Associates, summarized that the Los Coches Residential project, this proposed Lots 1 and Lots 2 Residential project for 33 residential homes, and the seven (7) projects listed above will not decrease the level of service past LOS E.

Comment:

The trips from the project reflect all vehicle trips that would be counted at the project driveway on Los Coches Drive, both inbound and outbound. Since this project would be all residential there were no adjustments applied to account for pass-by or internal trips. The project is forecast to generate a total of 33 new vehicle trips during the AM peak hour and about 39 new trips during the PM peak hour. The site traffic is all assumed to use the main project entrance driveway on Los Coches Drive.

Signalized Intersections - Project-related operational impacts on signalized intersections are considered significant if project-related traffic causes the Level of Service (LOS) rating to deteriorate from LOS D or better to LOS E or F on any City of Milpitas Roadways. The only exception are Congestion Management Plan (CMP) roadways such as Calaveras Boulevard where LOS E is permissible.

All of the studied intersections would continue to have similar LOS results as the existing conditions, which are LOS E or better, and an acceptable condition during the AM and PM peak hours based on applicable standards.

Conclusion:

Based on the analysis within the Traffic Impact Study, the proposed project would not cause any intersections or roadways in the area to exceed established standards and would not create any safety problems. The highest peak hour trip generation at the project driveways would be about 39 vehicles during the PM peak hour. The project would not result in any significant traffic capacity or safety impacts and no off-site traffic mitigations would be required.

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The addition of project traffic at all signalized intersections would continue to operate at acceptable levels-of-service based on City and County standards. All of the project study intersections would continue to have similar LOS results as the Existing Conditions and no off-site mitigations would be required. All of the study intersections would continue to have acceptable conditions (according to applicable standards) during the AM and PM peak hours. The proposed project would not significantly impact any bicycle or pedestrian facilities, including bike lanes, routes, or paths. No internal site circulation or access issues have been identified that would cause a traffic safety problem or any unusual traffic congestion or delay. At the project entrances on Los Coches Street and Topasz Street the project's side street approach should be controlled with a stop sign.

The City's Parking Ordinance requires 2.0 spaces per unit for residential unit with 3 or less bedrooms plus another 20% of the total required for guest parking. The project is currently proposing to meet the City's parking requirement by providing two garage parking spaces per unit plus and nine (9) guest parking spaces to meet the requirements.

Based on all the information given, the proposed project will have a less than significant impact to Traffic and Transportation. LS

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XVII. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS					
	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Information Source(s)
Would the project:					
1) 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"/>	1,2
2) 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1,2
3) 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1,2
4) 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1,2
5) 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1,2
6) 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"/>	1,2
7) 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"/>	1,2

Environmental Setting:

Water Service

Potable water supply for residence is provided by the City of Milpitas through its municipal water system. The City provides water service to homes, businesses, and industry within the City of Milpitas, meeting the demands of around 65,000 residents. The City of Milpitas buys domestic water from two sources: the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC), delivered through the Hetch Hetchy Water system, and Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD), delivered through the South Bay Aqueduct. The City's emergency supply consists of one local

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groundwater wells—with a second one under construction—and three emergency interties, one with the San Jose Water Company and two with the Alameda County Water District.

The City currently has a supply assurance amount from the SFPUC of 9.23 million gallons per day (mgd) or 10,340 acre-feet per year (AFY). This allocation could be reduced in drought years by SFPUC. In addition, it is anticipated that the incremental cost of water supplied by the SFPUC will become more expensive for the City to purchase should the allocation be increased. For these reasons, the City of Milpitas does not anticipate increasing allocations of SFPUC water at this time. Water supplied by SCVWD is derived in part from executed contracts with the State of California Department of Water Resources and the United States Bureau of Reclamation. The City's contract with SCVWD allows for increases in purchased water to accommodate growth within the City. SCVWD bases its long-term water planning projections on employee and household projections provided by the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG). SCVWD responds to new land use plans by accommodating them in their projections for longterm water supply and demand. In accordance with the City's contract, SCVWD provides exact delivery commitments on a three-year delivery schedule based, in part, on projections made by the City. Recycled water is also currently available in Milpitas through the South Bay Water Recycling Program (SBWRP).

Wastewater

The San Jose/Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) provides wastewater treatment for Milpitas and for several other cities and sanitary districts in the region. The WPCP is a regional facility located in San Jose. The cities of San Jose and Santa Clara jointly own the facility while San Jose operates and maintains the facilities. The WPCP first began operations in 1956 as a primary treatment facility and was upgraded to a tertiary treatment plant in 1964 and again in 1979.

The WPCP currently provides primary, secondary and tertiary wastewater treatment (filtration, disinfectant and disinfectant removal).

Currently, the City is discharging wastewater to the WPCP at a rate of between 8 and 9 mgd. The City's most current wet weather (December 2006) discharge rate was 8.232 mgd², down from a December 2005 peak week flow of 9.358 mgd.³ This current flow level is well below the City's 13.5 mgd inflow limit at the WPCP.

The WPCP discharges treated water to Artesian Slough, a tributary to Coyote Creek and the South San Francisco Bay. The WPCP must meet stringent regulatory disposal requirements, including heavy metal limits and maximum dry weather disposal levels intended to protect sensitive salt marshes. In the dry weather period of May through October, the WPCP is required by the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board to limit discharge flows from the WPCP to 120 mgd ADWF (average dry weather flows), or to flows that would not further impact rare and endangered species habitat. The WPCP has had programs in place since 1991 to reduce and maintain flows below 120 mgd, and has maintained compliance with this requirement. The average dry weather effluent flow in the last year for which records are available is approximately 100 mgd.⁶ Long term plans to remain in compliance with the 120-mgd requirement include on-going water conservation and water recycling.

Storm Drainage

The City of Milpitas owns and maintains a system of underground pipes and a network of street gutters that convey flows from urban runoff to the San Francisco Bay. Within the Transit Area, the majority of stormwater runoff is conveyed to Berryessa Creek and Lower Penitencia Creek,

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with portions of the area draining into Wrigley-Ford Creek. Most major drainage facilities within the city, such as creeks and channels, are owned and maintained by SCVWD.

Solid Waste

The City of Milpitas disposes of all solid waste at the Permitted Class III, Subtitle D facility, the Newby Island Sanitary Landfill (NISL), administered by BFI. The Newby Island facility accepts solid waste, recyclables, and compostable materials. The NISL does not accept hazardous waste. The facility is 342 acres, of which waste has been placed on approximately 270 acres. The City's contract with the NISL runs through 2017.

Comment:

The City's Public Works Department reviewed the project and utility plans and is ensuring the infrastructure will allow for 80 new single family residence on this site by conditioning the project to meet their standards.

Conclusion:

The proposed project would not exceed the capacity of existing utilities and service systems.

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XVIII. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE					
	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Information Source(s)
1) Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1-15, A
2) 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1-15, A
3) Does the project have the potential to achieve short-term environmental goals to the disadvantage of long-term environmental goals?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1-15, A
4) Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1-15, A

Conclusion:

The Traffic Study prepared by Abrams Associates incorporated recently approved project within the vicinity that would have an affect on the traffic within the area. The study concluded that the new project along with recently approved projects would not have a significant affect on the traffic LOS. For more details on this, please refer to the Traffic section within this report. With the implementation of the Mitigation Measures included in the project and described in the specific sections of this report, the proposed construction of 33 single family residential homes would not result in a significant environmental impact. **LS**

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SOURCES

General Sources:

1. CEQA Guidelines - Environmental Thresholds (Professional judgment and expertise and review of project plans)
2. City of Milpitas General Plan (Land Use Chapter)
3. City of Milpitas General Plan (Circulation Chapter)
4. City of Milpitas General Plan (Open Space & Environmental Conservation Chapter)
5. City of Milpitas General Plan (Seismic and Safety Chapter)
6. City of Milpitas General Plan (Noise Chapter)
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15. Transit Area Specific Plan Final Environmental Impact Report, June 2008

Project Related Sources:

- A. Project application and plans
- B. Traffic Impact Study
- C. Phase I Analysis
- D. Environmental Noise Assessment
- E. Greenhouse Gas/ Air Quality Technical Report
- F. Risk Assessment Plan
- G. EDR, Environmental Data Resources Inc.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 21083, 21083.05, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 65088.4, Gov. Code; Sections 21080, 21083.05, 21095, Pub. Resources Code; *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.