ENVIRONMENTAL INITIAL STUDY & MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Use Permit 23-0002 (Steve Rhoades)

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SHASTA COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST FORM INITIAL STUDY & MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

1. Project Title:

Use Permit 23-0002

 Lead agency name and address: Shasta County Department of Resource Management, Planning Division 1855 Placer Street, Suite 103 Redding, CA 96001-1759

3. Contact Person and Phone Number: Elisabeth Towers, Associate Planner, (530) 225-5532

4. **Project Location:**

The 5-acre project site is located at 8780 Old Oregon Trail, Redding, CA 96002 (Assessor's Parcel Number: 054-440-050).

- 5. Applicant Name and Address: Steve Rhoades 14105 Dos Pinon Trail Redding, CA 96003
- 6. Redding Municipal Airport Specific Plan Land Use Designation: Planned Industrial (PI)

7. Zoning:

Light Industrial – Airport Specific Plan (M-L-ASP)

8. Description of Project:

The project is a use permit to allow a contractor's storage yard. Proposed improvements include an 11,100-square-foot building containing 7,500 square feet of warehouse space and 3,600 square feet of office space, 166,500 square feet of outdoor storage space, 16,000-square-foot paved parking area, landscaping, and other ancillary site improvements.

9. Surrounding Land Uses and Setting:

The project site is located in the east Redding area within the Redding Municipal Airport Specific Plan area. The site is situated approximately 915 feet north of the Airport's primary runway and is located in the Outer Approach Safety Zone for the runway. Properties surrounding the project site are zoned Light Industrial combined with the Airport Specific Plan (M-L-ASP) zoned and are developed with a variety of uses, including industrial warehousing, trucking yards, contractor's yards, and mini storage.

The topography of the project site is flat and there is little natural habitat uninfluenced by human activity remaining on the site. The project site was previously used for hay cropping. The project site would be accessed from Old Oregon Trail via two proposed encroachments, one northerly and one southerly along the eastern property line.

10. Other public agencies whose approval is required (e.g., permits, financing approval, or participation agreement.):

Shasta County Fire Department Shasta County Environmental Health Division Shasta County Building Division Shasta County Department of Public Works California Regional Water Quality Control Board

11. Have California Native American tribes traditionally and culturally affiliated with the project area requested consultation pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.3.1? If so, is there a plan for consultation that includes, for example, the determination of significance of impacts to tribal cultural resources, procedures regarding confidentiality, etc.?

In accordance with Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 21080.3.1, the Wintu Tribe of Northern California, Toyon-Wintu Center (Wintu Tribe), and Paskenta Tribe of Nomlaki Indians (Paskenta Tribe), collectively the "tribes," filed and Shasta County received a request for formal notification of proposed projects within an area of Shasta County that is traditionally and culturally affiliated with the tribes. Pursuant to PRC §21080.3.1 the Department of Resource Management sent a certified letter to notify the tribes that the project was under review and to provide the tribes 30 days from the receipt of the letter to request formal consultation on the project in writing.

On June 13, 2023, a certified tribal consultation letter was sent to the tribes and was received by the Wintu Tribe on June 16, 2023 and the Paskenta Tribe on June 15, 2023. On July 12, 2023 a letter requesting formal consultation was submitted by the Paskenta Tribe and a certified letter was sent to the tribe on July 21, 2023 initiating the formal consultation process. A meeting with the Tribe and the project applicant was held on August 8, 2023 resulting in an agreement to provide sensitivity training prior to any ground disturbance on the project site and a requirement that the Tribe be notified if any Tribal Cultural Resources are discovered during this process. No response or request for formal consultation was received from the Wintu Tribe to date.

NOTE: Conducting consultation early in the CEQA process allows tribal governments, lead agencies, and project proponents to discuss the level of environmental review, identify and address potential adverse impacts to tribal cultural resources, and reduce the potential for delay and conflict in the environmental review process. (See Public Resources Code section21080.3.2.) Information may also be available from the California Native American Heritage Commission's Sacred Lands File per Public Resources Code section 5097.96 and the California Historical Resources Information System administered by the California Office of Historic Preservation. Please also note that Public Resources Code section 21082.3(c) contains provisions specific to confidentiality.

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.

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

DETERMINATION: (To be completed by the Lead Agency)

On the basis of the initial evaluation:

 \Box 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.

 \Box 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 of NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.

Copies of the Initial Study and related materials and documentation may be obtained at the Planning Division of the Department of Resource Management, 1855 Placer Street, Suite 103, Redding, CA 96001. Contact Elisabeth Towers, Associate Planner, at (530) 225-5532.

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Paul A. Hellman Director of Resource Management

Date

EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

- 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 parenthesis following each question. A "No Impact" answer is adequately supported if all 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-thansignificant level (mitigation measures from Section XVIII, "Earlier Analyses," 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 the following:
 - 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-significant.

| I. <u>AESTHETICS</u> : Except as provided in Public Resources Code Section 21099, would the project: | | Potentially Significant Impact | Less-Than- Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | Less-Than- Significant Impact | No Impact |
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| a) | Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista? | | | | ~ |
| b) | Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a State scenic highway? | | | | > |
| c) | In non-urbanized areas, substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of public views of the site and its surroundings? (Public views are those that are experienced from a publicly accessible vantage point). If the project is in an urbanized area, would the project conflict with applicable zoning and other regulations governing scenic quality? | | | v | |
| d) | Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area? | | | V | |

- a) Views of the project site are characterized by the light industrial and commercial uses to the north and west, and mostly undeveloped property to the east and south. The proposed single-story building and outdoor storage area would not significantly obstruct any view from public vantage points in the vicinity of the project site, including Old Oregon Trail which fronts the property. There is no view of the project site which includes a unique or aesthetically significant scenic vista. Thus, the project would not result in a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista.
- b) The project site is not visible from a designated scenic highway or State route eligible for official scenic highway designation. There are no scenic resources present within the project site.
- c) The project would not substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings. The project site is zoned Light Industrial combined with Airport Specific Plan (M-L-ASP) and has a Redding Municipal Airport Specific Plan land use designation of Planned Industrial (PI). All adjacent properties are in the same zone district and Airport Specific Plan land use designation. Adjacent land uses include a truck yard, contractor's yard, and sand and gravel supply yard to the north, mostly undeveloped property and open space to the south and east, and auto repair shops, manufacturing, industrial warehousing, contractor's yards, and mini storage to the west.
- d) The project would not create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in a non-urbanized area. The use permit application includes activities that have need of limited outdoor illumination. The Shasta County Airport Land Use Board of Administrative Review has found the project to be consistent with the Redding Municipal Airport Comprehensive Land Use Plan subject to recommended conditions which include the avoidance of distracting light and glare. The use permit conditions have been drafted to require that the project shall not install lighting which is difficult to distinguish from airport lighting, produce glare in the eyes of pilots using the airport, and to avoid the outdoor use of colored bulbs, strobe lighting, and/or lighting patterns that could be confused with airport lighting and to use outdoor lighting fixtures that shield and direct lighting downward so as not to be distracting to aircraft. Therefore, the project would not create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area.

| II. <u>AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY RESOURCES</u> : In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Dept. of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. In determining whether impacts to forest resources, including timberland, are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to information compiled by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection regarding the state's inventory of forest land, including the Forest and Range Assessment Project and the Forest Legacy Assessment project; and forest carbon measurement methodology provided in Forest Protocols adopted by the California Air Resources Board. Would the project: | Potentially Significant Impact | Less-Than- Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | Less-Than- Significant Impact | No Impact |
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| a) Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use? | | | | ~ |
| b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act Contract? | | | | ~ |
| c) Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code section 51104(g))? | | | | ~ |
| Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use? | | | | ~ |
| e) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use? | | | | ~ |

- a) The subject property is not identified as Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance on the map titled Shasta County Important Farmland 2016.
- b) Neither this property nor the surrounding properties are zoned for agricultural use nor are they in a Williamson Act Contract.
- c) The project site is not forest land, timberland or zoned Timberland Production. Therefore, the project would not conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code section 51104(g)).
- d) The project would not result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use. The project site is not forest land.
- e) The project would not 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. The site is not located in an area of significant agricultural soils.

Mitigation/Monitoring: None proposed.

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| III. <u>AIR QUALITY</u> : Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management district or air pollution control district may be relied upon to make the following determinations. Would the project: | | Potentially Significant Impact | Less-Than- Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | Less-Than- Significant Impact | No Impact |
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| a) | Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan? | | | | ~ |
| b) | Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable Federal or State ambient air quality standard? | | | v | |
| c) | Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations? | | | v | |
| d) | Result in other emissions (such as those leading to odors) adversely affecting a substantial number of people? | | | v | |

a-b) The project would not conflict with or obstruct implementation of the 2021 Attainment Plan for Northern Sacramento Valley Air Basin as adopted by Shasta County Air Quality Management District, or any other applicable air quality plan. The project would be subject to standard conditions governing air quality and would not violate any air quality standards. The project would not contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation. There is no existing air quality violation and there is not a projected violation as a result of the proposed project.

The majority of operational emissions would be associated with vehicle trips to and from the project site. The project would include 7-11 full time on-site employees and an additional 1-2 weekly truck trips primarily accessing materials and equipment for off-site delivery and work. The projected traffic generation is approximately 12 daily round trips or 24 one-way trips daily:

Employee Trips

- 11 daily round trips for each of the 11 potential on-site employees
- 1-2 weekly round trips for employees picking up and dropping off material

The NSVPA Air Quality Attainment Plan (2021) designates Shasta County as an area of Nonattainment with respect to the ozone California ambient air quality standards. Nitrogen oxides (NOx) are a group of highly reactive gasses and are also known as "oxides of nitrogen." Because NOx is an ingredient in the formation of ozone, it is referred to as an ozone precursor. NOx is emitted from combustion sources such as cars, trucks and buses, power plants, and off-road equipment. Construction equipment and activities associated with making probable improvements would generate air contaminants, including oxides of nitrogen (NOx), reactive organic gases (ROG), carbon dioxide (CO2) and particulate matter (PM10), in the form of engine exhaust and fugitive dust. However, the emissions emitted during construction would be limited and temporary.

In addition, the Shasta County General Plan requires Standard Mitigation Measures and Best Available Mitigation Measures on all discretionary land use applications as recommended by the Shasta County Air Quality Management District (AQMD) in order to mitigate both direct and indirect emissions of non-attainment pollutants. The AQMD has reviewed the project and no concerns were raised. The project would not result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable Federal or State ambient air quality standard and would not conflict with or obstruct implementation of the NSVPA Air Quality Attainment Plan (2021) as adopted by Shasta County, or any other applicable air quality plan.

c-d) The nearest sensitive receptors would be the residences located approximately 0.2 miles to the west and 0.25 miles to the north of the project site. Equipment used to construct the proposed improvements would produce emissions that some may find objectionable. However, the emissions emitted during construction would be limited and temporary and not likely be noticeable beyond the project boundaries. Potential impacts from exhaust odor during construction and from delivery trucks would depend

on the degree of transport, relative concentration upon arrival at the project site, and/or sensitivity of the receiving party. Mobile equipment operators and truck drivers would be subject to AQMD and State diesel idling rules which minimizes the length of time that a diesel engine can remain idle and be subject to all engine emissions regulations and standards. Substantial pollutant concentrations are not anticipated due to the limited scope and duration of construction. Exposure of sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations and other emissions (such as those leading to odors) adversely affecting a substantial number of people would be less-than-significant.

Mitigation/Monitoring: None proposed.

| IV. | BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES: Would the project: | Potentially Significant Impact | Less-Than- Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | Less-Than- Significant Impact | No Impact |
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| a) | Have a substantial effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special-status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service? | | | | 2 |
| b) | Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, and regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service? | | | | ~ |
| c) | Have a substantial adverse effect on state or Federally protected wetlands (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means? | | | | ~ |
| d) | Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites? | | V | | |
| e) | Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance? | | | | > |
| f) | Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community, Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or State habitat conservation plan? | | | | ~ |

Discussion: Based on the related documents listed in the Sources of Documentation for Initial Study Checklist, staff review of the project, observations on the project site and in the vicinity, the following findings can be made:

- a) No species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special-status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have been identified on the project site or in the project area. There is little natural habitat uninfluenced by human activity left on the site and no known occurrences of endangered species. The project will not have a substantial effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special-status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
- b) There is no riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community on the project site or in the immediate project area. The nearest creek is approximately 1,000 feet away on the property across the road to the east. It will not be disturbed directly or indirectly impacted by the proposed project. Although lighting will be installed with the proposed project, the use permit conditions have been drafted to require that the project shall not install lighting which is difficult to distinguish from airport lighting, produce glare in the eyes of pilots using the airport, and to avoid the outdoor use of colored bulbs, strobe lighting, and/or lighting patterns that could be confused with airport lighting and to use outdoor lighting fixtures that shield and direct lighting downward so as not to

be distracting to aircraft. In addition, Shasta County Development Standards (SCC 17.84.050) ensures that light pollution does not affect neighboring properties by requiring exterior lighting to be shielded and not shine directly upon neighboring properties. By shielding and directing exterior lighting downward and away from adjacent properties, the impacts of lighting would be reduced to less-than-significant.

- c) There are no vernal pools or wetlands identified on the subject property based on the Vernal Pools, Wetlands, and Waterways Map of Shasta County prepared by the Geographic Information Center, California State University, Chico, on August 24, 1996. The project site is undeveloped, and the entirety of the property was previously used for hay cropping and field crops.
- d) The project site is currently undeveloped and was previously used for hay cropping and field crops. The site is primarily free of vegetation with a row of trees along Old Oregon Trail. If the project applicant needs to remove any of those trees, they should do so outside of bird nesting season (February 1 through August 31), otherwise a nesting bird survey would be required.

In order to avoid potential impacts to nesting migratory birds and/or raptors protected under federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act and California Fish and Game Code Section 3503 and Section 3503.5, including their nests and eggs, implementation of one of the following mitigation measures shall be required to ensure these species are not affected by the development of the site: 1) Vegetation removal and other ground-disturbing activities should occur between September 1 and January 31, when birds are not anticipated to be nesting; or; or 2) If vegetation removal or ground disturbance activities occur during the nesting season (February 1 through August 31), a pre-construction nesting survey shall be conducted by a qualified biologist within 14 days of vegetation removal or construction activities. If an active nest is located during the preconstruction surveys, a non-disturbance buffer shall be established around the nest by a qualified biologist in consultation with the Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW). No vegetation removal or construction activities shall occur within this non-disturbance buffer until the young have fledged, as determined through additional monitoring by the qualified biologist.

Fencing is required on the project site both for security purposes and compliance with development standards of the M-L zone district which requires outdoor storage to be completely enclosed by a solid wall or fence not less than six feet in height. The required fencing could limit wildlife movement through the property once it is in place. The project site is not located in area identified as a significant terrestrial wildlife corridor. The project site is approximately 1,000 feet west of Stillwater Creek and Old Oregon Trail separates the project site from the Stillwater Creek riparian corridor and large undeveloped lands to the east which provide more attractive opportunities for wildlife movement. While the project site does not provide significant opportunities for wildlife or have been identified as utilizing the property, a use permit condition of approval will address inadvertent wildlife entrapment.

With the proposed mitigation incorporated, the project would not interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites.

- e) The project would not conflict with any ordinances or policies which protect biological resources. There are no local ordinances or tree preservation policies that the project would conflict with. The project site is not located within an Oak Woodland. However, there are a few mature Oaks present on the project site along Old Oregon Trail. Shasta County Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 95-157 provides guidance regarding use and protection of oak trees on a voluntary basis.
- f) There are no adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community, Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or State habitat conservation plans for the project site or project area.

Mitigation/Monitoring: With the mitigation measures being proposed, the impacts will be less-than-significant.

- IV.d.1) In order to avoid impacts to nesting migratory birds and/or raptors protected under federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act and California Fish and Game Code Section 3503 and Section 3503.5, including their nests and eggs, one of the following shall be implemented:
 - a. Vegetation removal and other ground-disturbance activities associated with construction shall occur between September 1 and January 31 when birds are not nesting; or
 - b. If vegetation removal or ground disturbance activities occur during the nesting season (February 1 through August 31), a pre-construction nesting survey shall be conducted by a qualified biologist within 14 days of vegetation removal or construction activities. If an active nest is located during the preconstruction surveys, a non-disturbance buffer shall be established around the nest by a qualified biologist in consultation with the Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW). No vegetation removal or construction activities shall occur within this non-disturbance buffer until the young have fledged, as determined through additional monitoring by the qualified biologist. The results of the pre-construction surveys shall be sent electronically to CDFW at R1CEQARedding@wildlife.ca.gov.

| V. CULTURAL RESOURCES – Would the project: | Potentially Significant Impact | Less-Than- Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | Less-Than- Significant Impact | No Impact |
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| a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource pursuant to §15064.5? | | | | ~ |
| b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to §15064.5? | | | | ~ |
| c) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries? | | | | V |

- a-b) The project site has been substantially disturbed by past human activity including field and hay cropping with the use of irrigation piping. There are no evident above surface historical or cultural resources present within the project site. The project would not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an historical resource or archeological resource.
- c) The project site is not on or adjacent to any known cemetery or burial area. Therefore, there is no evidence to suggest that the project would disturb any human remains.

Although there is no evidence to suggest that the project would result in any significant effect to historical, archeological, paleontological, or unique geologic resource, or human remains, there is always the possibility that such resources or remains could be encountered. The Wintu Tribe and the Paskenta Tribe have requested notification of proposed projects located within their geographic area of traditional and cultural affiliation in accordance with Public Resources Code section 21080.3(b), also known as AB52. The project is located within the geographic area of traditional and cultural affiliation of both tribes. The Department of Resource Management sent a letter to the tribes by certified mail on June 13, 2023 to notify the tribes that the project was under review and to provide the tribes 30 days from the receipt of the letter to request consultation on the project in writing. The letter was received by the Wintu Tribe on June 16, 2023 and the Paskenta Tribe on June 15, 2023.

To date, no response to the project notification has been received by the Wintu Tribe. The Paskenta Tribe received the certified letter on July 15, 2023. A request for formal consultation was received from the Paskenta Tribe on July 12, 2023. A second certified letter was sent to the tribe and received on July 21, 2023, to initiate the formal consultation process. A consultation meeting was scheduled with county staff, the Tribe, the project applicant, and the project applicant's representative on August 8, 2023. The Paskenta Tribe requested that sensitivity training be conducted prior to any ground disturbance at the project site. This request will be included in the project as a recommended use permit condition of approval.

As noted above, there is no evidence to suggest that the project would result in any significant effect to historical, archeological, paleontological, or unique geologic resource, or human remains, there is always the possibility that such resources or remains could be encountered. Nonetheless, a condition of project approval will require that if, in the course of development, any archaeological, historical, or paleontological resources are uncovered, discovered or otherwise detected or observed, development activities in the affected area shall cease and a qualified archaeologist shall be contacted to review the site and advise the County of the site's significance. If the findings are deemed significant by the Environmental Review Officer, appropriate mitigation shall be required

| <u>VI. ENERGY</u> – Would the project: | Potentially Significant Impact | Less-Than- Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | Less-Than- Significant Impact | No Impact |
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| a) Result in potentially significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources during project construction or operation? | | | | \$ |

| <u>VI. ENERGY</u> – Would the project: | Potentially Significant Impact | Less-Than- Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | Less-Than- Significant Impact | No Impact |
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| b) Conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency? | | | | ~ |

- a) The project would not result in a potentially significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources during project construction or operation. During construction there would be a temporary consumption of energy resources required for the movement of equipment and materials. Compliance with local, State, and federal regulations (e.g., limit engine idling times, requirement for the recycling of construction debris, etc.) would reduce and/or minimize short-term energy demand during the project's construction to the extent feasible, and project construction would not result in a wasteful or inefficient use of energy. During operation of the completed project, there are no unusual project characteristics or processes that would require the use of equipment that would be more energy intensive than is used for comparable projects, or the use of equipment that would not conform to current emissions standards and related fuel efficiencies.
- b) The project would not conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency. State and local agencies regulate the use and consumption of energy through various methods and programs. As a result of the passage of Assembly Bill 32 (AB 32) (the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006) which seeks to reduce the effects of Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions, a majority of the state regulations are intended to reduce energy use and GHG emissions. At the local level, the County's Building Division enforces the applicable requirements of the Energy Efficiency Standards and Green Building Standards in Title 24.

| <u>VII</u> | . GEOL | OGY AND SOILS – Would the project: | Potentially Significant Impact | Less-Than- Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | Less-Than- Significant Impact | No Impact |
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| a) | Directly includir i) | y or indirectly cause potential substantial adverse effects, ng the risk of loss, injury, or death involving: Rupture of a known earthquake, fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault | | | V | |
| | | 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 Publications 42. | | | | |
| | ii) | Strong seismic ground shaking? | | | | |
| | iii) | Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction? | | | | |
| | iv) | Landslides? | | | | |
| b) | Result i | n substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil? | | | ~ | |
| c) | Be loca would b result in liquefac | ated on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially n on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, ction, or collapse? | | | | ~ |
| d) | Be loca Uniforn | ted on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the n Building Code (1994), creating substantial direct or | | | | ~ |

| <u>VI</u> | I. GEOLOGY AND SOILS – Would the project: | Potentially Significant Impact | Less-Than- Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | Less-Than- Significant Impact | No Impact |
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| | indirect risks to life or property? | | | | |
| e) | Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water? | | | | ~ |
| f) | Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature? | | | | ~ |

- a) The project would not directly or indirectly cause potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:
 - i) Rupture of a known earthquake fault;

According to the Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Maps for Shasta County, there is no known earthquake fault on the project site.

ii) Strong seismic ground shaking;

According to the Shasta County General Plan Section 5.1, Shasta County has a low level of historic seismic activity. The entire County is in Seismic Design Category D. According to the Seismic Hazards Assessment for the City of Redding, California, prepared by Woodward Clyde, dated July 6, 1995, the most significant earthquake at the project site may be a background (random) North American crustal event up to 6.5 on the Richter scale at distances of 10 to 20 km. All structures shall be constructed according to the seismic requirements of the currently adopted Building Code.

iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction;

The project site is located in the South Central Region (SCR), which is identified as an area of potential liquefaction in Section 5.1 of the Shasta County General Plan. The currently adopted Building Code requires preparation and review of a site-specific soils report as part of the building design and approval process. The soils report must be prepared by a California registered professional engineer and would address potential seismic-related ground failure concerns, if any.

iv) Landslides.

There is no evidence of landslides on the subject property or the surrounding area. The project site is flat and is not located at the top or toe of any significant slope.

b) The project would not result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil. The Soil Survey of Shasta County, completed by the United States Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service and Forest Service in August, 1974, identified the soils on the project site as Red Bluff loam, 0 to 3% slopes, and Perkins gravelly loam, 0 to 3% slopes, and Churn gravelly loam, 3 to 8 percent slope, all with a hazard of erosion ranging from none to moderate.

A grading permit is required prior to any grading activities. The grading permit includes requirements for erosion and sediment control, including retention of topsoil. A grading permit has been applied for to account for erosion control of the existing site and grading plans will be required to be reviewed for building pads for subsequent grading activity related to the construction of the shop building, the office building and other improvements.

c) The project would not be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction, or collapse.

The topography of the site is predominantly level, with very gradual slopes across the property. The threat of landslides, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction, or collapse is insignificant as the geology of the area demonstrates great stability. Based on records of construction in the area, and the soils data for the site, there is no evidence to support a conclusion that the project is on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable.

- d) The project would not be located on expansive soil creating substantial direct or indirect risks to life or property. All soil classifications found on the project site have a very low shrink-swell potential per the "Soil Survey of Shasta County." Site soils are not described as expansive.
- e) The project does not 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. The proposed warehouse/office building would have a restroom and require compliance with all OWTS standards and required permitting requirements (i.e. permit to install or permit waiver) from the Shasta County Environmental Health Division (EHD).
- f) Upon review of the Minerals Element of the General Plan, there is no evidence to suggest that the project would directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature. There are no known unique paleontological resources or sites or unique geologic features in the project vicinity.

Mitigation/Monitoring: None proposed.

| VII | I. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS: Would the project: | Potentially Significant Impact | Less-Than- Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | Less-Than- Significant Impact | No Impact |
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| a) | Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment? | | | ~ | |
| b) | Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases? | | | | ~ |

Discussion: Based on these comments, the related documents listed in the Sources of Documentation for Initial Study Checklist, staff review of the project, observations on the project site and in the vicinity, the following findings can be made:

a-b) In 2005, the Governor of California signed Executive Order S-3-05, establishing that it is the State of California's goal to reduce statewide greenhouse gas (GHG) emission levels. Subsequently, in 2006, the California State Legislature adopted Assembly Bill AB 32, the California Global Warming Solutions Act. In part, AB 32 requires the California Air Resources Board to develop and adopt regulations to achieve a reduction in the State's GHG emissions to year 1990 levels by year 2020.

California Senate Bill 97 established that an individual project's effect on GHG emission levels and global warming must be assessed under CEQA. SB 97 further directed that the State Office of Planning and Research (OPR) develop guidelines for the assessment of a project's GHG emissions. Those guidelines for GHG emissions were subsequently included as amendments to the CEQA Guidelines. The guidelines did not establish thresholds of significance and there are currently no state, regional, county, or city guidelines or thresholds with which to direct project-level CEQA review. As a result, Shasta County reserves the right to use a qualitative and/or quantitative threshold of significance until a specific quantitative threshold is adopted by the state or regional air district.

The City of Redding currently utilizes a quantitative non-zero project-specific threshold based on a methodology recommended by the California Air Pollution Officers Association (CAPCOA) and accepted by the California Air Resources Board. According to CAPCOA's Threshold 2.3, CARB Reporting Threshold, 10,000 metric tons of carbon-dioxide equivalents per year (mtC02eq/yr) is recommended as a quantitative non-zero threshold. This threshold would be the operational equivalent of 550 dwelling units, 400,000 square feet of office use, 120,000 square feet of retail, or 70,000 square feet of supermarket use. This approach is estimated to capture over half the future residential and commercial development projects in the State of California and is designed to support the goals of AB 32 and not hinder it. The use of this quantitative non-zero project-specific threshold by Shasta County, as lead agency, would be consistent with certain practices of other lead agencies in the County and throughout the State of California.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) identifies four primary constituents that are most representative of the GHG emissions. They are:

- Carbon Dioxide (C02): Emitted primarily through the burning of fossil fuels. Other sources include the burning of solid waste and wood and/or wood products and cement manufacturing.
- Methane (CH4): Emissions occur during the production and transport of fuels, such as coal and natural gas. Additional emissions are generated by livestock and agricultural land uses, as well as the decomposition of solid waste.
- Nitrous Oxide (N20): The principal emitters include agricultural and industrial land uses and fossil fuel and waste combustion.
- Fluorinated Gases: These can be emitted during some industrial activities. Also, many of these gases are substitutes for ozonedepleting substances, such as CFC's, which have been used historically as refrigerants. Collectively, these gases are often referred to as "high global-warming potential" gases.

The primary generators of GHG emissions in the United States are electricity generation and transportation. The EPA estimates that nearly 85 percent of the nation's GHG emissions are comprised of carbon dioxide (C02). The majority of C02 is generated by petroleum consumption associated with transportation and coal consumption associated with electricity generation. The remaining emissions are predominately the result of natural-gas consumption associated with a variety of uses.

The project includes an amount of office space that would be significantly less than the quantitative non-zero project threshold described above. The scope of the proposed improvements and required development standards for the project are relatively limited and will not involve extensive ground disturbance, a significant number of equipment hours to complete, nor generate significant traffic volumes during construction. Post construction operation of the site are not expected to generate significant GHG emissions based on the scale of the operations and number of employees (11). Therefore, this project is not expected to be a significant source of construction nor ongoing GHG emissions.

Mitigation/Monitoring: None proposed.

| IX. proj | HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS: Would the ect: | Potentially Significant Impact | Less-Than- Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | Less-Than- Significant Impact | No Impact |
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| a) | Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials? | | | r | |
| b) | Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment? | | | v | |
| c) | Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school? | | | | 7 |
| d) | Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment? | | | | 2 |
| e) | For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard or excessive noise for people residing or working in the project area? | | | V | |
| f) | Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan? | | | | ~ |
| g) | Expose people or structures, either directly or indirectly, to a significant risk of loss, injury, or death involving wildland fires? | | | | ~ |

Discussion: Based on these comments, the related documents listed in the Sources of Documentation for Initial Study Checklist, staff review of the project, observations on the project site and in the vicinity, the following findings can be made:

- a-c) Contractor businesses routinely transport, use, and dispose of hazardous materials in the course of conducting business. Such materials include fuels, oils, solvents, etc. Based on the scale of the business and number of employees, the operator is not expected to handle significant quantities of hazardous materials at the site. If hazardous materials are to be handled in reportable quantities (55 gallons (liquids), 500 pounds (solids), or 200 cubic feet for a compressed gas), the applicant is required by law to have a Hazardous Materials Business Plan in place prior handling hazardous materials at the site. Therefore, the project would not create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials; create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment; or not emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school.
- d) The project is not located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.
- e) The project site has a Redding Municipal Airport Specific Plan land use designation of Planned Industrial (PI). The project is partially within the projected 60 CNEL contour. Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) Part 150 considers all land uses with noise

levels less than 65 Day-Night Average Sound Level (DNL) to be compatible with aircraft operations. The airport noise standards promulgated in accordance with PUC Section 21669 are set forth in Section 5000 et seq. of the California Code of Regulations (Title 21, Division 2.5, Chapter 6). In Section 5006, the regulations state that: "The level of noise acceptable to a reasonable person residing in the vicinity of an airport is established as a community noise equivalent level (CNEL) value of 65 dB for purposes of these regulations."

To reduce the potential for accidents, the Redding Municipal Airport has established runway protection zones at each end of the runway that include a Clear Zone, Inner Approach Zone, and an Outer Approach Zone. The project is located within the Outer Approach Zone and is approximately 915 feet north of the Inner Approach Zone of the 16-34 Runway. The does not represent an obstruction to aircraft take-off or landing despite being located within the Outer Approach Zone. The use permit application includes activities that have need of limited outdoor illumination. Use of outdoor lighting at the project site would be conditionally acceptable, requiring that the project shall not install lighting which is difficult to distinguish from airport lighting, produce glare in the eyes of pilots using the airport or other impairments to visibility in the airport vicinity. All lighting shall be shielded and directed downward so as not to be distracting to aircraft. No new airspace obstructions are being created or, as may happen with the growth of trees or other vegetation, are newly identified.

The project was reviewed by the Shasta County Airport Land Use Board of Administrative Review (ALUBAR) to determine whether or not the proposed use is consistent with the policies, standards, and regulations of the Redding Municipal Airport Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP). The issues reviewed in determining consistency with the CLUP, as stated in the California Airport Land Use Planning Handbook, were noise, overflight, safety and airspace protection. The ALUBAR has adopted findings and recommendations which will be incorporated in the recommended conditions of approval for the use permit forwarded to the Shasta County Planning Commission for its consideration of the use permit application.

- f) A review of the project and the Shasta County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan indicates that the proposed project would not impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan.
- g) The Shasta County Fire Department has indicated that the project is located in an area designated as "Non-Wildland/Non-Urban" fire hazard severity zone. All driveways and buildings for the proposed project would be required to be constructed in accordance with the Shasta County Fire Safety Standards. These standards require, the clearing of combustible vegetation around all structures for a distance of not less than 30 feet on each side or to the property line. The California Public Resources Code Section 4291 includes a "Defensible Space" requirement of clearing 100 feet around all buildings or to the property line, whichever is less. The project would not expose people or structures, either directly or indirectly, to a significant risk of loss, injury, or death involving wildland fires.

| X. <u>]</u> | HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY: Would the project: | Potentially Significant Impact | Less-Than- Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | Less-Than- Significant Impact | No Impact |
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| a) | Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade surface or ground water quality? | | | v | |
| b) | Substantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that the project may impede sustainable groundwater management of the basin. | | | v | |
| c) | Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or through the addition of impervious surfaces, in a manner which would: | | | r | |
| | (i) result in substantial erosion or sittation on- or off-site:(ii) substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or offsite; | | | | |
| | (iii) create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff; or (iv) impede or redirect flows? | | | | |
| d) | In flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zones, risk release of | | | | ~ |

| X. <u>]</u> | HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY: Would the project: | Potentially Significant Impact | Less-Than- Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | Less-Than- Significant Impact | No Impact |
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| | pollutants due to project inundation? | | | | |
| e) | Conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable management plan? | | | | ~ |

Discussion: Based on the related documents listed in the Sources of Documentation for Initial Study Checklist, staff review of the project, the Preliminary Drainage Plan Prepared by Robertson Erickson Civil Engineers and Surveyors. June 7, 2023, and observations on the project site and in the vicinity, the following findings can be made:

- a) The project would not violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade surface or ground water quality. Grading will be needed for this project. A grading permit will be required. The provisions of the permit will address erosion and siltation containment on-and off-site. In addition, the project will disturb more than an acre of land. Therefore, the applicant will also be required to prepare a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPP) and obtain a General Construction Storm Water Permit (SWP) from the State of California Regional Water Quality Control Board. The SWPP and SWP would include specific erosion control measures and monitoring requirements. Through adherence to construction standards; including erosion and sediment control measures, water quality and waste discharge standards will not be violated and the project will not substantially degrade surface or ground water quality.
- b) The project proposes to utilize the existing well which would provide potable water for a small number of employees on site during daily operations, typically Monday through Friday. The project would not substantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that the project may impede sustainable groundwater management of the basin.
- c) The project would not substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area in a manner which would (i) result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site; (ii) substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or offsite; (iii) create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff; or (iv) impede or redirect flows.

The drainage pattern will be altered slightly due to additional impervious surface area being added to the front half of the lot. The project is designed to account for increased surface runoff due to the additional impervious surface by including two on-site storm water bio-retention basins at the northern and southern corners of the project site along Old Oregon Trail as well as three retention basins on the rear half of the property, one each situated on the north and south side property lines and a third in the southwest corner of the property as shown in the Preliminary Drainage Plan to reduce the rate of flow to a pre-project level. Other runoff, where no new impervious surface will be added, will sheet flow into the existing drainage channels on the site. This will preserve the existing drainage pattern and not require alteration of the natural drainage courses nor impeded or redirect flows off-site. This approach to stormwater management is consistent with principles of low impact development.

- d) The project is not in a flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zone.
- e) Through adherence to construction standards, and the provisions of the required grading permit, including erosion and sediment control measures, the project would not conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable management plan.

Mitigation/Monitoring: None proposed.

| XI. | LAND USE AND PLANNING - Would the project: | Potentially Significant Impact | Less-Than- Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | Less-Than- Significant Impact | No Impact |
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| a) | Physically divide an established community? | | | | ~ |
| b) | Cause a significant environmental impact due to a conflict with any land use plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect? | | | ~ | |

Discussion: Based on the related documents listed in the Sources of Documentation for Initial Study Checklist, staff review of the project, observations on the project site and in the vicinity, the following findings can be made:

- The project would not physically divide an established community. The project does not include the creation of any road, ditch, a) wall, or other feature which would physically divide an established community.
- The project would not conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of avoiding or b) mitigating an environmental effect. The project is consistent with M-L zone district of the project site. The project site has a Redding Municipal Airport Specific Plan land use designation of Planned Industrial (PI). The project was reviewed by the Shasta County Airport Land Use Board of Administrative Review (ALUBAR) to determine whether or not the proposed use is consistent with the policies, standards, and regulations of the Redding Municipal Airport Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP). The issues reviewed in determining consistency with the CLUP, as stated in the California Airport Land Use Planning Handbook, were noise, overflight, safety and airspace protection. The ALUBAR has adopted findings and recommendations which will be incorporated in the recommended use permit conditions of approval and forwarded to the Shasta County Planning Commission for its consideration of the use permit application.

Mitigation/Monitoring: None proposed.

| <u>XII</u> | . MINERAL RESOURCES – Would the project: | Potentially Significant Impact | Less-Than- Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | Less-Than- Significant Impact | No Impact |
|------------|--|--------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| a) | Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the State? | | | | 2 |
| b) | Result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local General Plan, specific plan or other land use plan? | | | | > |

Discussion: Based on the related documents listed in the Sources of Documentation for Initial Study Checklist, staff review of the project, observations on the project site and in the vicinity, the following findings can be made:

- There are no known mineral resources of regional value located on or near the project site. The project would not result in the loss a) of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the State.
- The project would not result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local b) general plan, specific plan or other land use plan. The project site is not identified in the General Plan Minerals Element as containing a locally-important mineral resource. There is no other land use plan which addresses minerals.

No

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Potentially Less-Than-Less-Than-**XIII.** NOISE – Would the project result in: Significant Significant Significant With Impact Impact Mitigation Incorporated Generation of a substantial temporary or permanent increase V in ambient noise levels in the vicinity of the project in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies? b) Generation of excessive groundborne vibration 1 or groundborne noise levels For a project located within the vicinity of a private airstrip 1 or an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?

Mitigation/Monitoring: None proposed.

a)

c)

a) The project would not generate a substantial temporary or permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the vicinity of the project in excess of standards established in the local General Plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies.

The General Plan Noise Standard is 55 hourly L_{eq} daytime, and 50 hourly L_{eq} nighttime. The nearest noise sensitive uses are singlefamily residences north, west and south of the project site. The nearest non-conforming single-family residence lies approximately 1,000 feet south of the project boundary and the residences to the north and west range from 1,000 feet to greater from the project stie' northern and western boundaries.

Temporary project related noise sources would include human speech and the use of vehicles and equipment during on-activities. Temporary noise impacts are proposed to be minimized with a condition of approval that would limit the hours during which onsite activities can take place.

Long term operations at the site would result in both permanent and periodic increases in the ambient noise level. Operational noise sources would include vehicular traffic throughout the site, moving, placement, loading and unloading of materials and equipment in the outdoor storage area, periodic use of maintenance tools within the shop building, use of building maintenance systems such as air conditioning systems, and human speech and other general activities associated with the use of the building and outdoor areas.

The applicant proposes to use heavy duty vehicles intended to transport large equipment for off-site use. The loudest component of these vehicles is required to be the backup warning alarm. Backup warning alarms would need to be louder than the engine of the vehicles and equipment utilized on the project site. A general rule of noise attenuation is that noise is reduced six decibels for every doubling of distance. For example, if a piece of equipment produces 100 decibels at 25 feet away from the equipment, the noise level will be 94 decibels at 50 feet from the equipment.

Assuming a noise level of 90 decibels at one meter away from a diesel engine it is likely that noise levels from the backup warning alarms would not exceed noise thresholds (55 dB daytime and 50dB nighttime hourly Leq) at the nearest residences to the south and east as the back-up alarms would not be inconstant operation or for lengthy and/or frequent intermittent periods of time during the course of an hour.

The project is located in the vicinity of Airport Road and Old Oregon Trail. Noise sensitive uses in this area are exposed to ambient noise levels that are generally greater than areas than proposed intermittent noise sources introduced by the project, particularly the closer to the centerline of Airport Road and Old Oregon Trail the sensitive receptor is. Therefore, the project is not expected to create a substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project.

- b) The type of equipment necessary for a construction project of this scope is not expected to generate excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise that would result in significant exposure to persons in the vicinity. Therefore, the project would not result in exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels.
- c) The project site has a Redding Municipal Airport Specific Plan land use designation of Planned Industrial (PI) and is within the Outer Approach Zone and partially within the 60 community noise equivalent level (CNEL) contour as shown on the Redding Municipal Airport Comprehensive Land Use Plan Noise Impact Area map. Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) Part 150 considers all land uses with noise levels less than 65 Day-Night Average Sound Level (DNL) to be compatible with aircraft operations. At higher noise exposures, selected land uses are also deemed acceptable, depending upon the nature of the use and the degree of structural noise attenuation provided. Public Utilities Code (PUC) Section 21669 requires Caltrans to adopt, to the extent not prohibited by federal law, noise standards applicable to all airports operating under a state permit. The airport noise standards promulgated in accordance with PUC Section 21669 are set forth in Section 5000 et seq. of the California Code of Regulations (Title 21, Division 2.5, Chapter 6). In Section 5006, the regulations state that: "The level of noise acceptable to a reasonable person residing in the vicinity of an airport is established as a community noise equivalent level (CNEL) value of 65 dB for purposes of these regulations." No residential development or onsite caretaker unit is existing or proposed, and no other use that may be considered sensitive to noise (e.g. schools, hospital, nursing homes, or similar uses) is existing or proposed on the project site.

| <u>XIV</u> | 7. POPULATION AND HOUSING – Would the project: | Potentially Significant Impact | Less-Than- Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | Less-Than- Significant Impact | No Impact |
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| a) | Induce substantial unplanned population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)? | | | | 7 |
| b) | Displace substantial numbers of existing people or housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere? | | | | ~ |

- a) The project would not induce substantial unplanned population growth in an area, either directly or indirectly. Project operations would employ 11 persons some or all of which are existing employees and/or would draw from the local labor pool. No new residences are planned as part of the project and the project does not include extension of any permanent roads. Therefore, it is not expected to induce substantial growth in the area.
- b) The project would not displace existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere. The project does not include destruction of any existing housing.

Mitigation/Monitoring: None proposed.

| XV. <u>PUBLIC SERVICES</u> : Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services: | Potentially Significant Impact | Less-Than- Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | Less-Than- Significant Impact | No Impact |
|--|--------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Fire Protection? | | | | ~ |
| Police Protection? | | | | ~ |
| Schools? | | | | ~ |
| Parks? | | | | • |
| Other public facilities? | | | | ~ |

Discussion: Based on the related documents listed in the Sources of Documentation for Initial Study Checklist, staff review of the project, observations on the project site and in the vicinity, the following findings can be made:

The project would not result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for:

Fire Protection:

The project site is primarily in an area designed as "Non-Wildland/Non-Urban" with a small section near the roadway designated as "Very High" fire hazard severity zone. All improvements will be required to be constructed in accordance with the Shasta County Fire Safety Standards. Additionally, the project will require fire flow to be met and fire hydrants be installed per the Shasta County Fire Safety Standards. However, no significant additional level of fire protection is necessary.

Police Protection:

The County employs a total of 165 sworn and 69 non-sworn County peace officers (Sheriff's deputies) to serve a population of 66,850 persons that reside in the unincorporated area of the County (U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, April 1, 2020). This level of staffing equates to a ratio of approximately one officer per 286 persons. The project will not result in additional residences or uses that would significantly increase the need of police protection and the project would not warrant any additional Sheriff's deputies.

Schools:

Potential impacts to schools will be mitigated through the payment of applicable development impact fees prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy.

Parks:

The project is located in the unincorporated portion of Shasta County which does not have a formal park and recreation program normally found within incorporated cities.

Other public facilities:

Potential impacts to general government services, public health, the library system, and animal control will be mitigated through the payment of applicable development impact fees prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy.

Mitigation/Monitoring: None proposed.

| XV | I. <u>RECREATION</u> : | Potentially Significant Impact | Less-Than- Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | Less-Than- Significant Impact | No Impact |
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| a) | Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated? | | | | 7 |
| b) | Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment? | | | | ~ |

Discussion: Based on the related documents listed in the Sources of Documentation for Initial Study Checklist, staff review of the project, observations on the project site and in the vicinity, the following findings can be made:

- a) The project would not 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. The County does not have a neighborhood or regional parks system or other recreational facilities.
- b) The project would not include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment.

| XV | II. <u>TRANSPORTATION</u> : Would the project: | Potentially Significant Impact | Less-Than- Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | Less-Than- Significant Impact | No Impact |
|----|---|--------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| a) | Conflict with a program, plan, ordinance or policy addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadway, bicycle, and pedestrian facilities? | | | 7 | |
| b) | Conflict with an applicable congestion management program, including, but not limited to level of service standards and travel demand measures, or other standards established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways? | | | | ~ |
| c) | Substantially increase hazards due to a geometric design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)? | | | | ~ |

| XVII. TRANSPORTATION: Would the project: | Potentially Significant Impact | Less-Than- Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | Less-Than- Significant Impact | No Impact |
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| d) Result in inadequate emergency access? | | | | ~ |

a) The project would not conflict with a program, ordinance or policy establishing measures of effectiveness for the performance of addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadway, bicycle, and pedestrian facilities. The project will result in the construction of a shop/office building, which would be expected to generate approximately 24 vehicle trips per day based on the number of employees and the plan to operate the contractor's yard. The Department of Public Works has indicated that this would not produce a significant increase in traffic. The project would not generate enough traffic to significantly reduce the volume-to-capacity ratio of adjacent roadways to a reduced level of service. The project would not conflict with the Shasta County General Plan Circulation Element policies for transit and pedestrian bicycle modes, the 1998 Shasta County Bikeway Plan, and with the Regional Transportation Plan.

Senate Bill (SB) 743 established a change in the metric to be applied in determining transportation impacts associated with development projects. Rather than the delay-based criteria associated with a Level of Service (LOS) analysis, the change in vehicle miles traveled (VMT) as a result of a project is now the basis for determining CEQA impacts with respect to transportation and traffic. As of the date of this analysis, the County of Shasta has not yet adopted thresholds of significance related to VMT. As a result, the project-related VMT impacts were assessed based on guidance provided by the California Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) in the publication Transportation Impacts (SB 743) CEQA Guidelines Update and Technical Advisory, 2018.

This project is for a new contractor's yard, office building and warehouse which will serve 11 employees and the needs for off-site construction work where the project sites vary. Pursuant to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research's December 2018 Technical Advisory on Evaluating Transportation Impacts in CEQA, this project would be considered a small project, generating significantly less than 110 trips per day, and is assumed to cause less-than-significant transportation impact. There is no County congestion management agency, and no level-of-service established by such an agency.

- b) The project would not exceed, either individually or cumulatively, a level-of-service standard established by the County congestion management agency for designated roads or highways. There is no County congestion management agency, and no level-of-service established by such an agency.
- c) The project would not substantially increase hazards due to a geometric design feature or incompatible uses. The project does not propose any new roads and the proposed encroachments would need to be wide enough to accommodate the design of the turn template submitted to the Department of Public Works prior to obtaining an encroachment permit. The project proponent would be required to apply for an encroachment permit, submit all required drawings and specifications, and notify the County of completion of all work authorized by the encroachment permit for final approval and acceptance of the work from the Department of Public Works. Driveways shall be located such that they provide suitable sight distance in each direction at the adjoining County road. The County reserves the right to require the trimming or removal of dirt embankments, trees, vegetation or other obstructions as required to achieve suitable sight distance.
- d) The project would not result in inadequate emergency access. The project has been reviewed by the Shasta County Fire Department which has determined that there is adequate emergency access.

| XV proj | III. <u>TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES</u> : Would the ect: | Potentially Significant Impact | Less-Than- Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | Less-Than- Significant Impact | No Impact |
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| a) | Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource, defined in Public Resources Code section 21074 as either a site, feature, place, cultural landscape that is geographically defined in terms of the size and scope of the landscape, sacred place, or object with cultural value to a California Native American tribe, and that is: i) Listed or eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources, or in a local register of historical resources as defined in Public Resources Code section 5020.1(k), or ii) A resource determined by the lead agency, in its discretion and supported by substantial evidence, to be significant pursuant to criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code Section 5024.1. In applying the criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resource of the resource to a California Native American tribe. | | | | 2 |

a) The Wintu Tribe and the Paskenta Tribe have requested notification of proposed projects located within their geographic area of traditional and cultural affiliation in accordance with Public Resources Code section 21080.3(b), also known as AB52. The project is located within the geographic area of traditional and cultural affiliation of these tribes. On June 13, 2023, a certified tribal consultation letter was sent to the tribes and was received by the Wintu Tribe on June 16, 2023, and the Paskenta Tribe on June 15, 2023. On July 12, 2023, a letter requesting formal consultation was submitted by the Paskenta Tribe and a certified letter was sent to the tribe on July 21, 2023, initiating the formal consultation process. A meeting with the Tribe and the project applicant was held on August 8, 2023, resulting in an agreement to provide sensitivity training prior to any ground disturbance on the project site and a requirement that the Tribe be notified if any Tribal Cultural Resources are discovered during this process. No response or request for formal consultation was received from the Wintu Tribe to date.

To date, no response to the project notification has been received by the Wintu Tribe. A request for formal consultation was received from the Paskenta Tribe on July 12, 2023. A consultation meeting was scheduled with county staff, the Tribe, the project applicant, and the project applicant's representative on August 8, 2023. The Paskenta Tribe requested that sensitivity training be conducted prior to any ground disturbance at the project site. This request will be included in the project as a recommended use permit condition of approval as follows. "Prior to any ground disturbance activity, a Cultural Sensitivity Training shall be conducted for all personnel with the Paskenta Tribe of Nomlaki Indians. The tribe shall be contacted if any Tribal Cultural Resources are discovered during ground disturbance activity."

| XIX. <u>UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS</u> : Would the project: | Potentially Significant Impact | Less-Than- Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | Less-Than- Significant Impact | No Impact |
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| a) Require or result in the relocation or construction of new or expanded water, wastewater treatment or storm water drainage, electric power, natural gas or telecommunications facilities, the construction or relocations of which could cause significant | | | | 1 |

| XIX proj | K. <u>UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS</u> : Would the ect: | Potentially Significant Impact | Less-Than- Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | Less-Than- Significant Impact | No Impact |
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| | environmental effects? | | | | |
| b) | Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project and reasonably foreseeable future development during normal, dry and multiple dry years? | | | | 1 |
| c) | Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments? | | | | ~ |
| d) | Generate solid waste in excess of State or local standards, or in excess of the capacity of local infrastructure, or otherwise impair the attainment of solid waste reduction goals? | | | | 1 |
| e) | Comply with Federal, State, and local management and reduction statutes and regulations related to solid waste? | | | | 1 |

- a) The project would not require or result in the relocation or construction of new or expanded water or, wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing storm water drainage, electric power, natural gas or telecommunications facilities, the construction or relocations of which could cause significant environmental effects. The project will be served by an existing individual onsite well. The well was drilled pursuant to a well permit from the Shasta County Environmental Health Division and in accordance with all applicable environmental protection standards of the permit. An onsite wastewater treatment system (OWTS) would be constructed to serve the project. The proposed OWTS would be constructed pursuant to an OWTS permit from the Shasta County Environmental Health Division and in accordance with all applicable environmental protection standards of the permit and design standards for the placement of a leach field under an impervious surface.
- b) The project would have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project and reasonably foreseeable future development during normal, dry and multiple dry years. The project would be served by an individual well. There is an existing well on-site which will serve the proposed office/warehouse building. Well log data from the vicinity indicates that there is sufficient groundwater to serve the project.
- c) An on-site wastewater treatment system (OWTS) will be used. The proposed office and warehouse building will have a restroom and require compliance with all OWTS standards and required permitting requirements from the EHD. No other wastewater treatment system would be affected by the project.
- d) The project would not generate solid waste in excess of State or local standards, or in excess of the capacity of local infrastructure, or otherwise impair the attainment of solid waste reduction goals. The project would be served by Waste Management disposal services and by the West Central Landfill which has sufficient capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs.
- e) The project would comply with Federal, State, and local management and reduction statutes and regulations related to solid waste. The proposed project would be required to comply with applicable elements of AB 1327, Chapter 18 (California Solid Waste Reuse and Recycling Access Act of 1991) and other local, state, and federal waste disposal standards.

| Mitigation/Monitoring: | None proposed. |
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| XX land proj | . WILDFIRE: If located in or near state responsibility areas or ds classified as very high fire hazard severity zones, would the ject: | Potentially Significant Impact | Less-Than- Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | Less-Than- Significant Impact | No Impact |
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| a) | Substantially impair an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan? | | | | 1 |
| b) | Due to slope, prevailing winds, and other factors, exacerbate wildfire risks, and thereby expose project occupants to, pollutant | | | | 1 |

| XX land proj | . WILDFIRE: If located in or near state responsibility areas or ls classified as very high fire hazard severity zones, would the ect: | Potentially Significant Impact | Less-Than- Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | Less-Than- Significant Impact | No Impact |
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| | concentrations from a wildfire or the uncontrolled spread of a wildfire? | | | | |
| c) | Require the installation or maintenance of associated infrastructure (such as roads, fuel breaks, emergency water sources, power lines or other utilities) that may exacerbate fire risk or that may result in temporary or ongoing impacts to the environment? | | | <i>s</i> | |
| d) | Expose people or structures to significant risks, including downslope or downstream flooding or landslides, as a result of runoff, post-fire slope instability, or drainage changes? | | | | 1 |

- a) A review of the project and the Shasta County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, and the Shasta County Emergency Operations Plan, indicates that the proposed project would not impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan.
- b) The majority of the project site is in an area designed as "Non-Wildland/Non-Urban" with a small section near the roadway designated as "Very High" fire hazard severity zone. The project site is relatively flat. The project would not due to slope, prevailing winds, and other factors, exacerbate wildfire risks, and thereby expose project occupants to, pollutant concentrations from a wildfire or the uncontrolled spread of a wildfire.
- c) The project would not require the installation or maintenance of associated infrastructure (such as roads, fuel breaks, emergency water sources, power lines or other utilities) that may exacerbate fire risk or that may result in temporary or ongoing impacts to the environment. The property has existing frontage on Old Oregon Trail and would include approved encroachments for ingress and egress that meet fire safety standards. The proposed improvements are also required to meet the fire safety standards. The proposed improvements are also required to meet the fire safety standards. The proposed improvements are also required to meet the fire safety standards. The proposed improvements would not be expected to significantly exacerbate fire risk or result in other potentially significant temporary or on-going impacts on the environment.
- d) The project would not expose people or structures to significant risks, including downslope or downstream flooding or landslides, as a result of runoff, post-fire slope instability, or drainage changes. The project site is not sloped, is not located near a floodway or restrictive flood area and is not located in a Wildland Fire Severity Hazard area that could result in any post-fire instability or drainage changes in the event of a fire. Project development would require a grading permit and compliance with all provisions of the permit which would address erosion. The drainage pattern will not be significantly altered. In addition, the project will disturb more than an acre of land. Therefore, the applicant will also be required to prepare a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPP) and obtain a General Construction Storm Water Permit (SWP) from the State of California Regional Water Quality Control Board. The SWPP and SWP would include specific erosion control measures and monitoring requirements. The proposed project does not require grading of slopes or creation of slopes. The area will be stabilized during construction by use of construction BMPs.

| Mitigation/Monitoring: | None proposed. |
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| XXI. <u>MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE</u> : | Potentially Significant Impact | Less-Than- Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | Less-Than- Significant Impact | No Impact |
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| a) Does the project have the potential to substantially degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below the self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, substantially reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory? | | ~ | | |

| XX | I. <u>MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE</u> : | Potentially Significant Impact | Less-Than- Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | Less-Than- Significant Impact | No Impact |
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| b) | Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)? | | | <i>,</i> | |
| c) | Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly? | | | 1 | |

Discussion:

a) Based on the discussion and findings in Section IV. Biological Resources, there is evidence to support a finding that the project would have the potential to substantially degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below the self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, or substantially reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal.

With the implementation of the mitigation measures specified in Section IV. Biological Resources, potential impacts to nesting birds would be less-than-significant.

Based on the discussion and findings in Section V. Cultural Resources, there is no evidence to support a finding that the project would have the potential to eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory.

- b) Based on the discussion and findings in all Sections above, there is no evidence to suggest that the project would have significant impacts that are cumulatively considerable.
- c) Based on the discussion and findings in all Sections above, there is no evidence to support a finding that the project would have environmental effects which would cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly.

Mitigation/Monitoring: With the mitigation measures being proposed, potential impacts will be less-than-significant. See the attached Mitigation Monitoring Program (MMP) for a complete listing of the proposed mitigation measures, timing/implementation of the measures, and enforcement/monitoring agent.

INITIAL STUDY COMMENTS

PROJECT NUMBER <u>Use Permit 23-0002 – Rhoades</u>

GENERAL COMMENTS:

Special Studies: The following project-specific studies have been completed for the proposal and will be considered as part of the record of decision for the Mitigated Negative Declaration. These studies are available for review through the Shasta County Planning Division and online at <u>CEQA Documents and Notices (non-EIR documents) | Shasta County California</u>.

1. Preliminary Drainage Plan Prepared by Robertson Erickson Civil Engineers and Surveyors. June 7, 2023

Agency Referrals: Prior to an environmental recommendation, referrals for this project were sent to agencies thought to have responsible agency or reviewing agency authority. The responses to those referrals (attached), where appropriate, have been incorporated into this document and will be considered as part of the record of decision for the Mitigated Negative Declaration. Copies of all referral comments may be reviewed through the Shasta County Planning Division. To date, referral comments have been received from the following State agencies or any other agencies which have identified CEQA concerns:

- 1. California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- 2. City of Redding Assistant Airport Manager
- 3. Shasta County Sheriff's Office

Conclusion/Summary: Based on a field review by the Planning Division and other agency staff, early consultation review comments from other agencies, information provided by the applicant, and existing information available to the Planning Division, the project, as revised and conditioned, is not anticipated to result in any significant environmental impacts.

SOURCES OF DOCUMENTATION FOR INITIAL STUDY CHECKLIST

All headings of this source document correspond to the headings of the initial study checklist. In addition to the resources listed below, initial study analysis may also be based on field observations by the staff person responsible for completing the initial study. Most resource materials are on file in the office of the Shasta County Department of Resource Management, Planning Division, 1855 Placer Street, Suite 103, Redding, CA 96001, Phone:(530) 225-5532.

GENERAL PLAN AND ZONING

- 1. Shasta County General Plan and land use designation maps.
- 2. Applicable community plans, airport plans and specific plans.
- 3. Shasta County Zoning Ordinance (Shasta County Code Title 17) and zone district maps.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

I. AESTHETICS

- 1. Shasta County General Plan, Section 6.8 Scenic Highways, and Section 7.6 Design Review.
- 2. Zoning Standards per Shasta County Code, Title 17.

II. AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY RESOURCES

- 1. Shasta County General Plan, Section 6.1 Agricultural Lands.
- 2. Shasta County Important Farmland 2016 Map, California Department of Conservation.
- 3. Shasta County General Plan, Section 6.2 Timber Lands.
- 4. Soil Survey of Shasta County Area, California, published by U.S. Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service and Forest Service, August 1974.

III. AIR QUALITY

- 1. Shasta County General Plan Section, 6.5 Air Quality.
- 2. Northern Sacramento Valley Air Basin, 2021 Air Quality Attainment Plan.
- 3. Records of, or consultation with, the Shasta County Department of Resource Management, Air Quality Management District.

IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

- 1. Shasta County General Plan, Section 6.2 Timberlands, and Section 6.7 Fish and Wildlife Habitat.
- 2. Designated Endangered, Threatened, or Rare Plants and Candidates with Official Listing Dates, published by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.
- 3. Natural Diversity Data Base Records of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.
- 4. Federal Listing of Rare and Endangered Species.
- 5. Shasta County General Plan, Section 6.7 Fish and Wildlife Habitat.
- 6. State and Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Animals of California, published by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.
- 7. Natural Diversity Data Base Records of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

V. CULTURAL RESOURCES

- 1. Shasta County General Plan, Section 6.10 Heritage Resources.
- 2. Records of, or consultation with, the following:
 - a. The Northeast Information Center of the California Historical Resources Information System, Department of Anthropology, California State University, Chico.
 - b. State Office of Historic Preservation.
 - c. Local Native American representatives.
 - d. Shasta Historical Society.

VI. ENERGY

- 1. California Global Warming Solutions Acto of 2006 (AB 32)
- 2. California Code of Regulations Title 24, Part 6 California Energy Code
- 3. California Code of Regulations Title 24, Part 11 California Green Building Standards Code (CALGreen)

VII. GEOLOGY AND SOILS

- 1. Shasta County General Plan, Section 5.1 Seismic and Geologic Hazards, Section 6.1 Agricultural Lands, and Section 6.3 Minerals.
- 2. County of Shasta, Erosion and Sediment Control Standards, Design Manual
- 3. Soil Survey of Shasta County Area, California, published by U.S. Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service and Forest Service, August 1974.
- 4. Alquist Priolo, Earthquake Fault Zoning Maps.

VIII. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

- 1. Shasta Regional Climate Action Plan
- 2. California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (White Paper) CEQA & Climate Change, Evaluating and Addressing

Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Projects Subject to the California Environmental Quality Act

IX. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

- 1. Shasta County General Plan, Section 5.4 Fire Safety and Sheriff Protection, and Section 5.6 Hazardous Materials.
- 2. County of Shasta Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan
- 3. Records of, or consultation with, the following:
 - a. Shasta County Department of Resource Management, Environmental Health Division.
 - b. Shasta County Fire Prevention Officer.
 - c. Shasta County Sheriff's Department, Office of Emergency Services.
 - d. Shasta County Department of Public Works.
 - e. California Environmental Protection Agency, California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region.

X. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY

- 1. Shasta County General Plan, Section 5.2 Flood Protection, Section 5.3 Dam Failure Inundation, and Section 6.6 Water Resources and Water Quality.
- 2. Flood Boundary and Floodway Maps and Flood Insurance Rate Maps for Shasta County prepared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, as revised to date.
- 3. Records of, or consultation with, the Shasta County Department of Public Works acting as the Flood Control Agency and Community Water Systems manager.

XI. LAND USE AND PLANNING

- 1. Shasta County General Plan land use designation maps and zone district maps.
- 2. Shasta County Assessor's Office land use data.

XII. MINERAL RESOURCES

3. Shasta County General Plan Section 6.3 Minerals.

XIII. NOISE

1. Shasta County General Plan, Section 5.5 Noise and Technical Appendix B.

XIV. POPULATION AND HOUSING

- 1. Shasta County General Plan, Section 7.1 Community Organization and Development Patterns.
- 2. Census data from U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.
- 3. Shasta County General Plan, Section 7.3 Housing Element.
- 4. Shasta County Department of Housing and Community Action Programs.

XV. PUBLIC SERVICES

- 1. Shasta County General Plan, Section 7.5 Public Facilities.
- 2. Records of, or consultation with, the following:
 - a. Shasta County Fire Prevention Officer.
 - b. Shasta County Sheriff's Department.
 - c. Shasta County Office of Education.
 - d. Shasta County Department of Public Works.
- 3. U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.

XVI. RECREATION

1. Shasta County General Plan, Section 6.9 Open Space and Recreation.

XVII. TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC

- 1. Shasta County General Plan, Section 7.4 Circulation.
- 2. Records of, or consultation with, the following:
 - a. Shasta County Department of Public Works.
 - b. Shasta County Regional Transportation Planning Agency.
 - c. Shasta County Congestion Management Plan/Transit Development Plan.
- 3. Institute of Transportation Engineers, Trip Generation Rates.

XVIII. TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES

1. Tribal Consultation in accordance with Public Resources Code section 21080.3.1

XIX. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS

- 1. Records of, or consultation with, the following:
 - a. Pacific Gas and Electric Company.
 - b. Pacific Power and Light Company.
 - c. Pacific Bell Telephone Company.
 - d. Citizens Utilities Company.
 - e. T.C.I.
 - f. Marks Cablevision.

- Shasta County Department of Resource Management, Environmental Health Division. g. h.
- Shasta County Department of Public Works.

XX. WILDFIRE

- 1. Office of the State Fire Marshall-CALFIRE Fire Hazard Severity Zone Maps
- 2. County of Shasta Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

XXI. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

None

MITIGATION MONITORING PROGRAM (MMP) FOR USE PERMIT 23-0002 (STEVE RHOADES)

| Mitigation Measure/Condition | Timing/Implementation | Enforcement/Monitoring | Verification (Date & Initials) |
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| Section IV. Biological Resources | | | |
| IV.d.1) In order to avoid impacts to nesting migratory birds and/or raptors protected under federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act and California Fish and Game Code Section 3503 and Section 3503.5, including their nests and eggs, one of the following shall be implemented: | Prior to Issuance of Building Permit Final Inspection of Building Permit For the Life of the Use Permit | Resource Management, Planning Division / California Department of Fish and Wildlife | |
| a. Vegetation removal and other ground-disturbance activities associated with construction shall occur between September 1 and January 31 when birds are not nesting; or b. If vegetation removal or ground disturbance activities occur during the nesting season (February 1 through August 31), a preconstruction nesting survey shall be conducted by a qualified biologist within 14 days of vegetation removal or construction activities. If an active nest is located during the preconstruction surveys, a non-disturbance buffer shall be established around the nest by a qualified biologist in consultation with the Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW). No vegetation removal or construction activities shall occur within this non-disturbance buffer until the young have fledged, as determined through additional monitoring by the qualified biologist. The results of the pre-construction surveys shall be sent electronically to CDFW at R1CEOARedding@wildlife ca gov | | | |















Tracie Huff

From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject: lacona, Erika@Wildlife <Erika.lacona@Wildlife.ca.gov> July 10, 2023 10:51 AM Elisabeth Towers Hawk, Debra@Wildlife Early Consultation Comments for UP 23-0002

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Dear Elisabeth Towers,

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has reviewed the consultation request for Use Permit 23-0002, a proposal to construct a contractor's storage yard with a new 7,500-square-foot warehouse, 3,600-square-foot office space, 166,500 square feet of outdoor storage space, a 16,000-square-foot paved parking area, landscaping and other ancillary site improvements on an undeveloped graded land parcel (Project) located along Old Oregon Trail in Redding of Shasta County. As a trustee for the State's fish and wildlife resources, CDFW has jurisdiction over the conservation, protection, and management of fish, wildlife, native plants, and their habitat. As a responsible agency, CDFW administers the California Endangered Species Act (CESA) and other provisions of the Fish and Game Code (Fish & G. Code) that conserve the State's fish and wildlife public trust resources. CDFW offers the following comments and recommendations in our role as a trustee and responsible agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), California Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq. The following are informal comments intended to assist the Lead Agency in making informed decisions early in the Project development and review process.

Nesting Birds

The Project area contains suitable habitat for nesting birds. Nesting migratory birds and raptors, if present, could be directly or indirectly impacted by construction, land modification, and vegetation removal activities. Direct effects could include mortality resulting from vegetation removal and/or construction equipment operating in an area containing an active nest with eggs or chicks. Indirect effects could include nest abandonment by adults in response to loud noise levels, human encroachment, or a reduction in the amount of food available to young birds due to changes in feeding behavior by adults. Implementation of nest season surveys, outlined below, would ensure that impacts to nesting birds are less than significant.

To avoid impacts to nesting birds and/or raptors protected under FGC sections 3503 and 3503.5 and the federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act, one of the following should be implemented:

a. Vegetation removal and other ground-disturbing activities should occur between September 1 and January 31, when birds are not anticipated to be nesting; or

b. If vegetation removal or ground disturbing activities occur during the nesting season, a pre-construction nesting bird survey should be conducted by a qualified biologist to identify active nests in and adjacent to the Project area.

Surveys should begin prior to sunrise and continue until vegetation and nests have been sufficiently observed. The survey should consider acoustic impacts and line of sight Project disturbances to determine a sufficient survey radius to maximize observations of nesting birds. A nesting bird survey report should be prepared and, at a minimum, the report should include a description of the area surveyed, date and time of the survey, ambient conditions, bird species observed, a description of any active nests observed, any evidence of breeding behaviors (e.g., courtship, carrying nest

materials or food, etc.), and a description of any outstanding conditions that may have impacted the survey results (e.g., weather conditions, excess noise, the presence of predators, etc.).

If an active nest is located during pre-construction surveys, a non-disturbance buffer should be established around the nest by a qualified biologist in consultation with CDFW and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to comply with FGC sections 3503 and 3503.5 and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Compliance measures may include, but are not limited to, exclusion buffers, sound-attenuation measures, seasonal work closures based on the known biology and life history of the species identified during the survey, as well as ongoing monitoring by biologists.

Nesting bird surveys should be conducted no more than one week prior to the initiation of construction. If construction activities are delayed or suspended for more than one week after the pre-construction nesting bird survey, the site should be resurveyed.

Native Vegetation in Landscaping

The review package indicates the installation of landscaping. CDFW recommends utilizing vegetation native to the local area in landscaping. Benefits of utilizing native vegetation in landscaping include providing resources for native wildlife such as hummingbirds and beneficial pollinators, conserving water, reducing pesticide use, and reducing landscaping maintenance. The California Native Plant Society (CNPS) website (<u>https://www.cnps.org</u>) includes a variety of useful information and tools to help determine which native species occur in a particular area, information on care and maintenance of native species, and contacts for purchasing native plants or seeds. The CNPS tool Calscape (<u>https://calscape.org/</u>) generates a list of native plants that grow in an area based on a specific address and can be used to develop a planting palate for landscaping plans. For more information regarding the importance of using native species in landscaping, please see the CNPS Guidelines for Landscaping to Protect Native Vegetation from Genetic Degradation at: <u>https://www.cnps.org/wpcontent/uploads/2018/04/landscaping.pdf</u>.

Low Impact Development

CDFW recommends the implementation of Low Impact Development (LID) strategies to ensure a no-net-increase in stormwater runoff, such as permeable ground-base/pavement, vegetated stormwater bio-swales, and retention basins to treat, retain, and infiltrate stormwater runoff onsite. These stormwater facilities and strategies are designed to prevent project-generated stormwater runoff from exceeding that of a 2-year storm event, and to protect water quality and manage stormwater as close to its source as possible, thus mitigating potential flooding and pollution problems. Ideally, post-project stormwater runoff volume, rate, and duration will match pre-project conditions, and hydromodification will not occur as a result of the Project. CDFW supports and encourages the use of LID strategies because they minimize impacts to aquatic habitats by filtering out pollution, preventing increased peak flows and related erosion, and because they increase groundwater recharge, thereby helping to maintain biologically important summer low flows in local waterways.

Avoiding Inadvertent Wildlife Entrapment

If trenching and excavation are included in Project activities, open trench and excavation areas should be covered securely prior to stopping work each day and/or wildlife exit ramps should be provided to prevent wildlife entrapment. If pipes are left out onsite, they should be inspected for wildlife prior to burying, capping, moving, or filling.

Fencing

CDFW understands fences are essential for controlling trespass, however, inappropriately designed or placed fencing may create serious hazards and/or barriers for wildlife. CDFW recommends perimeter fencing be designed and implemented to alleviate these potential hazards to wildlife. This resource may provide useful information about wildlife friendly fencing techniques: A Landowners Guide to Wildlife Friendly Fences:

https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=161708

Lighting

Studies have shown that artificial lighting has adverse effects on birds and other nocturnal species. The effects may include, but are not limited to, alteration of foraging behavior, reproductive behavior, navigation, and migration patterns. To minimize adverse effects of artificial light on wildlife, CDFW recommends that lighting fixtures associated with the Project be downward facing, fully shielded, and designed and installed to minimize photo-pollution and spillover of light onto adjacent wildlife habitat.

Due to current land uses and lack of suitable habitat for state special status species, additional recommendations are not warranted at this time.

Please send any questions and all future consultation requests to <u>R1CEQARedding@wildlife.ca.gov</u>.

Kind Regards, Erika

Erika Iacona Senior Environmental Scientist, Specialist Interior Habitat Conservation Planning (530) 806–1389 601 Locust Street Redding, CA 96001



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Hi Danny,

Here are our comments:

<u>Visual Obstructions</u>: Any exterior lighting must not be directed into the approach path, with intensity levels matching existing similar lighting structures in the same vicinity. Any proposals for solar panels should be routed through the Federal Aviation Administration obstruction evaluation and airspace analysis site for glint and glares studies. Any proposals for obstructions that could compromise the existing FAR Part 77 imaginary surfaces for Redding Regional Airport need to be routed through the Federal Aviation obstruction evaluation and airspace analysis site.

<u>Wildlife & Bird Attractants</u>: The airport is required to follow federal standards for maintaining a Wildlife Management Hazard Plan. To mitigate bird activities, please refrain from the establishment of large open water and other habitation sources. All trash enclosures should be closed and all waste products be stored out of view from wildlife.

Noise Sensitivity: The proposed property development lies within the 55 & 60 CNEL noise contour lines and outer approach zone for the primary Redding Regional Airport runway. Should the Airport extend the current runway to the north of the existing runway pavement edge, the property might be susceptible of encroaching up to 65 CNEL noise exposures and lie within the inner approach zone. An avigation easement is necessary.

Best Management Practices: The airport discourages any vegetation or property management activities that utilizes controlled burns or equipment that releases large quantities of dust particles into the air. All other emissions should be controlled as best as practical.

Thank you,

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January 11, 2023

Attention : Ellie Department of Resource Management Planning Division 1855 Placer Street, Suite 103 Redding CA 96001

Re: Project: UP 23-0002 - ST Rhoades UP Site Plan

The Shasta County Sheriff's Office is the primary law enforcement agency for the address located on Old Oregon Trail, parcel # 054-440-050. This is the proposed site for a new development for construction of a new 7,500 sf warehouse and a 3,600 sf office.

COMMENTS/CONDITIONS FOR RAM:

A complete review of the calls for service and/or law enforcement contacts that have occurred at similar businesses within the Shasta County Sheriff's Office jurisdiction was conducted and the following was determined to be a common issue:

- · Petty Theft
- Vandalism
- Grand Theft
- Alarm Calls, Actual/False
- Attempted Burglary
- Burglary
- Suspicious Vehicles/Persons/Circumstances
- Disturbances

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Sheriff's Office takes into consideration that pursuant to Section IV; Line 4 of the Environmental Information Form, that no reported types of materials, chemicals and or/products will be processed, packaged or stored at the location. It is the Sheriff's Office experience that subjects involved in criminal activity still frequent businesses and locations of this nature for crimes of opportunity, such as theft, burglary and vandalism. This activity occurs day and night whether or not businesses are open or closed.

Therefore, it would be recommended that this business install security measures to include, surveillance cameras for both the interior and exterior of the business. Cameras should record 24 hours a day and all recordings should be stored for a minimum of 30 days. Camera locations for the exterior of the building should include all areas of ingress/egress, exterior fencing and parking lot with street and intersection views. This type of surveillance will be beneficial to the deterrence of property related crimes and will be of assistance to law enforcement when investigating any incidents that occur on or around the site.

The buildings should also be equipped with an alarm system for after hours as well as a panic alarm system for business hours. The alarm should have live monitoring with updated DBA (business contacts) for responding officers to contact after hours.

HOY Jesse Gunsauls, Captain - Enforcement Division

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