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Project Title: Tuolumne Community Resilience Center Project

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Project Location: Tuolumne (unincorporated community)
City

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Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The project site consists of two discontinuous parcels separated by Bay Street. The proposed resilience center would consist of one multi-use building of up to 12,000 square feet (sq. ft.), associated outdoor multi-functional space (e.g., covered picnic space, staging area), and approximately 200 parking spaces. The total area to be paved would be approximately 65,000 sq. ft. The building would include a lobby area, office space, a large gathering room (i.e., up to 200-person capacity), one or two classroom spaces, a commercial kitchen, and restrooms. The center would be designed to function during non-emergency and emergency times. During typical non-emergency operation, the center would be used by various community groups, non-profit organizations, governmental entities, and the public. Typical uses would include temporary events such as meetings, parties/fundraisers, training, banquet/receptions, and limited governmental services and non-profit activities such as computer stations and informational kiosks (e.g., public voting, job search assistance). During times of emergencies, the center would function as a shelter, providing sleep space and food for residents, first responders, gathering space for emergency responders to conduct briefings, public use of computers for communication purposes, staging areas for animal evaluations, and function as a cooling/heating center to the public during extreme weather days throughout the year. Non-emergency use of the center would vary throughout the year with smaller uses and functions occurring on weekdays (between 20 and 60 people per day) and larger events anticipated to occur on the weekends (between 40 and 200 people per day).

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

See attached summary or impacts and mitigation measures.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

The public expressed a desire for energy-efficient building design and raised concern related to increased traffic.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

State Water Resources Control Board,
California Water Resources Control Board, and
California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Summary of Impacts and Mitigation Measures for the Tuolumne Community Resilience Center Project IS/MND

Section 2.3: Air Quality.

Question III-d. The project could generate dust emissions during site preparation that could affect the nearby day care, which would be considered a potentially significant impact. Implementation of Mitigation Measure 2.3-1, which requires dust control, would reduce fugitive dust emissions by up to 55 percent and would minimize the potential for fugitive dust emissions generated during project construction to expose nearby receptors to substantial emissions. This impact would be reduced to a less-than-significant level.

Section 2.4: Biological Resources.

Question IV-a. Construction activities have the potential to disturb nesting birds adjacent to the project site, which would be a significant impact. Implementation of Mitigation Measure 2.4-1 requires preconstruction surveys to identify any nearby active nests and requires disturbance buffers to be demarcated to prevent any disturbance during construction activities. Implementation of this mitigation measure would reduce the potential to disturb any nearby nesting birds to a less-than-significant level.

Section 2.5: Cultural Resources.

Questions V-a and b. The project could result in impacts to previously unknown archaeological resources. Mitigation Measure 2.5-1 would minimize the potential of the project to result in adverse changes to historical or archaeological resources by requiring cessation of work and implementation of proper data recovery and/or preservation procedures upon discovery of previously unknown resources. The impact would be reduced to less than significant.

Question V-c. The project could result in impacts to unknown human remains. Mitigation Measure 2.5-2 would ensure that proper procedures would be followed in the event of the discovery of previously unknown human remains. The impact would be reduced to a less-than-significant level.

Section 2.21: Mandatory Findings of Significance

Question XXI-a. As discussed in Section 2.4, "Biological Resources," there are existing trees adjacent to the project site that could potentially host nesting birds that could be disturbed during construction activities. However, mitigation has been included that would require construction activities to either occur during the non-nesting times of the year or require preconstruction surveys to identify any existing nesting birds and provide adequate distance buffers to ensure they are not disturbed during construction.

As discussed in Section 2.5, "Cultural Resources," although the potential for discovery of buried archaeological materials within the project site is considered to be low, it is possible that previously unknown historical or archaeological resources could be discovered during grading and excavation work associated with project construction. Mitigation has been included that would ensure that the project would not result in adverse changes to historical or archaeological resources by requiring cessation of work and implementation of proper data recovery and/or preservation procedures upon discovery of previously unknown resources. For the reasons above, this would be a less-than-significant impact with mitigation incorporated.

