

Referral Early Consultation

Date: December 22, 2023

To: Distribution List (See Attachment A)

From: Jeremy Ballard, Senior Planner Planning and Community Development

Subject: USE PERMIT APPLICATION NO. PLN2023-0146 – CENTRAL IRRIGATION, INC.

Respond By: January 08, 2024

****PLEASE REVIEW REFERRAL PROCESS POLICY****

The Stanislaus County Department of Planning and Community Development is soliciting comments from responsible agencies under the Early Consultation process to determine: a) whether or not the project is subject to CEQA and b) if specific conditions should be placed upon project approval.

Therefore, please contact this office by the response date if you have any comments pertaining to the proposal. Comments made identifying potential impacts should be as specific as possible and should be based on supporting data (e.g., traffic counts, expected pollutant levels, etc.). Your comments should emphasize potential impacts in areas which your agency has expertise and/or jurisdictional responsibilities.

These comments will assist our Department in preparing a staff report to present to the Planning Commission. Those reports will contain our recommendations for approval or denial. They will also contain recommended conditions to be required should the project be approved. Therefore, please list any conditions that you wish to have included for presentation to the Commission as well as any other comments you may have. Please return all comments and/or conditions as soon as possible or no later than the response date referenced above.

Thank you for your cooperation. Please call (209) 525-6330 if you have any questions.

Applicant:	Keith Yamamoto, Central Irrigation, Inc.
Project Location:	757 Orchard Road, between Highway 33 and River Road, in the Vernalis area
APN:	016-006-007
Williamson Act Contract:	1976-2782
General Plan:	Agriculture
Current Zoning:	General Agriculture (A-2-40)

Project Description: This is a request to establish a warehouse for irrigation supplies within two existing 5,000 square feet agricultural storage buildings on a 3.5±-acre portion of a 194.8-acre parcel in the General Agriculture (A-2-40) zoning district. The irrigation business will serve as a wholesale warehouse for delivery or pickup of irrigation materials by agricultural customers. The warehouses will store PVC pipe, drip irrigation hoses, and other irrigation components. Additional storage of material will be stored north of each building, enclosed by a six-foot-tall chain-link fence. The warehouses and storage are located at the southwest corner of the parcel, fronting County-maintained Orchard Road. Each warehouse sits on a concrete slab with the area between the buildings enclosed by a chain-link fence. The project proposes a tenant improvement to the western most warehouse by adding an office and employee restroom. A single existing driveway onto Orchard Road serves both warehouses. The primary areas served for agricultural customers

will consist of Vernalis, Westley, South Tracy, and West Modesto. The operation will consist of a maximum of three people on a single shift with an estimated number of customers per-day at 15. The business will be open Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The remaining balance of the property was historically planted in walnuts but will be planted in almonds at the start of the year. It is also developed with one single-family dwelling, located at the southeastern edge of the parcel. The applicant proposes to drill a new domestic well to serve the proposed employee restroom. A new septic system will be installed as part of the restroom development.

Full document with attachments available for viewing at: http://www.stancounty.com/planning/pl/act-projects.shtm



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Х	PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC		INTERESTED PARTIES
	POSTMASTER:	Х	TELEPHONE COMPANY: AT&T
Х	RAILROAD: SPRR		TRIBAL CONTACTS (CA Government Code §65352.3)
Х	SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY APCD		US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
Х	SCHOOL DIST 1: PATTERSON JOINT UNIFIED	х	US FISH & WILDLIFE
	SCHOOL DIST 2:		US MILITARY (SB 1462) (7 agencies)
	WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT		USDA NRCS
Х	STAN CO AG COMMISSIONER		
	TUOLUMNE RIVER TRUST		

STANISLAUS COUNTY CEQA REFERRAL RESPONSE FORM

TO: Stanislaus County Planning & Community Development 1010 10th Street, Suite 3400 Modesto, CA 95354

FROM:

SUBJECT: USE PERMIT APPLICATION NO. PLN2023-0146 – CENTRAL IRRIGATION, INC.

Based on this agency's particular field(s) of expertise, it is our position the above described project:

_____ Will not have a significant effect on the environment.

May have a significant effect on the environment.

No Comments.

Listed below are specific impacts which support our determination (e.g., traffic general, carrying capacity, soil types, air quality, etc.) – (attach additional sheet if necessary)

1.

- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Listed below are possible mitigation measures for the above-listed impacts: *PLEASE BE SURE TO INCLUDE WHEN THE MITIGATION OR CONDITION NEEDS TO BE IMPLEMENTED* (*PRIOR TO RECORDING A MAP, PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF A BUILDING PERMIT, ETC.*):

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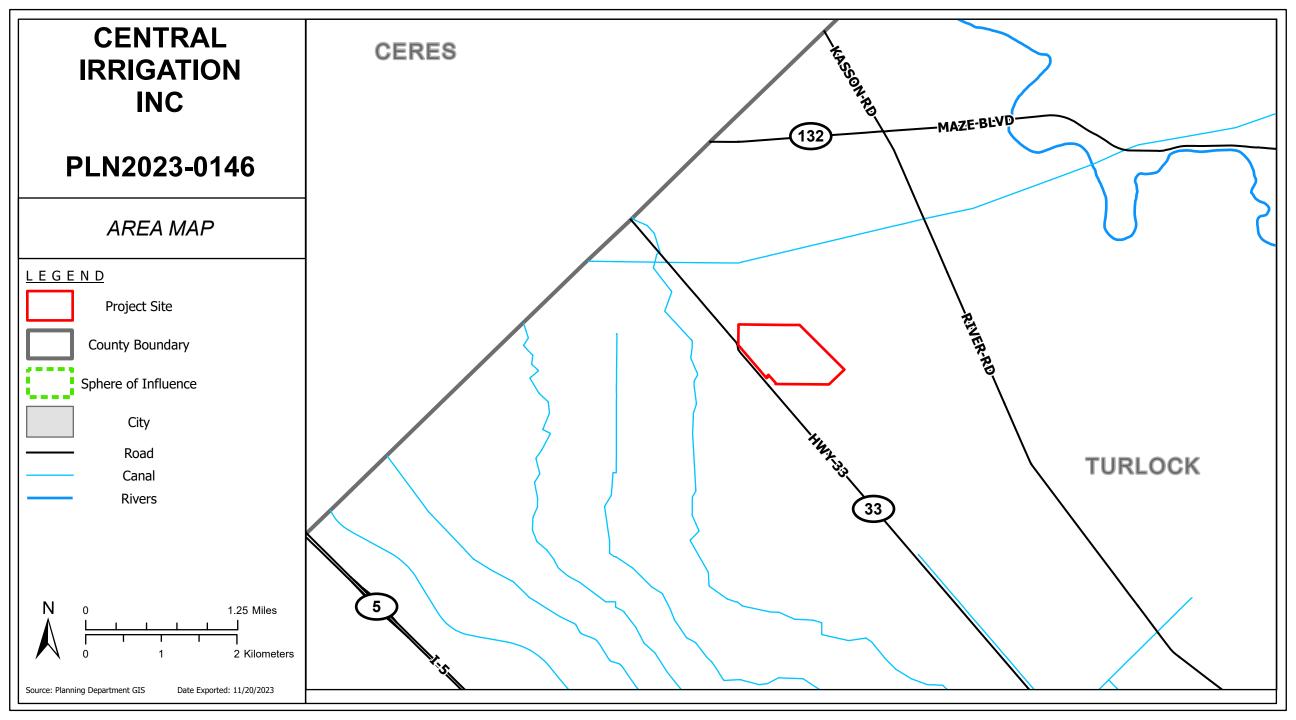
In addition, our agency has the following comments (attach additional sheets if necessary).

Response prepared by:

Name

Title

Date

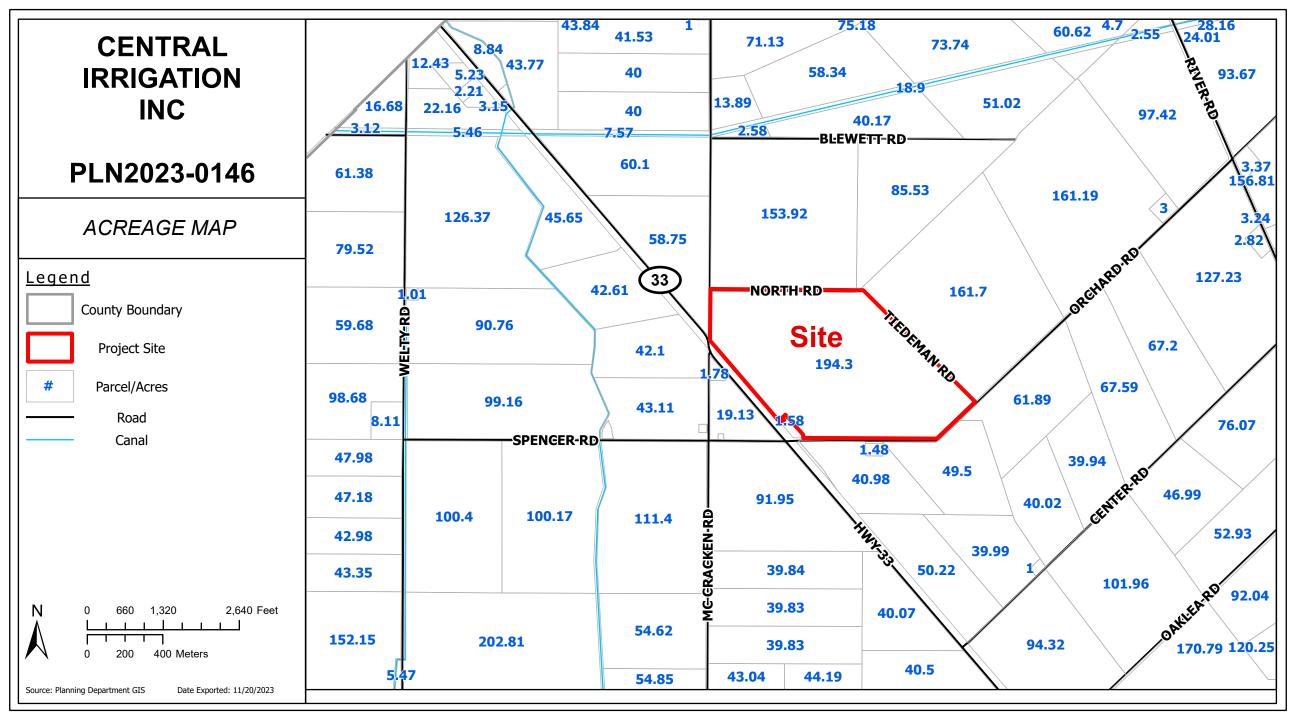


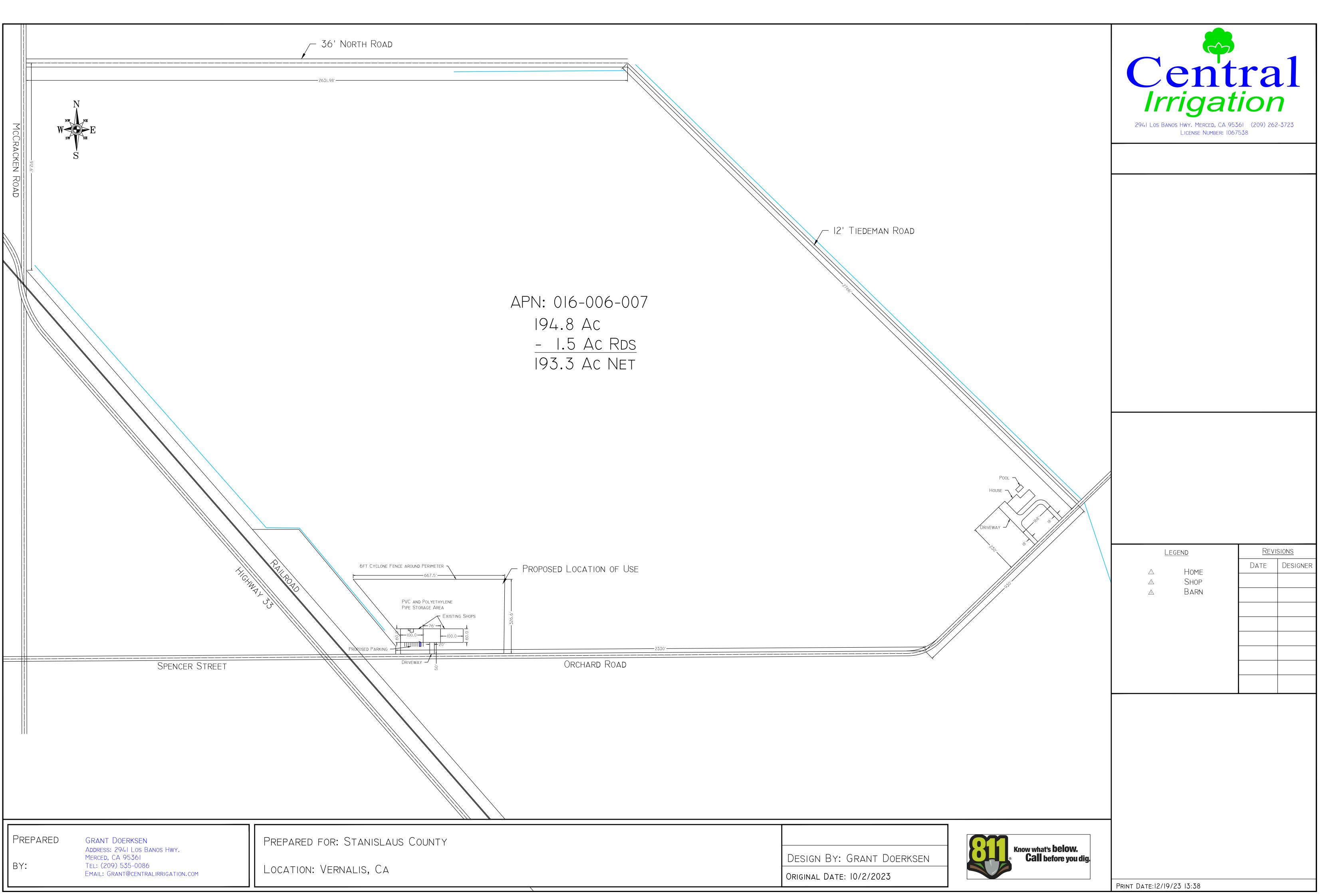


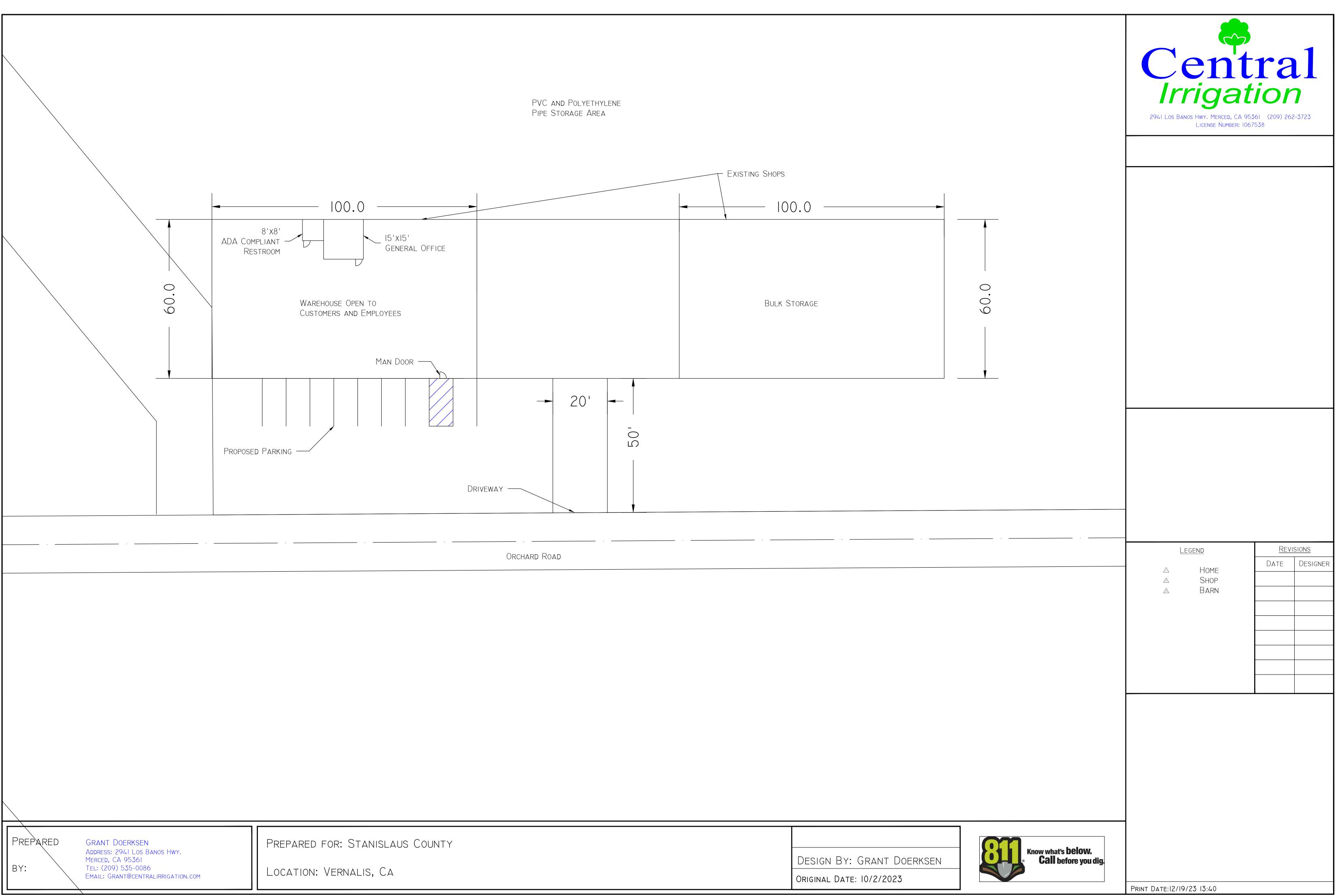








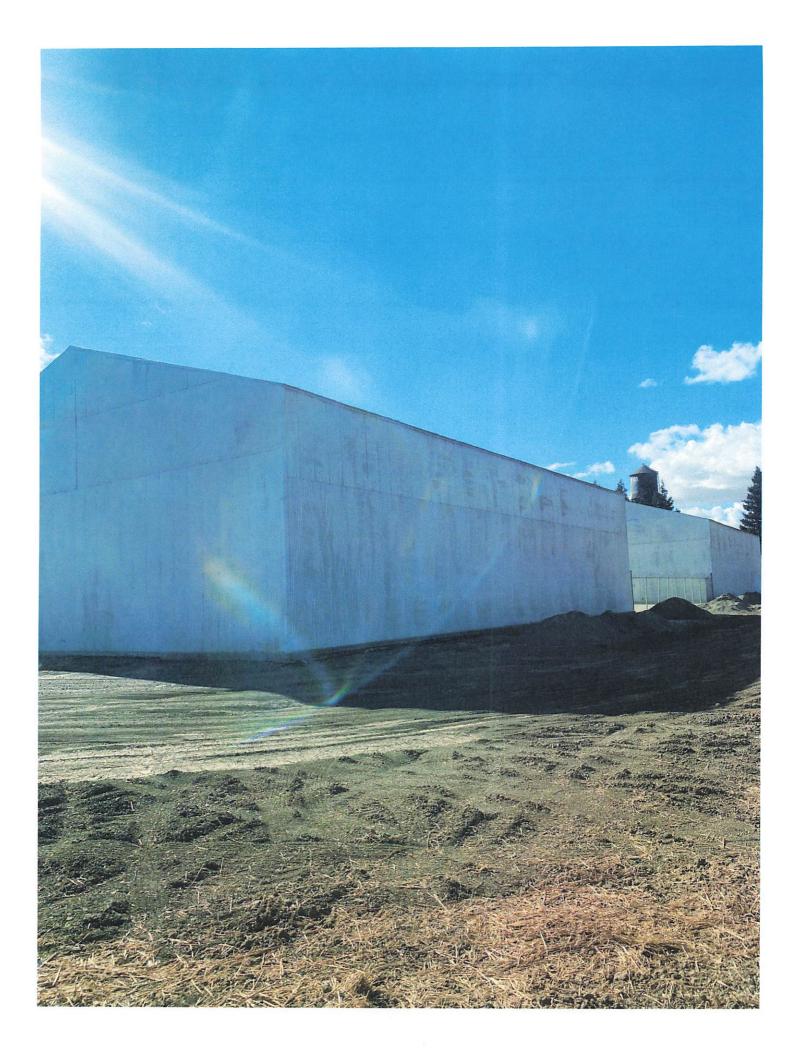


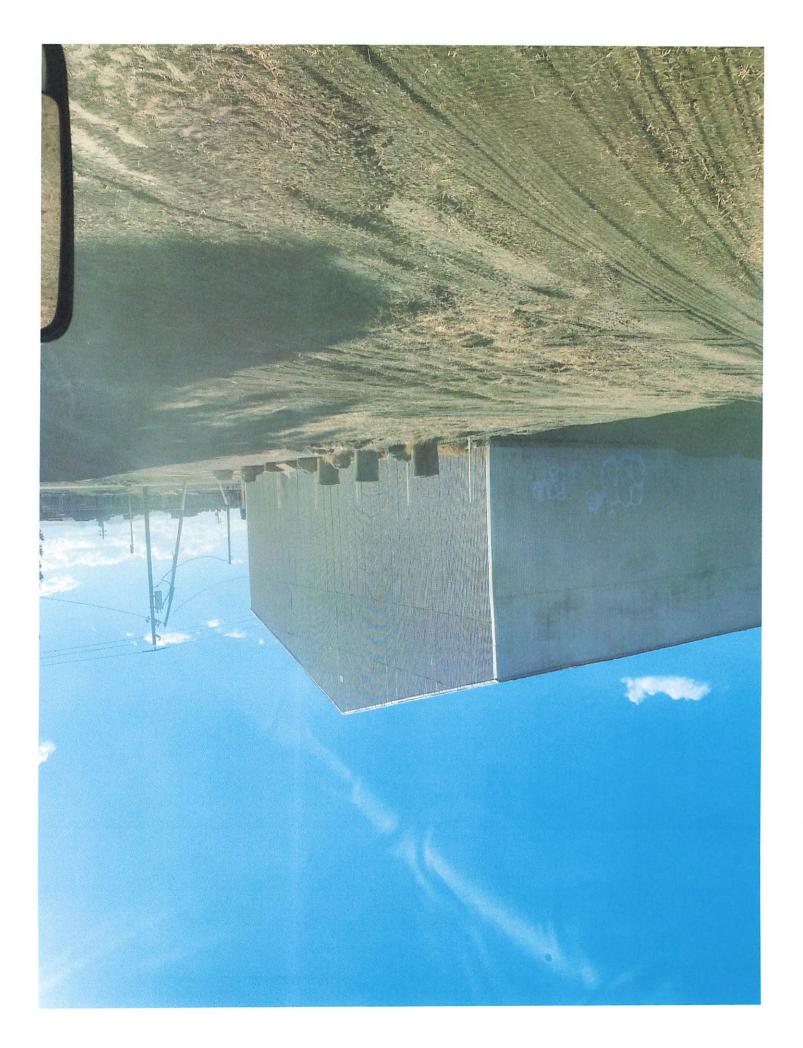


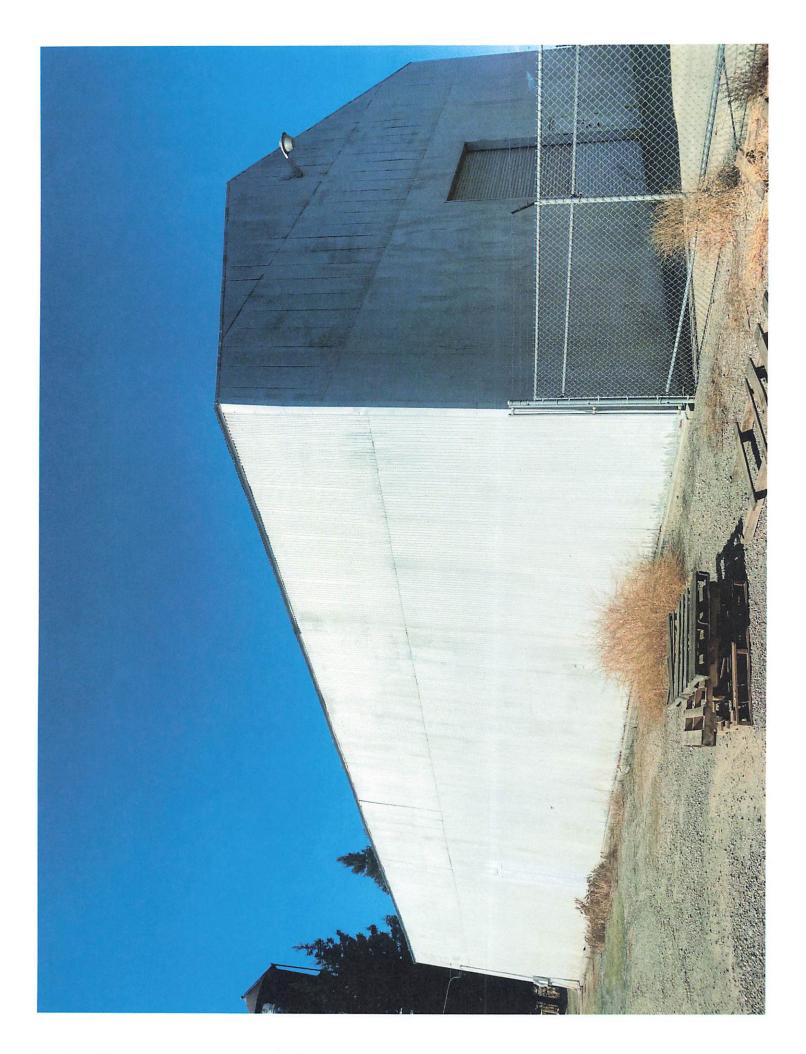


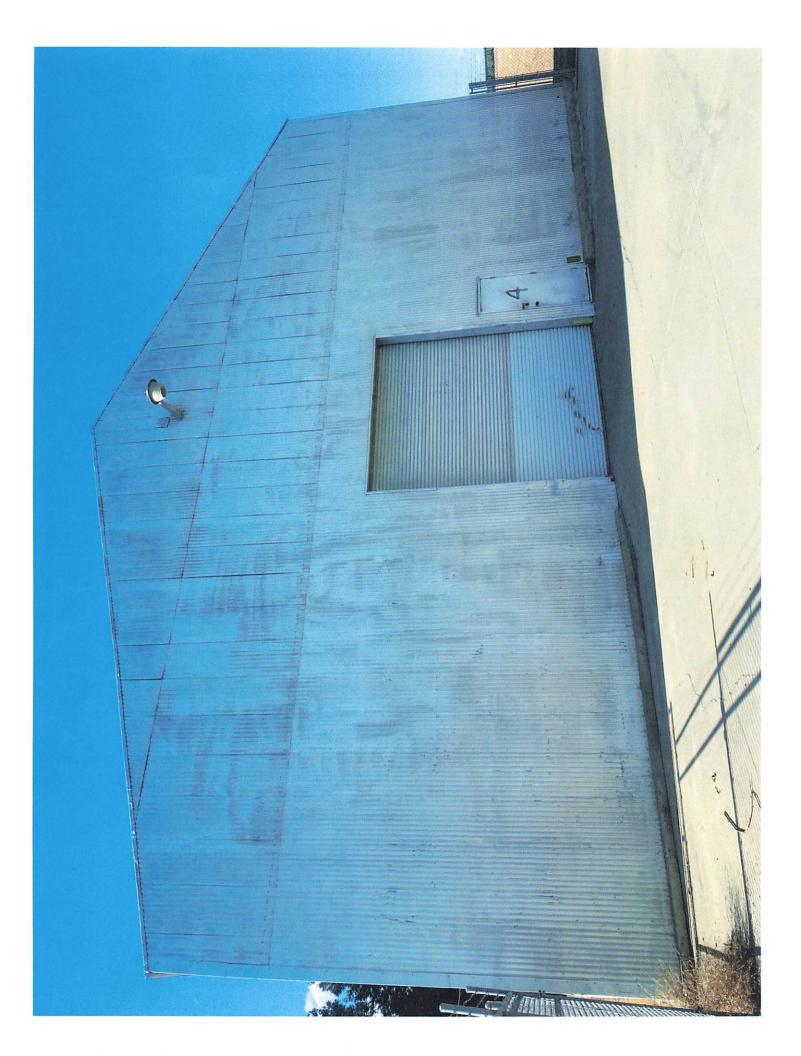
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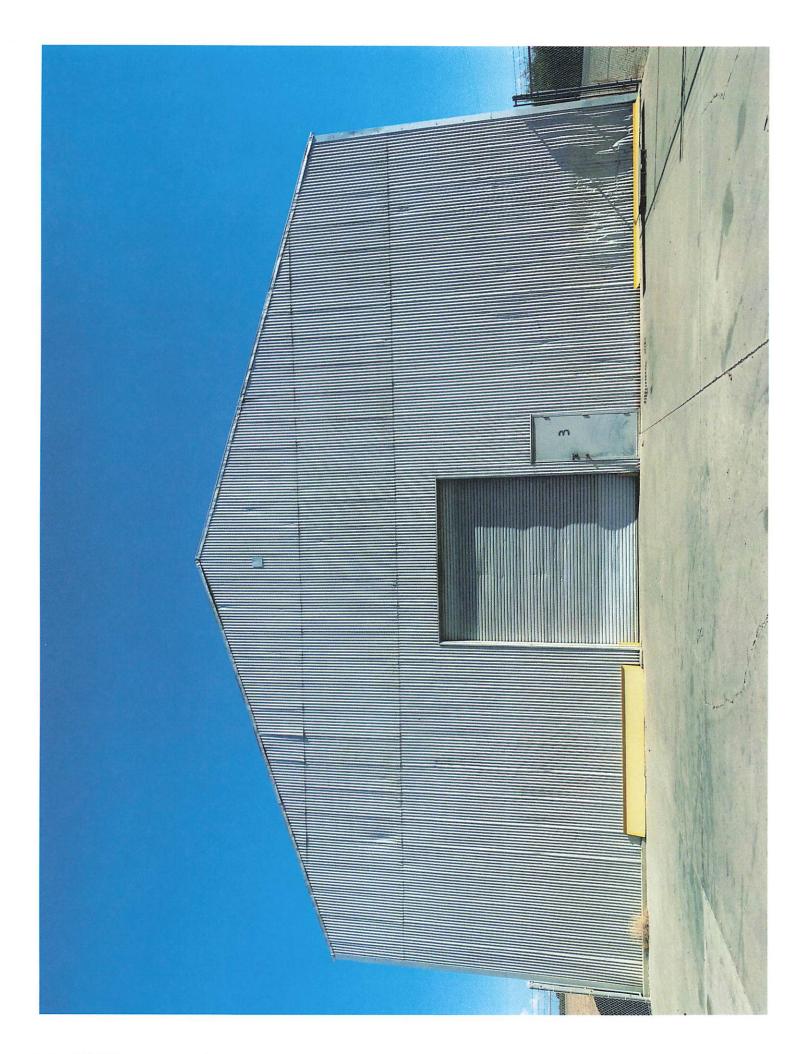












Project Description

117 Orchard Road, Vernalis, Ca

The proposed project at 117 Orchard Road in Vernalis will be an agricultural irrigation component warehouse that will house materials for delivery or pickup by farmers and other agricultural customers. In addition to the existing buildings at the address, we will use a galvanized cyclone fence to enclose approximately 3.5 acres to house PVC pipe, drip irrigation hose, and other agricultural irrigation equipment for agricultural customers. Included in the project would be the drilling and development of a new domestic well that will service an ADA compliant restroom for the use of employees and customers only. This location will service farmers and agricultural customers in: Vernalis, Westley, South Tracy/New Jerusalem and the Western Modesto agricultural communities. Customers will be required to carry a house account with Central Irrigation, Inc. and No cash tender will be on site. The proposed farming region is home to the larger farming operations, and we believe the traffic impact will be minimal due to less farms making larger purchases less frequently than other farm warehouses.



APPLICATION QUESTIONNAIRE

e Check all applicable boxes LICATION FOR:	PLANNING STAFF USE ONLY:	
 is available to assist you with determ	Application No(s): PLN 2023-0/46 Date: 11/08/2023	
General Plan Amendment Rezone Use Permit Variance	Subdivision Map Parcel Map Exception Williamson Act Cancellation	S _ 1 _ T _ G R _ H GP Designation: <u>Agriculture</u> Zoning: <u>A-2-40</u> Fee: <u>\$5557.00</u> Receipt No. <u>574664</u> Received By: <u>DD</u>
Historic Site Permit	Other	Notes:

In order for your application to be considered COMPLETE, please answer all applicable questions on the following pages, and provide all applicable information listed on the checklist on pages i - v. Under State law, upon receipt of this application, staff has 30 days to determine if the application is complete. We typically do not take the full 30 days. It may be necessary for you to provide additional information and/or meet with staff to discuss the application. Pre-application meetings are not required, but are highly recommended. An incomplete application will be placed on hold until all the necessary information is provided to the satisfaction of the requesting agency. An application will not be accepted without all the information identified on the checklist.

Please contact staff at (209) 525-6330 to discuss any questions you may have. Staff will attempt to help you in any way we can.

PROJECT INFORMATION

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: (Describe the project in detail, including physical features of the site, proposed improvements, proposed uses or business, operating hours, number of employees, anticipated customers, etc. – Attach additional sheets as necessary)

*Please note: A detailed project description is essential to the reviewing process of this request. In order to approve a project, the Planning Commission or the Board of Supervisors must decide whether there is enough information available to be able to make very specific statements about the project. These statements are called "Findings". It is your responsibility as an applicant to provide enough information about the proposed project, so that staff can recommend that the Commission or the Board make the required Findings. Specific project Findings are shown on pages 17 – 19 and can be used as a guide for preparing your project description. (If you are applying for a Variance or Exception, please contact staff to discuss special requirements).

See Attached.

PROJECT SITE INFORMATION

Complete and accurate info each section entirely. If a question has been careful 1010 10 th Street – 3 rd Floo recommended.	question is not app v considered. Con	plicable to your p tact the Planning	project, plea & Commu	se indicate nitv Develo	d this to sho pment Depa	w that each rtment Staff.
ASSESSOR'S PARCEL	NUMBER(S): Bo	ok016	Page	006	Parcel	007
Additional parcel numbers: Project Site Address or Physical Location:	117 Orchard Road	, Vernalis, Ca 9538	35	······	······	
Property Area:	Acres:193	or Squa	re feet:			
Current and Previous Land Us	se: (Explain existing a	and previous land u	se(s) of site	for the last to	en years)	
The (2) barns in question and	the adjacent 4 acres h	nave been used for	equipment s	storage and	forage farming].
Existing General Plan & Zor Proposed General Plan & Zo (if applicable) ADJACENT LAND USE	oning: Tier 2 Special					rools in cooh
direction of the project site)	. (Describe adjacen	t iand uses within	1,320 1991	(1/4 mile) a	ind/or two par	ceis in each
East: Orchard and Forage	e Farms	<u> </u>				<u> </u>
West: Pallet manufacturer	and repair business	, California North	ern Railroa	d		
North: Forage and Tree Nu	it Farms					
South: Pallet manufacturee	r and repair busines	ss, Tree nut farmi	ng.			
WILLIAMSON ACT CON	ITRACT:					
Yes 🖾 No 🗖	Is the property curre Contract Number:		mson Act Co 0-0111935-00			
	If yes, has a Notice	of Non-Renewal b	een filed?			
	Date Filed:	Decembe	r 16th, 2010			

Yes 🛛	No	X	Do you propose to cancel any portion of the Contract?
Yes 🛛	No	X	Are there any agriculture, conservation, open space or similar easements affecting the use of the project site. (Such easements do not include Williamson Act Contracts)
			If yes, please list and provide a recorded copy:
SITE CI	HAR	ACTE	ERISTICS: (Check one or more) Flat 🗷 Rolling 🗖 Steep 🗖
VEGET	ΑΤΙΟ	DN: V	Vhat kind of plants are growing on your property? (Check one or more)
Field crop	os 🛿	3	Orchard 🗵 Pasture/Grassland 🛛 Scattered trees 🗖
Shrubs			Woodland D River/Riparian D Other D
Explain C)ther:		
Yes 🗖	No	X	Do you plan to remove any trees? (If yes, please show location of trees planned for removal on plot plan and provide information regarding transplanting or replanting.)
GRADI	NG:		
Yes 🛛	No	X	Do you plan to do any grading? (If yes, please indicate how many cubic yards and acres to be disturbed. Please show areas to be graded on plot plan.)
STREA	MS,	LAKE	ES, & PONDS:
Yes 🛛	No	X	Are there any streams, lakes, ponds or other watercourses on the property? (If yes, please show on plot plan)
Yes 🛛	No	X	Will the project change any drainage patterns? (If yes, please explain – provide additional sheet if needed)
Yes 🛛	No	X	Are there any gullies or areas of soil erosion? (If yes, please show on plot plan)
Yes 🛛	No	X	Do you plan to grade, disturb, or in any way change swales, drainages, ditches, gullies, ponds, low lying areas, seeps, springs, streams, creeks, river banks, or other area on the site that carries or holds water for any amount of time during the year? (If yes, please show areas to be graded on plot plan)
			Please note: If the answer above is yes, you may be required to obtain authorization from other agencies such as the Corps of Engineers or California Department of Fish and Game.

STRUCTURES:

Yes	X	No		Are there structures on the site? (If yes, please show on plot plan. Show a relationship to property lines and other features of the site.
Yes		No	X	Will structures be moved or demolished? (If yes, indicate on plot plan.)
Yes		No	X	Do you plan to build new structures? (If yes, show location and size on plot plan.)
Yes		No	X	Are there buildings of possible Historical significance? (If yes, please explain and show location and size on plot plan.)

PROJECT SITE COVERAGE:

Existing Building Coverage:	10,000Sq. Ft.	Landscaped Area:	Sq.	Ft.
Proposed Building Coverage:	0Sq. Ft.	Paved Surface Area:	Sq.	Ft.

BUILDING CHARACTERISTICS:

Size of new structure(s) or building addition(s) in gross sq. ft.: (Provide additional sheets if necessary)n/a

Number of floors for each building: <u>1 floor on existing buildings</u>

Building height in feet (measured from ground to highest point): (Provide additional sheets if necessary)____

Existing Highest point is: 32 feet.

Height of other appurtenances, excluding buildings, measured from ground to highest point (i.e., antennas, mechanical equipment, light poles, etc.): (Provide additional sheets if necessary) N/A

Proposed surface material for parking area: (Provide information addressing dust control measures if non-asphalt/concrete material to be used)

Aggregate Base & 3/4" Crushed Gravel

UTILITIES AND IRRIGATION FACILITIES:

Yes X No Are there existing public or private utilities on the site? Includes telephone, power, water, etc. (If yes, show location and size on plot plan)

Who provides, or will provide the following services to the property?

Electrical:	PGE	Sewer*:	N/a	
Telephone:	N/a	Gas/Propane:	N/a	
Water**:		Irrigation:	El Solyo Water District	

*Please Note: A "will serve" letter is required if the sewer service will be provided by City, Sanitary District, Community Services District, etc.

**Please Note: A "will serve" letter is required if the water source is a City, Irrigation District, Water District, etc., and the water purveyor may be required to provide verification through an Urban Water Management Plan that an adequate water supply exists to service your proposed development.

Will any special or unique sewage wastes be generated by this development other than that normally associated with resident or employee restrooms? Industrial, chemical, manufacturing, animal wastes? (Please describe:)

NO

Please Note: Should any waste be generated by the proposed project other than that normally associated with a single family residence, it is likely that Waste Discharge Requirements will be required by the Regional Water Quality Control Board. Detailed descriptions of quantities, quality, treatment, and disposal may be required.

Yes 🛛	No	X	Are there existing irrigation, telephone, or power company easements on the property? (If yes, show location and size on plot plan.)
Yes 🛛	No	X	Do the existing utilities, including irrigation facilities, need to be moved? (If yes, show location and size on plot plan.)
Yes 🛛	No	X	Does the project require extension of utilities? (If yes, show location and size on plot plan.)

AFFORDABLE HOUSING/SENIOR:

Yes No 🕅 Will the project include affordable or senior housing provisions? (If yes, please explain)

RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS: (Please complete if applicable – Attach additional sheets if necessary)

Total No. Lots:	Total Dwelling U	nits:	Total Acreage:	:	
Net Density per Acre:	·	Gross Density per Acre:			
(complete if applicable)	Single Family	Two Family Duplex	Multi-Family Apartments	Multi-Family Condominium/ Townhouse	
Number of Units:			·····		
Acreage:					

COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, MANUFACTURING, RETAIL, USE PERMIT, OR OTHER

PROJECTS: (Please complete if applicable – Attach additional sheets if necessary)

Square footage of each existing or proposed building(s): (2) 5000 Square Foot Buildings

Type of use(s): Irrigation Material Warehouse

Days and hours of operation:	Monday - Friday 7am to 5PM, Saturda	y 7am to 1pm , Closed on Sunday

Seasonal operation (i.e., packing shed, huller, etc.) months and hours of operation: Year around operation					
Occupancy/capacity of	building:				
Number of employees:	(Maximum Shift):3	(Minimum Shift):	1		
Estimated number of da	aily customers/visitors on site at pea	k time:	15		
Other occupants:					
Estimated number of tr	uck deliveries/loadings per day:	2			
	k deliveries/loadings per day:				
	of traffic to be generated by trucks:				
	ilroad deliveries/loadings per day: _				
Square footage of:					
Office area:	500	Warehouse area:	9500		
	0	Storage area:	_		
Loading area:		Manufacturing area:			
	type of area)				
Yes 🗋 No 🗷	Will the proposed use involve toxic	or hazardous materials or waste	? (Please explain)		
	4				
	SS INFORMATION:				
	ill provide the project's main access'	? (Please show all existing and prop	osed driveways on the plot plan)		
Orchard Road via CA	State HWY 33				

Yes		No	X	Are there private or public road or access easements on the property now? (If yes, show location and size on plot plan)
Yes		No	X	Do you require a private road or easement to access the property? (If yes, show location and size on plot plan)
Yes	X	No		Do you require security gates and fencing on the access? (If yes, show location and size on plot plan)

Please Note: Parcels that do not front on a County-maintained road or require special access may require approval of an Exception to the Subdivision Ordinance. Please contact staff to determine if an exception is needed and to discuss the necessary Findings.

STORM DRAINAGE:

How will your project handle storm water runoff? (Check one) Drainage Basin Direct Discharge	Overland
Other: (please explain)	<u> </u>
If direct discharge is proposed, what specific waterway are you proposing to discharge to?	

Please Note: If direct discharge is proposed, you will be required to obtain a NPDES permit from the Regional Water Quality Control Board, and must provide evidence that you have contacted them regarding this proposal with your application.

EROSION CONTROL:

If you plan on grading any portion of the site, please provide a description of erosion control measures you propose to implement.

Please note: You may be required to obtain an NPDES Storm Water Permit from the Regional Water Quality Control Board and prepare a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Please use this space to provide any other information you feel is appropriate for the County to consider during review of your application. (Attach extra sheets if necessary)