NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

This is to advise that the City of Livingston has prepared an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Project identified below that is scheduled to be considered by the City of Livingston.

PLEASE BE ADVISED that the Planning Commission will consider the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) at the Commission's meeting to be held on <u>March 14, 2023</u>. The meeting will be held at the City Council Chamber, 1416 C Street, Livingston, CA. The Planning Commission will adopt a Resolution recommending adoption of the MND to the City Council. City Council Consideration of the MND and the proposed project will be scheduled for a separate date upon action taken by the Planning Commission.

Project Name

Greenzone, LLC - Cannabis Business Park

Project Location

The Project site is located approximately 0.4 miles west of Main Street, just north of Bird Street as it turns north to the Police Department Shooting Range in the northern-most part of the City of Livingston, California, which is one of six incorporated cities in Merced County (Figures 2-1 and 2-2). State Route (SR) 99 is approximately one mile west of the site. The Project parcel is identified by the assessor's parcel number (APN) 047-090-004. The site is predominately surrounded by agricultural land. Presently, the site predominantly consists of fallow agricultural land. A canal trends southwest-northeast through the site.

Project Description

The applicant is proposing to subdivide an 18.8-acre parcel into 22 lots ranging from approximately 0.66 acres to 1.46 acres in size, and a dedicated stormwater detention basin (Lot A), see Figure 2-5. The Project would ultimately result in a secured, gated Cannabis Business Park with a future 25-foot-wide internal road being privately owned and maintained. The site is bisected by the Merced Irrigation District (MID) Stoddard Lateral that runs diagonally through the site, which will be undergrounded.

According to Section 5-3-15, Land Use Regulations (Zoning Matrix) from the City's Municipal Code, the following cannabis-related uses could be included within the proposed Cannabis Business Park with approval of a Conditional Use Permit:

- Commercial cannabis cultivation indoor
- Commercial cannabis cultivation mixed light (enclosed)
- Commercial cannabis distribution
- Commercial cannabis manufacturing (volatile/nonvolatile)

- Commercial cannabis microbusiness (no retail; no outdoor cultivation)
- Commercial cannabis nursery indoor or mixed light/greenhouse
- Commercial cannabis testing

The Project Applicant has filed a Master Conditional Use Permit (MCUP) requesting authorization to allow the above uses, as well as any future cannabis-related permitted use or conditionally permitted use, on the subject site. Although retail cannabis uses are not permitted anywhere within Livingston City Limits at this time, the Applicant is requesting all future permitted cannabis-related uses, including retail, be considered under this MCUP. Although the ultimate intent for the TSM is to construct a Cannabis Business Park, if cannabis-related uses are not forthcoming, then the 22 lots may result in the construction of other non-cannabis industrial uses as permitted in the Zoning Ordinance. Therefore, according to Municipal Code Title 5, Chapter 2, if cannabis-related uses are not established, the following uses could be either a permitted use or a conditionally permitted use within the Limited Industrial (M-1) zone:

- Auto body repair
- Auto storage
- Auto wrecking
- Body art establishment
- Finished goods assembly
- Heavy terminal
- Kennel
- Manufacturing, beverage/bottling plant
- Manufacturing, heavy general
- Manufacturing, light general
- Recycling facility
- Salvage yards
- Smoke shop and/or smoking lounge

The ultimate buildout of the 22 lots and basin lot (Lot A), whether it includes cannabis-related uses or not, would need to be consistent with City's General Plan, Zoning Ordinance, and would need to meet the intent of the M-1 zone district.

Site plan and design review approvals are required for all uses involving new construction, significant exterior alterations to existing structures, or significant site plan alterations in the M-1 zone. Also included with the application is a site plan, floor plan, and elevation depicting typical buildout of the proposed lots. It is the staff's intention to seek the City Council's approval of the sample site plan and to obtain Council's authorization for staff-level approval of future site plans deemed sufficiently consistent with the sample going forward.

As noted above, some of these uses listed may require conditional use permits or other discretionary review, subject to the determination of compliance with the development, parking, landscaping, and other standards of the Zoning Ordinance. All future cannabis-related uses will be subject to the City's two-step cannabis permitting process. Due to the

size, complexity, unusual features or other concerns, any project subject to administrative or conditional approval, may be further reviewed under CEQA at the discretion of the Planning Director.

The document and documents referenced in the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration are available for review at Livingston City Hall located at 1416 C Street, Livingston, CA 95334 and at the Livingston Branch Library located at 1212 Main Street Livingston, CA 95334. In addition, digital versions of the Initial Study and related documents are available at the City's website at:

https://www.cityoflivingston.org/commdev/page/planning-division

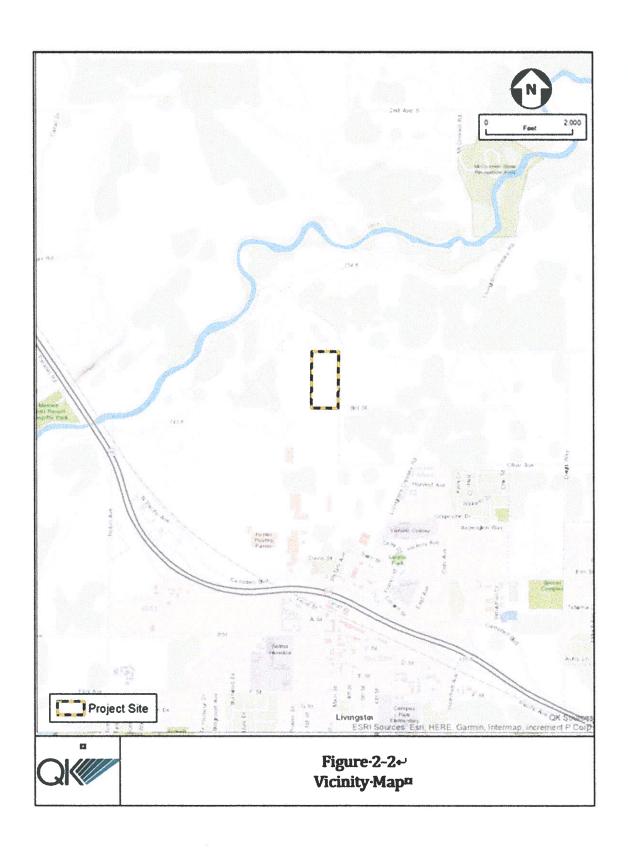
As mandated by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the public review period for this document is 30 days (CEQA Section 15073[b]). The public review period began on January 20, 2023 and ended on February 20, 2023.

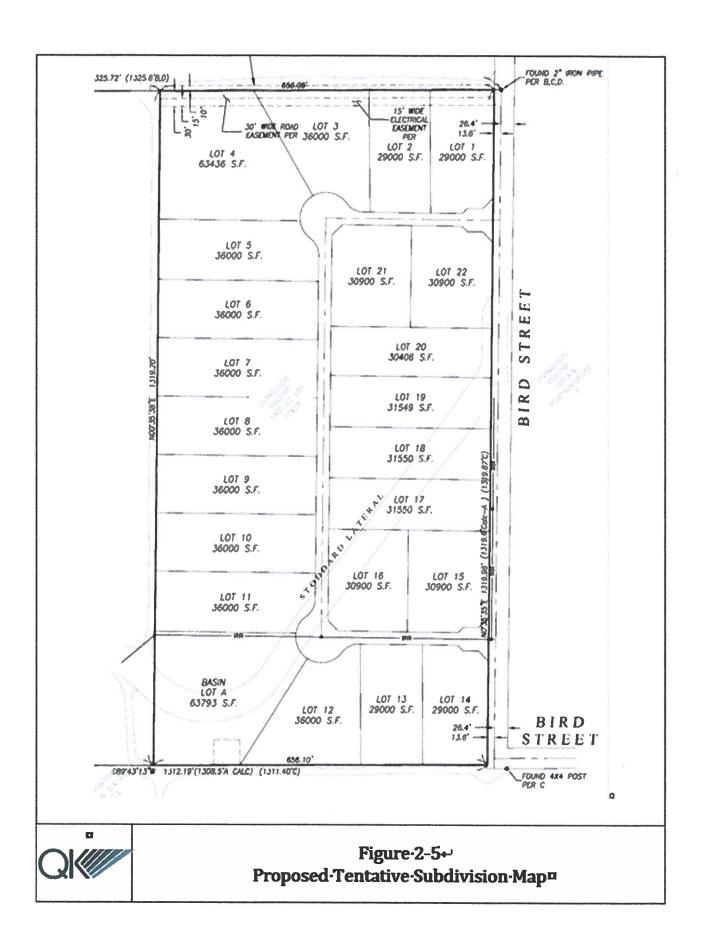
For further information, please contact the Contract City Planner at (209) 394-8041.

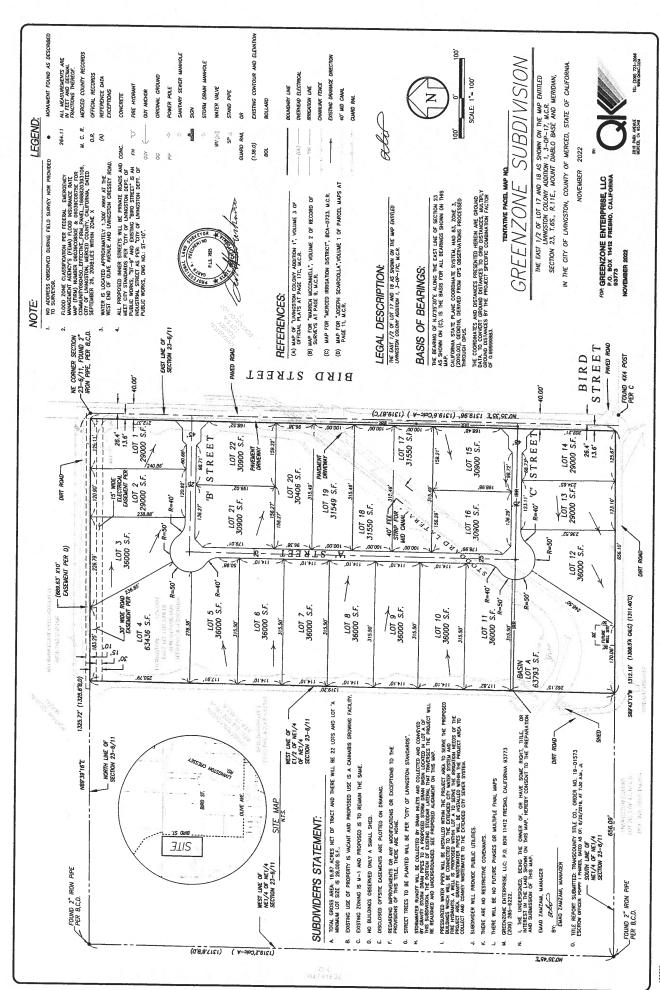
Figures

- 2-1. Regional Location Map
- 2-2. Vicinity Map
- 2-5. Proposed Tentative Subdivision Map









Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

Mail to: State Clearinghouse, P.O. Box 3044, Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 (916) 445-0613 For Hand Delivery/Street Address: 1400 Tenth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 SCH# Project Title: GPA 2020-01; MCUP 2020-01; TSM 2020-01 - Greenzone Business Park Lead Agency: City of Livingston Contact Person: Miguel Galvez Mailing Address: 1416 C Street Phone: (209) 394-8041 City: Livingston Zip: 95334 County: Merced Project Location: County: Merced City/Nearest Community: Livingston Cross Streets: Bird Street, west of Livingston-Cressey Road Zip Code: 95334 Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): "N/ W Total Acres: Assessor's Parcel No.: 047-090-004 Section: 23 Twp.: 06 Range: 11 Base: MDB&M Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: 99 Waterways: Merced River Airports: None Railways: S.P.R.R. Schools: Yamato Colony Elem Document Type: CEQA: NOP ☐ Draft EIR
☐ Supplement/Subsequent EIR Draft EIR NEPA: NOI Other: Joint Document Early Cons EA Final Document Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) **Draft EIS** Other: Mit Neg Dec Other: **FONSI Local Action Type:** General Plan Update Specific Plan Rezone Annexation General Plan Amendment Master Plan Prezone ☐ Redevelopment General Plan Element Planned Unit Development X Use Permit ☐ Coastal Permit Community Plan Site Plan Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)

Other: **Development Type:** Residential: Units Acres Office: Sq.ft. Acres ☐ Transportation: Type Employees_ Commercial:Sq.ft. Acres **Employees** ☐ Mining: Mineral ▼ Industrial: Sq.ft. TBD Acres 18.8 **EmployeesTBD** Power: Type MW Educational: Waste Treatment: Type MGD Recreational: Hazardous Waste: Type ☐ Water Facilities: Type Other: **Project Issues Discussed in Document:** ☐ Aesthetic/Visual Fiscal ☐ Recreation/Parks ☐ Vegetation ☐ Agricultural Land Flood Plain/Flooding ☐ Schools/Universities **▼** Water Quality ★ Air Quality Forest Land/Fire Hazard Septic Systems ■ Water Supply/Groundwater X Archeological/Historical ▼ Geologic/Seismic Sewer Capacity ➤ Wetland/Riparian ⊠ Biological Resources Minerals ☒ Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading Growth Inducement ☐ Coastal Zone Noise ★ Solid Waste Land Use □ Drainage/Absorption Population/Housing Balance Toxic/Hazardous **Cumulative Effects** ☐ Economic/Jobs Public Services/Facilities ▼ Traffic/Circulation Other: Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation: PLU: Fallow Land/ Zoning: Limited Industrial (M-1)/ GPD: Industrial Reserve (IR) Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)

The applicant is proposing to a establish a cannabis business park by requesting redesignation of the project site from a General Plan Land Use classification of IR, Industrial Reserve, to LI, Limited Industrial. The applicant also proposes a Master Conditional Use Permit for the establishment of cannabis business establishments on up to 19 of the 20 proposed lots. Actual development on the lots will occur over four phases. The proposed Tentative Subdivision Map proposes to subdivide an 18.8 acre property into 20 lots, ranging in size from 29,000 square feet to 66,214 square feet, with one lot dedicated for a storm water basin, an agricultural well and a City well. The proposed subdivision is proposed to be developed in one phase.

Note: The State Clearinghouse will assign identification numbers for all new projects. If a SCH number already exists for a project (e.g. Notice of Preparation or previous draft document) please fill in.

Reviewing Agencies Checklist

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	Boating & Waterways, Department of	Office of Public School Construction
	California Emergency Management Agency	Parks & Recreation, Department of
	California Highway Patrol	Pesticide Regulation, Department of
XX	Caltrans District #10	Public Utilities Commission
	Caltrans Division of Aeronautics	XX Regional WQCB #5
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		Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of
		S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm.
		San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy
		San Joaquin River Conservancy
	Conservation, Department of	Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy
		State Lands Commission
		SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
	Education, Department of	SWRCB: Water Quality
	Energy Commission	SWRCB: Water Rights
XX	Fish & Game Region #5	Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
	Food & Agriculture, Department of	Toxic Substances Control, Department of
	Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of	Water Resources, Department of
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