



CITY OF TURLOCK DEVELOPMENT SERVICES  
PLANNING DIVISION  
156 SOUTH BROADWAY, SUITE 120  
TURLOCK, CA 95380-5456 (209)668-5640

UNIFORM APPLICATION FORM

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

Project Information

PROJECT ADDRESS: 2250 Colorado Avenue, Turlock, CA 95382  
ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER: 072 - 034 - 005 AREA OF PROPERTY (ACRES OR SQUARE FEET): 9,136 sf  
EXISTING ZONING: CO -- Commercial Office  
GENERAL PLAN DESIGNATION: 9,136 sf  
DESCRIBE THE PROJECT REQUEST: Change of use from an existing residence to a commercial/medical office use

Applicant Information

NOTE: Information provided on this application is considered public record and will be released upon request by any member of the public.

APPLICANT Stacey Wellnitz, CommercialArch PHONE NO. 209-571-8158 E-MAIL: swellnitz@commercialarch.com

\*\* Corporate partnerships must provide a list of principals. FAX NO. \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS OF APPLICANT: 616 14th Street, Modesto, CA 95354

CONTACT PERSON (if different than applicant): \_\_\_\_\_

\*The applicant will be considered the primary point for all contact, correspondence, and billing from the City unless other arrangements are made in writing.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT [Redacted] Stacey Wellnitz 8/26/24  
PRINT NAME DATE

This fee is to be a deposit towards full cost of processing application.  Yes  No Applicant's Initials SW

Property Owner Info

PROPERTY OWNER: Jose Buenrostro PHONE NO. 209-678-8256 E-MAIL: dr.buenrostro@buenvitahealth.org

ADDRESS OF PROPERTY OWNER: 2230 Colorado Avenue, Turlock, CA 95382

Consent of Owner: I declare that I am the owner of the herein described property and that I have familiarized myself with this completed application and give consent to the action requested.

SIGNATURE OF PROPERTY OWNER [Redacted] Jose Buenrostro 9/4/24  
PRINT NAME DATE

Office Use Only

APPLICATION TYPE & NO.: MDP 25-04 DATE RECEIVED: 1/21/25

CASH OR CHECK NO. 2307 \$ 2879. CHECKED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

PC HEARING DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ CC HEARING DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PLANNER'S NOTES: \_\_\_\_\_

## APPLICATION QUESTIONNAIRE

This document will assist the Planning Department in evaluating the proposed project and its potential environmental impacts. Complete and accurate information will facilitate the review of your project and minimize future requests for information. Please contact the Planning Division, 156 S. Broadway, Suite 120, Turlock, CA 95380 (209) 668-5640 if there are any questions about how to fill out this form.

**PROJECT NAME:** Buen Vita Health

**APPLICANT'S STATEMENT OF INTENT (DESCRIBE THE PROPOSED PROJECT):**

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**PROPERTY OWNER'S NAME:** Dr. Jose Buenrostro

Mailing Address: 2230 Colorado Avenue, Turlock, CA 95382

Telephone: Business (209) 678-8256 Home ( )                     

E-Mail Address: dr.buenrostro@buenvitahealth.org

**APPLICANT'S NAME:** Stacey Wellnitz, CommercialArch

Phone (209) 571-8158

Address: 616 14th Street, Modesto, CA 95354

Telephone: Business (209) 571-8158 Home ( )                     

E-Mail Address: swellnitz@commercialarch.com

**PROJECT SITE INFORMATION:**

Property Address or Location: 2250 Colorado Avenue, Turlock, CA 95382

Property Assessor's Parcel Number: 072-034-005

Property Dimensions: 60.00' W x 140.00 D

Property Area: Square Footage 8,400 SF Acreage 0.19 acre

Site Land Use: Undeveloped/Vacant                      Developed 0.19 acre

If developed, give building(s) square footage 1,074 sf + 85 sf Covered Patio

**LAND USE DESIGNATIONS:**

ZONING: Current: CO -- Commercial Office  
Proposed (If applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

GENERAL PLAN Current: CO -- Commercial Office  
Proposed (If applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE ADJACENT ZONING AND EXISTING LAND USE WITHIN 300 FEET OF PROJECT SITE:**

**ZONE - EXISTING LAND USE (i.e., residential, commercial, industrial)**

North CO -- Commercial Office / Existing Use: Single Family Residential

South CO -- Commercial Office / Existing Use: Single Family Residential

East RL -- Low Density Residential / Existing Use: Single Family Residential

West CO -- Commercial Office / Existing Use: Turlock Christian Elementary School

**PROJECT CHARACTERISTICS**

**Site Conditions**

Describe the project site as it exists before the project, including information on topography, soil stability, plants and animals, and any cultural, historical or scenic aspects (if applicable)

The current site is an existing residence that has been converted to a commercial building (without permit) by the previous owner. This project aims to convert the building and site to a commercial / medical office.

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Are there any trees, bushes or shrubs on the project site? No if yes, are any to be removed? \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes to above, please attach site plan indicating location, size and type of all trees, bushes and shrubs on the site that are proposed for removal.

Will the project change waterbody or ground water quality or quantity, or alter existing drainage patterns?  
\_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please explain:

The project will provide a storm drain collection system, compliant with City standards. Currently, the site does not have storm drain collection.

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If there are structures on the project site, attach site plan indicating location of structures and provide the following information:

Present Use of Existing Structure(s) Non-complaint, un-permitted commercial office Residential (approved use)

Proposed Use of Existing Structure(s) Commercial / Medical Office

Are any structures to be moved or demolished? No If yes, indicate on site plan which structures are proposed to be moved or demolished.

Is the property currently under a Williamson Act Contract? No if yes, contract number: \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, has a Notice of Nonrenewal been filed? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, date filed: \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any agriculture, conservation, open space or similar easements affecting the use of the project? site? No If yes, please describe and provide a copy of the recorded easement. \_\_\_\_\_

Describe age, condition, size, and architectural style of all existing on-site structures (include photos):

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**Proposed Building Characteristics**

Size of any new structure(s) or building addition(s) in gross sq. ft. No new structures proposed

Building height in feet (measured from ground to highest point): +/-18'

Height of other appurtenances, excluding buildings, measured from ground to highest point (i.e. antennas, mechanical equipment, light poles, etc.):

n/a

Project site coverage:	Building Coverage:	<u>1,159</u>	Sq.Ft.	<u>14</u>	%
	Landscaped Area:	<u>1,762</u>	Sq.Ft.	<u>21</u>	%
	Paved Surface Area:	<u>5,479</u>	Sq.Ft.	<u>65</u>	%
	Total:	<u>8,400</u>	Sq.Ft.	<u>100%</u>	

Exterior building materials: Stucco

Exterior building colors: Earth tones -- Tan

Roof materials: Asphalt Roof Shingles

Total number of off-street parking spaces provided: 7  
 (If not on the project site, attach a Signed Lease Agreement or Letter of Agency)

Describe the type of exterior lighting proposed for the project (height, intensity):

Building: Wall mounted lighting sconces

Parking: Wall mounted lighting sconces

Estimated Construction Starting Date 1/1/25 Estimated Completion Date 6/1/25

If the proposal is a component of an overall larger project describe the phases and show them on the site plan:

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**Residential Projects**  
 (As applicable to proposal)

Total Lots \_\_\_\_\_ Total Dwelling Units \_\_\_\_\_ Total Acreage \_\_\_\_\_

Net Density/Acre \_\_\_\_\_ Gross Density/Acre \_\_\_\_\_

Will the project include affordable or senior housing provisions? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please describe:

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	Single Family	Two-Family (Duplex)	Multi-Family (Apartments)	Multi-Family (Condominiums)
Number of Units				
Acreage				
Square Feet/Unit				
For Sale or Rent				
Price Range				
Type of Unit:				
Studio				
1 Bedroom				
2 Bedroom				
3 Bedroom				
4+Bedroom				

**Commercial, Industrial, Manufacturing, or Other Project**

(As applicable to proposal)

Type of use(s) Medical clinic

Expected influence: Regional \_\_\_\_\_ Citywide \_\_\_\_\_ Neighborhood X

Days and hours of operation: M-F / 8:00 am - 5:00 PM

Total occupancy/capacity of building(s): 11 -- Based on CBC Chapter 10, Section 1004

Total number of fixed seats: 0 Total number of employees: 4

Anticipated number of employees per shift: 4

Square footage of:

Office area 1,074

Warehouse area \_\_\_\_\_

Sales area \_\_\_\_\_

Storage area \_\_\_\_\_

Loading area \_\_\_\_\_

Manufacturing area \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of visitors/customers on site at any one time: 6

Other occupants (If Applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Will the proposed use involve any toxic or hazardous materials or waste?

(Please explain): No

List any permits or approvals required for the project by state or federal agencies:

None



**PROJECT IMPACTS**

(Please compute each specific impact issue per the following criteria)

**TRAFFIC**

<u>Land Use</u>	<u>Weekday Trip End Generation Rates (100%Occ.)</u>
Single Family	10.0 trips/dwelling unit
Patio Homes/Townhomes	7.9 trips/dwelling unit
Condominiums	5.1 trips/dwelling unit
Apartments	6.0 trips/dwelling unit
Mobile Homes	5.4 trips/dwelling unit
Retirement Communities	3.3 trips/dwelling unit
Motel/Hotel	11 trips/room
Fast-Food Restaurant	553.0 trips/1,000 s.f. bldg. area
Retail Commercial	51.3 trips/1,000 s.f. bldg. area
Shopping Center	115 trips/1,000 s.f. bldg. area
Sit-Down Restaurant	56 trips/1,000 s.f. bldg. area
General Office	12.3 trips/1,000 s.f. bldg. area
<u>Medical Office</u>	75 trips/1,000 s.f. bldg. area
Institutions (Schools/Churches)	1.02 trips/student or 18.4 trips/1,000 s.f. bldg. area
Industrial Plant <500,000 s.f.	7.3 trips/1,000 s.f. bldg. area or 3.8 emp.
Industrial Warehouse	5.0 trips/1,000 s.f. bldg. area or 4.2 emp.

Projected Vehicle Trips/Day (using table above): 75 TripsProjected number of truck deliveries/loadings per day: 0Approximate hours of truck deliveries/loadings each day: n/aWhat are the nearest major streets? Tuolumne & ColoradoDistance from project? n/aAmount of off-street parking provided: 7 spaces

If new paved surfaces are involved, describe them and give amount of square feet involved:

The previous owner installed a concrete parking area in the rear of the site. We propose to correct the drainage pattern, but retain as much of the existing concrete, as possible while still bringing up to current code. Concrete on-site is 5,479 sf.

WATER

Land Use

Single-Family Residential

Multi-Family Residential

Offices

Retail Commercial

Service Commercial/Industrial

Estimated Water Consumption Rates (gal/day)

800 gallons/day

800/3 bd unit; 533/2 bd unit; 267/1 bd unit

100 gallons/day/1,000 s.f. floor area

100 gallons/day/1,000 s.f. floor area

Variable-[Please describe the water requirements for any service commercial or industrial uses in your project.]

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Estimated gallons per day (using information above): 100 gallons / day

Source of Water: Existing city water service

SEWAGE

Land Use

Single-Family Residential

Multi-Family Residential

Commercial

Office

Industrial

Estimated Sewage Generation Rates (gal/day)

300 gallons/day/unit

200 gallons/day/unit or 100 gallons/day/resident

100 gallons/day/1,000 s.f. floor area

100 gallons/day/1,000 s.f. floor area

Variable-[Please describe the sewage requirements for any industrial uses in your project.]

(General projection = 2,500 gallons/day/acre)

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Estimate the amount (gallons/day) sewage to be generated (using information above):

100 gallons / day

Describe the type of sewage to be generated: Standard sanitary sewer

Will any special or unique sewage wastes be generated by this development?

None



**SOLID WASTE**

<u>Land Use</u>	<u>Estimated Solid Waste Generation (lb/day)</u>
Single-Family Residential	10.96 lbs./day/res.
Multi-Family Residential	7.37 lbs./day/unit
<b>Commercial</b>	50 lbs. /500 s.f. floor area
Industrial	Variable-[Please describe the projected solid waste to be generated by your project.]

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Type: Commercial Amount: 100 lbs.

**AIR QUALITY**

***Construction Schedule:***

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Approximate Dates</u>
Demolition	<u>1/1/25</u>
Trenching	<u>1/15/25</u>
Grading	<u>1/15/25</u>
Paving	<u>2/1/25</u>
Building Construction	<u>n/a</u>
Architectural Coatings (includes painting)	<u>1/1/25</u>

***Total Volume of all Building(s) to be Demolished*** n/a

***Max Daily Volume of Building(s) to be Demolished*** n/a

***Total Acreage to be Graded*** n/a

***Amount of Soil to Import/Export?*** Negligible -- only areas where u/g pipe to be installed

**HAZARDOUS WASTE AND SUBSTANCE SITES LIST DISCLOSURE**  
**PURSUANT TO**  
**CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65962.5(f)**

“(f) Before a lead agency accepts as complete an application for any development project which will be used by any person, the applicant shall consult the lists sent to the appropriate city or county and shall submit a signed statement to the local agency indicating whether the project and any alternatives are located on a site that is included on any of the lists compiled pursuant to this section and shall specify any list. If the site is included on a list, and the list is not specified on the statement, the lead agency shall notify the applicant pursuant to Section 65943...”

**Note:** You must contact Stanislaus County Environmental Resources at (209) 525-6700; AND either:  
1) Contact the Department of Toxic Substances Control at (800) 728-6942; or 2) research the property on all of the following online databases to determine whether there are any known or potential hazards on the property.

EPA: <https://enviro.epa.gov>

NEPAssist: <https://epa.gov/nepa/nepassist>

California DTSC Envirostor: [www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public](http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public)

California Geotracker: <http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/>

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT:**

       THE PROJECT ***IS LOCATED*** ON A SITE WHICH IS INCLUDED ON ONE OR MORE OF THE LISTS COMPILED PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65962.5(f). THE SITE IS INCLUDED ON THE FOLLOWING LIST(S) SPECIFIED BELOW:

Regulatory ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Regulatory ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Regulatory ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

OR

  X   THE PROJECT ***IS NOT LOCATED*** ON A SITE WHICH IS INCLUDED ON ONE OR MORE OF THE LISTS COMPILED PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65962.5(f).

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE STATEMENT FURNISHED ABOVE PRESENTS THE INFORMATION REQUIRED BY CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE 65962.5(f) TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY AND THAT THE STATEMENT AND INFORMATION PRESENTED IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.



Signature of Applicant/Agent

8/26/24

Date



Print Name and Title of Applicant/Agent

Phone Number

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## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS/AUTHORIZATIONS/WAIVERS

### **SENATE BILL 18 COMPLIANCE:**

Senate Bill 18 requires the City to contact and consult with California Native American Tribes when adopting or amending a General Plan or Specific Plan or when designating land as open space. The purpose of the consultation is to protect Native American cultural places that may be impacted by the proposed action. The tribes have 90 days to respond and request a consultation. If a consultation is requested, additional studies or surveys may be required. If further study is required, the applicant(s) will be responsible for any additional costs. **Your application may not be considered complete if additional consultation with the Tribes is required.** The applicant's signature on this application form signifies an acknowledgement that this statement has been read and understood.

### **CULTURAL RESOURCES REVIEW:**

The City of Turlock may refer this application to the Central California Information Center (CCIC) to determine whether a records search or focused study addressing cultural resources will need to be conducted by a cultural resource consultant. Should this referral occur, the applicant(s) understand that further study by a cultural resources consultant may be required. If a records search or further study is required, the applicant(s) will be responsible for any additional costs. **Your application may not be considered complete if a Records Search or Archaeological study is required.** The applicant's signature on this application form signifies an acknowledgement that this statement has been read and understood.

### **BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES REVIEW:**

The City of Turlock includes areas of "Critical Habitat" as defined by the US Fish and Wildlife Service for specific federally listed threatened and endangered species. Other sensitive biological resources are also present within the County as shown on the California Natural Diversity Data Base maps. Your application will be forwarded to various resource agencies for review and comment. The applicant(s) understand that further study by a biological resources consultant may be required. If further study is required, the applicant(s) will be responsible for any additional costs. **Your application may not be considered complete if a Biological study is required.** The applicant's signature on this application form signifies an acknowledgement that this statement has been read and understood.

### **CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD - STORM WATER PERMIT REQUIREMENTS:**

Storm water discharges associated with construction activity are a potentially significant source of pollutants. The most common pollutant associated with construction is sediment. Sediment and other construction related wastes can degrade water quality in creeks, rivers, lakes, and other water bodies. In 1992, the State Water Resources Control Board adopted a statewide General Permit for all storm water discharges associated with construction activity that disturbs five or more acres of land. Effective March 10, 2003, all construction sites disturbing one or more acres of land will be required to obtain permit coverage. The General Permit is intended to ensure that construction activity does not impact water quality. You need to obtain General Permit coverage if storm water discharges from your site and either of the following apply:

- Construction activities result in one or more acres of land disturbance, including clearing, grading, excavating, staging areas, and stockpiles or;
- The project is part of a larger common plan of development or sale (e.g., subdivisions, group of lots with or without a homeowner's association, some lot line adjustments) that result in one or more acres of land disturbance.

It is the applicant's responsibility to obtain any necessary permit directly from the California Regional Water Quality Control Board. The applicant(s) signature on this application form signifies an acknowledgement that this statement has been read and understood.



**ASSESSOR'S INFORMATION WAIVER:**

The property owner(s) signature on this application authorizes the Stanislaus County Assessor's Office to make any information concerning the property involved as part of the application available to the City of Turlock.

**DEED RESTRICTIONS & COVENANTS, CONDITIONS & RESTRICTIONS (CC&RS):**

The property involving this permit request may be subject to deed restrictions called Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CC&Rs) or a variety of private easements or other deed restrictions which may restrict the property's use and development. These deed restrictions are private agreements and are **NOT** enforced by the City of Turlock. Consequently, development standards specified in such deed restrictions are **NOT** considered by the City when granting permits. You are advised to determine if the property is subject to deed restrictions and if so, contact the appropriate homeowner's association and adjacent neighbors about your project prior to proceeding with construction. Following this procedure will minimize the potential for disagreement among neighbors and possible litigation.

**TECHNICAL STUDIES:**

If the project site is on or near a historical site, archaeological site, landfill site, river, floodplain, state highway, freeway, railroad, or airport, or if the project is identified by a resource agency or the City as potentially impacting sensitive agricultural, biological, hydrological, geological, mineral or other resources, or if specific environmental impacts are identified throughout the course of the project review, then specific technical studies may be required. Applicants are encouraged to contact the Turlock Planning Division at the earliest possible opportunity to determine the possible need and scope of such studies.

**DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION:**

The information contained in this application, including, but not limited to, supporting documents, maps, drawings, illustrations, special studies and reports, is public information and subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act. Applicants should be aware that this information is provided to the public, businesses, public and private organizations, the news media, and any other person upon request. Only that information which is necessary to properly describe and assess the impacts of the project is required to be submitted with the application.



## **INDEMNIFICATION**

In consideration of the City's processing and consideration of this application for approval of the land use project being applied for (the "Project"), and the related California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) consideration by the City, the Owner and Applicant, jointly and severally, agree to indemnify the City of Turlock ("City") from liability or loss connected with the Project approvals as follows:

1. The Owner and Applicant shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City and its agents, officers and employees from any claim, action, or proceeding against the City or its agents, officers or employees to attack, set aside, void, or annul the Project or any prior or subsequent development approvals regarding the Project or Project condition imposed by the City or any of its agencies, departments, commissions, agents, officers or employees concerning the said Project, or to impose personal liability against such agents, officers or employees resulting from their involvement in the Project, including any claim for private attorney general fees claimed by or awarded to any party from City. The obligations of the Owner and Applicant under this Indemnification shall apply regardless of whether any permits or entitlements are issued.
2. The City will promptly notify Owner and Applicant of any such claim, action, or proceedings that is or may be subject to this Indemnification and, will cooperate fully in the defense.
3. The City may, within its unlimited discretion, participate in the defense of any such claim, action, or proceeding if the City defends the claim, actions, or proceeding in good faith. To the extent that City uses any of its resources responding to such claim, action, or proceeding, Owner and Applicant will reimburse City upon demand. Such resources include, but are not limited to, staff time, court costs, City Attorney's time at their regular rate for external or non-City agencies, and any other direct or indirect cost associated with responding to the claim, action, or proceedings.
4. The Owner and Applicant shall not be required to pay or perform any settlement by the City of such claim, action or proceeding unless the settlement is approved in writing by Owner and Applicant, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.
5. The Owner and Applicant shall pay all court ordered costs and attorney fees.
6. This Indemnification represents the complete understanding between the Owner and Applicant and the City with respect to matters set forth herein.

## **CEQA FILING FEES**

Most, if not all, development projects submitted to the City of Turlock require some level of review under the California Environmental Quality Act, or CEQA. CEQA is a State law that requires an analysis and public report on the potential environmental effects of any project that is carried out, or approved, by a local agency, like the City of Turlock. Three types of reports are typically prepared for development projects: 1) a CEQA Exemption; 2) a Negative Declaration (or Mitigated Negative Declaration); or 3) an Environmental Impact Report. The most common form of report required for a project is either the Exemption or the Mitigated Negative Declaration. The City of Turlock Planning Division staff will tell you what type of document is required based upon the type of project you are submitting, the characteristics of the property and its surrounding environment, and other factors that are spelled out in CEQA.

### **EXEMPTION**

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061, the City of Turlock is responsible for reviewing the project to determine whether or not it is exempt from CEQA review. A CEQA Exemption is applied when a development project falls into either one of two categories: 1) statutory exemptions; or 2) categorical exemptions. These exemptions are defined in State Law and in the CEQA Guidelines. Statutory exemptions are very specific project categories that the State Legislature chose to exempt from CEQA by adopting specific State laws. Categorical exemptions are categories of projects that the Secretary for Resources has determined do not have a significant effect on the environment. If staff has determined that your project is exempt, the project will be circulated to the public with that designation noted in the referral documents. Other agencies and individuals may disagree with this determination. If your project is subject to Planning Commission or City Council approval, the determination will ultimately be made by one of those governing bodies. If your project is not subject to their approval, staff will make this determination.

Once the project is approved, CEQA allows either the agency or the applicant to file a Notice of Exemption. The Notice must be filed with either the Office of Planning and Research or the Stanislaus County Clerk/Recorder for 30 days and starts a 35-day statute of limitations on legal challenges. Typically, these notices are filed within five (5) days of approval of the project by the City of Turlock. The City of Turlock does not automatically file these documents on behalf of the applicant. The applicant may choose to file the notice directly or ask the Planning Division to file it on his/her behalf. If the City is asked to file the Notice of Exemption, an additional fee will be charged for this service in addition to the fee charged by the County to post the Notice. You must submit a written request with the fee, if you choose to have the City of Turlock file this notice on your behalf. If the notice is not filed, the statute of limitations will increase from 35 days to 180 days.

### **MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

If a project is not exempt from CEQA review, the project is most likely to require a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15070 (although, on very rare occasions, an Environmental Impact Report may be required). A Mitigated Negative Declaration is required when the project has the potential to create an environmental effect but it has been determined that the effect can be reduced or eliminated by modifying the project in some manner. These modifications are known as "mitigation measures". Staff will prepare an Initial Study that describes the project, the potential environmental effects, and any mitigation measures required to reduce or eliminate any potential environmental effect. A separate "environmental review" fee is charged to the applicant for this additional work.

Upon approval by the City of Turlock, the City of Turlock is required file a Notice of Determination pursuant to California Public Resources Code Section 21152 with either the Office of Planning and Research or the Stanislaus County Clerk/Recorder for 30 days. In order to begin the 30-day statute of limitations on legal challenges, the notice MUST be filed within 5 days of approving the project. The City of Turlock automatically files this document and the staff costs to file the notice are included in the separate environmental review fee.

## **DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE CEQA FILING FEES**

Pursuant to California Fish & Wildlife Code §711.4, the City of Turlock is required to collect the following filing fees for the Stanislaus County Clerk, on behalf of the California Department of Fish & Wildlife, for the following projects. The statute was amended last year. Under the amended statute, a lead agency may no longer exempt a project from the filing fee requirement by determining that the project will have a de minimis effect on fish and wildlife. Instead, a filing fee will have to be paid unless the project will have *no effect* on fish and wildlife. (Section 711.4 (c)(2) of the Fish and Game Code). If the project will have any effect on fish and wildlife resources, even a minimal or de minimis effect, the fee is required.

A project proponent who believes the project will have *no effect* on fish and wildlife should contact the Department of Fish and Wildlife. If the Department of Fish and Wildlife concurs the project will have no such effect, the Department will provide the project proponent with a form that will exempt the project from the filing fee requirement. Project proponents may contact the Department by phone at (916) 651-0603 or through the Department's website at [www.wildlife.ca.gov](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov). Pursuant to California Fish & Game Code §711.4(e)(3), the department (CDFW) shall assess a penalty of 10 percent of the amount of fees due for any failure to remit the amount payable when due. The department may pursue collection of delinquent fees through the Controller's office pursuant to Section 12419.5 of the Government Code.

Additionally, California Fish & Game Code §711.4(f) states the following: Notwithstanding Section 12000, failure to pay the fee under subdivision (d) is not a misdemeanor. All unpaid fees are a statutory assessment subject to collection under procedures as provided in the Revenue and Taxation Code. Failure to pay the necessary fee will also extend the statute of limitations for challenging the environmental determination made by the City, thus increasing exposure to legal challenge. The type of environmental determination to be made by the City may be discussed with the project planner following the environmental review stage of the project and will be outlined in Planning Commission staff report.

1. **Any project for which a Negative Declaration or Mitigated Negative Declaration is prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act and having some effect on fish and wildlife: \$2,548.00 [Fish & Game Code §711.4(d)(2)] plus a \$57.00 County document handling fee.**
2. **Any project for which an Environmental Impact Report is prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act and having some effect on fish and wildlife: \$3,539.25 [Fish & Game Code §711.4(d)(3)], plus a \$57.00 County document handling fee.**

Upon an environmental determination concerning your project/application by the City of Turlock Planning Division, a check made payable to the Stanislaus County Clerk in the appropriate amount (i.e., \$2,605.00 or \$3,596.25) will be required of you before your application will be further processed.

***YOUR PROJECT WILL NOT BE SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION OR CITY COUNCIL UNTIL THIS FEE HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE PLANNING DIVISION.***

**PROPERTY OWNER/APPLICANT SIGNATURE:**

I hereby certify that the facts, statements, and information presented within this application form are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I hereby understand and certify that any misrepresentation or omissions of any information required in this application form may result in my application being delayed or not approved by the City. I hereby certify that I have read and fully understand all the information required in this application form including:

1. the Hazardous Waste and Substance Sites List Disclosure Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65962.5(f) on page 20;
2. the Acknowledgments/Authorizations/Waivers starting on page 22; and
3. the Indemnification on page 24; and
4. the Department of Fish and Wildlife CEQA Review Filing Fees on page 26.

**Property Owner(s): (Attach additional sheets, as necessary)**

[Redacted Signature]

Signature of Property Owner

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

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**Applicant(s): (If different than above)**

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