

funding. The LHMP recognizes the threat of natural and man-made disasters and hazards pose to people and property within Nevada County and that undertaking hazard mitigation action delineated in the LHMP reduces the potential for harm to people and property from future disaster and hazardous incidents.

If located in or near state responsibility areas or lands classified as very high fire severity hazard zones, would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	Reference Source (Appendix A)
a. Substantially impair an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?				X	A,H,M, 23
b. Due to slope, prevailing winds, or other factor, exacerbate wildfire risks, and thereby expose project occupants to pollutant concentrations from a wildfire or the uncontrollable spread of wildfire?			X		A,B,H,M, 18
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?				X	A,H,M
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?			X		A,H,M, 12

Impact Discussion

20 a-d. As noted above, the project site is within the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone as mapped by CalFire. As a new construction site, the project will meet emergency vehicle accessibility standards and have a defensible space around structures where brush and flammable vegetation is reduced or removed. The project will be designed to meet Grass Valley Fire Department (GVFD) standards, and will be reviewed for compliance with these standards prior to building permit issuance, as well as during building inspections during construction and at its completion. GVFD will also require an on site hydrant and vegetation management plan. These requirements reduce impacts regarding fire safety and prevention. **Less than significant.**

Mitigation Measures

None.

proposed project would have *less than significant* environmental effects that are individually limited but cumulatively considerable.

Mitigation Measures

See all above.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE PROJECT PLANNER:

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

- 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.
- I find that the proposed project MAY have a "potentially significant impact" or a "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 or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.

Preparer: _____

Date: 5/22/19

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