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Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and Responses to Comments Baseline and Tamarind Warehouse Project

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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Acronym/Abbreviation	Definition
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act
City	City of Rialto
IS	Initial Study
MND	Mitigated Negative Declaration
SCAQMD	South Coast Air Quality Management District

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1 INTRODUCTON

An Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) was prepared for the proposed Baseline and Tamarind Warehouse project (project) and made available for public comment for a 20-day public review period from November 25, 2018, through December 14, 2018. In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Section 15074(b) (14 CCR 15074(b)), before approving the proposed project, the City of Rialto (City), as the lead agency under CEQA, will consider the IS/MND with any comments received during this public review period. Specifically, Section 15074(b) of the CEQA Guidelines (14 CCR 15074(b)) states the following:

Prior to approving a project, the decision-making body of the lead agency shall consider the proposed negative declaration or mitigated negative declaration together with any comments received during the public review process. The decision-making body shall adopt the proposed negative declaration or mitigated negative declaration only if it finds on the basis of the whole record before it (including the initial study and any comments received), that there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment and that the negative declaration or mitigated negative declaration reflects the lead agency's independent judgment and analysis.

The agencies and individuals who provided substantive written comments on the environmental issues addressed in the Draft IS/MND are listed in Table 1. Although CEQA (California Public Resources Code, Section 21000 et seq.) and the CEQA Guidelines (14 CCR 15000 et seq.) do not explicitly require a lead agency to provide written responses to comments received on an IS/MND, the lead agency may do so voluntarily. Individual comments within each communication are numbered so comments can be cross-referenced with responses. Comment letters received during the public review period are included in Appendix A.

Table 1Comment Letter Summary

Letter Number	Commenter	Date
1	Lijin Sun, J.D.; Program Supervisor, South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD)	December 13, 2018

Responses to comments are made in the following text to supplement, clarify, or expand on information already presented in the Draft IS/MND. These responses do not change the significance

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determinations made or the severity of potential environmental impacts evaluated in the Draft IS/MND. Section 15073.5(c)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines (14 CCR 15073.5(c)(4)) permits the inclusion of new information within an IS/MND if the additional information "merely clarifies, amplifies, or makes insignificant modifications to the negative declaration."

2 **RESPONSES TO COMMENTS**

Comment Letter 1: Lijin Sun, J.D.; Program Supervisor, SCAQMD

Comment 1-1

Comment

The comment states the following:

In the Air Quality Section, the Lead Agency quantified the Proposed Project's construction and operational emissions and compared those emissions to SCAQMD's recommended regional and localized air quality CEQA significance thresholds. Based on the analyses, the Lead Agency found that the Proposed Project's regional construction air quality impacts would be less than significant. Localized construction and regional operational air quality impacts would also be less than significant, after the incorporation of mitigation measures (MM) AQ-1 and MM AQ-2. MM AQ-1 has two options to reduce NOx emissions during operation. Option A limits the number of heavy-duty, dieselfueled trucks accessing the Proposed Project site to 165 trucks per day, if the truck fleet is older than the 2010 U.S. EPA/CARB truck engine standards. Option B limits the number of heavy-duty, dieselfueled trucks accessing the Project site to 210 trucks per day, if the truck fleet is wholly or partially older than the 2010 U.S. EPA/CARB truck engine standards. MM AQ-2 requires that during site preparation phase, construction equipment greater than 150 horsepower shall meet EPA/CARB Tier 3 emissions standards.

Response

The City concurs with this suggested clarification to MM-AQ-1. Please refer to Section 3, Errata, of this document, for the revised MM-AQ-1.

Comment 1-2

Comment

The comment states the following:

On March 3, 2017, the SCAQMD's Governing Board adopted the 2016 Air Quality Management Plan (2016 AQMP), which was later approved by the California Air Resources Board on March 23, 2017. Built upon the progress in implementing the 2007 and 2012 AQMPs, the 2016 AQMP provides a regional perspective on air quality and the

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challenges facing the South Coast Air Basin. The most significant air quality challenge in the Basin is to achieve an additional 45 percent reduction in nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions in 2023 and an additional 55 percent NOx reduction beyond 2031 levels for ozone attainment.

Response

This comment is noted. However, since the comment does not specifically address the impact analysis presented in the Draft IS/MND, no further response is needed.

Comment 1-3

Comment

The comment states the following:

As described in the 2016 AQMP, achieving NOx emissions reductions in a timely manner is critical to attaining the National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for ozone before the 2023 and 2031 deadlines. SCAQMD is committed to attaining the ozone NAAQS as expeditiously as practicable.

SCAQMD staff has comments on MM AQ-1 and MM AQ-2. While MM AQ-1 discussed the 2010 model year trucks, it was not clear to SCAQMD staff if 2010 model year or newer trucks would be used during operation of the Proposed Project and how the Lead Agency would enforce the use. For example, it was not clear if 165 heavy-duty, diesel-fueled trucks per day allowed under Option A and 210 heavy-duty, diesel-fueled trucks per day allowed under Option B would be required to have a 2010 model year or newer truck engine. Additionally, SCAQMD staff recommends that the Lead Agency revise MM AQ-2 to require the use of Tier 4 construction equipment of 50 horsepower or greater. Please see the attachment for more information.

<u>Response</u>

Refer to response to Comment 1-1, above with respect to MM AQ-1. As discussed in the Draft IS/MND and the Air Quality Impact Analysis (Appendix A of the Draft IS/MND), with the incorporation of MM-AQ-2, which requires the use of Tier 3 construction equipment for any piece of equipment over 150 horsepower, construction-related impacts associated with localized air emissions would be reduced to a level of less than significant. As such, the use of Tier 4 construction equipment is not required to reduce impacts.

Comment 1-4

Comment

The comment states the following:

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15074, prior to approving the Proposed Project, the Lead Agency shall consider the MND for adoption together with any comments received during the public review process. Please provide SCAQMD with written responses to all comments contained herein prior to the adoption of the Final MND. When responding to issues raised in the comments, response should provide sufficient details giving reasons why specific comments and suggestions are not accepted. There should be good faith, reasoned analysis in response. Conclusory statements unsupported by factual information do not facilitate the purpose and goal of CEQA on public disclosure and are not meaningful or useful to decision makers and the public who are interested in the Proposed Project.

SCAQMD staff is available to work with the Lead Agency to address any air quality questions that may arise from this comment letter. Please contact Alina Mullins, Assistant Air Quality Specialist, at amullins@aqmd.gov or (909) 396-2402, should you have any questions.

Response

This comment is noted. The City will provide SCAQMD with a copy of this document prior to the public hearing where the City will considered approval of the project and adoption of the IS/MND. The response to comments provided herein includes sufficient details and is provided to SCAQMD and the public in good faith. The City appreciates SCAQMD's offer to work with the City should air quality-related questions arise.

Comment 1-5

Comment

The comment states the following:

1. CEQA requires that all feasible mitigation measures that go beyond what is required by law be utilized to minimize or eliminate any significant adverse impacts. SCAQMD staff recommends that the Lead Agency incorporate the following changes to MM AQ-1 and MM AQ-2 in the Final MND to further reduce the Proposed Project's construction

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and operational emissions. For more information on potential mitigation measures as guidance to the Lead Agency, please visit SCAQMD's CEQA Air Quality Handbook website5.

MM AQ-1: 2010 Model Year or Newer Truck Engines

MM AQ-1 has two options to reduce NOx emissions during operation. Option A limits the number of heavy-duty, diesel-fueled trucks accessing the Proposed Project site to 165 trucks per day, if the truck fleet is older than the 2010 U.S. EPA/CARB truck engine standards. Implementation of Option A would reduce the Proposed Project's operational NOx emissions to at least 54.45 pounds per day6. Option B limits the number of heavy-duty, diesel-fueled trucks accessing the Proposed Project site to 210 trucks per day, if the truck fleet is wholly or partially older than the 2010 U.S. EPA/CARB truck engine standards. Implementation of Option B would reduce the Proposed Project's operational NOx emissions to at least 54.44 pounds per day7.

While the Lead Agency discussed the use of 2010 U.S. EPA/CARB truck engine standards in MM AQ-1, it did not require that the Proposed Project commit to using trucks that comply or exceed the 2010 model year truck engine standard. It was also not clear to SCAQMD staff if the numbers of heavy-duty, diesel fueled trucks per day allowed under both Option A and Option B would be 2010 model year or newer trucks. Therefore, SCAQMD staff recommends that the Lead Agency revise MM AQ-2 to require all heavy-duty, diesel-fueled trucks accessing the Proposed Project site meet the 2010 U.S. EPA/CARB truck engine standard. In the event that 2010 model year or newer diesel haul trucks cannot be obtained, provide documentation as information becomes available and use trucks that meet U.S. EPA 2007 model year NOx emissions requirements, at a minimum. Additionally, it is recommended that the Lead Agency develop incentives, phase-in schedules to encourage the use of zero-emissions or near-zero emissions trucks, if and when feasible.

Response

Refer to response to Comment 1-1, above.

Comment 1-6

Comment

The comment states the following:

MM AQ-2: Tier 4 Construction Equipment

To further reduce the Proposed Project's regional and localized emissions during construction, SCAQMD staff recommends that the Lead Agency incorporate the following changes to MM AQ-2 in the Final MND.

MM AQ-2 During the site preparation phase, construction, equipment greater than 150 ± 50 horsepower (> 150 ± 50 HP), the Construction Contractor shall use off-road diesel construction equipment that complies <u>or exceeds with EPA/CARB Tier 3 4</u> emissions standards and will ensure that all construction equipment be tuned and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications. <u>Include the requirement on construction equipment in the purchase order and/or contract with the Construction Contractor. In the event that construction equipment cannot meet the Tier 4 engine certification, the Construction Contractor must demonstrate through future study with written findings supported by substantial evidence that is approved by the Lead Agency before using other technologies/strategies. Alternative applicable strategies may include, but would not be limited to, reduction in the number and/or horsepower rating of construction equipment, limiting the number of daily construction haul truck trips to and from the Proposed Project using cleaner vehicle fuel, and/or limiting the number of individual construction project phases occurring simultaneously.</u>

Response

As discussed in the Draft IS/MND and the Air Quality Impact Analysis (Appendix A of the Draft IS/MND), with the incorporation of MM-AQ-2, which requires the use of Tier 3 construction equipment for any piece of equipment over 150 horsepower, construction-related impacts associated with localized air emissions would be reduced to a level of less than significant. As such, the use of Tier 4 construction equipment is not required to reduce impacts.

Comment 1-7

Comment

The comment states the following:

In addition to the recommended changes to the existing MM AQ-1 and MM AQ-2, SCAQMD staff recommends that the Lead Agency incorporate the following mitigation measures for operational air quality impacts from mobile sources and other area sources in the Final MND.

Mobile Sources

- Require trucks to use the truck route that was analyzed in the Health Risk Assessment of the Final MND.
- Have truck routes clearly marked with trailblazer signs so that trucks will not enter residential areas.
- Limit the daily number of truck trips allowed at the Proposed Project to the level that was analyzed in the Final MND (224 truck trip-ends per day). If higher daily truck volumes are anticipated during operation, the Lead Agency should commit to re-evaluating the Proposed Project's air quality impacts through CEQA prior to allowing higher activity levels.
- Design the Proposed Project such that entrances and exits are such that trucks are not traversing past neighbors or other sensitive receptors.
- Design the Proposed Project such that any check-in point for trucks is well inside the Proposed Project site to ensure that there are no trucks queuing outside of the facility.
- Design the Proposed Project to ensure that truck traffic within the Proposed Project site is located away from the property line(s) closest to its residential or sensitive receptor neighbors.
- Restrict overnight parking in residential areas.
- Establish overnight parking within the industrial building where trucks can rest overnight.
- Establish area(s) within the Proposed Project site for repair needs.
- Develop, adopt and enforce truck routes both in and out of city, and in and out of facilities.

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- Create a buffer zone of at least 300 meters (roughly 1,000 feet), which can be office space, employee parking, greenbelt, etc. between the Proposed Project and sensitive receptors.
- Provide incentives for employees in order to encourage the use of public transportation or carpooling, such as discounted transit passes or carpool rebates.
- Implement a rideshare program for employees and set a goal to achieve a certain participation rate over a period of time.

Area Sources

Additional mitigation measures for operational air quality impacts from other area sources that the Lead Agency should consider may include the following:

- Maximize use of solar energy including solar panels; installing the maximum possible number of solar energy arrays on the building roofs and/or on the Project site to generate solar energy for the facility.
- Require the use of electric landscaping equipment, such as lawn mowers and leaf blowers.
- Require use of electric or alternatively fueled sweepers with HEPA filters.
- Maximize the planting of tress in landscaping and parking lots.
- Use light colored paving and roofing materials.
- Utilize only Energy Star heating, cooling, and lighting devices, and appliances.
- Use of water-based or low VOC cleaning products that go beyond the requirements under SCAQMD Rule 1113.

Response

As discussed in the Draft IS/MND and the Air Quality Impact Analysis (Appendix A of the Draft IS/MND), with the incorporation of MM-AQ-1 and MM-AQ-2, impacts related to air quality would be reduced to a level of less than significant. As such, no further mitigation measures are required to reduce impacts. Notwithstanding, several of these additional recommended mitigation measures will still be adhered to, either because they have already been incorporated as project design features or are required pursuant to state and/or local building codes.

Comment 1-8

Comment

The comment states the following:

Upon review of the main body of the MND and the Technical Appendices, SCAQMD staff found that MM AQ-1 and MM AQ-2 are not consistent. For example, MM AQ-1 in the main body of the MND discussed 2010 model year trucks. However, MM AQ-1 discussed Tier 4 construction equipment in the Technical Appendices. SCAQMD staff recommends that this inconsistency between the two documents be corrected in the Final MND.

Response

This inconsistency is due to the fact that the Draft IS/MND discusses operational-related regional emissions impacts before addressing construction-related localized emissions impacts. Thus, the mitigation measure related to regional emissions is presented in the Draft IS/MND prior to the mitigation measure associated with construction-related localized emissions impacts. However, these impact discussions are reversed in the Air Quality Impact Analysis (Appendix A of the Draft IS/MND), so the mitigation measures are presented in reverse order in that report.

This inconsistency between how the mitigation measures are presented in the Draft IS/MND compared with the Air Quality Impact Analysis do not impact the effectiveness or enforceability of these mitigation measures, and switching the mitigation measures in the Draft IS/MND or the report would require substantial formatting revisions to these documents, which may ultimately lead to more confusion for the public. As such, the City prefers to keep the mitigation measure numbering as-is.

3 ERRATA

The following provides minor revisions, corrections, and additions to the Draft IS/MND. The corrections and additions are organized by section and page number of the Draft IS/MND. New text additions are shown in <u>underline</u> format, and deletions are shown in <u>strikeout</u> format.

Section 3.3, Air Quality

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MM-AQ-1 has been revised pursuant to a clarification recommended by SCAQMD:

MM-AQ-1 To reduce the operational impacts associated with oxides of nitrogen (NO_x) emissions, the project shall implement one of the following mitigation options:

Mitigation Option A: The project's tenant(s) shall limit the number of heavy-duty diesel-fueled trucks accessing the project site to 165 trucks per day if the truck fleet is wholly or partially any of the trucks accessing the site are older than the 2010 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)/California Air Resources Board (CARB) truck engine standards. The tenant shall keep a truck log tracking on-site trucking activities and shall make it available to the City of Rialto (City) and/or their designee at the City's request.

or

Mitigation Option B: The project's tenant(s) shall limit the number of heavy-duty diesel-fueled trucks accessing the project site to 210 trucks per day if <u>all of</u> the truck fleet is equal to or better than the 2010 EPA/CARB truck engine standards. The tenant shall keep a truck log tracking on-site trucking activities and make it available to the City and/or their designee at the City's request.

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APPENDIX A

Comment Letters

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December 13, 2018

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Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Proposed Baseline and Tamarind Warehouse Project

South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) staff appreciates the opportunity to comment on the above-mentioned document. The following comments are meant as guidance for the Lead Agency and should be incorporated into the Final MND.

SCAQMD Staff's Summary of Project Description

The Lead Agency proposes to construct a 156,500-square-foot warehouse on 8.01 acres (Proposed Project). The Proposed Project is located on the northwest corner of Base Line Road and Tamarind Avenue in the City of Rialto.

SCAQMD Staff's Summary of Air Quality Analysis

In the Air Quality Section, the Lead Agency quantified the Proposed Project's construction and operational emissions and compared those emissions to SCAQMD's recommended regional and localized air quality CEQA significance thresholds. Based on the analyses, the Lead Agency found that the Proposed Project's regional construction air quality impacts would be less than significant. Localized construction and regional operational air quality impacts would also be less than significant, after the incorporation of mitigation measures (MM) AQ-1 and MM AQ-2¹. MM AQ-1 has two options to reduce NOx emissions during operation. Option A limits the number of heavy-duty, diesel-fueled trucks accessing the Proposed Project site to 165 trucks per day, if the truck fleet is older than the 2010 U.S. EPA/CARB truck engine standards. Option B limits the number of heavy-duty, diesel-fueled trucks accessing the Project site to 210 trucks per day, if the truck fleet is wholly or partially older than the 2010 U.S. EPA/CARB truck engine standards². MM AQ-2 requires that during site preparation phase, construction equipment greater than 150 horsepower shall meet EPA/CARB Tier 3 emissions standards³.

SCAQMD's 2016 Air Quality Management Plan

On March 3, 2017, the SCAQMD's Governing Board adopted the 2016 Air Quality Management Plan (2016 AQMP)⁴, which was later approved by the California Air Resources Board on March 23, 2017. Built upon the progress in implementing the 2007 and 2012 AQMPs, the 2016 AQMP provides a regional perspective on air quality and the challenges facing the South Coast Air Basin. The most significant air quality challenge in the Basin is to achieve an additional 45 percent reduction in nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions in 2023 and an additional 55 percent NOx reduction beyond 2031 levels for ozone attainment.

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¹ MND. Chapter 3.3, pages 25-51.

² Ibid.

³ *Ibid.* Appendices, Air Quality Impact Analysis, page 5.

⁴ South Coast Air Quality Management District. March 3, 2017. 2016 Air Quality Management Plan. Accessed at: <u>http://www.aqmd.gov/home/library/clean-air-plans/air-quality-mgt-plan</u>.

SCAQMD Staff's General Comments

As described in the 2016 AQMP, achieving NOx emissions reductions in a timely manner is critical to attaining the National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for ozone before the 2023 and 2031 deadlines. SCAQMD is committed to attaining the ozone NAAQS as expeditiously as practicable.

SCAQMD staff has comments on MM AQ-1 and MM AQ-2. While MM AQ-1 discussed the 2010 model year trucks, it was not clear to SCAQMD staff if 2010 model year or newer trucks would be used during operation of the Proposed Project and how the Lead Agency would enforce the use. For example, it was not clear if 165 heavy-duty, diesel-fueled trucks per day allowed under Option A and 210 heavy-duty, diesel-fueled trucks per day allowed under Option B would be required to have a 2010 model year or newer truck engine. Additionally, SCAQMD staff recommends that the Lead Agency revise MM AQ-2 to require the use of Tier 4 construction equipment of 50 horsepower or greater. Please see the attachment for more information.

Conclusion

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15074, prior to approving the Proposed Project, the Lead Agency shall consider the MND for adoption together with any comments received during the public review process. Please provide SCAQMD with written responses to all comments contained herein prior to the adoption of the Final MND. When responding to issues raised in the comments, response should provide sufficient details giving reasons why specific comments and suggestions are not accepted. There should be good faith, reasoned analysis in response. Conclusory statements unsupported by factual information do not facilitate the purpose and goal of CEQA on public disclosure and are not meaningful or useful to decision makers and the public who are interested in the Proposed Project.

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Sincerely,

Lijin Sun

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Attachment LS:AM <u>SBC181128-02</u> Control Number

ATTACHMENT

Recommended Changes to Mitigation Measure (MM) AQ-1 and MM AQ-2:

1. CEQA requires that all feasible mitigation measures that go beyond what is required by law be utilized to minimize or eliminate any significant adverse impacts. SCAQMD staff recommends that the Lead Agency incorporate the following changes to MM AQ-1 and MM AQ-2 in the Final MND to further reduce the Proposed Project's construction and operational emissions. For more information on potential mitigation measures as guidance to the Lead Agency, please visit SCAQMD's CEQA Air Quality Handbook website⁵.

MM AQ-1: 2010 Model Year or Newer Truck Engines

MM AQ-1 has two options to reduce NOx emissions during operation. Option A limits the number of heavy-duty, diesel-fueled trucks accessing the Proposed Project site to 165 trucks per day, if the truck fleet is older than the 2010 U.S. EPA/CARB truck engine standards. Implementation of Option A would reduce the Proposed Project's operational NOx emissions to at least 54.45 pounds per day⁶. Option B limits the number of heavy-duty, diesel-fueled trucks accessing the Proposed Project site to 210 trucks per day, if the truck fleet is wholly or partially older than the 2010 U.S. EPA/CARB truck engine standards. Implementation of Option B would reduce the Proposed Project site to 210 trucks per day, if the truck fleet is wholly or partially older than the 2010 U.S. EPA/CARB truck engine standards. Implementation of Option B would reduce the Proposed Project's operational NOx emissions to at least 54.44 pounds per day⁷.

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⁵ South Coast Air Quality Management District. Accessed at: <u>http://www.aqmd.gov/home/regulations/ceqa/air-quality-analysis-handbook</u>.

⁶ *Ibid*. Page 38.

⁷ *Ibid*. Page 39.

⁸ Based on a review of the California Air Resources Board's diesel truck regulations, 2010 model year diesel haul trucks should have already been available and can be obtained in a successful manner for the project construction California Air Resources Board. March 2016. Available at: <u>http://www.truckload.org/tca/files/ccLibraryFiles/Filename/00000003422/California-Clean-Truck-and-Trailer-Update.pdf</u> (See slide #23).

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Additional Recommended Mitigation Measures:

2. In addition to the recommended changes to the existing MM AQ-1 and MM AQ-2, SCAQMD staff recommends that the Lead Agency incorporate the following mitigation measures for operational air quality impacts from mobile sources and other area sources in the Final MND.

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General Comments:

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