ATTACHMENT 1

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NEGATIVE DECLARATION ND-2016-06 Preparation Date: November 10, 2016

Name or Title of Project: Freeway Sign Ordinance.

<u>Location</u>: 660 feet of the centerline of Interstate 15 and may be located near freeway interchanges that exist or are planned at Bear Valley Road, Main Street, Poplar/Muscatel Street, Ranchero Road or Oak Hill Road. (Citywide)

Entity or Person Undertaking Project: City of Hesperia

<u>Description of Project</u>: A Development Code Amendment (DCA16-00002) of the City of Hesperia to allow freeway signs between 60 and 100 feet in height along the Interstate 15 freeway. This is in addition to other on premise signs currently permitted for commercial or industrial development. Such signs must serve developments of at least 35 contagious acres and no more than two signs would be permitted per development. The revised sign regulations would also remove the City's Pylon Sign program, adopted in 2014, as recent Caltrans decisions on these signs regard them as billboards and would not permit their construction as required by the City's pylon sign regulations. In addition, the City's current requirement to allow any business within the City to advertise does not comport with the State's definition of an on premise sign.

<u>Statement of Findings</u>: The City Council has reviewed the Initial Study for this proposed project and has found that there are no significant adverse environmental impacts to either the man-made or physical environmental setting with inclusion of the following mitigation measures and does hereby direct staff to file a Notice of Determination, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Mitigation Measures:

- A Sign Plan Review shall be submitted in order to review architecture is consistent with approved Exhibit 'A', and to ensure digital display timing and lighting are consistent with Caltrans regulations.
- 2. A pre-construction survey for the burrowing owl shall be conducted by a City approved, licensed biologist, no more than 30 days prior to commencement of grading.
- 3. If cultural resources are found during grading, then grading activities shall cease and the applicant shall contract with a City approved archaeologist or paleontologist to monitor grading prior to resuming grading. All cultural resources discovered shall be handled in accordance with state and federal law. Further, prior to completion of the project, the applicant shall submit a report describing all cultural resources encountered during grading.

A copy of the Initial Study and other applicable documents used to support the proposed Negative Declaration is available for review at the City of Hesperia Planning Department.

Public Review Period: November 14, 2016 through December 19, 2016.
Adopted by the City Council:
Attest:

DAVE RENO, AICP, PRINCIPAL PLANNER

CITY OF HESPERIA INITIAL STUDY ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST FORM

Project title: Freeway Signs

Lead agency name and address: City of Hesperia Planning Department, 9700 Seventh Avenue, Hesperia, CA 92345.

Contact person and phone number: Dave Reno, Principal Planner (760) 947-1235.

Project location: 660 feet from the Interstate 15 right-of-way located near freeway interchanges that exist or are planned at Bear Valley Road, Main Street, Poplar/Muscatel Street, Ranchero Road or Oak Hill Road.

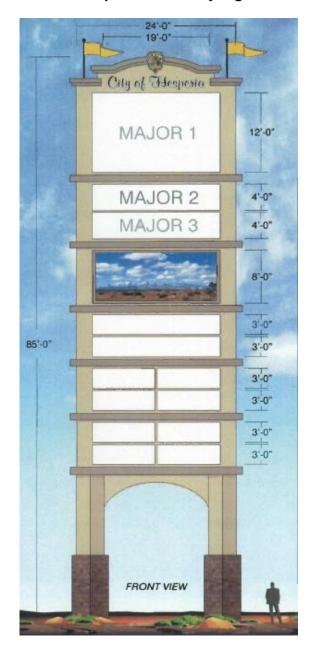
Project sponsor's name and address: City of Hesperia, 9700 Seventh Avenue, Hesperia, CA 92345

General plan designation: Regional Commercial, Auto Sales Commercial, Office Professional, Neighborhood Commercial, and Industrial Commercial.

Zoning: Regional Commercial, Auto Sales Commercial, Office Professional, Neighborhood Commercial, and Industrial Commercial.

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Example of a Freeway Sign

Surrounding land uses and setting: (Briefly describe the project's surroundings.) Properties are located within Districts of the Main Street and Freeway Corridor Specific Plan (Specific Plan).

Other public agency whose approval is required (e.g., permits, financing approval, or participation agreement.) Review and approval is required from the City.

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:

The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project, involving at least one impact that is a "Potentially Significant Impact" as indicated by the checklist on the following pages.

Aesthetics	Agricultural Resources	Air Quality
Biological Resources	Cultural Resources	Geology / Soils
Hazards & Hazardous Materials	Hydrology / Water Quality	Land Use / Planning
Mineral Resources	Noise	Population / Housing
Public Services	Recreation	Transportation / Traffic
Utilities / Service Systems	Mandatory Findings of Significance	

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DETERMINATION: (Completed by the Lead Agency)	
On the basis of this initial evaluation:	"De minimis"
I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.	
X 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	
I find that the proposed project MAY have a "potentially significant impact" or "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 the 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 project, nothing further is required.	
Signature Date	
Dave Reno - Principal Planner, Hesperia Planning Department	

EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

- 1. A brief explanation is provided for all answers except "No Impact" answers that are adequately supported by the information sources a lead agency cites in the parentheses following each question. A "No Impact" answer is adequately supported if the referenced information sources show that the impact simply does not apply to projects like the one involved (e.g., the project falls outside a fault rupture zone). A "No Impact" answer should be explained where it is based on project-specific factors as well as general standards (e.g., the project will not expose sensitive receptors to pollutants, based on a project-specific screening analysis).
- 2. All answers must take account of the whole action involved, including off- as well as on-site, cumulative as well as project-level, indirect as well as direct, and construction as well as operational impacts.
- 3. Once the lead agency has determined that a particular physical impact may occur, then the checklist answers must indicate whether the impact is potentially significant, less than significant with mitigation, or less than significant. "Potentially Significant Impact" is appropriate if there is substantial evidence that an effect may be significant. If there are one or more "Potentially Significant Impact" entries when the determination is made, an EIR is required.
- **4.** "Negative Declaration: Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated" applies where the incorporation of mitigation measures has reduced an effect from "Potentially Significant Impact" to a "Less Significant Impact." The lead agency must describe the mitigation measures, and briefly explain how they reduce the effect to a less than significant level (mitigation measures from Section XVII, "Earlier Analyses," may be cross-referenced).
- **5.** Earlier analyses may be used where, pursuant to the tiering, program EIR, or other CEQA process, an effect has been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or negative declaration. Section 15063(c)(3)(D). In this case, a brief discussion should identify the following:
 - a) Earlier Analysis Used. Identify and state where they are available for review.
 - b) Impacts Adequately Addressed. Identify which effects from the above checklist were within the scope of and adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and state whether such effects were addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis.
 - c) Mitigation Measures. For effects that are "Less than Significant with Mitigation Measures Incorporated," describe the mitigation measures which were incorporated or refined from the earlier document and the extent to which they address site-specific conditions for the project.
- **6.** Lead agencies are encouraged to incorporate into the checklist references to information sources for potential impacts (e.g., general plans, zoning ordinances). Reference to a previously prepared or outside document should, where appropriate, include a reference to the page or pages where the statement is substantiated.
- 7. Supporting information sources: A source list should be attached, and other sources used or individuals contacted should be cited in the discussion.
- **8.** This is only a suggested form, and lead agencies are free to use different formats; however, lead agencies should normally address the questions from this checklist that are relevant to a project's environmental effects in whatever format is selected.
- **9.** The explanation of each issue should identify:
 - a) The significance criteria or threshold, if any, used to evaluate each question; and
 - b) The mitigation measure identified, if any, to reduce the impact to less than significance.

ISSUES

I. AESTHETICS. Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?			X	
b) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?				X
c) Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings?			Χ	
d) Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?		X		

Comments.

The City contains many scenic views of the Mojave Desert, the Mojave River, the San Bernardino and San Gabriel Mountains, as well as the Summit Valley area. The GPUEIR addresses the scenic vistas and focuses on preservation of natural open space to protect sensitive environments and specific amenities like washes, bluffs, Joshua tree forests and juniper woodlands (3). The proposed freeway signs will be located within the commercial corridors along the freeway and are not being proposed in a sensitive environment. Further, a state scenic highway does not traverse the City (2); although state Highways 138 and 173, which are located within the southern portion of the City, are eligible for being designated scenic highways. The proposed freeway signs will not be in proximity to these highways. Furthermore, the City does not contain any registered historic buildings.

Construction of the freeway signs would not significantly change the visual character of the area. Development of similar signage is currently allowed for freeway oriented development. Signage allowed as part of this project will be in addition to signs that are currently allowed as part of any new development that qualifies for freeway signage, so the environmental impact would be slightly greater than that identified under the General Plan Update Environmental Impact Report (GPUEIR). Therefore, the impact of this project is not significant. Several commercial zoning designations including, Regional Commercial (RC), Auto Sales Commercial (ASC), Office Professional (OP), Neighborhood Commercial, (NC), and Commercial Industrial Business Park (CIBP) will be eligible for this type of development.

The development of these freeway signs is subject to the maximum sign height of between 60 and 100 feet. Besides limiting the building height this project will set forth regulations and specify minimum architectural standards as implemented through the sign plan review process. The location, height and area will be subject to a study that will evaluate the optimal location in relation to freeway off-ramps, overpasses, existing development and topography. Signs incorporating digital displays may not be closer than 1000 feet from another digital display on the same side of the freeway and will be subject to current Caltrans regulations as to brightness, frequency of changeable copy and depiction of movement. Based upon these regulations, the use will not adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area. Finally these signs are limited to development of at least 35 contiguous acres. As such, staff does not expect many of these signs to be built, except for larger projects proximate to each existing or planned freeway interchange. Therefore, approval of the proposed project will not have a significant negative impact upon aesthetics.

II. AGRICULTURE RESOURCES. In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and State Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Dept. of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?				X
b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?				Χ
c) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use?				X

The City contains few sites currently in agricultural use and only two properties within a Williamson Act contract. This action will not change the zoning of any properties designated as prime or unique farmland and will not negate any Williamson Act contract (6).

The City and its Sphere Of Influence (SOI) is located within the Mojave bioregion, primarily within the urban and desert land use classes (9). The southernmost portions of the City and SOI contain a narrow distribution of land within the shrub and conifer woodland bioregions. These bioregions do not contain sufficient forest land for viable timber production and are ranked as low priority landscapes (10). The project will affect the western portion of the City within the Interstate 15 corridor in the urban area and is substantially surrounded by urban development. During the nineteenth century, juniper wood from Hesperia was harvested for use in fueling bakery kilns. Use of juniper wood was discontinued when oil replaced wood in the early twentieth century (7). As a consequence, local timber production has not occurred since that time. Therefore, this project will not have an impact upon forest land or timberland.

III. AIR QUALITY. Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management or air pollution control district may be relied upon to make the following determinations. Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?				Х
b) Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?				Х
c) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?				X
d) Expose sensitive receptors to substandard pollutant concentrations?				X
e) Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?				X

The General Plan Update and its Environmental Impact Report (EIR) addresses the impact of build-out in accordance with the Land Use Plan, with emphasis upon the impact upon sensitive receptors (11 & 12). Sensitive receptors refer to land uses and/or activities that are especially sensitive to poor air quality. Sensitive receptors typically include homes, schools, playgrounds, hospitals, convalescent homes, and other facilities where children or the elderly may congregate. These population groups are generally more sensitive to poor air quality. The proposed signs will not contain sensitive receptors. The signs will not cause a significant increase in emissions and are within existing commercial areas and not near a point source emitting a significant amount of poor air quality.

The Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District (MDAQMD) has published a number of studies that demonstrate that the Mojave Desert Air Basin (MDAB) can be brought into attainment for particulate matter and ozone, if the South Coast Air Basin (SCAB) achieves attainment under its adopted Air Quality Management Plan. The High Desert and most of the remainder of the desert has been in compliance with most federal and state standards for many years and studies indicate that ozone levels have been decreasing over the past 20 years (12). The ability of MDAQMD to comply with ozone ambient air quality standards will depend upon the ability of the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) to bring the ozone concentrations and precursor emissions into compliance with ambient air quality standards (11 & 12).

All uses identified within the Hesperia General Plan are classified as area sources by the MDAQMD (13). Programs have been established in the Air Quality Attainment Plan which addresses emissions caused by area sources. Both short-term (construction) emissions and the long-term (operational) emissions associated with the development were considered. Short-term airborne emissions will occur during the construction phase related to site preparation, land clearance, grading, excavation, and building construction; which will result in fugitive dust emissions. Construction equipment used during site preparation and construction activities will also generate emissions. Construction activities generally do not have the potential to generate a substantial amount of odors. The primary source of odors associated with construction activities are generated from the combustion petroleum products. However, such odors are part of the ambient odor environment of urban areas. In addition, the contractor will be required to obtain all pertinent operating permits from the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District (MDAQMD) for any equipment requiring AQMD permits.

The General Plan Update identifies large areas where future residential, commercial, industrial, and institutional development will occur. The General Plan Update Environmental Impact Report (GPUEIR) analyzed the impact to air quality upon build-out of the General Plan. Based upon this analysis, the City Council adopted a finding of a Statement of Overriding Considerations dealing with air quality impacts (14). Finally these signs will not contribute to additional development not already considered under the GPEIR.

IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES. Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service?		X		
b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, and regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service?				X

c) Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?	X
d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?	X
e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?	Х
f) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?	X

The potential project sites for these signs are not expected to support the Mohave ground squirrel, given the very low population levels of the species in the region and proximity to existing development. Further, the project sites are outside the area considered suitable habitat for the species (17). The desert tortoise is also not expected to inhabit the site, given that the development of the sign will not impact substantial portion of land (15). If a sign is proposed in combination with a commercial or industrial project, then that development would be analyzed and any impacts associated with the project would be identified. The sites are also outside the range of the arroyo toad, which has been documented to inhabit a portion of the Tapestry Specific Plan and adjacent areas (16).

The potential project sites are not within the boundary of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan. The General Plan Background Technical Report identifies two sensitive vegetation communities. These vegetation communities, the Southern Sycamore Alder Woodland and Mojave Riparian Forest, occur within the Tapestry Specific Plan and vicinity (16). The potential project sites are located along the western boundary of the northwest within a developed portion of the City (1 & 4). Consequently, approval of the ordinance will not have an impact upon biological resources, subject to the enclosed mitigation measures.

V. CULTURAL RESOURCES. Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in Section 15064.5?				Χ
b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to Section 15064.5?				Χ
c) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geological feature?				Х
d) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?		X		

Based review of aerial photos, there is no evidence that historic resources exist within the project's potential sites. In addition, these sites are not on the list of previously recorded cultural resources (18). This list, which was compiled as part of the 2010 General Plan Update; was created from the inventory of the National Register of Historic Properties, the California Historic Landmarks list, the California Points of Historic Interest list, and the California State Resources Inventory for San Bernardino County. Paleontological resources are not expected to exist on the project site. The Cultural Resources Sensitivity Map identifies the western portion of the City along Interstate 15 as area of cultural sensitivity (19). Consequently, if cultural resources are found during grading activities, grading shall cease and the applicant shall contract with a City approved archaeologist or paleontologist to monitor grading. All cultural resources discovered shall be handled in accordance with state and federal law. A report of all resources discovered as well as the actions taken shall be provided to the City prior to issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy. This mitigation measure is listed on page 22.

In the event that human remains are discovered during initial site work, grading shall cease until the County Coroner has made the necessary findings in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (20). Should the Coroner determine that the remains are Native American, the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) shall be contacted and the remains shall be handled in accordance with Public Resources Code Section 5097.98. Therefore, approval of the ordinance is not expected to have a significant impact upon cultural resources with inclusion of the mitigation measure.

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VI. GEOLOGY AND SOILS. Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:				
i) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.				X
ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?				Х
iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?				Χ
iv) Landslides?				Χ
b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?				X
c) Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?				X
d) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property?		X		

The potential project sites contain generally flat topography. No large hills or mountains are located within this area. According to Exhibit SF-1 of the General Plan Safety Element, no active faults are known or suspected to occur near or within the project sites. Further, they are not within an Alquist-Priolo Special Studies Zone or Earthquake Fault Zone (21). The City and Sphere of Influence (SOI) is near several major faults, including the San Andreas, North Frontal, Cleghorn, Cucamonga, Helendale, and San Jacinto faults (21 & 22). The nearest fault to the sites is the North Frontal fault, located approximately five miles to the east of the City.

The Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Act prohibits structures designed for human occupancy within 500 feet of a major active fault and 200 to 300 feet from minor active faults (23). The potential project sites are not located in an Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zone or within 500 feet of a fault (21 & 22).

As a function of obtaining a building final, the proposed freeway signs will be built in compliance with the Hesperia Municipal Code and the Building Code (44), which ensures that the signs will adequately resist the forces of an earthquake. In addition, prior to issuance of a grading permit, a soil study is required, which shall be used to determine the load bearing capacity of the native soil. Should the load bearing capacity be determined to be inadequate, compaction or other means of improving the load bearing capacity shall be performed in accordance with all development codes. Consequently, the impact upon the project regarding geology and soils is considered less than significant.

VII. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS. Would the project:	Potentially Significant	Significant With	Less Than Significant	No Impact
a) Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment (25) ?			Χ	
b) Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emission of greenhouse gases (25, 26 & 27)?			X	

Comments.

Assembly Bill 32 requires the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to develop regulations and market mechanisms that will ultimately reduce California's greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by 2020. In addition, Senate Bill 97 requires that all local agencies analyze the impact of greenhouse gases under CEQA and task the Office of Planning and Research (OPR) to develop CEQA guidelines "for the mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions or the effects of greenhouse gas emissions..."

On April 13, 2009, OPR submitted to the Secretary for Natural Resources its proposed amendments to the state CEQA Guidelines for greenhouse gas emissions, as required by Senate Bill 97 (Chapter 185, 2007). The Natural Resources Agency forwarded the adopted amendments and the entire rulemaking file to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) on December 31, 2009. On February 16, 2010, OAL approved the Amendments, which became effective on March 18, 2010 (28). This initial study has incorporated these March 18, 2010 Amendments.

Lead agencies may use the environmental documentation of a previously adopted Plan to determine that a project's incremental contribution to a cumulative effect is not cumulatively considerable if the project complies with the requirements of the Plan or mitigation program under specified circumstances. As part of the General Plan Update, the City adopted a Climate Action Plan (CAP)(25). The CAP provides policies along with implementation and monitoring which will enable the City of Hesperia to reduce greenhouse emissions 28 percent below business as usual by 2020, consistent with AB 32 (26).

Development of the proposed signs will not increase the greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions beyond that analyzed within the General Plan Update Environmental Impact Report (GPUEIR). If the sign is proposed in combination with a commercial or industrial project, then that development would be analyzed and any impacts associated with the project would be identified.

The apartment buildings will be equipped with energy efficient mechanical systems for heating and

VII. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS. Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?				X
b) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?				X
c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?				X
d) Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?				X
e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?				X
f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?				X
g) Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?				Χ
h) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?				X

Many hazardous chemicals are used in construction of buildings and structures. However, proper use of these materials will not result in a hazardous waste release. The apartments will not involve the routine transport or storage of hazardous wastes. These wastes are limited to regular household cleansers and other over-the-counter hazardous chemical products. Therefore, the potential project sites do not have the potential to become a hazardous waste site.

The project site is currently vacant and is not listed within any of the following hazardous site database systems, so it is unlikely that hazardous materials currently exist on-site:

- National Priorities List www.epa.gov/superfund/sites/query/basic.htm. List of national priorities among the known releases or threatened releases of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants throughout the United States. There are no known National Priorities List sites in the City of Hesperia.
- Site Mitigation and Brownfields Reuse Program Database <u>www.dtsc.ca.gov/database/Calsites/Index.cfm</u>. This database (also known as CalSites) identifies sites that have known contamination or sites that may have reason for further investigation. There are no known Site Mitigation and Brownfields Reuse Program sites in the City of Hesperia.
- Resource Conservation and Recovery Information System
 <u>www.epa.gov/enviro/html/rcris/rcris_query_java.html</u>. Resource Conservation and Recovery
 Information System is a national program management and inventory system of hazardous
 waste handlers. There are 53 Resource Conservation and Recovery Act facilities in the City of
 Hesperia. However, the project site is not a listed site.
- Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Information System (CERCLIS) (http://cfpub.epa.gov/supercpad/cursites/srchsites.cfm). This database contains information on hazardous waste sites, potential hazardous waste sites, and remedial activities across the nation. There is one Superfund site in the City of Hesperia. However, the project site is not located within or adjacent to the Superfund site.
- Solid Waste Information System (SWIS) (http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/SWIS/Search.asp). The SWIS database contains information on solid waste facilities, operations, and disposal sites throughout the State of California. There are three solid waste facilities in the City of Hesperia; however the project site is not listed.
- Leaking Underground Fuel Tanks (LUFT)/ Spills, Leaks, Investigations and Cleanups (SLIC) (http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/search/). This site tracks regulatory data about underground fuel tanks, fuel pipelines, and public drinking water supplies. There are fourteen LUFT sites in the City of Hesperia, six of which are closed cases. The project site is not listed as a LUFT site and there are no SLIC sites in the City of Hesperia.
- There are no known Formerly Used Defense Sites within the limits of the City of Hesperia http://hq.environmental.usace.army.mil/programs/fuds/fudsinv/fudsinv.html.

The proposed ordinance does not conflict with air traffic nor emergency evacuation plans. The potential sites are located over 5 miles west of the Hesperia Airport and is therefore not within a restricted use zone associated with air operations (29). Consequently, implementation of the project will not cause safety hazards to air operations.

The project's potential for exposing people and property to fire and other hazards was also examined. The site is located within an urbanized area and is not in an area susceptible to wildland fires. The southernmost and westernmost portions of the City are at risk, due primarily to proximity to the San Bernardino National Forest (30 & 31). All new structures associated with this project will be constructed to the latest building standards including applicable fire codes. Consequently, approval of the site plan review and associated freeway signs will not have any impact upon or be affected by hazards and hazardous materials.

VIII LIVEROLOGY AND WATER OLIALITY Would be a resident				
VIII. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY. Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?				Χ
b) Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?				X
c) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site?				X
d) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site?				X
e) Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?				X
f) Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?				X
g) Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary of Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map?				X
h) Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows?				X
 i) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam? 				X
j) Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?				X

Development of these signs will not disturb more land than would otherwise be developed at each potential site. Consequently, a Notice of Intent (NOI) and a general construction National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit will not be required prior to land disturbance (33).

This development will not significantly change absorption rates and potential drainage patterns, or the amount of surface water runoff, as the project consist of the development of signs alone (4). If the sign is proposed in combination with a commercial or industrial project, then that development would be analyzed and any impacts associated with the project would be identified. The City is downstream of three dams. These are the Mojave Forks, Cedar Springs, and Lake Arrowhead Dams. In the event of a catastrophic failure of one or more of the dams, the project site would not be inundated by floodwater (34). The areas most affected by a dam failure are located in the low lying areas of southern Rancho Las Flores, areas adjacent to the Antelope Valley Wash, and properties near the Mojave River.

The City of Hesperia is located just north of the Cajon Pass at an elevation of over 2,500 feet above sea level, which is over 60 miles from the Pacific Ocean. As such, the City is not under threat of a tsunami, otherwise known as a seismic sea wave (24). Similarly, the potential for a seiche to occur is remote, given the limited number of large water bodies within the City and its sphere. A seiche would potentially occur only in proximity to Silverwood Lake, Hesperia Lake and at recharge basins (24). The subject property exhibits at most a two percent slope. In addition, the water table is significantly more than 50 feet below the surface. The area north of Summit Valley contains steep slopes which have the potential to become unstable during storm events (35). Therefore, the conditions necessary to create a mudflow; a steep hillside with groundwater near the surface, do not exist at this location.

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The Hesperia Water District (HWD) is the water purveyor for the City and much of its Sphere Of Influence (SOI). The UWMP indicates that the City is currently using less than half of its available water supply and that supply is not projected to exceed demand beyond the year 2030 (32). The HWD has maintained a water surplus through purchase of water transfers, allocations carried over from previous years, and recharge efforts. Therefore, the impact upon hydrology and water quality associated with the site plan review and associated freeway signs are considered less than significant.

IX. LAND USE AND PLANNING. Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Physically divide an established community?				X

b) Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?		X
c) Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan?		Χ

The potential sites for freeway signs are mostly vacant and are surrounded by vacant land with the exception of the properties at Main Street and Bear Valley Road, which are currently vacant but located within an area with existing commercial development (1). The potential on premise signs are consistent with the General Plan because they support commercial and industrial lands uses intended in the land use element (4).

The potential sites are not within the boundary of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan. The General Plan Background Technical Report identifies two sensitive vegetation communities. These vegetation communities, the Southern Sycamore Alder Woodland and Mojave Riparian Forest community; exist within the Tapestry Specific Plan and vicinity (16). The project sites are located approximately seven miles northwest of this sensitive area and is within a developed portion of the City.

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X. MINERAL RESOURCES. Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?				X
b) Result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?				X

Comments.

According to data in the Conservation Element of the City's General Plan, no naturally occurring important mineral resources occur within the potential project sites (36). Known mineral resources within the City and sphere include sand and gravel, which are prevalent within wash areas and active stream channels. Sand and gravel is common within the Victor Valley. Consequently, the proposed project would not have an impact upon mineral resources.

XI. NOISE. Would the project result in:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?				X
b) Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?				Χ
c) A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?				X
d) A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?				Χ

e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?		X
f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?		X

Approval of the proposed signs will result in both construction noise and operational noise, mostly associated with trucks and vehicular traffic to and from the site. According to the General Plan, the majority of noise sources within the City are mobile sources, which include motor vehicles (37). Freeways, major arterials, railroads, airports, industrial, commercial, and other human activities contribute to noise levels. Apart from the noise during construction, noises associated with this type of project will be mostly from traffic caused by arriving and departing vehicles to do maintenance on the signs.

Noise levels associated with construction activities may be significantly higher than the existing ambient noise levels in the vicinity of the project site. Noise generated by construction equipment, including trucks, graders, backhoes, well drilling equipment, bull-dozers, concrete mixers and portable generators can reach high levels and is typically one of the sources for the highest potential noise impact of a project. However, the construction noise would diminish as construction is completed. The proposed project must adhere to the requirements of the City of Hesperia Noise Ordinance (38). The Noise Ordinance contains an exemption from the noise level regulations during grading and construction activities occurring between 7:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M., Monday through Saturday, except federal holidays.

The potential project sites are over 5 miles west of the Hesperia Airport. At this distance, the project is not impacted by any safety zones associated with this private airport (39). The project sites are even farther from the Southern California Logistics Airport (SCLA) and the Apple Valley Airport and will not be affected by any safety zones for these airports.

The General Plan Update identifies areas where future residential, commercial, industrial, and institutional development will occur. The GPUEIR analyzed the noise impact upon build-out of the General Plan to the maximum allowable density permitted by the Land Use Plan. Based upon the analysis, the City Council adopted a Statement of Overriding Considerations dealing with noise impacts (14). This project is consistent with the Specific Plan and no appreciable difference in noise impact will occur.

XII. POPULATION AND HOUSING. Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?				X
b) Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				Χ
c) Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				Χ

The subject property is within the Commercial and Industrial Districts of the Specific Plan (5). Since the project proposes to develop signs to advertise larger commercial or industrial development, its potential effect as a growth-inducing factor is less than significant. As the signs are part of a larger development then development would be analyzed any impacts associated with the project would be would be identified. Consequently, the proposed project will not cause a significant additional population or housing impact. In addition, this project will not displace any existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere, since the site is currently vacant.

The sites are currently served by water, sewer, and other utility systems (40). Therefore, development of the project would not cause a significant negative impact upon existing public facilities. Completion of the project would also have a less than significant impact upon population and housing, as no increase in density for residential uses is proposed.

XIII. PUBLIC SERVICES.	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for the new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:				X
Fire protection?				X
Police protection?				X
Schools?				X
Parks?				X
Other public facilities?				X

Comments.

The proposed project will not create an increase in demand for public services (5), therefore it will not be greater than that anticipated as part of the GPUEIR. The potential sites are currently adjacent to both sewer and water lines adequate to serve the development. Therefore, the impact of the site plan review and associated freeway signs on public services are less than significant.

XIV. RECREATION.	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?			X	
b) Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?				X

This project will not result in an increase in population growth beyond that which is planned for in the City's Land Use Element and the Specific Plan. Construction of these signs will allow for advertising of businesses located along the freeway. The impact will not result in an increase in population growth beyond that which is planned for in the City's Land Use Element and the Specific Plan, as no residential uses are proposed. Therefore, its impact upon existing recreational facilities will be minimal.

XV. TRANSPORTATION / TRAFFIC. Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Cause an increase in traffic which is substantial in relation to the existing traffic load and capacity of the street system (i.e., result in a substantial increase in either the number of vehicle trips, the volume to capacity ratio on roads, or congestion at intersections)?				X
b) Exceed, either individually or cumulatively, a level of service standard established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways?			X	
c) Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks?			X	
d) Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?				X
e) Result in inadequate emergency access?				X
f) Result in inadequate parking capacity?				X

Comments.

The potential project sites are located within the Commercial and Industrial Districts of the Specific Plan. Consequently, the GPEIR analyzed development on this site. This project will not increase additional traffic not already accounted as part of the development that is being advertised on the proposed freeway pylon signs.

The General Plan Update identifies areas where future residential, commercial, industrial, and institutional development will occur. The GPUEIR analyzed the impact upon transportation at build-out of the General Plan to the maximum allowable density permitted by the Land Use Plan. Based upon the analysis, the City Council adopted a Statement of Overriding Considerations dealing with transportation impacts (14). The proposed signs will not cause an increase in traffic from that which was analyzed under the GPUEIR. Consequently, the impact of the project upon transportation systems is less than significant.

XVI. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS. Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?				X
b) Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?				X

c) Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?		X
d) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed?	3	X
e) Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?		X
f) Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs?		X
g) Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?		X

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The City is in compliance with the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989, which requires that 50 percent of the solid waste within the City be recycled (43). Currently, approximately 71 percent of the solid waste within the City is being recycled (41 & 42). About 152 tons of solid waste is disposed at the landfill and 214 tons are recycled of the total solid waste produced by the City per day. The waste disposal hauler for the City has increased the capacity of its Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) to 600 tons per day in order to accommodate future development. Since the project to allow the development of freeway signs and no commercial development is being associated or analyzed in this study, the project will not cause a significant negative impact upon utilities and service systems.

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a) Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?	X	
b) Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects.)	X	
c) Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse affects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?		Χ

Based upon the analysis in this initial study, a Negative Declaration may be adopted. Development of this project will have a minor effect upon the environment. These impacts are only significant to the degree that mitigation measures are necessary.

XVIII. EARLIER ANALYSES.

Earlier analyses may be used where, pursuant to the tiering, program EIR, or other CEQA process, one or more effects have been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or negative declaration. Section 15063 (c)(3)(D). In this case a discussion identifies the following:

The Certified General Plan Environmental Impact Report.

- a) Earlier analyses used. Earlier analyses are identified and stated where they are available for review.
- b) **Impacts adequately addressed.** Effects from the above checklist that were identified to be within the scope of and adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards are noted with a statement whether such effects were addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis.
- c) **Mitigation measures.** For effects that are "Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated," describe the mitigation measures which are incorporated or refined from the earlier document and the extent to which they address site-specific conditions for the project are described.

The following mitigation measure is recommended as a function of this project:

- 4. A Sign Plan Review shall be submitted in order to review architecture is consistent with approved Exhibit 'A', and to ensure digital display timing and lighting are consistent with Caltrans regulations.
- 5. A pre-construction survey for the burrowing owl shall be conducted by a City approved, licensed biologist, no more than 30 days prior to commencement of grading.
- 6. If cultural resources are found during grading, then grading activities shall cease and the applicant shall contract with a City approved archaeologist or paleontologist to monitor grading prior to resuming grading. All cultural resources discovered shall be handled in accordance with state and federal law. Further, prior to completion of the project, the applicant shall submit a report describing all cultural resources encountered during grading.

Authority: Public Resources Code Sections 21083 and 21087.

REFERENCES

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- (21) Section 3.0 of the 2010 City of Hesperia General Plan Safety Element, Exhibit SF-1.
- (22) Section 1.2.2 of the 2010 City of Hesperia General Plan Update Safety Element background technical report, Figure 1-2.
- (23) Chapter 1 of the 2010 City of Hesperia General Plan Update Safety Element background technical report, page 1-12.
- (24) Section 3.0 of the 2010 City of Hesperia General Plan Safety Element, pages SF-5 thru SF-11.

- (25) Section 1 of the 2010 City of Hesperia General Plan Update Climate Action Plan, page 1.
- (26) Section 3 of the 2010 City of Hesperia General Plan Update Climate Action Plan, page 18.
- (27) Table 5 of Section 3 of the 2010 City of Hesperia General Plan Update Climate Action Plan, pages 20 and 21.
- (28) Hazardous Materials Section of the 2010 Hesperia General Plan Safety Element, pages SF-31 thru SF-33.
- (29) Section 3 of the 2010 City of Hesperia General Plan Update Land Use Element, pages LU-60 and LU-61.
- (30) Map showing very high fire hazard areas, flood zones, and significant hazardous materials sites of the 2010 City of Hesperia General Plan Update Safety Element, Exhibit SF-2.
- (31) Fire Hazard Section of the 2010 Hesperia General Plan Update Environmental Impact Report (GPUEIR), page 3.7-9.
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