

VARIANCE

APPLICATION PROCESS

STEP 1 INITIAL CONSULTATION

Applicants are encouraged to consult with Community Development Department staff prior to submittal of an application.

STEP 2 APPLICATION SUBMITTAL

FEE A list of current fees is available at the Community Development Department (Planning Counter) and on the Community Development Department website. The following forms of payment are accepted: cash, credit card (processing fee of \$1.35 or 2.29% [whichever is greater] applies), debit card (processing fee of \$1.35 applies) and check (made payable to San Joaquin County Treasurer).

FORM Seven (7) copies of the completed application with signatures from all owners

SITE PLAN Twelve (12) copies of a folded 24" x 36" site plan, and two (2) reduced 81/2 x 11 copies

AIRPORT LAND One (1) copy of a receipt from the Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC), if applicable. Projects requiring ALUC review include:

- Structures (including antennae) over 200 feet in height
- All projects located within Airport Influence Areas

For current fees visit: https://www.sjcog.org/DocumentCenter/View/5043/2019-ALUC-Fee-Schedule

For project review guidelines visit:

https://sjcog.org/DocumentCenter/View/5041/2019-ALUC –Project-Review-Guidelines?bidld=

DEED One (1) copy of the recorded deed(s) of the property

APPLICATION The Community Development Department will review the application for completion. Pursuant to COMPLETE Government Code §65943; 14 California Code of Regulations §§ 15060(a), 1510, the Community Development Department will notify the applicant in writing within 30 days from the date of submittal whether the application is deemed complete for processing.

STEP 3 APPLICATION PROCESSING

- CEQA The Community Development Department will determine if the project is subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and process the applicable environmental document accordingly. Processing times may vary depending on the applicable level of environmental review.
- REVIEW Variance applications are reviewed using the Public Hearing Procedure (Development Title Chapter 9-220)
- APPEAL Unless otherwise specified, the Planning Commissions' determination may be appealed to the Board of Supervisors. (Development Title Section 9-220.11).

STEP 4 CONDITIONS AND ADDITIONAL PERMITS

ADDITIONAL Approved projects may be subject to additional permitting requirements. PERMITS

NOTICEA Notice of Determination for approved development projects subject to CEQA shall be filedOFby the Community Development Department within five (5) working days of project approval.DETERMINATIONA fee, as determined by the Department of Fish and Wildlife, shall be required prior to filing.
(Public Resource Code § 15075)

For current fees visit: https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/CEQA/Fees





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Owner Information	Applicant Information
Name:	Name:
Mailing Address:	Mailing Address:
Phone:	Phone:
Email:	Email:
Applicant's Representative Information	Design Professional Information
Name:	Name:
Mailing Address:	Mailing Address:
Phone:	Phone:
Email:	Email:

Project Description (Attach additional sheets as necessary)		
Is this application being processed concurrent with another land use	e permit? Yes 🗌 No 🗌	
Application type:	Application number:	

Property Information					
Assessor Parcel Number	Property Address	Property Size	Williamson Act Contract (Y or N)		



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Airport Land Use Commission					
Within an Airport Area of Influence?	Yes 🗌 No 🗌	Includes structure over 200 feet in height?	Yes 🗌 No 🗌	ALUC fees paid?	Yes 🗌 No 🗌

SERVICES

Water					
Public	Service Provider:	Will Serve Letter Provided	Distance to Public Water:		
Private	Existing Well	New Well	Well Replacement		

Wastewater Disposal					
Public	Service Provider:	Will Serve Letter Provided	Distance to Public Sewer:		
Private	Existing Septic System	New Septic System	Septic System Replacement		
If the project will result in process wastewater provide the following information:	Description of process wastewater:	Volume of process wastewater:	Method of disposal:		

Storm Drainage				
Public Service Provider: Will Serve Letter Provided Distance to Public Storm				
Private Existing On-site Retention Pond		New On-site Retention Pond	Natural Drainage	

OTHER PUBLIC SERVICES

School Service		Fire Protection	Service
Service Provider	Distance to School	Service Provider	Distance to Fire Station



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	Existing Roads					
	Road/Street Name	R.O.W. Width	Pavement Width	Curb/Gutter	Sidewalks	
				Yes 🗌 No 🗌	Yes 🗌 No 🗌	
				Yes 🗌 No 🗌	Yes 🗌 No 🗌	
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		Findings				
	Special Circumstances. Because of the special cir location, or surroundings, the strict application of the vicinity and under identical zoning classification.	rcumstances applicable t e regulation deprives the	to the property, includ property of privileges	ling size, shape, to s enjoyed by other	ppography, property in the	
2.	No Detriment. The Variance will not be detrimental or the public health, safety or general welfare.	l or injurious to property o	or improvements in th	e vicinity of the su	bject property,	
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3.	No Special Privileges. The granting of the Varianc upon other properties in the vicinity and zone in whi	e will not constitute a gra ich the property is situate	ant of special privilege	es inconsistent with	h the limitations	



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4.	Use Authorized. The Variance will not authorize a use or activity which is not otherwise expressly authorized by the regulation governing the parcel of property.
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5.	Variances for Parking (if applicable). In the case of parking regulations, a Variance may be granted in order that some or all the required parking spaces be located off-site, or that in-lieu fees or facilities be provided instead of the required parking spaces, provided that the Planning Commission determines that:
	 a) The Variance will be an incentive to, and a benefit for, nonresidential development; and b) The Variance will facilitate access to nonresidential development by patrons of public transit facilities.
6.	Variance for Open Space (if applicable). In the case of open space regulations, a Variance may be granted only if doing so is consistent with Government Code Section 65911 and the requested Variance will not conflict with General Plan policies governing orderly growth and development and the preservation and conservation of open space lands.



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LEVINE ACT

Effective January 1, 2023, California Political Reform Act of 1974, Government Code § 84308, known as the Levine Act, prohibits any San Joaquin County Board of Supervisor member from participating in any agenda item involving a discretionary land use permit or other entitlements if the Board member has received any political contributions from the owner, applicant, or agent for the owner or applicant totaling more than \$250 in the 12 months before the decision (but not before January 1, 2023) and for the 12 months following the decision. The Act also prohibits an owner, applicant, or agent for the owner or applicant from making a contribution of more than \$250 to a member of the Board of Supervisors while the item is pending and for the 12 months following the date a final decision is rendered.

AUTHORIZATION SIGNATURES ONLY THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY OR AN AUTHORIZED AGENT MAY FILE AN APPLICATION

I, the Owner/Applicant/Agent agrees to indemnify, defend (with counsel reasonably approved by County), and hold harmless the County and its officers, officials, employees, agents, boards and commissions (collectively "County") as follows:

1. INDEMNITY:

A. From and against any and all claims, demands, actions, proceedings, lawsuits, losses, damages, judgments and/or liabilities arising out of, related to, or in connection with the application and applied for project or to attack, set aside, void, or annul, in whole or in part, an approval of the applied for project by the County, the adoption of environmental review documents related to the applied for project, and any related development approvals or project conditions for the applied for project (hereinafter "Claim");

B. For any and all costs and expenses incurred by the County on account of any Claim, except where such indemnification is prohibited by law, including but not limited to damages, costs, expenses, attorney's fees, or expert witness costs that may be asserted by any person or entity, private attorney general fees claimed by or awarded to any party against the County, and the County's costs incurred in preparing an administrative record which are not paid by the petitioner.

C. Except as to the County's sole negligence or willful misconduct.

2. DEFENSE:

A. The County may participate or direct the defense of any Claim. The County's actions in defense of any claim shall not relieve me of any obligation to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the County.

B. In the event of a disagreement between County and me regarding defense of any Claim, the County shall have the authority to control the litigation and make litigation decisions, including, but not limited to, the manner in which the defense is conducted.

C. If the County reasonably determines that having common counsel presents such counsel with a conflict of interest, or if I fail to promptly assume the defense of any Claim or to promptly employ counsel reasonably satisfactory to the County, then County may utilize the Office of the County Counsel or employ separate outside counsel to represent or defend the County, and I shall pay the reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of such counsel.

I, further, certify under penalty of perjury that I am (check one):

Legal property owner (owner includes partner, trustee, trustor, or corporate officer) of the property(s) involved in this application, or

Legal agent (attach proof of the owner's consent to the application of the properties involved in this application) and have been authorized to file on their behalf, and that the foregoing application statements are true and correct.

Print Name:	Signature:	Date:
Print Name:	Signature:	Date:





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SITE PLAN CHECKLIST

(Site plans must contain all applicable information contained in this checklist) ***Incomplete site plans will not be accepted***

SITE PLAN FORMAT:

The site plan shall include the following;

- Size: 24" x 36"
- North Arrow pointing towards the top of the page
- Location and names of all streets and easements bordering on the property with access details
- All property lines or boundary lines of the parcel with dimensions
- ☐ Vicinity map showing the location of the property in relation to surrounding streets

PROJECT DETAILS:

- Identify and label all existing and proposed structures with dimensions, square footage, distances from other structures and property lines, and addresses
- Identify and label all existing structures proposed for removal
- Identify the location, dimensions and surface material of all existing and proposed parking and driveways (See Chapter 9-1015 of the Development Title for Parking & Loading Regulations)

SERVICES: (If public services will be utilized, a "will-serve" letter must be submitted from the service provider.)

Well: (Contact the Environmental Health Department at 209-468-3420 for well regulations)

- Identify and label existing and proposed private water wells on-site
- Identify and label any off-site private wells within 200 feet of the property boundaries
- The following setbacks shall apply for wells:
 - Domestic wells
 - 5 feet from any structural foundation or overhang
 - 10 feet from all property lines
 - 100 feet from private wastewater treatment systems (septic tanks) and leach lines
 - 150 feet from seepage pits or sumps deeper than 8 feet
 - Public water systems wells
 - 25 feet from property line
 - 150 feet from wastewater treatment systems (septic tanks), leach lines and filter beds
 - 200 feet from dispersal fields deeper than 8 feet and 600 feet from dispersal fields greater than 20 feet in depth

Wastewater Treatment: (Contact the Environmental Health Department at 209-468-3420 for questions regarding wastewater

regulations)

- Identify and label existing and proposed private wastewater treatment systems
- Identify and label existing private wastewater treatment systems (septic tanks) within 200 feet of the property boundaries
- Identify and label all existing and proposed septic systems with dispersal fields greater than 20 feet in depth within 600 feet of an existing or proposed public well
- All proposed septic systems must meet all setback requirements listed in Table 1.5 of the San Joaquin County Onsite Wastewater Treatment Standards (OWTS) (This document can be viewed at www.sigov.org/department/envhealth)



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SITE PLAN CHECKLIST continued

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- The following setbacks shall apply for private onsite wastewater treatment systems (septic tanks):
 - Private onsite wastewater treatment systems (septic tanks)
 - 5 feet from all property lines, structures, driveways and swimming pools
 - 100 feet from all domestic and irrigation wells, streams, waterways, drainage courses or ephemeral streams
 - 150 feet from all public water wells
 - Dispersal fields (leach lines)
 - 10 feet from all structures, driveways and swimming pools
 - 100 feet from all domestic and irrigation wells, streams, waterways, drainage courses or ephemeral streams
 - 150 feet from all public water wells
 - 200 feet from all public water wells if leach lines are greater than 8 feet in depth
 - 600 feet from all public water wells if leach lines are greater than 20 feet in depth
- Identify and label future replacement areas for all septic systems (replacement area equals 100% of the OWTS area)
- All proposed replacement areas must meet all setback requirements listed in Table 1.5 of the San Joaquin County Onsite Wastewater Treatment Standards (OWTS) (This document can be viewed at www.sjgov.org/department/envhealth)
- Identify and label all existing and proposed floor drains or other non-domestic wastewater collection systems
- Storm Drainage: (Contact the Department of Public Works at 209-468-3000 for questions regarding stormwater regulations)
- Identify and label existing and proposed storm drainage facilities

TOPOGRAPHY:

- Identify any unusual topographic features of the site such as steep slopes and drainage courses
- Identify topographic contours
- Identify any surface water (streams, ephemeral streams, irrigation canals, aqueducts, etc.) within 1 mile of all property boundaries (Note: If the surface water is not located adjacent to the subject property, a note on the site plan with approximate location is sufficient.)

LANDSCAPING:

- Identify and label existing and proposed landscaping. (See Chapter 9-1020 of the Development Title for Landscaping Regulations)
- Identify any trees proposed for removal

SIGNS:

Identify the location and dimensions of all existing and proposed signs including pole, monument, and attached signs. (See Chapters 9-1705 & 9-1710 for Sign Regulations)

FENCING & SCREENING:

 Identify the location and type of existing and proposed fencing and screening. (See Chapter 9-1022 of the Development Title for Fencing & Screening Regulations)

MISCELLANEOUS:

A Soil Suitability Study with Nitrate Loading Evaluation may be required prior to completion of the environmental review.



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SAMPLE SITE PLAN

