

1.0 INTRODUCTION

This Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) was prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines §15132. The County of Imperial (County) is the lead agency for the environmental review of the Le Conte Battery Energy Storage System (Project) and has the principal responsibility for approving the Project. This Draft SEIR assesses the expected environmental impacts resulting from approval of the Project.

1.1 Purpose and Use of the Draft SEIR

The County has prepared this Draft SEIR to provide the public and responsible and trustee agencies with information about the potential environmental effects of the Project. As set forth in the provisions of CEQA and implementing regulations, public agencies are charged with the duty to consider the environmental impacts of proposed development and to minimize these impacts where feasible while carrying out an obligation to balance a variety of public objectives, including economic, environmental, and social factors.

CEQA Guidelines §15121(a) states that an EIR is an informational document for decision-makers and the general public that analyzes the significant environmental effects of a project, identifies possible ways to minimize significant effects and describes reasonable alternatives to the project that could reduce or avoid its adverse environmental impacts. Public agencies with discretionary authority are required to consider the information in the EIR, along with any other relevant information, in making decisions on the project.

CEQA requires the preparation of an environmental impact report prior to approving any project which may have a significant effect on the environment. For the purposes of CEQA, the term “project” refers to the whole of an action which has the potential for resulting in a direct physical change or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment (CEQA Guidelines §15378[a]). With respect to the Le Conte Battery Energy Storage System, the County has determined that the proposed development is a “project” within the definition of CEQA.

In determining the level of environmental review needed for the proposed Project, Imperial County as the Lead Agency reviewed CEQA Guidelines §15162 Subsequent EIRs and Negative Declarations, and §15163 Supplement to an EIR. These sections of the Guidelines provide direction with regard to when additional environmental review is appropriate.

The proposed Project represents a new component that will be added to the existing approved Centinela Solar Energy Facility (CSE facility) project that was examined in the previously certified *Centinela Solar*

Energy Project Final Environmental Impact Report (2011 FEIR) (State Clearinghouse No. 2010111056). The Project was not envisioned or included at the time the approved CSE facility project was put forth. Per CEQA Guidelines §15163 (a)(2) “the Lead or Responsible Agency may choose to prepare a supplement to an EIR rather than a subsequent EIR if only minor additions or changes would be necessary to make the previous EIR adequately apply to the project in the changed situation.”

CEQA Guidelines §15163 provides a short-form method where only minor additions or changes to the previous EIR would be necessary to make that EIR apply in the changed situation [i.e. inclusion of the Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)]. §15163(b) thru (e) also provide essential interpretations of how to handle public notice, public review, and circulation of the supplement to the EIR as follows:

- (b) The supplement to the EIR need contain only the information necessary to make the previous EIR adequate for the project as revised.*
- (c) A supplement to an EIR shall be given the same kind of notice and public review as is given to a draft EIR under §15087.*
- (d) A supplement to an EIR may be circulated by itself without recirculating the previous draft or final EIR.*
- (e) When the agency decides whether to approve the project, the decision-making body shall consider the previous EIR as revised by the supplemental EIR. A finding under §15091 shall be made for each significant effect shown in the previous EIR as revised.*

Given that the proposed Project would be located within the existing footprint of the existing CSE Solar Project, the County determined that a SEIR was the appropriate level of environmental review.

1.2 Terminology

To assist reviewers in understanding this Draft SEIR, the following terms are defined:

- Project means the whole of an action that has the potential for resulting in a physical change in the environment, directly or indirectly.
- Environment means the physical conditions that exist in the area and that would be affected by a proposed project, including land, air, water, minerals, flora, fauna, ambient noise, and objects of historical or aesthetic significance. The area involved is where significant direct or indirect impacts would occur as a result of the project. The environment includes both natural and artificial conditions.

- Impacts analyzed under CEQA must be related to a physical change. Impacts are:
 - Direct or primary impacts that would be caused by the proposed projects and would occur at the same time and place; or
 - Indirect or secondary impacts that would be caused by the proposed projects and would be later in time or farther removed in distance but would still be reasonably foreseeable. Indirect or secondary impacts may include growth-inducing impacts and other effects related to induced changes in the pattern of land use; population density or growth rate; and related effects on air and water and other natural systems, including ecosystems.
- Significant impact on the environment means a substantial, or potentially substantial, adverse change in any of the physical conditions in the area affected by the proposed projects, including land, air, water, minerals, flora, fauna, ambient noise, and objects of historical or aesthetic significance. An economic or social change by itself is not considered a significant impact on the environment. A social or economic change related to a physical change may be considered in determining whether the physical change is significant.
- Mitigation consists of measures that avoid or substantially reduce the proposed Project's significant environmental impacts by:
 - Avoiding the impact altogether by not taking a certain action or parts of an action;
 - Minimizing impacts by limiting the degree or magnitude of the action and its implementation;
 - Rectifying the impact by repairing, rehabilitating, or restoring the affected environment;
 - Reducing or eliminating the impact over time by preservation and maintenance operations during the life of the action; or
 - Compensating for the impact by replacing or providing substitute resources or environments.
- Cumulative impacts are two or more individual impacts that, when considered together, are considerable or that compound or increase other environmental impacts. The following statements also apply when considering cumulative impacts:
 - The individual impacts may be changes resulting from a single project or separate projects.
 - The cumulative impact from several projects is the change in the environment that results from the incremental impact of the project when added to other closely related past, present, and reasonably foreseeable probable future projects. Cumulative impacts can result from individually minor but collectively significant projects taking place over time.

This Draft SEIR uses a variety of terms to describe the level of significance of adverse impacts. These terms are defined as follows:

Less than significant. An impact that is adverse but that does not exceed the defined thresholds of significance. Less-than-significant impacts do not require mitigation.

Significant. An impact that exceeds the defined thresholds of significance and would or could cause a substantial adverse change in the environment. Mitigation measures are recommended to eliminate the impact or reduce it to a less-than-significant level.

Significant and unavoidable. An impact that exceeds the defined thresholds of significance and cannot be eliminated or reduced to a less-than-significant level through the

1.3 Review and Certification Process

The following is an overview of the environmental review and certification process for the Project:

1.3.1 Initial Study and Notice of Preparation

In accordance with §15082 of the CEQA Guidelines, Imperial County prepared a Notice of Preparation (NOP) of an EIR on March 14, 2019. The County was identified as the lead agency for the proposed Project. The purpose of the notice was to solicit comments on the proposed project; therefore, it was circulated to interested parties as well as to the public, local, state, and federal agencies. The March 14, 2019 NOP, and comments responding to the NOP, are presented in Appendix A of the Draft SEIR.

1.3.2 Scoping Meeting

Pursuant to §15082 (c)(1) of the CEQA Guidelines, the lead agency is required to conduct at least one scoping meeting for all projects of statewide, regional, or area-wide significance. The scoping meeting is for jurisdictional agencies and interested persons or groups to provide comments regarding, but not limited to, the range of actions, alternatives, mitigation measures, and environmental effects to be analyzed. Imperial County hosted a scoping meeting at 6:00 p.m. on March 28, 2019, at the Imperial County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 2nd Floor, County Administration Center located at 940 Main Street, El Centro, CA 92243.

1.3.2.1 IS/NOP and Scoping Meeting Results

No verbal comments were received at the March 2019 scoping meeting. One verbal comment was received at the April 11, 2019 Environmental Evaluation Committee (EEC) meeting. Specific comments received during the scoping process are listed in Table 1-1 below.

Table 1-1: Summary of IS/NOP Comments

Commenter	Date	Summary of Comment
Greg O'Donnell	4/11/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Voiced support of the proposed Project and felt that a BESS is a great idea since it efficiently stores solar energy that is currently not being fully captured to later be injected onto the grid.

1.3.2.2 IS/NOP Written Comments

The specific environmental concerns received by Imperial County in response to the IS/NOP are summarized below in Table 1-2. This table is inclusive of written comments received by agencies prior to the official CEQA NOP review period, which occurred from March 14, 2019 through April 15, 2019. As indicated in Table 1-2 below, these agency comments were received prior to the official CEQA NOP review period in response to Le Conte Energy Storage, LLC's (Applicant) Conditional Use Permit (CUP) submittal.

Table 1-2: Summary of IS/NOP Comments

Commenter	Date	Summary of Comment
Imperial County Air Pollution Control District	8/10/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All construction and earthmoving activities are required to comply with Regulation VIII Fugitive Dust Rules. The proposed solar farm may be required to submit an Operational Dust Control Plan. The applicant should contact our Engineering Division in order to verify if any equipment used, such as any emergency power generators, will require an Air District Permit.

Commenter	Date	Summary of Comment
<p>Imperial Irrigation District (IID)</p>	<p>8/13/18</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The district requires an electrical one-line diagram showing the battery storage project's relation to CSE facility and its connection to Drew Switchyard as well as the final approved project drawings. • IID's canal or drain banks may not be used to access the project sites. Any abandonment of easements or facilities shall be approved by IID based on systems (Irrigation, Drainage, Power, etc.) needs. • Per State of California Water Resources Control Board Division of Drinking Water, the battery storage project will need to have a contract with an approved provider to deliver the drinking water to the work site. • Any construction or operation on IID property or within its existing and proposed right of way or easements including but not limited to: surface improvements such as proposed new streets, driveways, parking lots, landscape; and all water, sewer, storm water, or any other above ground or underground utilities; requires an encroachment permit, or encroachment agreement (depending on the circumstances). • Any new, relocated, modified or reconstructed IID facilities required for and by the project (which can include but is not limited to electrical utility substations, electrical transmission and distribution lines, etc.) need to be included as part of the project's CEQA and/or NEPA documentation, environmental impact analysis and mitigation. Failure to do so will result in postponement of any construction and/or modification of IID facilities until such time as the environmental documentation is amended and environmental impacts are fully mitigated. • Any and all mitigation necessary as a result of the construction, relocation and/or upgrade of IID facilities is the responsibility of the project proponent.

<p>County of Imperial Department of Public Works</p>	<p>8/28/18</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No road right of way conditions required. • The applicant shall furnish a Drainage and Grading Plan/Study to provide for property grading and drainage control, which shall also include prevention of sedimentation of damage to off-site properties. The Study/Plan shall be submitted to the Department of Public Works for review and approval. The applicant shall implement the approved plan. Employment of the appropriate Best Management Practices (BMP's) shall be included. • An encroachment permit shall be secured from the Department of Public Works for any and all new, altered or unauthorized existing driveway(s) to access the properties through surrounding County roads. As a minimum a Commercial type Driveway shall be constructed. • The applicant for Encroachment Permits in County Roads and Right of Way is responsible for researching, protecting, and preserving survey monuments per the Professional Land Surveyor's Act (8771 (b)). This shall include a copy of the referenced survey map and tie card(s) (if applicable) for all monuments that may be impacted. • No road right of way conditions required. • The applicant shall furnish a Drainage and Grading Plan/Study to provide for property grading and drainage control, which shall also include prevention of sedimentation of damage to off-site properties. The Study/Plan shall be submitted to the Department of Public Works for review and approval. The applicant shall implement the approved plan. Employment of the appropriate Best Management Practices (BMP's) shall be included. • An encroachment permit shall be secured from the Department of Public Works for any and all new, altered or unauthorized existing driveway(s) to access the properties through surrounding County roads. As a minimum a Commercial type Driveway shall be constructed. • The applicant for Encroachment Permits in County Roads and Right of Way is responsible
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		<p>for researching, protecting, and preserving survey monuments per Professional Land Surveyor’s Act (8771 (b)). This shall include a copy of the referenced survey map and tie card(s) (if applicable) for all monuments that may be impacted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caltrans should be contacted for any impacts to State Route 98. • A solid waste management plan may be required from the County Environmental Health Services (EHS) Department to ensure waste generated from the event is disposed properly. Similarly, food vendor activities may also need to be verified and/ or permitted by EHS. • The Sheriff’s Department and County Fire Departments may need to be notified of the proposed event and additional measures may need to be taken by the applicant pending their review. • All on-site traffic area shall be hard surfaced to provide all weather access for fire protection vehicles. The surfacing shall meet the Department of Public Works and Fire/QES Standards as well as those of the Air Pollution Control District (APCD). • All permanent structures, including above ground piping abutting public roads shall be located outside the ultimate right of way. Additionally, locations of instruments and appurtenances cannot pose a traffic study hazard. • Access to the site will require the installation of commercial driveway. The installation of the driveway shall be completed per the Engineering Design Guidelines Manual for the Preparation and checking of Street Improvement, Drainage, and Grading Plans within Imperial County. • The project may require a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit and Notice of Intent (NOI) from the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) prior county approval of onsite grading plan (40 CFR 122.28).

Commenter	Date	Summary of Comment
State of California Governor's Office of Planning and Research State Clearinghouse and Planning Unit	3/14/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responsible agencies must transmit their comments on the scope and content of the NOP, focusing on specific information related to their own statutory responsibility, within 30 days of receipt of the NOP from the Lead Agency.
Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) Imperial Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA)	4/11/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The DTSC Imperial CUPA requests that the businesses evaluate their inventory for any Hazardous Materials (HM), if they will have any Hazardous Wastes (HW), if there will be any petroleum Aboveground Storage Tanks (ASTs) or Underground Storage Tanks (USTs), and lastly if they exceed the thresholds for the California Accidental Release Program. If they determine they do have one of these as part of their business operation, then they need to notify the Imperial CUPA and we will evaluate and assist them in what they need to do. They will then be inspected by a CUPA inspector at least every three years and will need to make an annual CUPA fee payment. Any determination on their part is subject to validation by the Imperial CUPA, which may consist of an inspection of the facility and sampling wastes for HW criteria.

Commenter	Date	Summary of Comment
State of California – Department of Transportation District 11	4/11/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Traffic Control Plan is to be submitted to Caltrans District 11 at least 30 days prior to the start of any construction. • Traffic shall not be unreasonably delayed. • The plan shall also outline suggested detours to use during closures, including routes and signage. • Potential impacts to the highway facilities (1-8 and SR-98) and traveling public from the detour, demolition and other construction activities should be discussed and addressed before work begins. • The Highway Closure Plan, as part of the encroachment permit, should be submitted to Caltrans at least 30 days prior to initiating installation of the crossings. • No work shall begin in Caltrans Right of Way (R/W) until an encroachment permit is approved. • As part of the encroachment permit process, the applicant must provide the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemption notice and any corresponding technical studies.

1.3.3 Availability of the Draft SEIR

A Draft SEIR is circulated for review and comment to appropriate agencies and additional individuals and interest groups who have requested to be notified of EIR projects. Per §15105 of the State CEQA Guidelines, Imperial County will provide for a 50-day public review period on the Draft SEIR. Imperial County will subsequently respond to each comment on the Draft SEIR received in writing through a Response to Comments chapter in the Final SEIR. The Response to Comments chapter will be provided to each agency or person who provided written comments on the Draft SEIR two weeks before the scheduled Planning Commission hearing on the Final SEIR and Project. This Draft SEIR and the full administrative record for the Project, including all studies, is available for review during normal business hours Monday through Friday at the Imperial County Planning and Development Services Department, located at:

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1.3.4 Format and Content

This Draft SEIR addresses the potential environmental effects of the proposed projects and was prepared following input from the public and the responsible and affected agencies through the Draft SEIR scoping process as discussed previously. The contents of this Draft SEIR were established based on the findings in the IS/NOP and public and agency input. Based on the findings of the IS/NOP, a determination was made that an SEIR was required to address potentially significant environmental effects on the following resources:

- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Geology and Soils
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Noise
- Transportation

Impacts to the following resources were discussed in the IS/NOP and determined to have no impacts that require analysis in the EIR. Additionally, no comments were received during circulation of the IS/NOP indicating that the lead agency's determination of no impact to following resources was inappropriate:

- Aesthetics
- Agriculture and Forestry Resources
- Energy
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Land Use and Planning
- Mineral Resources

- Population and Housing
- Public Services
- Recreation
- Tribal Cultural Resources
- Utilities and Service Systems
- Wildfire

No further discussion of these topics is warranted. For a complete analysis of these impacts, please refer to Appendix A of this document.

1.4 Required Draft SEIR Contents and Organization

This Draft SEIR includes all of the sections required by CEQA. Table 1-3 contains a list of sections required under CEQA, along with a reference to the chapter in which they can be found in this document.

Table 1-3: Required EIR Contents

Requirement (CEQA Section)	Location in EIR
Table of contents (§15122)	Table of Contents
Executive Summary (§15123)	Chapter Summary
Introduction	Chapter 1
Project description (§15124)	Chapter 2
Significant environmental impacts (§15126.2)	Chapter 1
Environmental setting (§15125)	Chapter 2 and Chapter 3
Mitigation measures (§15126.4)	Chapter 3
Cumulative impacts (§15130)	Chapter 4
Alternatives to the proposed Project (§15126.6)	Chapter 5
Growth-inducing impacts (§15126.2)	Chapter 6
Effects found not to be significant §15128)	Chapter 6
Significant Irreversible Changes	Chapter 6
Unavoidable significant environmental impacts (§15126.2)	Chapter 6
List of Preparers Organizations and Persons Consulted (§15129)	Chapter 7
References	Chapter 8
Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program	Appendix A

The content and organization of this Draft SEIR are designed to meet the requirements of CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines, as well as to present issues, analysis, mitigation, and other information in a logical and understandable way. This Draft SEIR is organized into the following sections:

- Chapter Summary, “Executive Summary,” provides a project description and a summary of the environmental impacts and mitigation measures.
- Chapter 1, “Introduction,” provides CEQA compliance information, an overview of the decision-making process, organization of the SEIR, and a responsible and trustee agency list.
- Chapter 2, “Project Description,” provides a description of the location, characteristics, objectives, and relationship of the project to other plans and policies.
- Chapter 3, “Environmental Setting, Impacts, and Mitigation Measures,” contains a detailed environmental analysis of the existing conditions, project impacts, mitigation measures, and unavoidable adverse impacts.
- Chapters 4 and 6, “Consequences of Project Implementation (Mandatory CEQA Sections),” presents an analysis of the project’s cumulative and growth-inducing impacts and other CEQA requirements, including significant and unavoidable impacts and irreversible commitment of resources.
- Chapter 5, “Alternatives,” describes a reasonable range of alternatives to the project that could reduce the significant environmental effects that cannot be avoided.
- Chapter 7, “List of Preparers Organizations and Persons Consulted,” identifies persons involved in the preparation of the SEIR and lists the organizations and persons contacted during preparation of this Draft SEIR.
- Chapter 8, “References,” identifies reference sources for the SEIR.
- Appendix A, Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.
- Appendices provide information and technical studies that support the environmental analysis contained within the SEIR.

The analysis of each environmental category in Chapter 3 is organized as follows:

- “Introduction” provides a brief overview on the purpose of the section being analyzed with regards to the proposed Project.
- “Environmental Setting” describes the physical conditions that exist at this time and that may influence or affect the topic being analyzed.

- “Regulatory Setting” provides state and federal laws and the Imperial County General Plan goals, policies, and implementation measures that apply to the topic being analyzed.
- “Impacts and Mitigation Measures” discusses the impacts of the project in each category, presents the determination of the level of significance, and provides a discussion of feasible mitigation measures to reduce any impacts.

1.5 Responsible and Trustee Agencies

Projects or actions undertaken by the lead agency, in this case the Imperial County Planning and Development Services Department, may require subsequent oversight, approvals, or permits from other public agencies in order to be implemented. Other such agencies are referred to as responsible agencies and trustee agencies. Pursuant to §15381 and §15386 of the CEQA Guidelines, as amended, responsible agencies and trustee agencies are defined as follows:

- A *responsible agency* is a public agency that proposes to carry out or approve a project, for which a lead agency is preparing or has prepared an EIR or Negative Declaration. For the purposes of CEQA, the term responsible agency includes all public agencies other than the lead agency that have discretionary approval power over the project (§15381).
- A *trustee agency* is a state agency having jurisdiction by law over natural resources affected by a project that are held in trust for the people of the State of California (§15386).

The various public, private, and political agencies and jurisdictions with a particular interest in the proposed projects include but are not limited to the following:

1.5.1 State Agencies

- California Department of Conservation (DOC);
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW);
- California Department of Parks and Recreation;
- California Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery;
- California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC);
- California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), District 11;
- California Division of Aeronautics;

- California Energy Commission (CEC);
- California Highway Patrol (CHP);
- California Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC);
- California Office of Historic Preservation (OHP);
- California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC);
- California Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB);
- Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR);

1.5.2 Local Agencies

- Imperial County Air Pollution Control District (ICAPCD);
- Imperial County Fire Department (ICFD);
- Imperial County Department of Public Works (ICDPW);
- Ilpay Nation of Santa Ysabel;
- Imperial Irrigation District (IID);
- City of Calexico;
- South Coastal Information Center;
- Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA);
- Naval Air Facility – El Centro; and
- Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG).

1.6 Incorporation by Reference

In accordance with §15150 of the CEQA Guidelines, to reduce the size of the report, the following documents are hereby incorporated by reference into this SEIR and are available for public review at the Imperial County Planning and Development Services Department. A brief synopsis of the scope and content of these documents is provided below.

1.6.1 2011 Final Environmental Impact Report

In December 2011, the County of Imperial Board of Supervisors certified the 2011 Final EIR (State Clearinghouse Number 2010111056) for the Centinela Solar Energy Project; approved a CUP (CUP 10-

0007) to construct and operate a 275 megawatts (MW) project covering 2,076 acres on parcels zoned for agriculture (i.e., A-2, A-2-R and A-3); approved a Variance (V11-0003) to allow the transmission towers to exceed the 120-foot height limit within the A-2-R and A-3 zones; and approved other associated discretionary actions. CSE was placed into commercial operation in August 2014. The 2011 Final EIR analyzed the potential environmental effects associated with the approval of the solar photovoltaic electric generation facility located on privately owned land, including include photovoltaic (PV) arrays (PV modules, mounting structures, direct current (DC) electrical wiring, power conditioning equipment including inverters and transformers, and the alternating current (AC) collector system that transmits electricity from the PV Arrays to the CSE facility substation); the CSE facility substation; the common services area; and ancillary systems such as fencing, security, lighting, fire protection, access roads, and other systems. As the proposed Project represents a new component that will be added to the existing approved CSE facility that was examined in the December 2011 certified Final EIR, that previous document is incorporated into this Draft SEIR by reference.

1.6.2 Imperial County General Plan

The Imperial County General Plan consists of ten Elements entitled Land Use, Housing, Circulation and Scenic Highways, Noise, Seismic and Public Safety, Agricultural, Conservation and Open Space, Geothermal/Alternative Energy and Transmission, Water, and Parks & Recreation. Also included in the General Plan is a Land Use Map designating various land use categories which identify locations and describes the type and anticipated maximum allowable density of ultimate development.

This comprehensive General Plan has been developed following a thorough examination of the County's physical and cultural resources, socio-economic conditions, and business climate. It provides a balance of land use policies and programs which seek to maintain the "quality of life" in the region. The General Plan is a dynamic document in that it can and should be amended as needed to respond to changing community and regional goals, physical and public infrastructure resources, and social concerns.

The General Plan is the product of a cooperative effort on the part of County staff, a community Ad Hoc Advisory Committee, Planning Commission, Board of Supervisors, and many citizens and groups. This effort began in 1987 and was completed in 1993. The Plan is aimed at creating a comprehensive guide for development within the County and provides mechanisms to achieve desired community goals and objectives through a coordinated implementation program.

1.6.3 Imperial County Zoning Ordinance

The Imperial County Board of Supervisors adopted the Land Use Ordinance on November 24, 1998 (County of Imperial 2010). The purpose of Title 9, the Land Use Ordinance for the County of Imperial, is to provide comprehensive land use regulations for all unincorporated areas of Imperial County, including the establishment of zoning areas. These regulations are adopted to promote and protect the public health, safety, and general welfare through the orderly regulation of land uses throughout the unincorporated areas of the County.

1.6.4 Sources

This Draft SEIR is dependent upon information from many sources. Some sources are studies or reports that have been prepared specifically for this document. Other sources provide background information related to one or more issue areas that are discussed in this document. The sources and references used in the preparation of this EIR are listed in Chapter 8, "References," and are available for review during normal business hours at the Imperial County Planning and Development Services Department:

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