PROJECT REPORT

TO: ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION COMMITTEE

FROM: PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

AGENDA DATE: April 25, 2024

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WH Lounge LLC PROJECT TYPE: CUP#23-0018/V#24-0001/IS #23-0022 SUPERVISOR DIST #5 LOCATION: ____ 509 Railroad Avenue APN: __056-283-006-000 Winterhaven, CA 92283 PARCEL SIZE: <u>.2 acres</u> GENERAL PLAN (existing) Urban Area (Wintherhaven) GENERAL PLAN (proposed) N/A ZONE (existing) C-2 (Medium Commercial) ZONE (proposed) N/A GENERAL PLAN FINDINGS CONSISTENT INCONSISTENT | | MAY BE/FINDINGS PLANNING COMMISSION DECISION: HEARING DATE: APPROVED DENIED OTHER HEARING DATE: PLANNING DIRECTORS DECISION: DENIED OTHER APPROVED ENVIROMENTAL EVALUATION COMMITTEE DECISION: HEARING DATE: 04/25/24 INITIAL STUDY: #23-0022 NEGATIVE DECLARATION | MITIGATED NEG. DECLARATION | EIR DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / APPROVALS: **ATTACHED** NONE **PUBLIC WORKS** NONE **ATTACHED** AG **ATTACHED APCD** NONE

REQUESTED ACTION:

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(See Attached)

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Initial Study & Environmental Analysis For:

Conditional Use Permit #23-0018 Variance #24-0001 Initial Study #23-0022



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SECTION 1 INTRODUCTION

A. PURPOSE

This document is a ☐ policy-level, ☐ project level Initial Study for evaluation of potential environmental impacts resulting with the proposed Conditional Use Permit #23-0018 and Variance #24-0001 (Refer to Exhibit "A" & "B").

B. CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) REQUIREMENTS AND THE IMPERIAL COUNTY'S GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTING CEQA

As defined by Section 15063 of the State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines and Section 7 of the County's "CEQA Regulations Guidelines for the Implementation of CEQA, as amended", an **Initial Study** is prepared primarily to provide the Lead Agency with information to use as the basis for determining whether an Environmental Impact Report (EIR), Negative Declaration, or Mitigated Negative Declaration would be appropriate for providing the necessary environmental documentation and clearance for any proposed project.

According to Section 15065, an **EIR** is deemed appropriate for a particular proposal if the following conditions occur:

- The proposal has the potential to substantially degrade quality of the environment.
- The proposal has the potential to achieve short-term environmental goals to the disadvantage of long-term environmental goals.
- The proposal has possible environmental effects that are individually limited but cumulatively considerable.
- The proposal could cause direct or indirect adverse effects on human beings.

According to Section 15070(a), a Negative Declaration	n is	deemed	appropriate	if the	proposal	would	not
result in any significant effect on the environment.							

According to Section 15070(b), a **Mitigated Negative Declaration** is deemed appropriate if it is determined that though a proposal could result in a significant effect, mitigation measures are available to reduce these significant effects to insignificant levels.

This Initial Study has determined that the proposed applications will not result in any potentially significant environmental impacts and therefore, a Negative Declaration is deemed as the appropriate document to provide necessary environmental evaluations and clearance as identified hereinafter.

This Initial Study and Negative Declaration are prepared in conformance with the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended (Public Resources Code, Section 21000 et. seq.); Section 15070 of the State & County of Imperial's Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, Section 15000, et. seq.); applicable requirements of the County of Imperial; and the regulations, requirements, and procedures of any other responsible public agency or an agency with jurisdiction by law.

Pursuant to the County of Imperial <u>Guidelines for Implementing CEQA</u>, depending on the project scope, the County of Imperial Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission and/or Planning Director is designated the Lead Agency, in accordance with Section 15050 of the CEQA Guidelines. The Lead Agency is the public agency

which has the principal responsibility for approving the necessary environmental clearances and analyses for any project in the County.

C. INTENDED USES OF INITIAL STUDY AND NEGATIVE DECLARATION

This Initial Study and Negative Declaration are informational documents which are intended to inform County of Imperial decision makers, other responsible or interested agencies, and the general public of potential environmental effects of the proposed applications. The environmental review process has been established to enable public agencies to evaluate environmental consequences and to examine and implement methods of eliminating or reducing any potentially adverse impacts. While CEQA requires that consideration be given to avoiding environmental damage, the Lead Agency and other responsible public agencies must balance adverse environmental effects against other public objectives, including economic and social goals.

The Initial Study and Negative Declaration, prepared for the project will be circulated for a period of 20 days (30-days if submitted to the State Clearinghouse for a project of area-wide significance) for public and agency review and comments. At the conclusion, if comments are received, the County Planning & Development Services Department will prepare a document entitled "Responses to Comments" which will be forwarded to any commenting entity and be made part of the record within 10-days of any project consideration.

D. CONTENTS OF INITIAL STUDY & NEGATIVE DECLARATION

This Initial Study is organized to facilitate a basic understanding of the existing setting and environmental implications of the proposed applications.

SECTION 1

I. INTRODUCTION presents an introduction to the entire report. This section discusses the environmental process, scope of environmental review, and incorporation by reference documents.

SECTION 2

II. ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST FORM contains the County's Environmental Checklist Form. The checklist form presents results of the environmental evaluation for the proposed applications and those issue areas that would have either a potentially significant impact, potentially significant unless mitigation incorporated, less than significant impact or no impact.

PROJECT SUMMARY, LOCATION AND EVIRONMENTAL SETTINGS describes the proposed project entitlements and required applications. A description of discretionary approvals and permits required for project implementation is also included. It also identifies the location of the project and a general description of the surrounding environmental settings.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS evaluates each response provided in the environmental checklist form. Each response checked in the checklist form is discussed and supported with sufficient data and analysis as necessary. As appropriate, each response discussion describes and identifies specific impacts anticipated with project implementation.

SECTION 3

- **III. MANDATORY FINDINGS** presents Mandatory Findings of Significance in accordance with Section 15065 of the CEQA Guidelines.
- IV. PERSONS AND ORGANIZATIONS CONSULTED identifies those persons consulted and involved in

preparation of this Initial Study and Negative Declaration.

V. REFERENCES lists bibliographical materials used in preparation of this document.

VI. NEGATIVE DECLARATION - COUNTY OF IMPERIAL

VII. FINDINGS

SECTION 4

VIII. RESPONSE TO COMMENTS (IF ANY)

IX. MITIGATION MONITORING & REPORTING PROGRAM (MMRP) (IF ANY)

E. SCOPE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

For evaluation of environmental impacts, each question from the Environmental Checklist Form is summarized and responses are provided according to the analysis undertaken as part of the Initial Study. Impacts and effects will be evaluated and quantified, when appropriate. To each question, there are four possible responses, including:

- 1. **No Impact:** A "No Impact" response is adequately supported if the impact simply does not apply to the proposed applications.
- 2. **Less Than Significant Impact:** The proposed applications will have the potential to impact the environment. These impacts, however, will be less than significant; no additional analysis is required.
- Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated: This applies where incorporation of mitigation measures has reduced an effect from "Potentially Significant Impact" to a "Less Than Significant Impact".
- Potentially Significant Impact: The proposed applications could have impacts that are considered significant. Additional analyses and possibly an EIR could be required to identify mitigation measures that could reduce these impacts to less than significant levels.

F. POLICY-LEVEL or PROJECT LEVEL ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

This Initial Study and Negative Declaration will be conducted under a \square policy-level, \square project level analysis. Regarding mitigation measures, it is not the intent of this document to "overlap" or restate conditions of approval that are commonly established for future known projects or the proposed applications. Additionally, those other standard requirements and regulations that any development must comply with, that are outside the County's jurisdiction, are also not considered mitigation measures and therefore, will not be identified in this document.

G. TIERED DOCUMENTS AND INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

Information, findings, and conclusions contained in this document are based on incorporation by reference of tiered documentation, which are discussed in the following section.

1. Tiered Documents

As permitted in Section 15152(a) of the CEQA Guidelines, information and discussions from other documents can be included into this document. Tiering is defined as follows:

"Tiering refers to using the analysis of general matters contained in a broader EIR (such as the one prepared for a general plan or policy statement) with later EIRs and negative declarations on narrower projects; incorporating by reference the general discussions from the broader EIR; and concentrating the later EIR or negative declaration solely on the issues specific to the later project."

Tiering also allows this document to comply with Section 15152(b) of the CEQA Guidelines, which discourages redundant analyses, as follows:

"Agencies are encouraged to tier the environmental analyses which they prepare for separate but related projects including the general plans, zoning changes, and development projects. This approach can eliminate repetitive discussion of the same issues and focus the later EIR or negative declaration on the actual issues ripe for decision at each level of environmental review. Tiering is appropriate when the sequence of analysis is from an EIR prepared for a general plan, policy or program to an EIR or negative declaration for another plan, policy, or program of lesser scope, or to a site-specific EIR or negative declaration."

Further, Section 15152(d) of the CEQA Guidelines states:

"Where an EIR has been prepared and certified for a program, plan, policy, or ordinance consistent with the requirements of this section, any lead agency for a later project pursuant to or consistent with the program, plan, policy, or ordinance should limit the EIR or negative declaration on the later project to effects which:

- (1) Were not examined as significant effects on the environment in the prior EIR; or
- (2) Are susceptible to substantial reduction or avoidance by the choice of specific revisions in the project, by the imposition of conditions, or other means."

2. Incorporation By Reference

Incorporation by reference is a procedure for reducing the size of EIRs/MND and is most appropriate for including long, descriptive, or technical materials that provide general background information, but do not contribute directly to the specific analysis of the project itself. This procedure is particularly useful when an EIR or Negative Declaration relies on a broadly-drafted EIR for its evaluation of cumulative impacts of related projects (*Las Virgenes Homeowners Federation v. County of Los Angeles* [1986, 177 Ca.3d 300]). If an EIR or Negative Declaration relies on information from a supporting study that is available to the public, the EIR or Negative Declaration cannot be deemed unsupported by evidence or analysis (*San Francisco Ecology Center v. City and County of San Francisco* [1975, 48 Ca.3d 584, 595]). This document incorporates by reference appropriate information from the "Final Environmental Impact Report and Environmental Assessment for the "County of Imperial General Plan EIR" prepared by Brian F. Mooney Associates in 1993 and updates.

When an EIR or Negative Declaration incorporates a document by reference, the incorporation must comply with Section 15150 of the CEQA Guidelines as follows:

- The incorporated document must be available to the public or be a matter of public record (CEQA Guidelines Section 15150[a]). The General Plan EIR and updates are available, along with this document, at the County of Imperial Planning & Development Services Department, 801 Main Street, EI Centro, CA 92243 Ph. (442) 265-1736.
- This document must be available for inspection by the public at an office of the lead agency (CEQA Guidelines Section 15150[b]). These documents are available at the County of Imperial Planning & Development Services Department, 801 Main Street, El Centro, CA 92243 Ph. (442) 265-1736.

- These documents must summarize the portion of the document being incorporated by reference or briefly describe information that cannot be summarized. Furthermore, these documents must describe the relationship between the incorporated information and the analysis in the tiered documents (CEQA Guidelines Section 15150[c]). As discussed above, the tiered EIRs address the entire project site and provide background and inventory information and data which apply to the project site. Incorporated information and/or data will be cited in the appropriate sections.
- These documents must include the State identification number of the incorporated documents (CEQA Guidelines Section 15150[d]). The State Clearinghouse Number for the County of Imperial General Plan EIR is SCH #93011023.
- The material to be incorporated in this document will include general background information (CEQA Guidelines Section 15150[f]). This has been previously discussed in this document.

Environmental Checklist

1. Project Title: WH Lounge LLC

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- 2. Lead Agency: Imperial County Planning & Development Services Department
- 3. Contact person and phone number: Derek Newland, Planner III, (442)265-1736, ext. 1756
- Address: 801 Main Street, El Centro CA, 92243
- 5. E-mail: dereknewland@co.imperial.ca.us
- 6. Project location: 509 Railroad Ave, Winterhaven, CA located on Assessor's Parcel Number 056-283-006-000
- 7. Project sponsor's name and address: WH Lounge LLC
- General Plan designation: Urban Area
- 9. Zoning: C-2 (Medium Commercial)
- 10. **Description of project**: The project consists of a cannabis dispensary with delivery services and a lounge for onsite consumption of cannabis products as well as a variance for parking due to the historical available parking on the existing site not being able to conform to current parking requirements. The project will be located in the eastern rebuilt suite of an existing three (3) suite commercial building. The front of the suite will contain the dispensary with sales counters and the lounge area being located in the rear allowing customers to sit and consume their purchases on-site.
- 11. **Surrounding land uses and setting**: The project site is located within the Winterhaven Communty Area Plan. The project is surrounded by commercially zoned parcels to the west and south across Winterhaven Drive and residential north and east.
- 12. Other public agencies whose approval is required (e.g., permits, financing approval, or participation agreement.): Imperial County Air Pollution Control District (ICAPCD), Imperial County Agricultural Commissioner (ICAC), Imperial County Environmental Health Services (EHS), Imperial County Sheriff's Office (ICSF), Imperial County Fire Department (ICFD), Imperial Irrigation District (IID)

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The AB 52 Notice of Opportunity to consult on the proposed project letter was mailed via certified mail on September 15, 2023 to the Campo Band of Mission Indians and the Quechan Indian Tribe no response was received by either.

Note: Conducting consultation early in the CEQA process allows tribal governments, lead agencies, and project proponents to discuss the level of environmental review, identify and address potential adverse impacts to tribal cultural resources, and reduce the potential for delay and conflict in the environmental review process. (See Public Resources Code, Section 21080.3.2). Information may also be available from the California Native American Heritage Commission's Sacred Lands File per Public Resources Code, Section 5097.96 and the California Historical Resources Information System administered by the California Office of Historic Preservation. Please also note that Public Resources Code, Section 21082.3 (c) contains provisions specific to confidentiality.

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:

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	Geology /Soils		Greenhouse Ga	as Emissions			Hazards & Hazardous Materials
	Hydrology / Water Quality		Land Use / Plar	nning			Mineral Resources
	Noise		Population / Ho	using			Public Services
	Recreation	Ü	Transportation				Tribal Cultural Resources
	Utilities/Service Systems		Wildfire				Mandatory Findings of Significance
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Jim	Minnick, Director of Plan	nning/EE	C Chairman			Date:	

PROJECT SUMMARY

- A. Project Location: The project is located at 509 Railroad Avenue, Winterhaven CA.
- **B. Project Summary**: The project consists of a cannabis dispensary with delivery service and lounge for onsite consumption, as well as, a variance for required parking due to the historical available parking for the existing commercial site.
- C. Environmental Setting: The project site is located within the Winterhaven Communty Area Plan. The project is surrounded by commercially zoned parcels to the west and south across Winterhaven Drive and residential north and east.
- D. Analysis: Under the Land Use Ordinance of the Imperial County General Plan the project site is designated as "General Commercial" per the Winterhaven Community Area Plan. The parcel is classified as C-2 (Medium Commercial)

 under the Imperial County Land Use Ordinance and the project could be permitted in a C-2 zone with an

under the Imperial County Land Use Ordinance and the project could be permitted in a C-2 zone with an approved Conditional Use Permit and provided is in compliance with Division 4 Chapter 6 of Title 9 Land Use Ordinance and Title 14 of the Imperial County Codified Ordinance.

E. General Plan Consistency: The proposed project could be found to be consistent with the General Plan as Commercial Cannabis Retail Sales require an approved Conditional Use Permit and compliance with Division 4 Chapter 6 of Title 9 Land Use Ordinance and Title 14 of the Imperial County Codified Ordinance to operate.

Exhibit "A" Vicinity Map





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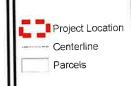
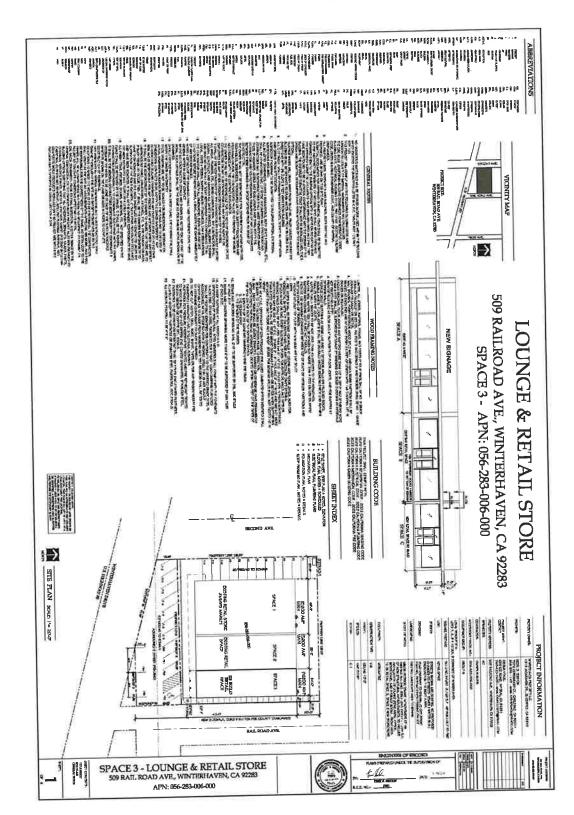




Exhibit "B"
Site Plan/Tract Map/etc.



EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

- A brief explanation is required 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 1) 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).
- All answers must take account of the whole action involved, including off-site as well as on-site, cumulative as 2) well as project-level, indirect as well as direct, and construction as well as operational impacts.
- 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 3) 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.
- "Negative Declaration: Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated" applies where the incorporation of 4) mitigation measures has reduced an effect from "Potentially Significant Impact" to a "Less Than 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 "Earlier Analyses," as described in (5) below, may be cross-referenced).
- Earlier analyses may be used where, pursuant to the tiering, program EIR, or other CEQA process, an effect 5) 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:
 - Earlier Analysis Used. Identify and state where they are available for review.
 - 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.
- Lead agencies are encouraged to incorporate into the checklist references to information sources for potential 6) 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.
- Supporting Information Sources: A source list should be attached, and other sources used or individuals 7) contacted should be cited in the discussion.
- 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 8) in whatever format is selected.
- The explanation of each issue should identify: 9)
 - the significance criteria or threshold, if any, used to evaluate each question; and
 - the mitigation measure identified, if any, to reduce the impact to less than significance

		Potentially Significant Impact (PSI)	Significant with Mitigation Incorporated (LTSMI)	Less Than Significant Impact (LTSI)	No impact (NI)
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Except	as provided in Public Resources Code Section 21099, would the	project:			
,	Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista or scenic highway? a) The proposed cannabis dispensary and lounge with commercially zoned building in the townsite of Winterhave vista or scenic highway per the Imperial County Circulatic expected.				
b)	Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway? b) The project is located within the townsite of Winterhay scenic highway. Therefore, no impacts are expected.	en within an ex	isting building and is	s not located r	⊠ near a state
c)	In non-urbanized areas, substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of public views of the site and its surrounding? (Public views are those that are experienced from publicly accessible vantage point.) If the project is in an urbanized area, would the project conflict with applicable zoning and other regulations governing scenic quality? c) The proposed cannabis dispensary and lounge with commercially zoned building in the townsite of Winterhaven zoning regulations with the approval of a Conditional U standards. Additionally, the project is not within a scenic content of the standards.	co Pormit as v	vell as complying w	ith any applic	able design
d)	Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area? d) The proposed cannabis dispensary and lounge with commercially zoned building in the townsite of Winterhaw glare from vehicles coming and going from the location we new exterior lighting will be required to be shielded or aim other properties. Any impacts would be considered to be less than the control of the considered to be less than the control of the considered to be less than the control of the considered to be less than the control of the control o	n delivery servi en. Increased t hich would not away from traff	ice is proposed to traffic to the area mabe uncommon for a circ on the adjacent sti	be located in y create minin	an existing nal light and siness. Any
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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? a) The proposed cannabis dispensary and lounge with commercially zoned building in the townsite of Winterh farmland. No impacts will occur.	th delivery ser	vice is proposed to t located on farmlan	be located in	an existing
b)	Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act Contract? b) The proposed cannabis dispensary and lounge w commercially zoned building in the townsite of Winterham	ith delivery ser	vice is proposed to e currently no active	be located in Williamson Ac	n an existing t Contracts in

¹ Imperial County General Plan's Circulation and Scenic Highways Element

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	the County of Imperial. No impacts will occur.				
c)	Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code Section 51104(g))? c) The proposed cannabis dispensary and lounge with	Significant Impact (PSI) Mitigation Incorporated (Impact (PSI)) Molecular Impact (PSI) (ITSMI) (ITSMI) Significant Impact (PSI) (ITSMI) (ITSMI			
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e)	Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?				
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a)	Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air				
	well as consumption of cannabis in its various forms within	n the lounge area oly with all Air	a. Ventilation of the s Pollution Control Di I September 26, 202	site will be done strict (APCD) r 3 ² . It is expect	e for internal equirements
b)	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				
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c)	Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutants				
	concentrations? c) The purpose of the Odor Control Plan (OCP) is to resultant odors related to cannabis-dispensing business crules and regulations during the commercial cannabis activities.				ls (VOC) and with APCD's
d)	Result in other emissions (such as those leading to odors adversely affecting a substantial number of people? d) Any odors from the proposed project would be a res implementation of the previously mentioned required significant.	ult of the disper	nsing and consumpt d to bring any pot	ion of cannabis	s onsite. The to less than

² Imperial County Air Pollution Control District Letter Dated September 26, 2023

		Potentially Significant Impact (PSI)	Significant with Mitigation Incorporated (LTSMI)	Less Than Significant Impact (LTSI)	No Impact
IV. B	BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES Would the project:				
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 Wildlife or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service? a) The proposed cannabis dispensary and lounge with delivered to the california of t	very service is pi	roposed to be located	⊠ d in an existing	
	a) The proposed cannabis dispensary and founge with deno- commercially zoned building in the townsite of Winterhaven project site is located within the Imperial County General Pl "Burrowing Owl Species Distribution Model" no disturbing impacts are expected to be less than significant.	and is located t	on and Onen Space E	lement ³ figure 2	-
b)	Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?				
	Service? b) The proposed cannabis dispensary and lounge wit commercially zoned building in the townsite of Winterhal natural community and therefore no impacts are anticipated	Mett is ther loca	ice is proposed to ted within a ripariar	be located in habitat or oth	an existing er sensitive
c)	Have a substantial adverse effect on state or federally protected wetlands (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means? c) The proposed cannabis dispensary and lounge with del commercially zoned building in the townsite of Winterhave therefore, no impacts are expected.	ivery service is p	proposed to be locate in or near a protecte	ed in an existing d wetlands area	and
d)	Interfere substantially with the movement of any 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? d) The proposed cannabis dispensary and lounge with de commercially zoned building in the townsite of Winterhave movement of any resident or migratory fish or wildlife specorridors or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites	cies or with esta	blished native reside	ed in an existing terfere substant nt or migratory	☑ ially with the wildlife
е	 Conflict with any local policies or ordinance protecting biological resource, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance? e) The proposed cannabis dispensary and lounge with de commercially zoned building in the townsite of Winterhave ordinance protecting biological resource, such as a tree p 				
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? f) The proposed cannabis dispensary and lounge with de commercially zoned building in the townsite of Winterhaw adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, or other approved loc	livery service is			

expected.

³ County General Plan's Conservation and Open Space Element

		Potentially Significant Impact (PSI)	Significant with Mitigation Incorporated (LTSMI)	Less Than Significant Impact (LTSI)	No Impact (NI)
v. Cl	ULTURAL RESOURCES Would the project:	·			
a)	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance historical resource pursuant to §15064.5?				
	a) The proposed cannabis dispensary and lounge will commercially zoned building in the townsite of Winterproposed by the project and the entirety of the parcel is not expected to cause a substantial adverse chang letter was sent on September 15, 2023 to the Quechal comments were received from either. Therefore, any	I has been developed or the in the significance of the lodgen Tribe and the C	historically disturbe a historical resource ampo Band of Missi	ed. Therefore, the Additionally, a con Indians and r	n AB 52
b)	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance archaeological resource pursuant to §15064.5?			\boxtimes	
	b) As stated in V-a, the proposed project is located of substantial adverse change to an archeological reso	on disturbed and develo urce. Any impacts are e	ped land, and it is no expected to be less the	ot likely to cause han significant.	e a
c)	Disturb any human remains, including those interred ou	utside		\boxtimes	
	of dedicated cemeteries? c) As stated in V-a, the proposed project is located will disturb any human remains, including those inteless than significant.	on disturbed and develo erred outside of dedicat	oped land, and it is n ted cemeteries. Any	ot expected that impacts are exp	the project pected to be
VI., <i>E</i>	ENERGY Would the project:				
a)	Result in potentially significant environmental impact of wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of e resources, during project construction or operation? a) The electrical service to the property is provided expected to result in potentially significant environm of energy resources, during project construction or requires an increase in service the applicant is advisand may also be a circuit study required in the case than significant.	by the Imperial Irrigation nental impact due to was operation. Per the IID to init	etter dated Septembe	er 25, 2023 ⁴ , if the	ne project n service
b)	Conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for rene	ewable		\boxtimes	
	energy or energy efficiency? b) The proposed cannabis dispensary and lounge to commercially zoned building in the townsite of Win plan or renewable energy or energy efficiency. Any	tarnaven ann is not exu	ected to commor min		l tat or local
VII.	GEOLOGY AND SOILS Would the project:				
a)	Directly or indirectly cause potential substantial a effects, including risk of loss, injury, or death involving: a) The proposed cannabis dispensary and lounge commercially zoned building in the townsite of Wir decades while the eastern suite where the project i with the 2022 California Building Code to replace to fire many years ago. Being that the structure is ne than significant.	with delivery service is nterhaven. The majority is proposed was approv	ed by building perm	it in 2023 under	compliance nage from a
	 Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delined the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault 	ated on Zoning		\boxtimes	

⁴ Imperial Irrigation District Letter Dated September 25, 2023

Less Than Less Than Potentially Significant with Significant Mitigation Significant No Impact Impact Incorporated Impact (NI) (LTSI) (LTSMI) (PSI) 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? 1) The proposed cannabis dispensary and lounge with delivery service is proposed to be located in an existing commercially zoned building in the townsite of Winterhaven. The project is not located near a known earthquake fault per the California Geological Survey Hazard Program: Alquist-Priolo Fault Hazard Zones map⁵. As stated above the majority of the building has existed for decades with the eastern suite having an approved building permit in 2023 to be rebuilt under compliance with the 2022 California Building Code. Any impacts are expected to be less than significant. M Strong Seismic ground shaking? 2) Ground shaking is expected occur since the project is located in the Imperial Valley which is seismically active. As stated in VII-1, the suite where the project is proposed to be located has an approved building permit complying with 2022 California Building Code and therefore any impacts are expected to be less than significant. Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction \boxtimes and seiche/tsunami? 3) The proposed cannabis dispensary and lounge with delivery service is proposed to be located in an existing commercially zoned building in the townsite of Winterhaven and is not located in in a tsunami inundation or seiche zone. No impacts are expected. Landslides? 4) The proposed cannabis dispensary and lounge with delivery service is proposed to be located in an existing commercially zoned building in the townsite of Winterhaven. The project is located in a relatively flat area that is not subject to landslide activity. Therefore, no impacts are expected. Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil? b) The proposed cannabis dispensary and lounge with delivery service is proposed to be located in an existing commercially zoned building in the townsite of Winterhaven. The proposed project location has been developed and paved with the surrounding land being paved roads and developed and compacted lands. Therefore, the project will not result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil. Any impacts are expected to be less than significant.

spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?

c) The proposed project is located on and surrounded by developed land that has been in place for decades. Therefore the project is not expected to be subject to unstable soil result in creating unstable soil that could result in on or off site project is not expected to be subject to unstable soil result in creating unstable soil that could result in on or off site landslides, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse. Furthermore, any improvements to the existing structures will be required to comply with current California Building Codes and therefore, any impacts would be considered less than significant.

Be located on expansive soil, as defined in the latest Uniform
Building Code, creating substantial direct or indirect risk to

life or property?

d) As stated previously, the project is located on and surrounded by land that has been developed and in place for decades. Any onsite improvements as a result of the project will be required to comply with current California Building

Code and therefore, any impacts would be considered less than significant.

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 landslides, lateral

e) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste

e) The proposed cannabis dispensary and lounge with delivery service is proposed to be located in an existing commercially zoned building in the townsite of Winterhaven which has an existing sewer system that will be utilized by the project. Therefore, any impacts would be expected to be less than significant.

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⁵ California Geological Survey Hazard Program: Alquist-Priolo Fault Hazard Zones

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f)	Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature? f) The proposed cannabis dispensary and lounge with delive commercially zoned building in the townsite of Winterhaven land is proposed. Therefore it is not expected that the project resource or site or unique geologic feature. Any impacts wo	and no develop.	or indirectly destroy	a unique paleo	eveloped ontological
VIII. G	REENHOUSE GAS EMISSION Would the project:				
a)	Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment? a) The proposed cannabis dispensary and lounge with delive commercially zoned building in the townsite of Winterhaven commercial business the project is not expected to create a	, wille the pro	roombouro ase emissi	ions, either dire	ectly or
	requirements would limit any impacts from the project to les	Illicity is to avie		With any and a	
b)	Conflict with an applicable plan or policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases? b) The proposed cannabis dispensary and lounge with delicommercially zoned building in the townsite of Winterhaver	very service is p	proposed to be locate	d in an existing any applicable	plan or
IX. I	commercially zoned building in the townsite of Winternaver policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the compliance with APCD requirements are expected to bring HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS Would the pro-	any impaoto of	the project to less tha	n significant.	⊠
aj	through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials? a) The proposed cannabis dispensary and lounge with del commercially zoned building in the townsite of Winterhave materials. Therefore, it is not expected that the project will through the routine transport, use or disposal of hazardou	l create a signifi	cant hazard to the pu	blic or the envi	g zardous
p)	Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonable foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment? b) As stated in IX-a, the proposed project does not intherefore, is not expected to create a significant hazard upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazard.	clude the use, to the public or zardous materia	handling, or storage the environment thro Is into the environme	of hazardous ough reasonab nt. No impacts	materials and le foreseeable are expected.
c	Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school? c) The proposed cannabis dispensary and lounge with decommercially zoned building in the townsite of Winterhaw School 2.14 miles and therefore, would not pose a risk to	elivery service is	s proposed to be locarest school being the s. No impacts are exp	ted in an existi San Pasqual E ected.	⊠ ng lementary
c	 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? d) The proposed cannabis dispensary and lounger commercially zoned building in the townsite of Winterham 		ervice is proposed ocated on a list of haz	to be located cardous materia	in an existing als sites per the

		Potentially Significant Impact (PSI)	Significant with Mitigation Incorporated (LTSMI)	Less Than Significant Impact (LTSI)	No Impact (NI)
	California Department of Toxic Substances Control: EnviroS	tor ⁶ website. T	herefore, no impacts a	re expected.	
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 or excessive noise for people residing or working in the project area? e) The proposed cannabis dispensary and lounge with deliv commercially zoned building in the townsite of Winterhaven therefore, no impacts are expected.	very service is p and is not loca	roposed to be located ted near a public or pr	in an existing ublic use airpor	⊠ t,
f)	Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan? f) The proposed project site is not expected to interfere with evacuation plan. No impact is expected.	an adopted em	nergency response pla	n or emergency	
g)	Expose people or structures, either directly or indirectly, to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires? g) The proposed project site is not located in an area susc to Imperial County Fire Department requirements, as state expected that the project's compliance with the ICFD would	ed in ICFD's co	omment letter dated S	September 29,	be subject 2023 ⁷ . It is
х. н	YDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY Would the project:				
a)	Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade surface or ground water quality? a) The proposed project site has an existing building with w Winterhaven Water District, the use of the building will contiquality standards or waste discharge requirements or other impacts are anticipated.	inue to be comn	nercial and it is not ex	pected to violat	e water
b)	Substantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that the project may impede sustainable groundwater management of the basin? b) The proposed cannabis dispensary and lounge with deliver commercially zoned building in the townsite of Winterhaven supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater rechargemanagement of the basin. Therefore, no impacts are expected.	and is not expo ge such that the	ected to substantially (decrease groun	⊠ dwater indwater
c)	Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river or through the addition of impervious surfaces, in a manner which would: c) The proposed project will not substantially alter the exist developed and there is an existing commercial building. potential improvements on the site to the Department of Therefore, impacts are expected to be less than significant.	Applicant will Planning and	be required to submi	it building pern	nits for any
	 (i) result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site; i) The proposed cannabis dispensary and lounge with a commercially zoned building in the townsite of Winterhaver on- or off-site. Therefore any impacts would be expected to 	and is not exp	ected to result in subs	⊠ ated in an existi tantial erosion	ing or siltation

⁶ California Department of Toxic Substances Control: EnviroStor
⁷ Imperial County Fire Department Letter Dated September 29, 2023

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-	 (ii) substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or offsite; 			\boxtimes	
	ii) The proposed cannabis dispensary and lounge with commercially zoned building in the townsite of Winterhaven paved. Therefore, is not expected that the project would submanner which would result in flooding on or offsite. Any im	on land that that estantially increa	t is already been cove se the rate or amoun	ered, compacte t of surface run	d and/or
	 (iii) 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; or; 			\boxtimes	
	iii) The proposed cannabis dispensary and lounge with deli commercially zoned building in the townsite of Winterhaven would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwate polluted runoff. Therefore, any impacts would be considered	and is not expect r drainage syster	cted to create or cont ms or provide substa	ribute runoff wa	ater which sources of
	(iv) impede or redirect flood flows?				\boxtimes
	iv)The project site is located on Zone X, which is "Area of M therefore, no impacts are expected.	Minimal Flood Ha	zard" under FEMA F	lood Map servi	ce center ⁸ ;
d)	In flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zones, risk release of			\boxtimes	
8	pollutants due to project inundation? d) The proposed cannabis dispensary and lounge with commercially zoned building in the townsite of Winterhaven nor is it located in a tsunami or seiche zone and therefore, a	and as stated al	bove in X-c-iv) is not	located in a flo	oding zone,
e)	Conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan? e) The proposed cannabis dispensary and lounge with deliv commercially zoned building in the townsite of Winterhaven implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable expected.	and the project	does not appear to co	onflict with or o	bstruct acts are
XI. <i>L</i> .	AND USE AND PLANNING Would the project:				
a)	Physically divide an established community? a) The proposed cannabis dispensary and lounge with commercially zoned building in the townsite of Winterhave impacts are expected.	delivery servion delivery servion	ce is proposed to l nysically divide an es	be located in stablished com	an existing munity. No
b)	Cause a significant environmental impact due to a conflict with any land use plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?			\boxtimes	
	b) The project site is designated as "Urban" under the Impe Commercial). The proposed project would continue the com to conflict with the General Plan or Land Use Ordinance, sin use with an approved conditional use permit, a Commercial California State Bureau of Cannabis Control. Therefore, any	mercial use of th ce cannabis reta Cannabis Activit	ne building and prope all and consumption (ty (CCA) License and	erty and does no ounges are a po a retail license	ot appear ermitted
XII. N	INERAL RESOURCES Would the project:				
a)	Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource				\boxtimes

⁸ Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Map Service Center: Flood Insurance Rate Map

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	that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state? a) The proposed project will not remove mineral resources of availability of a known mineral resource. No impact is expect	on-site; therefore ted.	e, is not expected to	result in the loss	s of
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? b) The proposed project will not result in the loss of available.	ilability of a lo	Cally important mine	ral resource re	⊠ covery site
	delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land	d use plan. No in	npacts are expected.	141 10004100 10	oovery one
ali. N	OISE Would the project result in:				
a)	Generation of a substantial temporary or permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the vicinity of the project in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies? a) Any potential onsite improvements including internal rem to create some level of noise during the duration of construct established in the Imperial County General Plan "Noise Elem construction. Adherence to these noise standards are expensignificant.	ction. These nois ent" ⁹ and shall	se levels shall not exc comply with the appl	eed the thresho icable regulatio	old ns during
b)	Generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels? b) Ground-borne noise may be expected during any on-site as previously mentioned. Any impacts are expected to be le	improvements ss than significa	which would be subj	⊠ ect to the "Nois	Element"
c)	For a project located within the vicinity of a private airstrip or 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? c) The proposed cannabis dispensary and lounge with deliv commercially zoned building in the townsite of Winterhaven aiport land use plan or a public airport or public use airport.	and is not locat	ed within the vicinity	of a private airs	⊠ strip or an Figure
	1A ¹⁰ . Therefore, no impacts are expected.				
IV. P a)	Induce substantial unplanned population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and business) or indirectly (for example, through extension of			⊠	
	roads or other infrastructure)? a) The proposed cannabis dispensary and lounge with deliv commercially zoned building in the townsite of Winterhaven commercial location which will continue to operate as a com and onsite consumption. The project is not expected to indirindirectly. Any impacts are expected to be less than significant.	. The proposed Imercial busines uce substantial	project is a commerces as a vendor and lo	ial a historically unge for cannal	ois sales

⁹ Imperial County General Plan "Noise Element" 10 Airport Land use Compatibility Plan

(NI) (LTSI) (LTSMI) (PSI) **PUBLIC SERVICES** XV. Would the project result in substantial adverse physical a) impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically \boxtimes П 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: a) The proposed project is for the commercial operation of a cannabis dispensary with delivery service and lounge for onsite consumption in an existing building, and it is not expected to substantially result in adverse physical impacts associated with any new or altered governmental facilities or require the need for new or altered governmental facilities. Any impacts are expected to be less than significant. M 1) Fire Protection? 1) As stated earlier in IX-g) the project will be required to comply with the Imperial County Fire Departments letter, which requires improvements: An approved water supply capable of supplying the required fire flow as determined by the California Fire Code Appendix B. All cannabis facilities shall have an approved automatic fire suppression system. All fire suppression systems will be installed and maintained to the current adapted fire code and regulations. All cannabis facilities shall have an approved automatic fire detection system. All fire detection systems will be installed and maintained to the current adapted fire code and regulations. All cannabis facilities shall have approved smoke removal systems installed and maintained to the current adapted fire code and regulations. Gates and fire department access will be in accordance with the current adapted fire code and the facility will maintain a Knox Box for access on site. Compliance with all required sections of the fire code. Compliance with ICFD's requirements is expected bring any impacts to less than significant. 2) Police Protection? 2) A Safety and Security plan to be reviewed and approved by the County will be required prior to start of operations. Additionally, the project will need to comply with the Sheriff Department's requirements from their comment later dated March 05, 2024. therefore, the proposed project is not expected to result in substantial impacts on police protection. Any impacts would be less than significant. 3) Schools? 3) The proposed project is not expected to result in substantial impacts to schools. Prior to entering the facility all prospective clients will need to pass the screening process and provide a valid form of identification which demonstrates that they are over the age of 21. For medical patients, an identification indicating that the individual is over 18 and accompanying physician's medical recommendation will be required. No impacts are expected. 冈 4) The proposed project will not result in impacts to parks; no impacts are expected. 5) Other Public Facilities? 5) The proposed project is not expected to any impacts to other public facilities. Any impacts are expected to be less than significant. XVI. RECREATION Would the project increase the use of the existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational \boxtimes П facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated? a) The proposed project is not expected to increase the use of the existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities. No impacts are expected.

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b)	Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse effect on the environment? b) The proposed project does not include recreational facilities. Therefore, no impacts are expected.	ies or require th	e construction or exp	ansion of recre	⊠ eational		
XVII. T	RANSPORTATION Would the project:						
a)	Conflict with a program plan, ordinance or policy addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadway, bicycle and pedestrian facilities?			⊠	Carlo		
	pedestrian facilities? a) The proposed project is not expected to conflict wit Highways Element and/or any applicable plan, ordinance o project's improvements and subsequent operation of the threshold by the County. Any impact is expected to be less:	cannabis disper	sary are expected to	's Circulation during constru be below the	and Scenic action of the acceptable		
b)	Would the project conflict or be inconsistent with the CEQA			\boxtimes			
·	Guidelines section 15064.3, subdivision (b)? b) The proposed cannabis dispensary and lounge with delicommercially zoned building in the townsite of Winterhaver CEQA Guidelines section 15064.3, subdivision (b). Any imp				with the		
c)	Substantially increases hazards due to a geometric design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?			\boxtimes			
	incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)? c) The proposed cannabis dispensary and lounge is propo the townsite of Winterhaven. The applicant has a road abar of E Street in front of the property. Successful abandonme building creating a more defined intersection at Winterhave these improvements will not substantially increase hazards are expected to be less than significant.	nt of the road w	ill create a parking lot	for the comme	ercial pected that		
d)	Result in inadequate emergency access?						
u,	Result in inadequate emergency access? d) The proposed project is not expected to result in inade to provide all weather access for fire protection vehicles; to	equate emergeno herefore, no imp	cy access, all on-site act is expected.	tranic area is i	arg sunaced		
XVIII.	TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES						
a)	significance of a tribal cultural resource, defined in Public Resources Code Section 21074 as either a site, feature, place, cultural landscape that is geographically defined in terms of the size and scope of the landscape, sacred place or object with cultural value to a California Native American						
	tribe, and that is: a) The proposed cannabis dispensary and lounge is proposed to be located in an existing commercially zoned building in the townsite of Winterhaven. As the project site is already developed and paved it is not expected to cause a substantial change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource. A notification of opportunity to consult letter in compliance with AB-52 was sent to the Quechan Indian Tribe and Campo Band of Mission Indians on September 15, 2023 and no comments were received from either. Therefore, any impacts are expected to be less than significant.						
	 (i) Listed or eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources, or in a local register of historical resources as define in Public Resources Code Section 5020.1(k), or 						
	Code Section 5020.1(k), or (i) The proposed project site is not listed under	the California Hi	storical Resources in	County of Imp	erial nor does		

Less Than Potentially Significant with Significant Mitigation Significant No Impact Impact Incorporated Impact (NI) (LTSI) (LTSMI) (PSI) it appear to be eligible under Public Resources Code Section 21074 or 5020.1 (k); therefore, any impact is expected to be less than significant. (ii) A resource determined by the lead agency, in its 0 discretion and supported by substantial evidence, to be significant pursuant to criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code Section П \boxtimes \Box 5024.1. In applying the criteria set forth is subdivision (c) of Public Resource Code Section 5024.1, the lead agency shall consider the significance of the resource to a California Native American Tribe. (ii) The proposed project site does not appear to be significant pursuant to criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code Section 5024.1, nor evidence of important historical resources was associated with the site. Therefore, any impact is expected to be less than significant. XIX. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS Would the project: Require or result in the relocation or construction of new or expanded water, wastewater treatment or stormwater \bowtie П drainage, electric power, natural gas, or telecommunications facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects? a) The proposed project site is already developed and has existing utilities, including utilities connections to water and sewer provided by Winterhaven Water District, therefore, the proposed project is not expected to result in the relocation or construction of new or expand water, wastewater treatment or stormwater drainage, electrical power, natural gas, or telecommunications facility. Any impact is expected to be less than significant. Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project \boxtimes \Box from existing and reasonably foreseeable future development during normal, dry and multiple dry years? b) The proposed cannabis dispensary and lounge is proposed to be located in an existing commercially zoned building in the townsite of Winterhaven. The project site has operated as a commercial site for years and has utility connections to water and sewer provided by Winterhaven Water District. There is no proposed excessive use of water outside of restroom facilities for staff and customers and the current development of site does not allow for much if any landscaping requiring water use. It is expected that there will be sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing and reasonably foreseeable future development during normal, dry and multiple dry years. Any impacts are considered less than significant. Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has П 冈 П adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments? c) It is expected that the project will have adequate capacity to serve the projects demand. The Winterhaven County Water District was given opportunity to comment on the project and no comments were received. Any impacts are expected to be less than significant. Generate solid waste in excess of State or local standards, or M in excess of the capacity of local infrastructure, or otherwise П impair the attainment of solid waste reduction goals? d) Based on the project description, the proposed project is not expected to exceed the generation of solid waste in excess of State or local standards as the use will remain commercial. Any impacts would be expected to be less than significant Comply with federal, state, and local management and reduction statutes and regulations related to solid waste? e) The proposed project shall comply with federal, state and local statues and regulations related to solid waste. Additionally, a cannabis product disposal procedure to be reviewed and approved by the County will also be required prior to start operations. Adherence to Federal, State and local regulations will bring the project to less than significant levels.

No Impact Impact Incorporated Impact (NI) (LTSI) (LTSMI) (PSI) XX. WILDFIRE If located in or near state responsibility areas or lands classified as very high fire hazard severity zones, would the Project: Substantially impair an adopted emergency response plan or \boxtimes П emergency evacuation plan? a) The proposed cannabis dispensary and lounge with delivery service is proposed to be located in an existing commercially zoned building in the townsite of Winterhaven and is not located in a Fire Hazard Severity Zone per the Cal Fire: Fire Hazard Severity Zones Viewer¹¹. Therefore, any impacts are expected to be less than significant. Due to slope, prevailing winds, and other factors, exacerbate wildfire risks, and thereby expose project occupants to \boxtimes П pollutant concentrations from a wildfire or the uncontrolled spread of a wildfire? b) The proposed project site topography is generally flat and therefore, any impacts due to slope, prevailing winds, and other factors, exacerbate wildfire risks are expected to be less than significant. Require the installation or maintenance of associated infrastructure (such as roads, fuel breaks, emergency water \bowtie sources, power lines or other utilities) that may exacerbate П fire risk or that may result in temporary or ongoing impacts to the environment? c) The proposed cannabis dispensary and lounge is proposed to be located in an existing commercially zoned building in the townsite of Winterhaven. The project is not expected to require the installation or maintenance of associated infrastructure that may exacerbate fire risk or that may result in temporary or ongoing impacts to the environment. Any impacts are expected to be less than significant. Expose people or structures to significant risks, including M downslope or downstream flooding or landslides, as a result of runoff, post-fire slope instability, or drainage changes? d) As mentioned above under item XX-b), the project site area is generally flat and it is not expected to expose people or structures to significant risks due to flooding or landslide as a result of runoff, post-fire slope instability or drainage changes. Any impacts are expected to be less than significant. Note: Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21083.05, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 65088.4, Gov. Code; Sections 21080(c), 21080.1, 21080.3, 21083, 21083.05, 21083.3, 21093, 21094, 21095, and 21151, Public Resources Code; Sundstrom v. County of Mendocino, (1988) 202 Cal. App. 3d 296; Leonoff v. Monterey Board of Supervisors, (1990) 222 Cal. App.3d 1337; Eureka Citizens for Responsible Govt. v. City of Eureka (2007) 147 Cal. App.4th 357; Protect the Historic Amador Waterways v. Arredor Water Agency (2004) 116 Cal. App. 4th at 1109; San Franciscans Upholding the Downtown Plan v. City and County of San Francisco (2002) 102 Cal. App. 4th 656.

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SECTION 3 III. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

The following are Mandatory Findings of Significance in accordance with Section 15065 of the CEQA Guidelines.

a)	Does the project have the potential to substantially 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, substantially reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal, eliminate tribal cultural resources or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?		
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.)		
c)	Does the project have environmental effects, which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?		

IV. PERSONS AND ORGANIZATIONS CONSULTED

This section identifies those persons who prepared or contributed to preparation of this document. This section is prepared in accordance with Section 15129 of the CEQA Guidelines.

A. COUNTY OF IMPERIAL

- Jim Minnick, Director of Planning & Development Services
- Michael Abraham, AICP, Assistant Director of Planning & Development Services
- Diana Robinson, Planning Division Manager
- Derek Newland, Project Planner
- Imperial County Air Pollution Control District
- Department of Public Works
- Fire Department
- Ag Commissioner
- Environmental Health Services
- Sheriff's Office

B. OTHER AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS

• Imperial Irrigation District

(Written or oral comments received on the checklist prior to circulation)

V. REFERENCES

- Imperial County General Plan's Circulation and Scenic Highways Element https://www.icpds.com/assets/planning/circulation-scenic-highway-element-2008.pdf
- Imperial County Air Pollution Control District Letter Dated September 26, 2023
- County General Plan's Conservation and Open Space Element https://www.icpds.com/assets/planning/conservation-open-space-element-2016.pdf
- Imperial Irrigation District Letter Dated September 25, 2023
- California Geological Survey Hazard Program: Alquist-Priolo Fault Hazard Zones https://gis.data.ca.gov/maps/ee92a5f9f4ee4ec5aa731d3245ed9f53/explore?location=32.538703%2C-110.920388%2C6.00
- 6. California Department of Toxic Substances Control: EnviroStor https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/
- 7. Imperial County Fire Department Letter Dated September 29, 2023
- 8. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Map Service Center: Flood Insurance Rate Map https://msc.fema.gov/portal/search?AddressQuery=851%20pitzer%20road%20heber%20ca#searchresultsanchorg
- Imperial County General Plan "Noise Element" https://www.icpds.com/assets/planning/noise-element-2015.pdf
- Airport Land use Compatibility Plan http://www.icpds.com/CMS/Media/ALUC-Compatibility-Plan-1996-Part-I.pdf
- Cal Fire: Fire Hazard Severity Zones Viewer https://egis.fire.ca.gov/FHSZ/

[&]quot;County of Imperial General Plan EIR", prepared by Brian F. Mooney & Associates in 1993; and as Amended by County in 1996, 1998, 2001, 2003, 2006 & 2008, 2015, 2016.

VI. NEGATIVE DECLARATION – County of Imperial

The following Negative Declaration is being circulated for public review in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act Section 21091 and 21092 of the Public Resources Code.

Project Name: Conditional Use Permit #23-0018 / Variance #24-0001 / Initial Study #23-0018

Project Applicant: WH Lounge LLC

Project Location: 509 Railroad Avenue, Winterhaven CA.

Description of Project: The project consists of a cannabis dispensary with delivery services and a lounge for onsite consumption of cannabis products as well as a variance for parking due to the historical available parking on the existing site not being able to conform to current parking requirements. The project will be located in the eastern rebuilt suite of an existing three (3) suite commercial building. The front of the suite will contain the dispensary with sales counters and the lounge area being located in the rear allowing customers to sit and consume their purchases on-site.

FINDINGS VII. This is to advise that the County of Imperial, acting as the lead agency, has conducted an Initial Study to determine if the project may have a significant effect on the environment and is proposing this Negative Declaration based upon the following findings: The Initial Study shows that there is no substantial evidence that the project may have a significant effect on the environment and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared. The Initial Study identifies potentially significant effects but: Proposals made or agreed to by the applicant before this proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (1)was released for public review would avoid the effects or mitigate the effects to a point where clearly no significant effects would occur. There is no substantial evidence before the agency that the project may have a significant effect on (2)the environment. Mitigation measures are required to ensure all potentially significant impacts are reduced to levels (3) of insignificance. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared. If adopted, the Negative Declaration means that an Environmental Impact Report will not be required. Reasons to support this finding are included in the attached Initial Study. The project file and all related documents are available for review at the County of Imperial, Planning & Development Services Department, 801 Main Street, El Centro, CA 92243 (442) 265-1736. NOTICE The public is invited to comment on the proposed Negative Declaration during the review period. Jim Minnick, Director of Planning & Development Services **Date of Determination** The Applicant hereby acknowledges and accepts the results of the Environmental Evaluation Committee (EEC) and

hereby agrees to implement all Mitigation Measures, if applicable, as outlined in the MMRP.

Applicant Signature

Date

SECTION 4

VIII.

RESPONSE TO COMMENTS

(ATTACH DOCUMENTS, IF ANY, HERE)

IX.	MITIGATION MONITORING & REPORTING PROGRAM (MMRP)			
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COMMENTS



TELEPHONE: (442) 265-1800 FAX: (442) 265-1799

September 26, 2023

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By Imperial County Planning & Development Services at 9:58 am, Sep 26, 2023

Jim Minnick Planning & Development Services Director 801 Main Street El Centro, CA 92243

SUBJECT: Conditional Use Permit 23-0018 – WH Lounge LLC

Dear Mr. Minnick:

The Imperial County Air Pollution Control District (Air District) appreciates the opportunity to review and comment on Conditional Use Permit (CUP) 23-0018 (Project). The project proposes to operate a cannabis dispensary and lounge within a former market. The project is located at 509 Railroad Ave., Winterhaven also identified as Assessor's Parcel Number 056-283-006.

Title 14 of the Imperial County Code of Ordinances requires that all commercial cannabis activities comply with Chapter 14.03, Subsection 14.03.080(F) which states, "An odor control plan providing air treatment/filtration systems to eliminate the cannabis operation detection from outside the facility shall be submitted for county of Imperial Air Pollution Control District (APCD)." To assist applicants in developing an adequate OCP the Air District has developed an informational "white paper", which will be included as an attachment, explaining the requirements of an adequate OCP. The project packet does not include an Odor Control Plan (OCP), therefore, the Air District is requesting the applicant submit an OCP to the Air District for review. The Air District, recommends the applicant contact the Air District's Planning and Monitoring Division to discuss any questions regarding the development and requirements of the OCP. The Air District also advises the applicant that a site visit will be required for the finalization of the OCP.

Finally, the Air District is requesting a copy of the draft CUP prior to recording for review.

For your convenience the Air District's rules and regulations can be accessed online at https://apcd.imperialcounty.org/rules-and-regulations. Should you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact the Air District for assistance at (442) 265-1800.

Respectfully,

Ismael Garcia

Environmental Coordinator

Reviewed by, Monica N Soucier

APC Division Manager



ODOR CONTROL PLAN FOR

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PURPOSE

By Imperial County Planning & Development Services at 9:59 am, Sep 26, 2023

This paper provides guidance to operators of Cannabis Facilities (cultivation, processing, and otherwise) when developing and implement an **Odor Control Plan** (OCP). The intent of an OCP is for the reduction or elimination of the discharge from any source whatsoever of such quantities of air contaminants or other material that may cause a nuisance or annoyance.¹ The pertinent information contained in an OCP is specific to your operation and should reflect the actual practices and customs of the operation.

The OCP is a living document intended for the *life of the project;* however, as operations change updates to the OCP will be necessary to maintain the reduction or elimination of the discharge of air contaminants. An initial site visit maybe necessary to confirm the elements of a draft OCP before the Air District can finalize its review. Once the OCP is finalized, additional site visits may occur to confirm project operations have not caused additional unforeseeable discharges from any source whatsoever of air contaminants or other material that cause a nuisance or annoyance.

MINIMUM REQUIRED ELEMENTS

While the details and specifications of each OCP will vary depending on the type, size, purpose and location of project operations, all OCP's must contain the following minimum elements:

- 1) The OCP must be on company letterhead, dated and signed by an authorizing agent of the facility
- 2) The OCP must indicate the version; draft vs final or revision
- 3) The OCP must contain sufficient information as to identify the legal owner by name, company name, location, headquarters etc.
- 4) The OCP must contain the identity and contact information of all responsible agents, and personnel involved in the day-to-day operations at the site.
 - This section must identify the primary contact for the implementation of the OCP, etc.

¹ Imperial County Rules and Regulations Rule 407 Nuisances, Revised 09/14/1999



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- This section must contain a commitment to notify the Air District of any personnel changes within 48 hours of the change.
- 5) The OCP must contain a description, with drawings if appropriate or available, of the project operations and must identify the current existing sources of odor and potential reasonably foreseeable potential sources of odor. This section is specific to the functions of the facility and should reference or include documents that provide sufficient information to identify sources of odors and the mitigation measures or technologies that reduce or eliminate those sources.
 - Identify those processes that cause odors.
 - This section should describe the odor-emitting activities or processes (e.g., cultivation, drying, etc.) that take place at the facility, including the source(s) (e.g., processing of cannabinoids, etc.) of those odors, and the location(s) from where the odors originate. This is not necessarily limited to inside the facility. For instance, outside composting activities can and do produce odors
 - This section should describe the phases of the odor-emitting activities that take place at the facility (both inside and outside), and the length and frequency of those activities. For instance, cultivation may be continuous, while another activity (e.g., drying) may take place periodically for days or hours.
 - Identify the mitigation measures that will reduce or eliminate the potential existing and reasonably foreseeable odors and describe any contingency measures should primary mitigation measures fail.
 - This section should specify and describe any control technology utilized at the facility. The Air District recommends industry-specific best control technologies that achieve reductions in odor emissions, such as carbon filtration systems.
 - ❖ This section must provide assurances that all engineering controls for the identified odor sources are sufficient to mitigate odors. This section must also provide assurances that the control technology is installed correctly and properly operating. This can be accomplished by meeting any one of the below:



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Sufficient to demonstrate mitigation of odors Provide documentation that attests to the effectiveness of the technology to mitigate the identified odors. Such as a certification from professional engineers.

Provide documentation of the approval by any one of the 38 Air Districts in California of the odor control technology as a suitable technology for odor control.

Provide documentation describing the system design and the technical processes

 Sufficient to demonstrate technology is correctly installed and properly operating

Provide documentation of the installation, including date of installation and the location of the technology within the facility.

Provide a Maintenance Plan

The maintenance plan is critical to ensure that technology is properly maintained and serviced. A description of the maintenance activities that are to be performed, the frequency with which such activities are performed, and the role/title(s) of the personnel responsible for maintenance activities should be included here. The activities should serve to maintain the odor mitigation systems and optimize performance (e.g., the schedule for regularly changing carbon filters as recommended by best engineering control practices).

6) Contingency Measures

 This section should specify the measures the facility will implement in the event installed technology or other administrative controls fail.

7) Notice and RecordKeeping

This section should describe all noticing measures and recordkeeping measures.



IMPERIAL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FRED MIRAMONTES



SHERIFF-CORONER-MARSHAL

Chief Deputy Ryan Kelley 328 Applestill Road El Centro, Ca. 92243 (442) 265-2003 rkelley@icso.org

March 5, 2024

Imperial County Planning & Development Services 801 Main Street El Centro, Ca. 92243 (442) 265-1736

Planning & Development Services,

The Imperial County Sheriff's Office is the Chief Law Enforcement agency in Imperial County. The Sheriff's Office provides general law enforcement, detention and court services for the residents, business owners and visitors of Imperial County. We have a service area of approximately 4,597 square miles bordering Mexico to the South, Riverside County to the North, San Diego County to the West, and the State of Arizona to the East.

The Imperial County Sheriff's Office appreciates this opportunity to provide comments. This response is in regards to WH Lounge LLC, a cannabis dispensary (CUP#23-0018) proposing a cannabis dispensary and lounge located within a former market at 509 Railroad Avenue in Winterhaven, California.

The Imperial County Sheriff's Office has reviewed the project description. The Imperial County Sheriff's Office request that a detailed security plan and security diagram be included and approved by the county prior to any activity on the premises.

It is the position of the Imperial County Sheriff's Office to prevent or deter criminal activity that could potentially be associated with the approval of a cannabis facility in our area of responsibility. The project site will see a large volume of commercial and passenger vehicles. The Imperial County Sheriff's Office requests that the applicant install license plate reading cameras at all ingress and regress locations at the project site and grant access to the Imperial County Sheriff's Office to review the data collected. It is requested that these cameras be included in the security plan.

The Imperial County Sheriff's Office requests that the Imperial County Planning and Development Services also include the below language in the conditional use permit (CUP). This request is in consideration of the potential hazards to the Imperial County Sheriff's Office

employees associated with responding to emergencies originating at a cannabis dispensary and lounge:

The County of Imperial is committed to being a partner and provide effective and consistent patrolling to such projects. Thus, the Imperial County Sheriff's Office will require WH Lounge LLC to contribute its proportionate share associated with the cost of training related to, but not limited to: Driving Under the Influence of Drugs (DUID), California Highway Patrol Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) certification courses. Final cost and conditions shall be reasonably determined by the Sheriff's Office.

(a) The County shall be responsible for managing the reimbursement component of this condition.

The Imperial County Sheriff's Office is available to discuss our concerns with the advancement of CUP# 23-0018.

If you have any questions, please contact the Imperial County Sheriff's Office at (442)265-2003.

Sincerely,

Chief Deputy Ryan Kelley Imperial County Sheriff's Office

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Prevention

Phone: (442) 265-3020

September 29, 2023

RE: Conditional Use Permit #23-0018,

WH Lounge LLC

509 Railroad Ave. Winterhaven CA 92283



Imperial County Fire Department would like to thank you for the opportunity to review and comments on CUP #23-0018, Cannabis dispensary and lounge located at 509 Railroad Ave, Winterhaven CA 92283

Imperial County Fire Department has the following comments and/or requirements for Cannabis operations.

- An approved water supply capable of supplying the required fire flow as determined by the California Fire Code Appendix B.
- All cannabis facilities shall have an approved automatic fire suppression system. All fire suppression systems will be installed and maintained to the current adapted fire code and regulations.
- All cannabis facilities shall have an approved automatic fire detection system.
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- All cannabis facilities shall have approved smoke removal systems installed and maintained to the current adapted fire code and regulations.
- Gates and fire department access will be in accordance with the current adapted fire code and the facility will maintain a Knox Box for access on site.
- Compliance with all required sections of the fire code.
- Further requirement shall be required for cultivation and manufacturing process.

Imperial County Fire Department reserves the right to comment and request additional requirements pertaining to this project regarding fire and life safety measures, California Building and Fire Code, and National Fire Protection Association standards at a later time as we see necessary.

If you have any questions, please contact the Imperial County Fire Prevention Bureau at 442-265-3020 or 442-265-3021.

Sincerely Andrew Loper

Lieutenant/Fire Prevention Specialist

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Imperial County Fire Department Fire Prevention Bureau

CC David Lantzer Fire Chief Imperial County Fire Department

Robert Malek Deputy Fire Marshal Imperial County Fire Department





September 25, 2023

Mr. Derek Newland
Planner II
Planning & Development Services at 9:16 am, Sep 25, 2023
County of Imperial

No. Development Services Department

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SUBJECT: Cannabis Dispensary Project (CUP23-0018, IS23-0022)

Dear Mr. Newland:

El Centro, CA 92243

On September 15, 2023, the Imperial Irrigation District received from the Imperial County Planning & Development Services Dept. a request for agency comments on WH Lounge LLC cannabis project (Conditional Use Permit No. 23-0018, Initial Study No. 23-0022). The applicant proposes to establish a cannabis dispensary and lounge within a former market at 509 Railroad Avenue, Winterhaven, CA 92283 (APN 056-283-006).

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The IID has reviewed the project information and has the following comments:

- 1. If the proposed project requires additional electrical service to the location's existing one, the applicant should be advised to contact Joel Lopez, IID project development service planner, at (760) 482-3444 or e-mail Mr. Lopez at iflopez@iid.com to initiate the customer service application process. In addition to submitting a formal application (available for download at the district website http://www.iid.com/home/showdocument?id=12923), the applicant will be required to submit an AutoCAD file of site plan, approved electrical plans, electrical panel size and location, operating voltage, electrical loads, project schedule, and the environmental easements and applicable fees. permits. documentation pertaining to the provision of electrical service to the project. The applicant shall be responsible for all costs and mitigation measures related to providing electrical service to the project.
- 2. Electrical capacity is limited in the project area. A circuit study may be required. Any system improvements or mitigation identified in the circuit study to enable the provision of electrical service to the project shall be the financial responsibility of the applicant.
- 3. Applicant shall provide a surveyed legal description and an associated exhibit certified by a licensed surveyor for all rights of way deemed by IID as necessary

to accommodate the project electrical infrastructure. Rights-of-Way and easements shall be in a form acceptable to and at no cost to IID for installation, operation, and maintenance of all electrical facilities.

- 4. 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; will require an encroachment permit, or encroachment agreement (depending on the circumstances). A copy of the IID encroachment permit application and instructions for its completion are available at https://www.iid.com/about-iid/department-directory/real-estate. The IID Real Estate Section should be contacted at (760) 339-9239 for additional information regarding encroachment permits or agreements. No foundations or buildings will be allowed within IID's right of way.
- 5. 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, water deliveries, canals, drains, etc.) need to be included as part of the project's California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and/or National Environmental Policy Act (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 analyzed. 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.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 760-482-3609 or at dvargas@iid.com. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter.

Respectfully,

Donald Vargas

Compliance Administrator II

APPLICATION

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

I.C. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPT.
801 Main Street, El Centro, CA 92243 (442) 265-1736 - APPLICANT MUST COMPLETE ALL NUMBERED (black) SPACES - Please type or print -

1.	PROPERTY OWNER'S NAME	EMAIL ADDRESS			
	WH Market LLC		maddocks@greend	p.com	
2.	MAILING ADDRESS (Street / P O Box, City, Sta 14031 Las Palmas Rd, Jamul, CA	te)	ZIP CODE 91935	PHONE NUMBER 619-955-9433	
3.	APPLICANT'S NAME		EMAIL ADDRESS		
	WH Lounge LLC		maddocks@greend		
4.	MAILING ADDRESS (Street / P O Box, City, Sta 14031 Las Palmas Rd, Jamul, CA	te)	ZIP CODE 91935	PHONE NUMBER 619-955-9433	
4.	ENGINEER'S NAME Kersi Sekhon	CA. LICENSE NO. RCE NO: 72537	EMAIL ADDRESS kesisekhon@y	vahoo.com	
5.	MAILING ADDRESS (Street / P O Box, City, Sta 7072 Cordgrass Ct., Carlsbad, CA	te)	ZIP CODE 92011	PHONE NUMBER 858-395-1143	
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6.	ASSESSOR'S PARCEL N 056-283-006-001	10.	SIZE OF PROPERTY (in acres or square foot) 16,250	ZONING (existing) C-2			
7.	7. PROPERTY (site) ADDRESS						
	509 Railroad Avenue, Winterhaven, CA 92283						
8.							
	City of Winterhaven; Cross Streets of Winterhaven Drive and Railroad Avenue						
9.	LEGAL DESCRIPTION Lot Number 10; Block 9; Brief Description: Lots 7, 8, 9, and 10 BLK 9 TOWNSITE OF						
	WINTERHAVEN						

PLEASE PROVIDE CLEAR & CONCISE INFORMATION (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF NEEDED)

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10.	DESCRIBE PROPOSED USE OF PROPERTY (list and describe	in detail) Commercial Cannabis Retailer and Lounge
1	(Medical and Adult-Use)		
11.	DESCRIBE CURRENT USE OF PROPERTY	Market	
12.	DESCRIBE PROPOSED SEWER SYSTEM	Utilize ex	isting approved building sewer line and connection
13.	DESCRIBE PROPOSED WATER SYSTEM	Utilize e	xisting approved building water line and connection
14.	DESCRIBE PROPOSED FIRE PROTECTION S		lize existing approved fire alarm and extinguishers (upgrade to code if necessary)
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	27 (1770) (1770) 	C. OTHER	
Signature Vince Hallak	09-26-2023	D. OTHER	
Print Name	Date		

Signature		
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APPLICATION DEEMED COMPLETE BY:	DATE PW	C
APPLICATION REJECTED BY:	DATE DA P.C.D.	
TENTATIVE HEARING BY:	DATE DATE	
FINAL ACTION: APPROVED DENIED	DATE	

WH LOUNGE LLC

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

SUMMARIZE THE PROPOSED USE

WH Lounge, LLC has secured the property zoned C-2 at APN: 056-283-006-000. WH Lounge, LLC is committed to community improvement; the operating plan demonstrates serious measures to mitigate any potential nuisances, the security plan suggests the immediate neighborhood will benefit from an increased security presence, the site plans show compliant parking and ingress and egress, and the overall proposal constitutes a pledge to site clean-up and neighborhood revitalization.

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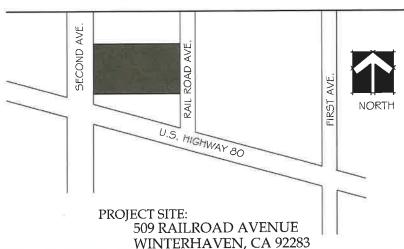
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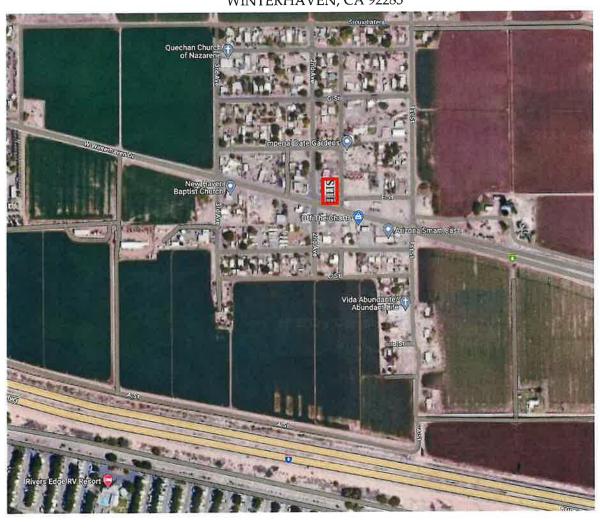
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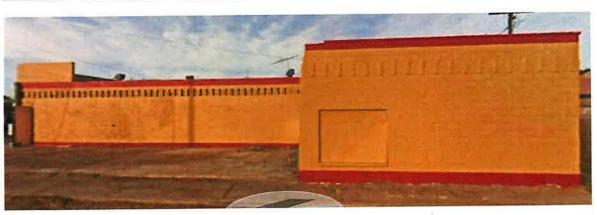


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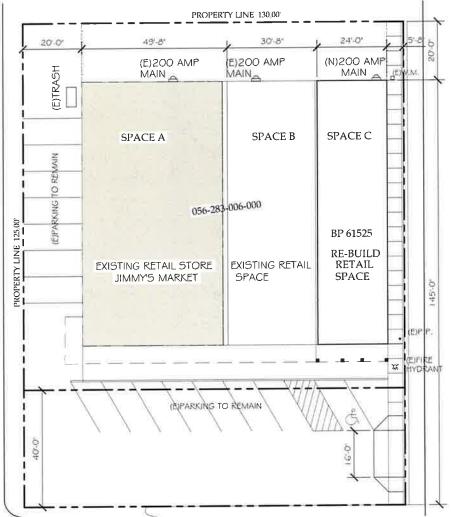
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PARKING AND LANDSCAPING



Parking: WH Lounge LLC's proposed dispensary location located at 509 Railroad Ave., Winterhaven Drive, CA 92283 features ample off-street parking for customers and employees. The roughly 4,300ft2 facility conveniently located off Winterhaven Dr and features 28 parking spaces, which exceeds Imperial County's parking rate requirement of 1 space per 250ft2 of the gross building area for retail facilities (ICCO §90402.01(G)(1)). The parking lot is accessible from Winterhaven Drive and has be designed in a way to restrict traffic congestion. Handicap parking and ADA compliant walkways will permit all patrons accessibility to the facility.

The Lounge portion of the premises requires one space per 75 sq. ft., which is calculated separately from the Retail, Lobby, Security Check-In and other portions of the premises. The chart below provides a detailed breakdown of compliance with Imperial County's parking requirements:

PARKING REQUIREMENTS

RM#	DESCRIPTION	S.F.	1/SF REQ.	SPACES REQ.
100	LOBBY	385.2	1/250	1.54
101	SECURITY CHECK IN	277.3	1/250	1.10
102	DISPLAY	592.9	1/250	2.37
103	BREAK AREA	555.8	1/250	2.22
104	RESTROOM	87	N/A	N/A
105	OFFICE	346.6	1/250	1.38
106	STORAGE	435.5	1/250	1.74
107	DISPLAY	232.7	1/250	0.93
108	LOUNGE AREA	1072.17	1/75	14.29
109	WOMEN'S RESTROOM	87	N/A	N/A
110	MEN'S RESTROOM	87	N/A	N/A

TOTAL REQUIRED PARKING

25.57 (28 PROVIDED)

Traffic: We have based our customer-related traffic projections on our estimated transactions per day, which is 55 daily transactions in Year One and 100 daily transactions in Year 2. Our Delivery-related traffic projections are based on an estimated 30 daily deliveries in Year One and 75 daily deliveries in Year Two. We have based our staff-related traffic projections on four (4) day-to-day employees, including one (1) Cannabis Specialists, one (1) Screeners, one (1) Delivery Drivers, one (1) Dispatcher. We have anticipated our Distributor-related traffic projections on the expectation that we will have at least one (1) incoming delivery per day. We anticipate the following trips generated by each respective group on daily basis:

Customers (passenger vehicles)

Year One: ~22 trips per day

Year Two: ~40 trips per day

Staff/employees (passenger vehicles):

Year One: ~6 trips per day

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Year Two: ~11 trips per day

Delivery Vehicles (commercial vehicles)

Year One: ~4 trips per day

Year Two: ~8 trips per day

Distribution (commercial vehicles)

Year One: ~1 trips per day

Year Two: ~1 trips per day

Landscaping will be employed to the fullest extent permitted by our location. The County of Imperial requires that landscaping consist of a minimum of 10% of the total developed lot or parcel (ICCO §90302.04(A)). California's temperate environment can sustain a wide variety of landscaping, but California natives will be emphasized in order to reduce watering needs and reflect the area's natural flora. The Landscaping plan will incorporate xeriscaping for the selected drought tolerant local species. Landscaping will be extended throughout the parking area to create a cohesive exterior theme.

Both entrances and exits to the parking area will be adorned with planters featuring shrubs and trees. Additionally, a newly proposed planter will be built at the corner of Winterhaven Drive and Railroad Ave.

NEIGHBORHOOD COMPATIBILITY

The proposed location is in the C2 Commercial Zoning District. The immediate neighborhood consists of other commercial activities including retailers and residential uses. Nonetheless, frosted privacy glass that meets all relevant security standards will prevent public sight lines from the exterior of the entire property. The property will blend in with the surrounding neighborhood, and its overall appearance will provide an improved aesthetic within the general vicinity and to the current state of the nearby area. Further, WH Lounge's security plans include round the clock surveillance, which will help maintain and increase the safety of the nearby area. The dispensing operations will comply with all setback requirements and building regulations, and accordingly WH Lounge, LLC will comply with all Imperial County zoning and buffer requirements.

The following screenshots indicate high neighborhood compatibility: APN: 056-283-006-000

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HOURS OF OPERATION

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 8:00AM - 10:00PM (14 hours)

 Tuesday:
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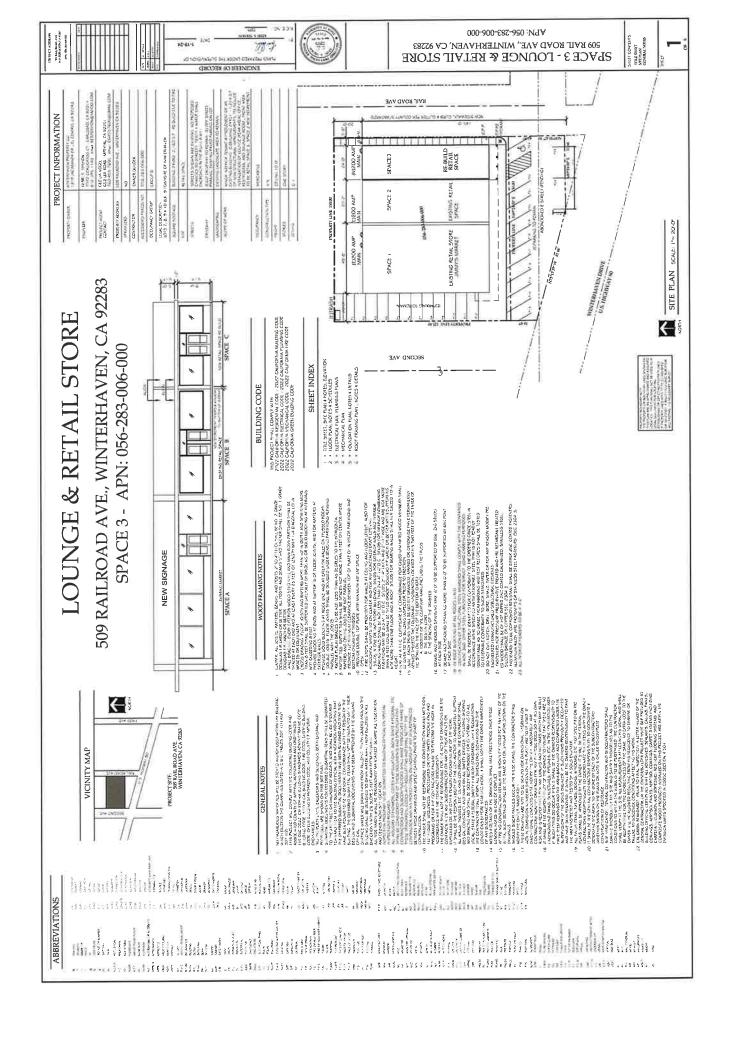
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 Saturday:
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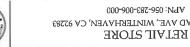
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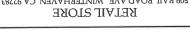
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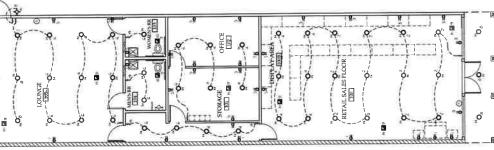
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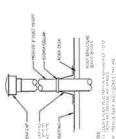
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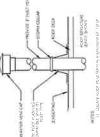
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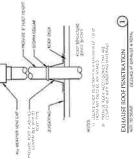
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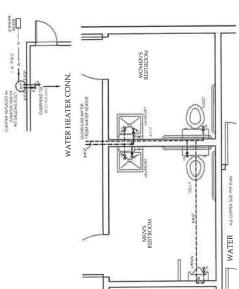
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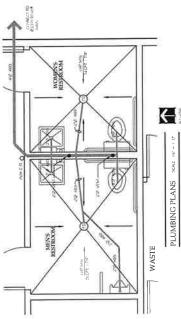
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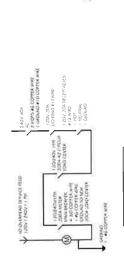






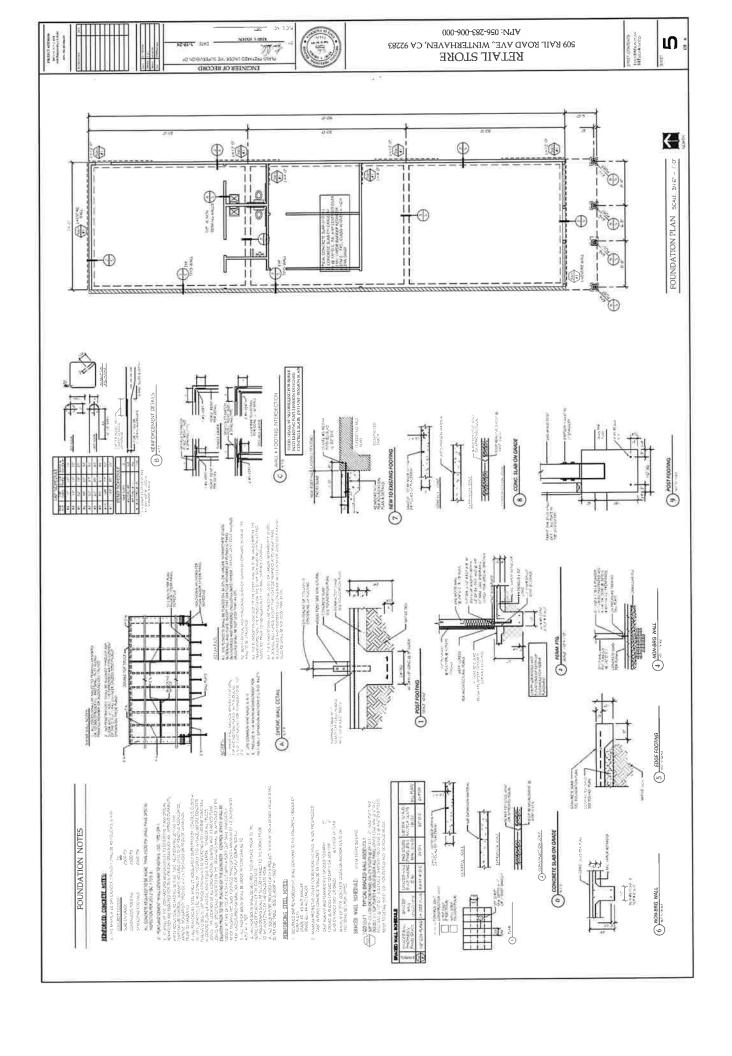


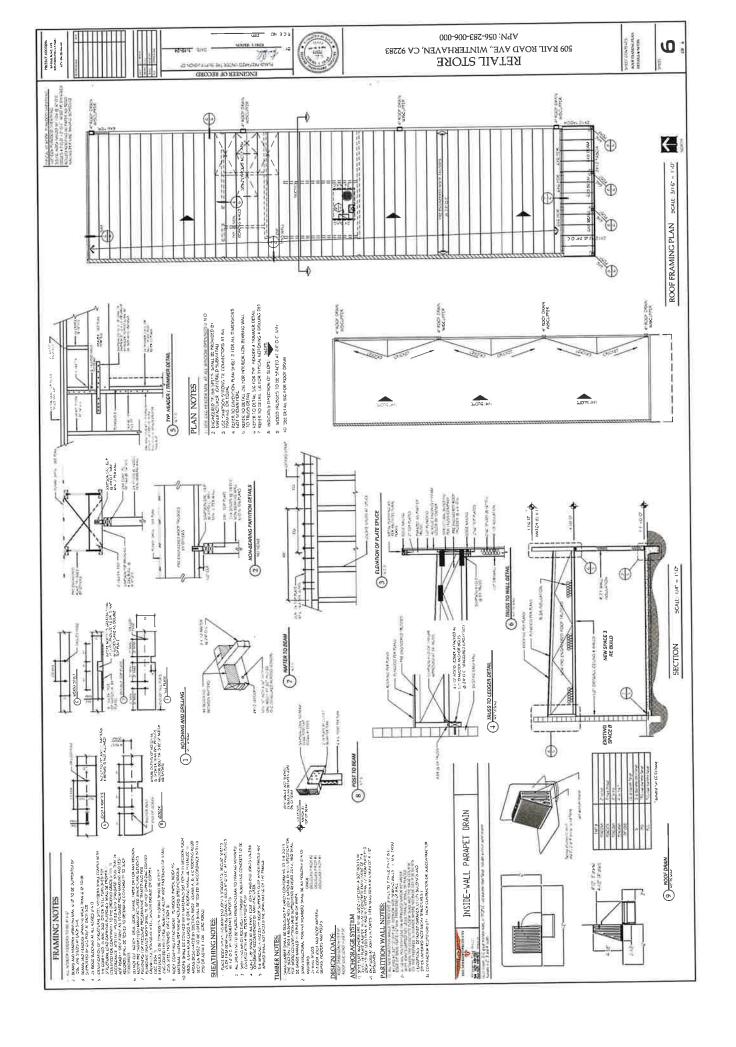
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2. MAILING ADDRESS (Street / P O Box, City, State) 509 Railroad Ave., Winterhaven, CA. SP. 3	ZIP CODE PHONE NUMBER 760-455-7600
3. ENGINEERS NAME CA. LICENSE NO. 72573	EMAIL ADDRESS KESISEKHON@YAHOO.COM
4. MAILING ADDRESS (Street / P O Box, City, State) 7072 Cordgrass Court, Carlsbad, CA	ZIP CODE PHONE NUMBER 92011 858-395-1143
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6. PROPERTY (site) ADDRESS 509 Railroad Ave., Winterhaven, CA. 92283	SIZE OF PROPERTY (in acres or square foot) 16,250 S.F.
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