PROJECT REPORT				
TO: ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION AGENDA DATE: July 14, 2022 COMMITTEE				
FROM: PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENDA TIME 1:30 PM/ No. 3				
PROJECT TYPE: <u>Jamal Shaow CUP #22-0010 Water Well</u> SUPERVISOR DIST: <u>#5</u>				
LOCATION: 611 Sidewinder Road APN: 056-470-009-000				
Winterhaven, CA 92283 PARCEL SIZE: 3.3 AC.				
GENERAL PLAN (existing) Recreation/Open Space GENERAL PLAN (proposed) N/A				
ZONE (existing) C-2 (General Commercial) ZONE (proposed) N/A				
GENERAL PLAN FINDINGS				
PLANNING COMMISSION DECISION: HEARING DATE:				
APPROVED DENIED OTHER				
PLANNING DIRECTORS DECISION: HEARING DATE:				
ENVIROMENTAL EVALUATION COMMITTEE DECISION: HEARING DATE: 07/14/2022				
INITIAL STUDY: <u>#22-0017</u>				
NEGATIVE DECLARATION MITIGATED NEG. DECLARATION EIR				
DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / APPROVALS:				
PUBLIC WORKS NONE ATTACHED AG COMMISSIONER NONE ATTACHED APCD NONE ATTACHED DEH/E.H.S. NONE ATTACHED FIRE / OES NONE ATTACHED OTHER Quechan Indian Tribe ATTACHED				
REQUESTED ACTION:				

(See Attached)

□ NEGATIVE DECLARATION □ MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Initial Study & Environmental Analysis For: Initial Study #22-0017 Jamal Shaow Conditional Use Permit #22-0010



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INTRODUCTION

A. PURPOSE

This document is a policy-level, project level Initial Study for evaluation of potential environmental impacts resulting from the proposed commercial water well replacement, on APN # 056-470-009-000. The legal description for this parcel is "a Portion of the South Half, of the Southeast Quarter, of Section 21, T16S, R21E, SBBM, located west of the unincorporated Winterhaven town site of the County of Imperial, State of California.

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 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 (30days 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 significant impact, potentially 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 expected 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

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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.
- 3. Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated: This applies where incorporation of mitigation measures has reduced an effect from "Potentially Significant Impact" to a "Less Than Significant Impact".
- 4. **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 policy-level, 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. <u>Tiered Documents</u>

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, El 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.
- 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.

II. Environmental Checklist

- 1. Project Title: Sidewinder Chevron Gas Station Commercial Water Well
- 2. Lead Agency: Imperial County Planning & Development Services Department
- 3. Contact person and phone number: Jim Minnick, Director (442)265-1736
- 4. Address: 801 Main Street, El Centro CA, 92243
- 5. E-mail: jimminnick@co.imperial.ca.us
- 6. Project location: APN 056-470-009-000; 611 Sidewinder Road, Winterhaven, CA.
- 7. Project sponsor's name and address: Jamal Shaow, 611 Sidewinder Road, Winterhaven, CA
- 8. General Plan designation: Recreation/Open Space
- 9. Zoning: C-2 (General Commercial)

10. **Description of project:** The applicant proposes Conditional Use Permits #22-0010 for a new Commercial Water Well on APN #056-470-009-000. The legal description for this parcel is a Portion of the South Half, of the Southeast Quarter, of Section 21, T16S, R21E, SBBM, located west of the unincorporated Winterhaven town site of the County of Imperial, State of California. The applicant will construct and operate a replacement Commercial Water Well to serve the existing gas station and the property in general located at 611 Sidewinder Road, Winterhaven, CA. The maximum annual water extraction will be two (2) acre-feet.

- 11. **Surrounding land uses and setting**: The project site is located west of the Winterhaven area. Surrounding land uses are vacant light industrial and commercial, along with open spaces, and a recreational vehicle park.
- 12. Other public agencies whose approval is required: (e.g., permits, financing approval, or participation agreement.): Planning Commission, Imperial County Air Pollution Control District, Imperial County Environmental Health Services, and Imperial County Fire Department.

13. Have California Native American tribes traditionally and culturally affiliated with the project area requested consultation pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.3.1? If so, is there a plan for consultation that includes, for example, the determination of significance of impacts to tribal cultural resources, procedures regarding confidentially, etc.?

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: The AB 52 Notice of Opportunity to consult was mailed via certified mail to the Quechan Indian Tribe on April 12, 2022 for their review and comment; the Quchen Indian Tribe does not wish to comment on this project.

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:

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

Aesthetics	Agriculture and Forestry Resources	Air Quality
Biological Resources	Cultural Resources	Energy
Geology /Soils	Greenhouse Gas Emissions	Hazards & Hazardous Materials
Hydrology / Water Quality	Land Use / Planning	Mineral Resources
Noise	Population / Housing	Public Services
Recreation	Transportation	Tribal Cultural Resources
Utilities/Service Systems	Wildfire	Mandatory Findings of Significance

ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION COMMITTEE (EEC) DETERMINATION

After Review of the Initial Study, the Environmental Evaluation Committee has:

Found that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a <u>NEGATIVE</u> <u>DECLARATION</u> will be prepared.

Found that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. <u>A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION</u> will be prepared.

Found that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an <u>ENVIRONMENTAL</u> <u>IMPACT REPORT</u> is required.

Found that the proposed project MAY have a "potentially significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact on the environment, but at least one effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.

Found that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WI	LDLIFE DE	E MINIMIS	SIMPACT FINDING: 🗌 Yes	🗌 No
EEC VOTES PUBLIC WORKS ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SVCS OFFICE EMERGENCY SERVICES APCD AG SHERIFF DEPARTMENT ICPDS		<u>₽</u> □□□□□□	ABSENT	

Jim Minnick, Director of Planning/EEC Chairman

Date:

PROJECT SUMMARY

See attached Initial Study for additional information.

- A. Project Location: The project site is located at 611 Sidewinder Road, Winterhaven, CA, 92283. The legal description for this parcel is "a Portion of the South Half, of the Southeast Quarter, of Section 21, T16S, R21E, and SBBM; (APN 056-470-009-000) located west of the unincorporated Winterhaven town site of the County of Imperial. State of California.
- B. Project Summary: The applicant proposes Conditional Use Permits #22-0010 for a new Commercial Water Well on APN #056-470-009-000. The applicant will construct and operate a replacement Commercial Water Well to serve the existing gas station and the property in general located at 611 Sidewinder Road, Winterhaven, CA. The maximum annual water extraction will be two (2) acre-feet.
- **C.** Environmental Setting: The proposed project is located within a C-2 (General Commercial) zone within an area designated as Recreation/Open Space. The proposed project is allowed within the C-2 zone, with an approved conditional use permit. The applicant has submitted a conditional use permit for the proposed project.
- **D.** Analysis: Initial Study #22-0017 will analysis any impacts associated with the proposed project within the C-2 zone. The proposed project site has been used for various commercial uses over the years; e.g. a gas station/convenience store, and is it currently use.
- E. General Plan Consistency: The project is located within an area designated as Recreational/Open Space according to the General Plan, and the parcel is zoned C-2 (General Commercial).





EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

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

		Potentially Significant Impact (PSI)	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated (PSUMI)	Less Than Significant Impact (LTSI)	No Impact (NI)
l. A E	STHETICS				
Excep	ot as provided in Public Resources Code Section 21099, would the p	roject:			
a)	Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista or scenic highway? a) The proposed project will be located west of the Tov 8; however, the proposed facility is not located within the scenic highway in the Imperial County General Pla County 2008a) nor is it identified on the California Scen vistas or areas with high visual quality would be adver Additionally, this proposed facility will install fencing an parking lots and landscaping along portions of existing area. Any potential impacts would appear to be less the	the vicinity of a n Circulation hic Highway M rsely affected Id landscaping g building ther	a scenic highway. It and Scenic Highwa apping System (Cal by development of a along the frontage reby enhancing the	is not design ays Element trans 2016). I the proposed of the proper	ated as a (Imperial No scenic I projects. ty, paving
b)	Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?				\boxtimes
	b) The proposed project is not near a state scenic high including trees, outcropping, and historical buildings w	•	· •		
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 project is consistent with current zoni approved conditional use permit. The site is zoned for those uses. Therefore, a less than significant impact	commercial u	ises and has been p		
d)	Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?			\boxtimes	
	d) All on-site lighting will be required to be shielded from would continue to be zoned as General Commercial. Texpected.				sed site
1.	AGRICULTURE AND FOREST RESOURCES				
Agricul use in enviror the sta	ermining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant tural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared l assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. In determining whe mental effects, lead agencies may refer to information compiled by te's inventory of forest land, including the Forest and Range Assess measurement methodology provided in Forest Protocols adopted b	by the California ther impacts to for the California D sment Project an	Department of Conserva orest resources, includir pepartment of Forestry a d the Forest Legacy As	ation as an option ng timberland, a nd Fire Protection sessment projection	onal model to re significant on regarding ct; and forest
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?				

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		Potentially Significant Impact (PSI)	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated (PSUMI)	Less Than Significant Impact (LTSI)	No Impact (NI)
	 a) The proposed project is currently zoned for commen- general commercial type uses and would not appear to parcel has been impacted by commercial uses over a 	o further impa	acts on this parcel o	f land. Previo	
b)	Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act Contract?				\boxtimes
	b) There are no Williamson Act contract lands on this	parcel. No in	npact is expected.		
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 project site is not zoned for, nor doe project would not impact forest or timberlands. No imp			land. As suc	h, the
d)	Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?				\boxtimes
	d) The proposed project site does not contain any fores the project would not impact forest lands. No impact is		uld not convert any	forestlands; f	therefore,
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?				\boxtimes
	e) The proposed project site is located in the Recre Commercial. There are no existing forestlands on or in of the proposed project would not result in the loss of for There are adjacent commercial zoned parcels current have No Impacts on expansion or conversion of any for	the immedia orestland or c lly vacant; thu	te vicinity of the pro conversion of forest	ject site. Dev and to non-fo	elopment prest use.
. AIR	QUALITY				
	available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air q pon to the following determinations. Would the Project:	uality managem	ent district or air pollutic	n control distric	t may be
a)	Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?			\boxtimes	
	a) The permittee is proposing to drill and operate a rep The project does not appear to conflict with any air qu expose sensitive receptors to pollutants or create ob District's Fugitive Dust Rules (Regulation VIII- Fugitive I is expected.	ality plan or v bjectionable o	violate any air quali odors. The project v	ty standard, will adhere to	nor will it o the Air

-		Potentially Significant Impact (PSI)	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated (PSUMI)	Less Than Significant Impact (LTSI)	No Impact (NI)
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 quality standard? b) The permittee is proposing to construct and ope existing gas station and the property in general. The plan or violate any air quality standard, nor will objectionable odors. The project must adhere to Fugitive Dust Rules). Therefore, a less than signific	project does it expose ser the Air Distric	not appear to confl sitive receptors to t's Fugitive Dust R	ict with any a pollutants	air quality or create
c)	Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutants concentrations? c) The proposed project to construct and operate a			⊠ well is not ex	meeted to
	expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutan adherence to the ICACPD requirements as shown a significant.	ts concentrati	ions. Furthermore	e, with the	continued
d)	Result in other emissions (such as those leading to odors adversely affecting a substantial number of people?			\boxtimes	
IV. BIC	d) The proposed project is not expected to expose se Furthermore, with the continued adherence to the ICA remain at a level less than significant.				
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?			\boxtimes	
	 a) The majority of the proposed project area is currer appears to have minimal impacts to any biological expected. 				
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?				
	b) Previously, the proposed site has been used for ge to further impact the site. Therefore, a less than sign		•	roject area w	ill not appear
c)	Have a substantial adverse effect on state or federally protected wetlands (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool,				

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	coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means? c) No wetlands or water resources are present on th resources, or jurisdictional waters would occur as resu				ınd, riparian
d)	Would the project 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?				\boxtimes
	d) There are no federally protected wetlands, resident on the existing site. As explained Item a) above, the pro- protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the C pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hy expected.	oposed proje lean Water A	ct will not have an a ct (including, but no	dverse effect t limited to, m	on federally arsh, vernal
e)	Conflict with any local policies or ordinance protecting biological resource, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?				\boxtimes
	e) The proposed project is zoned for commercial type local policy or ordinances protecting biological resourc impact is expected .				
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?				\boxtimes
	f) The proposed project site is not part of any a Conservation Plan or local Plans would not conflict wit Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other appro impacts are expected.	h the provision	ons of an adopted H	labitat Conse	ervation Plan,
V. CU	ILTURAL RESOURCES Would the project:				
a)	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource pursuant to §15064.5?			\boxtimes	
	a) The proposed project site was previously used for disturbed land. The project will not appear to cause a archaeological resource pursuant to §15064.5; Th significant.	substantial	adverse change in	the significar	nce of an
b)	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to §15064.5?			\boxtimes	
	b) As mentioned under Item a) above, the proposed is that any historical, archaeological or human remains w less than significant.		•		•

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C)	Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of dedicated cemeteries?				
	c) As mentioned under Item a) above, the proposed pl commercial type uses and is not expected to directly or unique geologic feature Therefore, a less than sigr	or indirectly c	lestroy a unique pa		
/I. EN	ERGY Would the project:				
a)	Result in potentially significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources, during project construction or operation?			\boxtimes	
	The proposed replacement commercial water well and designed in accordance with the California Energy Con for Residential and Nonresidential Buildings and the C Part 11). Additionally, an energy analysis will be prep Further analysis of the project's energy consumption regulations for reducing wasteful, inefficient, and u significant impact is expected.	mmission's 2 alifornia Gree bared for the and consiste	019 Building Energy on Building Standard project to quantify ency with applicabl	y Efficiency S ds (CCR, Titl energy cons e plans, poli	tandards e 24, and sumption. cies, and
b)	 Conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency? b) The proposed replacement commercial water well a be designed in accordance with the California Energy Standards for Residential and Nonresidential Building Title 24, and Part 11). Additionally, an energy analysis consumption. Further analysis of the Project's energy policies, and regulations for reducing wasteful, inefficient than significant impact is expected. 	ergy Commis s and the Ca sis will be pre consumptio	ssion's 2019 Build alifornia Green Buil epared for the Proj n and consistency	ing Energy ding Standar ect to quanti with applical	Efficiency ds (CCR, fy energy ble plans,
l. GE	OLOGY AND SOILS Would the project:				
a)	Directly or indirectly cause potential substantial adverse effects, including risk of loss, injury, or death involving:			\boxtimes	
	 a) The project as proposed does not appear to con The project may be required to perform a gradin County Public Works Department. Therefore, a le 	g and draina	ige plan/study acce	ptable to the	•
	 Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42? 			\boxtimes	
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1, 1990 does not indicate any active faults in or near the project area. The Algodones Fault is approximately 5 mile west of the proposed project site. Therefore, a less than significant impact is expected.

- 2) Strong Seismic ground shaking? \boxtimes 2) The proposed project is not located in a "Special Studies Zone"; however, the site would still be affected by the occurrence of seismic activity to some degree, but no more than surrounding properties. Additionally, Imperial County is classified as Seismic Zone 4 by the Uniform Building Code which requires that any structures constructed would be built to incorporate the most stringent earthquake resistant measures the same as under the adopted Specific Plan, taking into account the above discussion and because seismic risk is associated with occupancy of future buildings regardless of its size which will require geotechnical review done on building permits. Therefore, a less than significant impact is expected.
- Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction 3) П \square \boxtimes and seiche/tsunami? 3) The proposed project is not located in a "Special Studies Zone"; however, the site could still be affected

by the occurrence of seismic activity to some degree, but no more than surrounding properties. Additionally, Imperial County is classified as Seismic Zone 4 by the Uniform Building Code, which requires that any structures constructed would be built to incorporate the most stringent earthquake resistant measures. Detailed soil investigations shall be conducted prior to issuance of the initial building permits to assure that the proposed building is designed to withstand potential problems related to geology/soils/seismicity. Therefore, a less than significant impact is expected.

 4) Landslides? 4) Less than Significant (see above a) 		\boxtimes	
Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?		\boxtimes	

- b) The project site is not located within an erosion susceptible area according to the Imperial County, Seismic and Public Safety Element, Figure 3; Therefore, a less than significant impact is expected.
- C) Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslides, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?



c) The project is not expected to have a significant adverse environmental impact on the existing geology and soils nor would it result in any direct geology/soils/seismicity impacts. According to the State of California's Revised January 1, 1990, Special Studies Map, the proposed project is not located in a "Special Studies Zone"; however, the site would still be affected by the occurrence of seismic activity to some degree. but no more than surrounding properties. Additionally, Imperial County is classified as Seismic Zone 4 by the Uniform Building Code (Sections 1626 through 1635), which requires that any structures constructed would be built to incorporate the most stringent earthquake resistant measures. Therefore, a less than significant impact is expected.

Be located on expansive soil, as defined in the latest Uniform d) Building Code, creating substantial direct or indirect risk to life \square \square or property?

d) The proposed replacement commercial water well project does not appear to conflict with the geology and

b)

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	soils of adjacent properties. Therefore, a less than s	ignificant im	pact is expected.		
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 water?			\boxtimes	
	e) The proposed project replacement commercial wa well. The property already has a septic system for the subject to review by Environmental Health, along with Codes to ensure proper separation of the uses. There	e existing serv the complian	ices station. The ne	ew well locat iate Californi	ion will be a Building
f)	Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?			\boxtimes	
	f) Considering that the project site was completely dis were built, the probability of encountering an unfores less than significant impact is expected.		•		
VIII. gr	EENHOUSE GAS EMISSION Would the project:				
a)	Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?			\boxtimes	
	 a) The applicant permittee will construct and operate a gas station and the property in general. The project d emissions. Therefore, a less than significant impact 	loes not appe			•
b)	Conflict with an applicable plan or policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?			\boxtimes	
	b) The proposed project will not conflict with an application of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases. The f Therefore, a less than significant impact is expected	acility site was			
IX. HA .	ZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS Would the project	5			
a)	Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?			\boxtimes	
	a) The proposed project would not appear to generate any site that uses hazardous materials or hazardous v expected.	e any significa vaste. Theref	nt hazards located ore, a less than siç	near or adjao gnificant imp	cent to pact is
b)	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?			\boxtimes	
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	 All future development shall provide proof of a haza permits have been obtained for any hazardous main impact is 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 project will not handle hazardous ma or proposed school site. No Impact is expected.	aterials or was	ste within a one-qua	arter mile of a	n existing
d)	Be located on a site, which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?				\boxtimes
	d) The proposed project is not located on a site that is pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, public or environment. No Impact is 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 project site is not within two miles of the Yuma expected. The proposed uses appear to be Normally Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan on page 2-17.			-	l County
f)	Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?				\boxtimes
	f) The proposed project would not interfere with an evacuation plan; therefore, no impact is expected. Th the Fire/OES Department for emergency responses an	e permittee v	vill meet any require	ements reque	· ·
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 located withir classified as LRA "Unzoned" per Cal Fire Draft County. Therefore, it is not expected that it wou indirectly, to a significant risk of loss, injury or dea	Fire Hazard Id expose p	Severity Zones i eople or structure	in LRA for I s, either dir	mperial ectly or
X. HYI	DROLOGY 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 project does not appear to violate any water qu	Iality standard	ds or waste dischar	⊠ ge orders. Ti	nerefore,

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	a less than significant impact is expected.				
b)	Substantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that the project may impede sustainable groundwater management of the basin?			\boxtimes	
	b) The proposed project is to replace the existing we appear to significantly affect the existing groundwa Therefore, a less than significant impact is expected.	ater supply c			
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) Future development within the proposed project w water quality. Surface runoff quantities are a function that will be created by development. The project site any substantial erosion or siltation on or off site. Any approval with Public Works. Therefore, a less than si	of the imperr will not alter f proposed gr	meable surface are the course of a stre rading will require o	a and land u eam or river o	se types or create
	(i) result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site;			\boxtimes	
	 i) The project has been previously used commerce Therefore, a less than significant impact is exp 	•	nas been impacted f	or a number of	of years.
	 (ii) substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or offsite; 			\boxtimes	
	ii) The project would not appear to substantially i in flooding; the site is previously used for com proposed. Therefore, a less than significant implicant implicant.	mercial uses	and no additional		•
	 (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; 				
	III) The project does not appear to create or contributive used commercially and site has been impacted for significant impact is expected.				ously
	(iv) impede or redirect flood flows?			\boxtimes	
	iv) The project would not appear to impede or redi commercially and site has been impacted for a impact is expected.				•
d)	In flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zones, risk release of pollutants due to project inundation?				\boxtimes
	d) The project site does not appear to be located in a	potential seicl	he, tsunami, or muc	dflow zone. N	lo Impact

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	is expected.				
e)	Conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan?			\boxtimes	
	e) Future development within the proposed project w water quality. Surface runoff quantities are a function of will be created by development. The project site will substantial erosion or siltation on or off site. The pro additional structures are expected. The current site structures are planned. Therefore, a less than signif	of the imperme not alter the ojects will be has as prop	eable surface area course of a stream using an existing b osed structure on	and land use or river or o puilding on s	types that create any ite and no
(l. <i>LA</i>	ND USE AND PLANNING Would the project:				
a)	Physically divide an established community?			\boxtimes	
	 a) The proposed project is consistent with the intent of with an approved Conditional Use Permit in a C-2 Cor impacts are expected. 				
b)	Cause a significant environmental impact due to a conflict with any land use plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the			\boxtimes	
	purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?				
	 b) The proposed project is consistent with the intent of Ordinance. The project is not located in or confict conservations area or plans. The proposed project is uses and will not physically divide an established conexpected. 	flict with hab located in the	itat conservation Winterhaven area	or natural o zoned for c	community ommercia
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	 a) The proposed project is to replace the existing well, noises on local landowners and/or expected to signif Therefore, a less than significant impact is expected 	icantly increa			
b)	Generation of excessive ground-borne vibration or ground- borne noise levels?				
	b) The proposed project is to replace the existing well borne vibration or noise. Therefore, a less than signing		-	ny excessive	ground-
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 project is to replace the existing well; No Impact is expected. 	it is not within	the vicinity of priva	te airstrip or a	an airport.
XIV. PC	OPULATION AND HOUSING Would the project:				
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 project is to replace the existing we growth in the area, either directly or indirectly; therefor 			substantial p	opulation
b)	Displace substantial numbers of existing people or housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				\boxtimes
	b) The proposed project is to replace the existing we housing, necessitating the construction of replacement				
XV.	PUBLIC SERVICES				
a)	Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:				
	 a) The proposed project will not physically impact a altered government facility for any possible requiring impact is expected. 				efore, no
	 Fire Protection? An approved water supply capable of supplying the main(s) and hydrant(s) will be provided for the p commercial water well to serve the existing gas s 	roject. The co	onstruction and op	eration a rep	lacement

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	protection of the site. No Impact is expected.				
	 Police Protection? The project site is currently a service station. The p protection. Both the California Highway Patrol and she Impact is expected. 				
	 3) Schools? 3) The project would not result in an increase in population school services. The project site is not near any school services. 			C equire additio	⊠ onal
	4) Parks?4) The project would not result in an increase in popul for local parks. No Impact is expected.	ation or housi	□ ng and would not ir	Crease dema	⊠ and/use
	5) Other Public Facilities? 5) The project would not appear to put an increased by police, school and other governmental services. there			including exis	⊠ sting fire,
XVI. r	ECREATION				
a)	Would the project increase the use of the existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated? a) The proposed project would not increase the use o recreational facilities; therefore, no impact is expected		neighborhood and	□ regional park	⊠ s or other
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 would not appear to include therefore, no impact is expected.	e or require t	he construction of	recreational	⊠ facilities';
XVII.	TRANSPORTATION Would the project:				
a)	 Conflict with a program plan, ordinance or policy addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadway, bicycle and pedestrian facilities? a) The proposed project is to replace the existing we and regulations with the County's circulation plan impact is expected. 				
b)	Would the project conflict or be inconsistent with the CEQA Guidelines section 15064.3, subdivision (b)? b) The proposed project is to replace the existing well	; it does not a	ppear to impact any	public trans	⊠ it, bicycle

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	or pedestrian facility. No impacts are expected.				
c)	Substantially increases hazards due to a geometric design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)? c) The project site is on previously constructed site.	☐ No impact is o	□ expected.		
d)	Result in inadequate emergency access? d) All on-site traffic areas are existing with at least all v water well will not affect the existing emergency acce			ehicles. The	⊠ proposed
XVIII.	TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES				
a)	Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the 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 construction and operation a replacent station and the property in general is located be less than significant for tribal cultural rest 21074. Therefore, a less than significant in 	d on an existing sources as defi	g disturbed site; the ned in Public Reso	e impacts app	pears to
	 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 				
	(i) The project would not appear to cause an resource. The property site has previously beer current zone. AB 52 letters have been sent our received a response of no comment from the Qu significant impact is expected.	n impacted by g t to the Quech	general commercia an Tribe for consu	l uses allowe Itations. The	d in the County
	 (ii) A resource determined by the lead agency, in its discretion and supported by substantial evidence, to be significant pursuant to criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code Section 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 project site is zoned for general comm 	Dercial uses and	L sused for comme	🖂	be parcel

(ii) The project site is zoned for general commercial uses and is used for commercial uses. The parcel has a gas station/convenience store on site and to date no evidence of cultural resources have been seen on site. Therefore, no resources as defined in the Public Resources Code Section 5024.1 appears to be impacted. Therefore, a less than significant impact is expected.

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XIX. UT	ILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS Would the project:				
a)	Require or result in the relocation or construction of new or expanded water, wastewater treatment or stormwater drainage, electric power, natural gas, or telecommunications facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?				
	 a) The project proposes to construct and operate a regas station and the property in general. The property water and sewer. No impact is expected. 				
b)	Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing and reasonably foreseeable future development during normal, dry and multiple dry years?				
	b) The project proposes to construct and operate a re gas station and the property in general. The applic improvements associated with developing their project	ant shall be	required to pay all		•
c)	Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?				\boxtimes
	c) The proposed project is to replace the existing we wastewater treatment is proposed. No impact is expension.		to the existing sep	otic system fo	or onsite
d)	Generate solid waste in excess of State or local standards, or in excess of the capacity of local infrastructure, or otherwise impair the attainment of solid waste reduction goals?			\boxtimes	
	 d) The proposed project is to replace the existing well; to of solid waste. No impact is expected. 	the project doe	es not propose to inc	crease the ge	neration
e)	Comply with federal, state, and local management and reduction statutes and regulations related to solid waste?				
	e) All proposed projects within the County shall contr by the facility. A waste management plan shall be su Therefore, a less than significant impact is expected	ubmitted provi		•	
XX. Wil	DFIRE				
If locate	ed in or near state responsibility areas or lands classified as very hig	gh fire hazard sev	verity zones, would the	Project:	
a)	Substantially impair an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?			\boxtimes	
	a) The site is not located on or near state responsibility moderate fire hazard severity zones. The project site is	y, areas or lar s located wes	nds classified as ver t of the community	ry high, high of Winterhav	or en and

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	access to proposed project via Sidewinder Road and impact is expected.	I-8 Highway.	Therefore, a less th	an significa	int
b)	Due to slope, prevailing winds, and other factors, exacerbate wildfire risks, and thereby expose project occupants to pollutant concentrations from a wildfire or the uncontrolled spread of a wildfire? b) The site is not located or near state responsibility,	areas or lands	classified as very h	⊠ niah, hiah or	 moderate
	fire hazard severity zones. The project appears to be County has experienced damage from heavy winds in MJHMP, which is reviewed and updated every 5 year impact is expected.	surrounded by the past, haz	y commercial relate ards in the County	d land. Altho are manageo	ough the d by the
C)	Require the installation or maintenance of associated infrastructure (such as roads, fuel breaks, emergency water sources, power lines or other utilities) that may exacerbate fire risk or that may result in temporary or ongoing impacts to the environment? c) The proposed project is to construct and operate a adversely affect either the existing operations on the than significant impact is expected.	a replacement property or imp	water well, that acti pact infrastructure.	⊠ on does not Therefore, a	□ appear to less
d)	 Expose people or structures to significant risks, including downslope or downstream flooding or landslides, as a result of runoff, post-fire slope instability, or drainage changes? d) The project is located on flat and moderately sloped operate a replacement water well, that action does Therefore, a less than significant impact is expected. 	not appear to	The proposed pro adversely affect	iect is to cont the existing	struct and drainage.

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, 21083.05, 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. Amador Water Agency (2004) 116 Cal.App.4th at 1109; San Franciscans Uphokling 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 selfsustaining 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
- David Black, 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

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

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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: Jamal Shaow Project, Conditional Use Permit CUP #22-0010

Project Applicant: Jamal Shaow, 611 Sidewinder Road, Winterhaven

Project Location: The project site is located at 611 Sidewinder Road, Winterhaven, CA, 92283. The legal description for this parcel is "a Portion of the South Half, of the Southeast Quarter, of Section 21, T16S, R21E, and SBBM; (APN 056-470-009-000) located west of the unincorporated Winterhaven town site of the County of Imperial. State of California.

Project Summary: The applicant proposes Conditional Use Permits #22-0010 for a new Commercial Water Well on APN #056-470-009-000. The applicant will construct and operate a replacement Commercial Water Well to serve the existing gas station and the property in general located at 611 Sidewinder Road, Winterhaven, CA. The maximum annual water extraction will be two (2) acre-feet.

VI. FINDINGS

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 environmental 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:
- (1) Proposals made or agreed to by the applicant before this proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration was released for public review would avoid the effects or mitigate the effects to a point where clearly no significant effects would occur.
- (2) There is no substantial evidence before the agency that the project may have a significant effect on the environment.
- (3) Mitigation measures are required to ensure all potentially significant impacts are reduced to levels of insignificance.

A 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 are invited to comment on the proposed Negative Declaration during the review period.

Date of Determination

Jim Minnick, Director of Planning & Development Services

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

N/A

MITIGATION MONITORING & REPORTING PROGRAM (MMRP)

N/A

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COMMENT LETTERS

150 SOUTH NINTH STREET EL CENTRO, CA 92243-2850



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

April 26, 2022

Mr. Jim Minnick Planning & Development Services Director 801 Main St. El Centro, CA 92243 RECEIVED

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IMPERIAL COUNTY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

SUBJECT: Conditional Use Permit 21-0010

Dear Mr. Minnick:

The Imperial County Air Pollution Control District ("Air District") thanks you for the opportunity to review the application for Conditional Use Permit 22-0010 to allow the construction of a new water well at 611 Sidewinder Road in Winterhaven, California, also identified as Assessor's Parcel Number 056-470-009-000. The water well will supply water to an existing gas station at that location.

A query of Air District records indicate that Permit 2082 for this business is in good standing. All construction activities must adhere to the Air District's **Regulation VIII** which is designed to limit emissions of fugitive dust (PM10) to 20% opacity. Any **generator greater than 50 horsepower** used for standby-backup purposes must be permitted through the Engineering and Permitting Division of the Air District.

The Air District's rule book can be accessed via the internet at <u>https://apcd.imperialcounty.org/rules-and-regulations/</u>. Should you have questions, please call our office at (442) 265-1800.

Sincerely, Untist fondell

Curtis Bondell ARCEnvironmental Coordinator

Reviewed by Monica N. Soucier APC Division Manager CUP 22-0010

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Valerie Grijalva

From: Sent:	Quechan Historic Preservation <historicpreservation Wednesday, April 13, 2022 6:08 AM</historicpreservation 						
To: Cc: Subject:	Valerie Grijalva; ':MichaelAbraham@co.imperial.us' ICPDSCommentLetters	RECEIVED					
Subject.	RE: CUP22-0010 Quechan AB 52 Letter	APR 1.3 2822					

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From: Valerie Grijalva [mailto:ValerieGrijalva@co.imperial.ca.us]
Sent: Tuesday, April 12, 2022 4:10 PM
To: Quechan Historic Preservation Officer; Jim Minnick; Michael Abraham; Diana Robinson
Cc: Carina Gomez; John Robb; Maria Scoville; Rosa Soto; Shannon Lizarraga
Subject: CUP22-0010 Quechan AB 52 Letter

Good Afternoon,

Attached hereto please find copy of Quechan Ab52 Letter for CUP22-0010. Document has been saved under the following pathway:

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Thank you,

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APPLICATION

CONDITIONAL USE PERHIT I.C. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPT. 801 Main Street, El Centro, CA 92243 (760) 482-4236

- APPLICANT MUST COMPLETE ALL NUMBERED (black) SPACES - Please type or print -								
1.	PROPERTY OWNER'S NAME Jamai Shaow			EMAIL ADDRESS Chevrongas88@gmail.com				
2.	2. MAILING ADDRESS (Street / P O Box, City, State) 611 Sidewinder Rd. N, Winterhaven, CA			ZIP COD 92283	E	PHONE NUMBER (760) 572-2053		
3. APPLICANT'S NAME Same as above				EMAIL ADDRESS				
4.				ZIP COD	E	PHONE NUMBER		
4.	4. ENGINEER'S NAME AzCa Drilling & Pump, Inc. 753077			EMAIL ADDRESS azcadrilling@aol.com				
5.				ZIP CODI 85334	E	PHONE NUMBER (520) 631-8171		
6.	ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NO. 056-470-009-001		SIZI	E OF PRO 6 acres	PERTY (in ad	crea or equare (col)	ZONING (extering) Commercial	
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9. LEGAL DESCRIPTION Sidewinder Chevron Gas Station.								
House #611, Latitude 32.7458788700, Longitude -114.756689980								
PLEASE PROVIDE CLEAR & CONCISE INFORMATION (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF NEEDED)								
10.	DESCRIBE PROPOSED USE OF PR	OPERTY (list and describe in	detail)	Constru	iction of n	new domestic wat	er well to	
	supply existing gas station.							
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12.	DESCRIBE PROPOSED SEWER SYS	STEM Not applic				ing site		
13.	DESCRIBE PROPOSED WATER SYS	STEM Not applic	able.					
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SIDEWINDER CHEVRON GAS STATION

SCOPE OF WORK

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Proposed Work: Construction of a new domestic water well within the premises.

Property Owner: Jamal Shaow

Location: 611 Sidewinder Road, Winterhaven, CA. 92283

Assessor's Parcel Number: 056-40-009

Contractor's Information:

Azca Drilling and Pump, Inc. 49809 Ehrenberg Poston Hwy. Ehrenberg, AZ. 85334 CA Contractor's License # 753077

Person Constructing the Well: Larry Siddall/ Chuck Poorbaugh

Proposed minimum and proposed maximum depth of the well: See Attachment.

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