

**G. General Plan
Amendment
(GPA#19-0003)**

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE COUNTY OF IMPERIAL, CALIFORNIA, RECOMMENDING APPROVAL TO THE IMPERIAL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE FOR THE WESTSIDE CANAL BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the applicant Consolidated Edison Development Inc. (CED) filed a request for a General Plan Amendment GPA #19-0003 requesting a General Plan change parcels APN: 050-350-010 & 051-350-011-000 to an Industrial Designation for the proposed Westside Canal Battery Energy Storage project and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the County of Imperial has been delegated with the responsibility of making recommendations to the Imperial County Board of Supervisors regarding a General Plan Amendment for approval and,

WHEREAS, the General Plan Amendment (GPA) has been provided in a timely manner to public agencies; and

WHEREAS, timely public notice of the Planning Commission's hearing on the Project application has been given, and the Planning Commission has considered evidence presented by the Imperial County Planning & Development Services Department and other interested parties at that public hearing held with respect to this item on October 27, 2021 and,

WHEREAS, the General Plan Amendment will include the update & revision to the Imperial County Title 9, Division 25 Map #40 (Westside School Area) to include from an Agriculture Designation to an Industrial Designation for the Westside Canal Battery Energy project site

NOW THEREFORE, the Planning Commission of the County of Imperial **DOES HEREBY RESOLVE** as follows:

SECTION 1. The Planning Commission independently has reviewed and considered the proposed General Plan Amendment GPA #19-0003 prior to making a decision to recommend that the Board of Supervisors to approve this General Plan Amendment (GPA #19-0003). The Planning Commission finds and determines that the Environmental Impact Report is adequate and prepared in accordance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), which analyzes environmental effects, based upon the following findings and determinations.

SECTION 2. That in accordance with, CEQA, State Planning and Zoning law and the County of Imperial Land Use Ordinance, the following findings for the

recommendation for approval and certification of the General Plan Amendment (GPA) #19-0003 have been made as follows:

1. That the Final Project EIR **SCH# 2020040122**, Candidate CEQA Findings for the Westside Canal Battery Energy ("Project") have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act, the State CEQA Guidelines, and the County's Rules to Implement CEQA as amended, and such findings are incorporated by reference herein
2. That the County independently has reviewed, analyzed, and considered the Final Project EIR, the environmental impacts therein identified for this Project, the Candidate CEQA Findings, and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, and the entire Record of Proceedings prior to recommending approval of this project.
3. The General Plan Amendment (map #40 revision) for the Westside Canal Battery Energy project is consistent with the Imperial County General Plan
4. The project area is mostly flat outside of earthquake fault zones and is physically suitable for the proposed project.
5. The General Plan Amendment is not likely to cause substantial environmental damage or substantially and avoidably injure fish or wildlife or their habitat. Surveys have been accomplished for biological and fish and impacts are less than significant with required mitigation.
6. The development and improvements are not likely to cause serious health problems.

NOW, THEREFORE, based on the above findings, the Planning Commission of the County of Imperial **DOES HEREBY RECOMMEND** that the Board of Supervisors approve the proposed General Plan Amendment GPA #19-0003, for the Westside Canal Battery Energy Storage ("Project").

Rudy Schaffner, Chairperson
Imperial County Planning Commission

I hereby certify that the preceding resolution was taken by the Planning Commission at a meeting conducted on October 27, 2021 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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General Plan Amendment GPA# 19-0003
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ATTEST:

Jim Minnick, Director of Planning & Development Services
Secretary to the Planning Commission

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