

PROJECT REPORT

TO: ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION
COMMITTEE

AGENDA DATE: May 27, 2021

FROM: PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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InSite Towers Development 2, LLC
PROJECT TYPE: CUP#21-0002/V#21-0001/IS#21-0003 SUPERVISOR DIST #5

LOCATION: 373 E. Aten Rd, Imperial APN: 044-230-014-000 PARCEL SIZE: 21.95 AC

GENERAL PLAN (existing) Agriculture GENERAL PLAN (proposed) N/A

ZONE (existing) G/S (Government/Special) ZONE (proposed) N/A

GENERAL PLAN FINDINGS CONSISTENT INCONSISTENT MAY BE/FINDINGS

PLANNING COMMISSION DECISION: HEARING DATE: _____

APPROVED DENIED OTHER

PLANNING DIRECTORS DECISION: HEARING DATE: _____

APPROVED DENIED OTHER

ENVIROMENTAL EVALUATION COMMITTEE DECISION: HEARING DATE: 05/27/2021
INITIAL STUDY: 21-0003

NEGATIVE DECLARATION MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION EIR

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / APPROVALS:

PUBLIC WORKS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NONE	<input type="checkbox"/>	ATTACHED
AG. COMMISSIONER	<input type="checkbox"/>	NONE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ATTACHED
APCD	<input type="checkbox"/>	NONE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ATTACHED
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OTHER: Quechan Historic Preservation, Imperial Irrigation District, IVECA

REQUESTED ACTION:

(See Attached)

- NEGATIVE DECLARATION**
 MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

*Initial Study & Environmental Analysis
For:*

**Conditional Use Permit #21-0002
Variance #21-0001
Initial Study #21-0003
InSite Towers Development 2, LLC**



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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 #21-0002/ Variance #21-0001, where the intent of the project is to build and maintain a 160 foot wireless telecommunication cell tower (camouflaged as an oil tower) with shelter, antennas and ancillary equipment. (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** 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 Guidelines for Implementing CEQA, 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 significant impact, potentially significant impact, or no impact.

PROJECT SUMMARY, LOCATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL 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.
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. 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, 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.

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- 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.

II. *Environmental Checklist*

1. **Project Title:** Conditional Use Permit #21-0002/Variance #21-0001 for InSite Towers Development 2, LLC / Initial Study #21-0003
2. **Lead Agency:** Imperial County Planning & Development Services Department
3. **Contact person and phone number:** Jeanine Ramos, Planner I, (442) 265-1736, ext. 1750
4. **Address:** 801 Main Street, El Centro CA, 92243
5. **E-mail:** jeanineramos@co.imperial.ca.us
6. **Project location:** The project site is located at 373 E. Aten Road, Imperial currently occupied by the Pioneers Museum, approximately 4 miles east of the Imperial County Airport. The parcel is identified as Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 044-230-014-000 and is legally described as north one-half of Tract 69, Township 15 South, Range 14 East, S. B.B.& M., in an unincorporated area of the County of Imperial.
7. **Project sponsor's name and address:** InSite Towers Development 2, LLC., 1199 N. Fairfax St. #700, Alexandria, VA 22314
8. **General Plan designation:** Agriculture
9. **Zoning:** GS (Government/Special)
10. **Description of project:** The applicant, InSite Towers Development 2, LLC, intends to build and maintain a 160 foot wireless telecommunication tower (camouflaged as an oil tower) with shelter, antennas, and ancillary equipment. The entire parcel is approximately 21.95 acres; however, InSite will be leasing an area of 3,600 square feet from the owner for the proposed tower site. The proposed tower site will be located within a 60' x 60' leased area, with a 6-foot tall Concrete Masonry Unit (CMU) block walled equipment compound.
11. **Surrounding land uses and setting:** The project abuts an agricultural field to the south and west, that are zoned A-2 (General Agricultural Zone). The Imperial Valley College is directly north of the project site, also zoned GS (Government/Special), and Highway 111 is to the east. The proposed site is currently occupied by the Pioneers Museum.
12. **Other public agencies whose approval is required** (e.g., permits, financing approval, or participation agreement.): Planning Commission
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.?**
Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC), Quechan Indian Tribe and Torres-Martinez Indian Tribe were contacted and invited to participate in the Request for Review and Comments as part of the Initial Study review process. An AB52 letter was also sent out to the Quechan Indian Tribe for a 30-day consultation period for review and comment. On March 3, 2021 the Quechan Historic Preservation Office emailed to state they had no comments. No other comments were received.

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:

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.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetics | <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture and Forestry Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Energy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Geology /Soils | <input type="checkbox"/> Greenhouse Gas Emissions | <input type="checkbox"/> Hazards & Hazardous Materials |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hydrology / Water Quality | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use / Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Mineral Resources |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Noise | <input type="checkbox"/> Population / Housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal Cultural Resources |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Utilities/Service Systems | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildfire | <input type="checkbox"/> 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 NEGATIVE DECLARATION 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. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.

Found that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT 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 WILDLIFE DE MINIMIS IMPACT FINDING: Yes No

<u>EEC VOTES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
PUBLIC WORKS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SVCS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
OFFICE EMERGENCY SERVICES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
APCD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
AG	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SHERIFF DEPARTMENT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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 Jim Minnick, Director of Planning/EEC Chairman

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 Date:

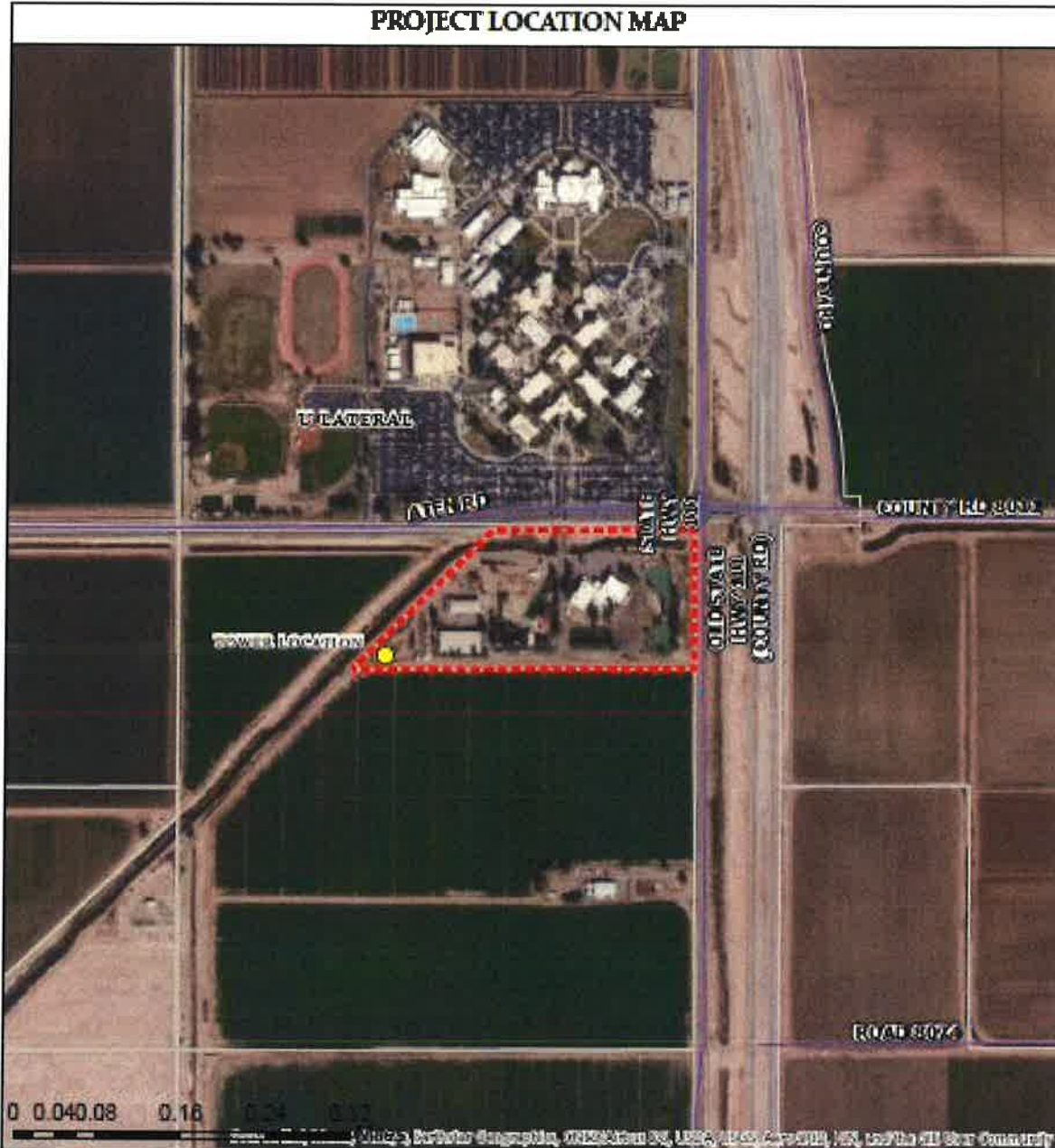
PROJECT SUMMARY

- A. **Project Location:** The project site is located at 373 E. Aten Road, Imperial, approximately 4 miles east of the Imperial County Airport. The site is currently occupied by the Pioneers Museum. The parcel is identified as Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 044-230-014-000 and is legally described as north one-half of Tract 69, Township 15 South, Range 14 East, S. B.M., in an unincorporated area of the County of Imperial.
- B. **Project Summary:** The applicant, InSite Towers Development 2, LLC, intends to build and operate a 160-foot wireless telecommunication tower (camouflaged as an oil tower) with shelter, antennas, and ancillary equipment. The entire parcel is approximately 21.95 acres; however, InSite will be leasing an area of 3,600 square feet from the owner for the proposed tower site. The proposed tower site will be located within a 60' x 60' leased area, with a 6-foot tall Concrete Masonry Unit (CMU) block walled equipment compound. According to the applicants submitted Project Description and Findings, their objective for the proposed facility is to assist AT&T to fill a significant gap in 4G and 5G coverage to the Imperial Valley College and surrounding community. Their specific coverage objectives include: Improving coverage at Imperial Valley Pioneers Expy/Hwy 111 from South to North between S80 and Ralph Rd, Improve Coverage at Aten Rd. from East to West McConnell Rd. to Cooley Rd., Improve coverage and capacity at Imperial Valley College.
- C. **Environmental Setting:** The existing land uses directly to the south and west of the project site consist primarily of agricultural fields. The Imperial Valley College is north of the site and Highway 111 runs parallel on the eastern edge of the property. The site is eastern portion of the site is occupied by the Pioneers Museum, with steel buildings used for equipment and machinery storage.
- D. **Analysis:** The project site is designated Agriculture under the Land Use Element of the Imperial County General Plan. The site is zoned "GS" (Government/Special) per Zoning Map #1 under Title 9 Land Use Ordinance. Under the Imperial County Title 9, Division 5, Chapter 20, Section 90520.02 (D), communication towers, including any necessary support equipment, are allowed on a GS zone with the approval of a conditional use permit. This meets the intentions of Division 24 the Communication Ordinance under Title 9 that, "encourages the location of towers and re-generation facilities in non-residential areas". The height restriction for communication tower in an G/S zone shall not exceed 6 stories or 100 feet. Due to this height limitation, the applicant has also applied for Variance #21-0001 to allow for the proposed tower to exceed this height limit by 60 feet. The intention behind exceeding the height limitation is to provide the area with better coverage, which will meet the Communication Ordinance's objective to enhance the ability of the providers of telecommunication services to provide such services, "quickly, effectively, and efficiently" to the surrounding community. There are 5 existing communication towers located within a 5 mile radius of the proposed site. However, the existing structures did not have the height necessary for the wireless carrier's communication grid, they were not in the specified area to meet the applicant's desired coverage and capacity objectives, and lack of landlord interest to lease to the applicant is what propelled them to apply for a new communication tower. The applicant will also meet the Communication Ordinance's standards of minimizing the adverse effects that towers and antennas visually have within their surrounding area, by their proposal to camouflage the new tower as an oil tower to allow it to better blend it with its environment, which will lessen visual impacts and be more aesthetically acceptable. The adoption of the CEQA initial study for this project will make the project consistent with applicable County, State, and Local ordinances and regulations.

E.

General Plan Consistency: As previously mentioned, the project is designated as Agriculture and is found to be consistent with the Imperial County General Plan. The proposed project is not expected to conflict with the County's General Plan.

Exhibit "A"
Vicinity Map

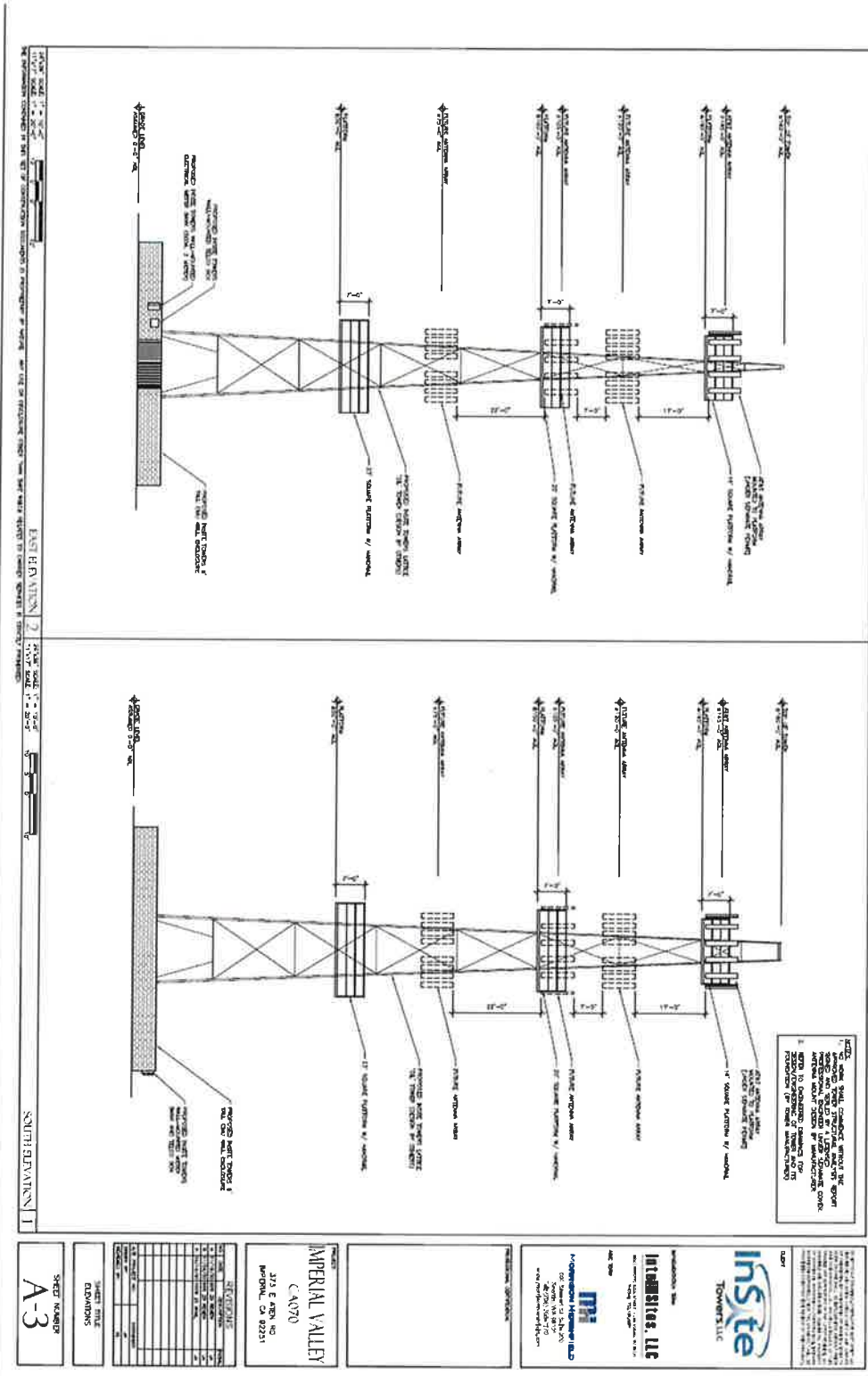


INSITE TOWERS DEVELOPMENT 2, LLC
CUP# 21-0002 / V#21-0001
APN 044-230-014-000

■ **PROJECT LOCATION**
● **TOWER LOCATION**



Exhibit "B" Site Plan



11/17/17 SCALE: 1" = 20'-0" EAST ELEVATION 2 11/17/17 SCALE: 1" = 20'-0" WEST ELEVATION 1
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<p>INSITE TOWERS, LLC 1000 S. MAIN ST. SUITE 100 OAKLAND, CA 94612 (415) 771-1100 www.insitetowers.com</p>	<p>Imperial Valley C-4070 315 E. AHN RD. IMPERIAL, CA 92251</p>	<p>Imperial Valley C-4070 315 E. AHN RD. IMPERIAL, CA 92251</p>	<p>INSITE TOWERS, LLC SHEET NUMBER A-3 SHEET TITLE DIMENSIONS</p>
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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)
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I. AESTHETICS

Except as provided in Public Resources Code Section 21099, would the project:

- a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista or scenic highway?
a) The project abuts to the west of Highway 111 which is designated a scenic highway according to Imperial County General Plan's Circulation & Scenic Highways Element. However, the only area on Highway 111 that is eligible for future Scenic Highway Designation is from Bombay Beach to the northern County line. This project is not located on or near the designated area. Therefore, less than significant impacts are expected.

- b) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?
b) There are no scenic resources such as trees, rock outcroppings or historic buildings surrounding the project site. The project site is currently leased by the Pioneers Museum; therefore, no impacts are expected.

- 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 a non-urbanized area and consists of building a wireless telecommunications facility. It is being proposed as a camouflaged oil tower at 160-feet above ground level. While the proposed tower will be visible to public, it will be situated on an existing government/special site (Pioneers Museum). The proposed project is located within an existing agricultural area and will not conflict with applicable zoning and other regulations governing scenic quality; therefore, less than significant impacts are expected.

- d) Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?
d) Title 9, Division 24, requires all towers to be lit with approved lighting as required per the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Imperial County Airport Land Use Commission standards¹. This includes day and nighttime lighting, which the US Fish and Wildlife Services states that, "security lighting on on-ground facilities, equipment, and infrastructures should be motion or heat sensitive, down-shielded and of a minimum intensity to reduce nighttime bird attraction."² Additionally, all sources of lighting that may be used, including security and operational lighting, are required by State Codes and County Ordinances to be shielded or directed onsite to minimize offsite impacts. Compliance with said codes and ordinances would bring the project's impacts to less than significant levels.

II. AGRICULTURE AND FOREST RESOURCES

In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Department of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. In determining whether impacts to forest resources, including timberland, are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to information compiled by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection regarding the state's inventory of forest land, including the Forest and Range Assessment Project and the Forest Legacy Assessment project; and forest carbon measurement methodology provided in Forest Protocols adopted by the California Air Resources Board. --Would the project:

- 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) According to the California Department of Conservation Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program (2016)³, the project site's Farmland Type is designated Urban and Built-Up Land. As it is not shown on the map as Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), no impacts are expected.

¹ Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan <http://www.icpds.com/CMS/Media/ALUC-Compatibility-Plan-1996-Part-I.pdf>

² Fish and Wildlife Department's Service Guidance regarding Communication Towers

³ <https://maps.conservation.ca.gov/DLRP/CIFF/>

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b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act Contract? b) The existing zoning and land use designation of the property are related to government/special use, which do not conflict with any zoning for agricultural use. In addition, the project site is not under the Williamson Act contract; therefore no impacts are expected.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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 is located within an existing built-up area and will not conflict with existing zoning or cause rezoning of forest land, timberland or timberland zoned Timberland Production. Therefore, no impacts are expected.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use? d) As previously stated, the proposed project is located within an existing built-up area and will not result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use; therefore, no impacts would occur.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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? e) The implementation of the project would not result in changes to the environment which could result in the conversion of farmland to non-agricultural use, since the project is not a part of a site designated as Farmland. Therefore, this would not cause an impact or conversion from forestland to non-forest use and no impacts are expected to occur.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

iii. AIR QUALITY

Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management district or air pollution control district may be relied upon to the following determinations. Would the Project:

a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan? a) Air quality within Imperial County is regulated by the Imperial County Air Pollution Control District (ICAPCD). The project would be required to conform to the requirements of the ICAPCD and adhere to the Air District's Regulation VIII for the control of fugitive dust emissions, including the submittal of a construction notification to the Air District 10 days prior to earthmoving activities. Less than significant impacts are anticipated.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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 vehicle emissions and pollutants from construction activities would be within APCD's thresholds due to the area that is to be disturbed, and would be temporary; therefore, less than significant impacts are expected in regards to an increase of any criteria pollutant. In addition, the design and construction of the project shall be done in compliance with all applicable County and APCD requirements to assure that less than significant impacts occur.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutants concentrations? c) The pollutants that could possibly affect the nearest sensitive receptors include diesel exhaust and volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions which are typically related to construction trucks and machinery, although the amount of these emissions would be very low and would be expected to disperse rapidly. The nearest sensitive receptors include the employees and visitors at the Pioneers Museum, and employees and students at the Imperial Valley College, but the impacts would be temporary and would be lessened by showing compliance with APCD's rules and regulations regarding construction pollutants. For those reasons, less than significant impacts are expected.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Result in other emissions (such as those leading to odors adversely affecting a substantial number of people)? d) As previously mentioned, diesel exhaust and volatile organic compound (VOC), which are pollutants that are typically emitted during construction, are low emissions that would be generated during the construction activities and would be dispersed rapidly from the project site. The operation of the proposed project is not expected to result in other emissions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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that would adversely affect a substantial number of people. Compliance with all County and APCD's regulations would bring the project's impacts to less than significant levels.

IV. **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 project site is not located within a designated sensitive habitat according to The Imperial County General Plan's Conservation and Open Space Element⁴ Figure 1 "Sensitive Habitats Map". The project is also not within an agency-designated habitat area, but is within the "Burrowing Owl Species Distribution Model" according to the Imperial County General Plan's Conservation and Open Space Element, Figure 2⁵. Due to this reason, the applicant will require a preconstruction survey to ensure that no burrowing owls are disturbed. Therefore, less than significant impacts are expected after this survey is performed..

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) According to the Imperial County General Plan's Conservation and Open Space Element, the project site is not located within or near a sensitive or riparian habitat, nor within a sensitive natural community. Less than significant impacts are expected to occur regarding adverse effects on the above habitats.

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 location of the project is within an agricultural area that is currently in use by the Pioneers Museum and the only occasion that water would be required would be during construction. No marsh, vernal pool or coastal wetlands are in the area, so no impacts can be expected.

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 project site is not located on or near a large body of water and no fish or wildlife species would be affected by the proposed project. In addition, it would not impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites since there are none immediately surrounding the project site; therefore, less than significant impacts are expected.

e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinance protecting biological resource, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?

e) Compliance with all of the County's regulations and requirements regarding local policies and/or ordinances protecting biological resources would cause the project's impacts to be less than significant, although there are no tree preservation policies applicable to the project site area.

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) Imperial County does not have a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). Thus, with regards to the HCP, no impacts would occur. Some lands in the County under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) are covered by the California Desert Conservation Area (CDCA) Plan, which includes Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC). The project site is not within or immediately adjacent to an ACEC of the CDCA. Therefore, less than significant impacts are anticipated.

⁴ IC General Plan Conservation and Open Space Element Figure 1 <http://www.icpds.com/CMS/Media/Conservation-&-Open-Space-Element-2016.pdf>

⁵ <http://www.icpds.com/CMS/Media/Conservation-&-Open-Space-Element-2016.pdf>

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V. **CULTURAL RESOURCES** *Would the project:*

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| a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource pursuant to §15064.5? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| a) As depicted on Imperial County's General Plan Figure 6, Conservation and Open Space Element⁶, the project site was not identified as containing a historic resource, notwithstanding the Pioneers Museum and its property. Accordingly, the project would not appear to impact a historical resource as defined by CEQA. Less than significant impacts are expected. | | | | |
| b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to §15064.5? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) The project site is not located within an archeological site of significance as shown in the Conservation and Open Space Element. Less than significant impacts are expected. | | | | |
| c) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of dedicated cemeteries? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) There are no known cemeteries on or surrounding the project site. The project site is not known to have been a formal or informal cemetery. Therefore, the proposed project is not expected to disturb any human remains and less than significant impacts are anticipated. | | | | |

VI. **ENERGY** *Would the project:*

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| a) Result in potentially significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources, during project construction or operation? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| a) The proposed project does not appear to result in potentially significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient or unnecessary consumption of energy resources during the project. Less than significant impacts are anticipated. | | | | |
| b) Conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (b) The proposed project does not appear to conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan regarding renewable energy or energy efficiency. Less than significant impacts are anticipated. | | | | |

VII. **GEOLOGY AND SOILS** *Would the project:*

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| a) Directly or indirectly cause potential substantial adverse effects, including risk of loss, injury, or death involving: | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| a) The proposed project does not appear to directly or indirectly cause potential adverse effects, including risk of loss, injury, or death. The project shall comply with the most current California Uniform Building Code and regulations provided by the Imperial County Public Works Department. Adherence with the previously referenced Building Codes, the submittal of a soils report as required by the Building Division within Imperial County Planning Department, and/or any other applicable requirement, would reduce impacts to less than significant. | | | | |
| 1) 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? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1) The proposed project is directly south of the Imperial Fault Zone according to the Fault Activity Map of California (2015)⁷. Although the project site is very close to the fault zone, it not a part of it, therefore adherence with the previously referenced Building Codes and/or any other applicable requirement, would reduce impacts to less than significant. | | | | |
| 2) Strong Seismic ground shaking? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

⁶ <http://www.icpds.com/CMS/Media/Conservation-&-Open-Space-Element-2016.pdf>

⁷ <http://maps.conservation.ca.gov/cgs/fam/>

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2) Ground shaking is expected to occur being that the project site is located in the seismically active Imperial Valley, with numerous mapped faults of the San Andreas Fault System traversing the region. The proposed project is located directly south of a known fault, however, all grading and construction work shall require earthquake resistant construction and would need to comply with the latest edition of the California Building Codes, as well as with all current building codes; therefore less than significant impacts are anticipated.

3) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction and seiche/tsunami?

3) The proposed project is not located in a tsunami inundation area per the California Tsunami Inundation Map, additionally, the design and subsequent construction of the proposed communication tower will be subject to the latest California Building Codes. Therefore, adherence to these regulations would bring any seismic-related impacts such as ground failure to less than significant.

4) Landslides?

4) According to the Imperial County General Plan Landslide Activity Map, Figure 2⁸, Seismic and Public Safety Element, the project site does not lie within a landslide activity area and therefore, no impacts are anticipated.

b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?

b) The project site has a very low potential for soil erosion due to its flat topography. The ground would be disturbed for grading and construction purposes but would not affect or cause for soil erosion after construction is completed, since the tower would be unmanned. The project is subject to approval from the County's Building and Public Works Departments. The design of the tower and ancillary equipment, as well as its construction and future operation must be made so that any possibility of contamination of soil or topsoil is minimized or eliminated. Getting the approval for the design and construction of the proposed tower from all applicable County agencies would bring the project's impacts to less than significant levels regarding soil.

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 site is not known to be located on unstable geological units and/or soil, and the conditions for lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction and collapse are not present; therefore, less than significant impacts are expected.

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

d) The proposed project does not appear to be located on expansive soil as defined in the latest Uniform Building Code, creating substantial risk to life or property. Less than significant impacts are anticipated.

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?

e) No septic tanks or other alternative waste water disposal systems are being proposed as part of the application. Less than significant impacts are expected.

f) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?

f) The proposed project does not appear to directly or indirectly destroy any unique paleontological resources, as the site is an existing built up area. Less than significant impacts are anticipated.

VIII. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION Would the project:

a) Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?

⁸ <http://www.icpds.com/CMS/Media/Seismic-and-Public-Safety-Element.pdf>

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- a) Other than during the construction phase, the proposed project is not expected to generate greenhouse gas emissions that would have a significant impact. Impacts are expected to be less than significant.
- b) Conflict with an applicable plan or policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?
- b) The proposed project is not expected to conflict with an applicable plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases. Any grading and construction activities are subject to the Imperial County Air Pollution Control District's recommendations for the reduction of pollutant emissions. Compliance with APCD and all applicable County's requirements would bring the impacts to less than significant levels.

IX. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS *Would the project:*

- a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?
- a) The proposed project does not include any handling of hazardous materials; therefore, less than significant impacts to the public or the environment are anticipated.
- 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?
- b) The proposed project does not include any works that would create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonable foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazard materials into the environment; therefore, less than significant impacts are anticipated.
- 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 Imperial Valley College is directly north of the proposed site. However, other than during the construction phase of the project, no hazardous emissions or materials are expected to be generated that would affect the college. Therefore, less than significant impacts are expected.
- 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?
- d) Government Code Section 65962.5 requires the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) the DTSC EnviroStor Database⁹ to compile and update a list of hazardous waste and substances sites. After review, it was found that the project site was not located under a listed hazardous and substances site; therefore, less than significant impacts are anticipated.
- 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 located within a runway protected zone or approach/departure zone of a local airport. The Imperial County Airport is approximately four miles from the project site, as shown in the Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (Figure 1A)¹⁰. Less than significant impacts are anticipated.
- f) Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?
- f) The proposed project shall comply with all County requirements and regulations and would not impair or interfere with

⁹ EnviroStor Database <http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/>

¹⁰ <http://www.icpds.com/CMS/Media/Airport-Locations.pdf>

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any applicable emergency plans. The access point to the proposed tower does not interfere with the access points currently in use by the Pioneers Museum employees or users. Therefore, no impacts are to be expected.

- 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 will not expose people or structures either directly or indirectly to a significant risk or loss, injury or death involving wildfire as the site is not located on or near wildlands. Less than significant impacts are expected.

X. HYDROLOGY 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 does not include any water or wastewater for the operation of the tower other than what will be required for dust suppression when construction occurs, and therefore no violation of any water quality standards would occur. Compliance by the applicant, property owner and tower user with all local, state and federal laws would bring the project's impacts to less than significant levels.

- 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 project would not require the usage of groundwater or would interfere substantially with groundwater recharge, other than when the communication tower is under construction. There are no known water wells (permitted or not) within the project site; therefore, less than significant impacts are anticipated.

- 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:

(i) result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site;

(i) The proposed project will not alter any existing drainage patterns on site, including the alterations of a stream or river, which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on or off-site as it is not located near a stream or river. According to the Imperial County General Plan Erosion Activity Map, Figure 2¹¹, Seismic and Public Safety Element, the area is designated nil activity. Therefore, less than significant impacts are anticipated.

- (ii) substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or offsite;

(ii) As previously stated, the operation of the proposed tower does not involve the use of water. Any drainage patterns shall comply with all State and Local codes, including Public Works Department regulations. Adherence to the code would lessen the project's impact to less than significant.

- (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) Any Grading and Drainage Study/Plans shall be submitted by the applicant to Imperial County Planning and Development Services and Public Works Department. The grading and draining plans would need to be designed as to prevent or avoid contribution to runoff or polluted water or alter stormwater drainage systems in a negative manner. Implementing these plans after approval would cause for less than significant impacts.

- (iv) impede or redirect flood flows?

(iv) The project site is located on Zone X, which is "Area of Minimal Flood Hazard" under FEMA Flood Map 06025C1725C; therefore, less than significant impacts are expected.

- d) In flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zones, risk release of

¹¹ <http://www.icpds.com/CMS/Media/Seismic-and-Public-Safety-Element.pdf>

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d) According to the California Emergency Management Agency and the Department of Conservation¹², the project site is not located within a Tsunami Inundation Area for Emergency Planning; therefore, no impacts are expected.

- e) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan?

e) The proposed project would not require the usage of water for the operation of the tower or located near a large body of water that would cause an obstruction to the implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan. Therefore, less than significant impacts are anticipated.

XI. LAND USE AND PLANNING Would the project:

- a) Physically divide an established community?

a) The project site would not isolate any established communities. The proposed project site is located within an existing Government/Special zone with the established Pioneers Museum on site. The tower owner will only be leasing a 60X60 square foot area of the parcel for the proposed tower. Therefore, no impacts can be expected.

- 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?

b) Under the Land Use Element of the Imperial County General Plan, the project site is designated as "Agriculture" and zoned G/S (Government/Special). The proposed project would not conflict with the General Plan or Land Use Ordinance, since it is permitted use with an approved conditional use permit. The project also does not conflict with Title 9 Division 24 and therefore, less than significant impacts are expected.

XII. MINERAL RESOURCES Would the project:

- a) Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?

a) In accordance with the California Department of Conservation- Mineral Land Classification Map¹³, the project site is not located within an area known to be underlain by regionally important mineral resources or within an area that has the potential to be underlain by regionally mineral resources. Accordingly, implementation of the proposed project would not result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region of the residents of the State of California. Less than significant impacts are anticipated.

- 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) In accordance with the Imperial County General Plan- Conservation and Open Space Element- Figure 8- Existing Mineral Resources¹⁴, the project site is not located within an area known to be underlain by regionally important mineral resources or within an area that has the potential to be underlain by regionally mineral resources. Accordingly, implementation of the proposed project would not result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on the local general plan, specific plan or other land use plans. Less than significant impacts are anticipated.

XIII. NOISE 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) Noise levels produced during the construction phase of the project would be temporary and within business hours,

¹² Department of Conservation Tsunami Inundation Maps https://maps.conservation.ca.gov/cgs/informationwarehouse/ts_evacuation/

¹³ <https://maps.conservation.ca.gov/cgs/informationwarehouse/index.html?map=mlc>

¹⁴ <http://www.icpds.com/CMS/Media/Conservation-&-Open-Space-Element-2016.pdf>

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these levels shall not exceed the threshold established in the Imperial County General Plan "Noise Element" and shall comply with the applicable regulations regarding construction. Adherence to the "Noise Element" standards would bring the impacts to a less than significant level.

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| b) Generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) As previously stated, the temporary noise levels and vibrations that could result from the earthwork and construction activities would have to be maintained within the County's allowed threshold to avoid nuisances regarding excessive groundborne vibration. Adherence to the "Noise Element" standards would bring the impacts to less than significant levels. | | | | |
| 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? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| c) The project site is not located within a runway protected zone or approach/departure zone of a local airport. The Imperial County Airport is approximately four miles from the site as shown in the Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (Figure 1A)¹⁵, but is not within its sphere of influence. No impacts are anticipated. | | | | |

XIV. **POPULATION AND HOUSING** *Would the project:*

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| 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)? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| a) The proposed project is located within a government/special zone and would not induce a population growth in the area. The approval of the proposed project would improve telecommunication services to the area and to Imperial Valley College by means of an unmanned communication tower; therefore, no impacts are expected. | | | | |
| b) Displace substantial numbers of existing people or housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Implementation of the project would not displace substantial numbers of existing housing and would not necessitate the construction of replacement housing elsewhere. No impacts are anticipated. | | | | |

XV. **PUBLIC SERVICES**

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| 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: | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| a) The proposed project will not result in any adverse physical impacts associated with any new or altered governmental facilities or require the need for new or altered governmental facilities. Therefore, less than significant impacts anticipated. | | | | |
| 1) Fire Protection? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1) The proposed project area is under the service area of the Imperial County Fire Department and will receive adequate fire protection service. The site will not result in the need for new or physically altered fire protection services. Impacts to fire protection facilities would be less than significant. | | | | |
| 2) Police Protection? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2) The County Sheriff's office provides police protection to the area. Less than impacts are anticipated due to the proposed project. | | | | |
| 3) Schools? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

¹⁵ <http://www.icpds.com/CMS/Media/Airport-Locations.pdf>

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3) The proposed project is not expected to directly or indirectly draw a substantial number of new residents to the region that would generate school-aged students requiring public education. As the project would not cause or contribute a need to construct new or physically altered public school facilities, no impacts are anticipated.

4) Parks?

4) The proposed project would not create a demand for public park facilities and would not result in the need to modify existing or construct new park facilities. Accordingly, implementation of the proposed project would not adversely affect any park facility and no impacts would be anticipated.

5) Other Public Facilities?

5) The proposed project is not expected to result in a demand for other public facilities services. As such, implementation of the proposed project would not adversely affect other public facilities or require the construction of new or modified public facilities. No impacts are anticipated.

XVI. RECREATION

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 does not propose any type of residential use or other land use that may generate a population that would increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities. Accordingly, implementation of the proposed project would not result in the increased use or substantial physical deterioration of an existing neighborhood or regional park. Therefore, no impacts are anticipated.

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 propose to construct any new on or off-site recreational facilities. Additionally, the project would not expand any existing on or off-site recreational facilities. Thus, environmental effects related to the construction or expansion of recreational facilities would not occur with implementation of the proposed project. Therefore, no impacts are anticipated.

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 not expected to conflict with the Imperial County General Plan's Circulation and Scenic Highways Element and/or any applicable plan, ordinance or policy related to the transportation aspect. The temporary construction activities and the amount of daily trips to the site from Highway 111, is expected to be below the acceptable threshold by the County; therefore, less than significant impacts are anticipated.

b) Would the project conflict or be inconsistent with the CEQA Guidelines section 15064.3, subdivision (b)?

b) Section 15064.3 (b)- Criteria for Analyzing Transportation Impacts refers to the amount and distance of automobile travel attributable to a project. With regards to subsection (1)- Land Use Project, the project does not conflict or is inconsistent with this section as it is not a one-half mile of either an existing major transit stop or a stop along an existing high quality transit corridor. As the project proposed is for a communications tower, the decrease of vehicle miles traveled due to the project compared to existing conditions would not be relevant in this case and therefore, less than significant 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 proposed project does not have any design features that would increase hazards or incompatible uses. Therefore, less than significant impacts are anticipated.

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d) Result in inadequate emergency access?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) The proposed project will not result in inadequate emergency access; therefore, less than significant impacts are expected.				

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:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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a) Assembly Bill 52 was passed in 2014 and took effect July 1, 2015. It established a new category of environmental resources that must be considered under CEQA called tribal cultural resources (Public Resources Code 21074) and established a process for consulting with Native American tribes and groups regarding those resources. Assembly Bill 52 requires a lead agency to begin consultation with California Native American tribe that is traditionally and culturally affiliated with geographic area of the proposed project. Imperial County has consulted with appropriate tribes with the potential for interest in the region. Based on comment provided by the Quechan Historic Preservation Office on March 3, 2021, the project site is not located in an area identified as having the potential for a tribal cultural resource; therefore, less than significant impacts are expected.

(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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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(i) The proposed site was not listed under the California Historical Resources in County of Imperial¹⁶ nor does it appear to be eligible under Public Resources Code Section 21074 or 5020.1 (k); therefore, less than significant impacts are expected.

(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 in 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.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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(ii) There appears to be no history or association in the past with any evidence of historical resources for the property to be identified as of significance or as candidate for listing in the California Register; therefore, less than significant impacts are expected.

XIX. **UTILITIES 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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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a) The proposed project is not expected to require or result in the relocation or construction of a new or expanded water, wastewater treatment or stormwater drainage, electrical power, natural gas, or telecommunications facility; therefore less than significant impacts are expected.

b) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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¹⁶ Office of Historic Preservation <http://ohp.parks.ca.gov/ListedResources/?view=county&criteria=13>

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from existing and reasonably foreseeable future development during normal, dry and multiple dry years? b) The proposed project is not expected to exceed the capacity of the current services provider and no new or expanded entitlements are needed. Therefore; less than significant impacts are anticipated.				
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? c) The proposed project is not expected to cause an impact to the wastewater treatment provider. Less than significant impacts are anticipated.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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? d) The proposed project will not generate any solid waste that would be in excess of State or local standards or in excess of the capacity of local infrastructure or impair the attainment of solid waste reduction goals. Therefore, a less than significant impact is expected.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Comply with federal, state, and local management and reduction statutes and regulations related to solid waste? e) The proposed project does not require a solid waste plan and appears to comply with all federal, state and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste. Adherence to Federal, State and local regulations will bring the project to less than significant impacts.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

XX. **WILDFIRE**

If located in or near state responsibility areas or lands classified as very high fire hazard severity zones, would the Project:

a) Substantially impair an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan? a) The proposed project will not substantially impair any adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan. A less than significant impact is expected.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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 proposed project is in a flat topographical area and not within a wildfire area. Therefore, less than significant impacts are expected.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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 project is not located within a fire severity zone and will not require infrastructure that may exacerbate fire risk. Therefore, no impacts are anticipated.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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 proposed project will not expose people or structures to significant risks by flooding or landslides as a result of runoff, post-fire slope instability or drainage changes. The proposed project is located on flat terrain and impacts are expected to be less than significant.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

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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 Upholding the Downtown Plan v. City and County of San Francisco (2002) 102 Cal.App.4th 656.

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 Revised 2011- ICPDS
 Revised 2016 – ICPDS
 Revised 2017 – ICPDS
 Revised 2019 – ICPDS

SECTION 3

III. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

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

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| <p>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?</p> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <p>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.)</p> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <p>c) Does the project have environmental effects, which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?</p> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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, Project Planner
- Jeanine Ramos, Project Planner
- Imperial County Air Pollution Control District
- Ag Commissioner

B. OTHER AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS

- Quechan Indian Tribe, Historic Preservation

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

V. REFERENCES

1. Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan <http://www.icpds.com/CMS/Media/ALUC-Compatibility-Plan-1996-Part-I.pdf>
2. Fish and Wildlife Department's Service Guidance regarding Communication Towers
3. <https://maps.conservation.ca.gov/DLRP/CIFF/>
4. IC General Plan Conservation and Open Space Element Figure 1
<http://www.icpds.com/CMS/Media/Conservation-&-Open-Space-Element-2016.pdf>
5. <http://www.icpds.com/CMS/Media/Conservation-&-Open-Space-Element-2016.pdf>
6. <http://www.icpds.com/CMS/Media/Conservation-&-Open-Space-Element-2016.pdf>
7. <http://maps.conservation.ca.gov/cgs/fam/>
8. <http://www.icpds.com/CMS/Media/Seismic-and-Public-Safety-Element.pdf>
9. EnviroStor Database <http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/>
10. <http://www.icpds.com/CMS/Media/Airport-Locations.pdf>
11. <http://www.icpds.com/CMS/Media/Seismic-and-Public-Safety-Element.pdf>
12. Department of Conservation Tsunami Inundation Maps
https://maps.conservation.ca.gov/cgs/informationwarehouse/ts_evacuation/
13. <https://maps.conservation.ca.gov/cgs/informationwarehouse/index.html?map=mlc>
14. <http://www.icpds.com/CMS/Media/Conservation-&-Open-Space-Element-2016.pdf>
15. <http://www.icpds.com/CMS/Media/Airport-Locations.pdf>
16. Office of Historic Preservation <http://ohp.parks.ca.gov/ListedResources/?view=county&criteria=13>

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 #21-0002 /Variance #21-0001/ Initial Study #21-0003

Project Applicant: InSite Towers Development 2, LLC

Project Location: The project site is located at 373 E. Aten Road, Imperial currently occupied by the Pioneers Museum, approximately 4 miles east of the Imperial County Airport. The parcel is identified as Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 044-230-014-000 and is legally described as north one-half of Tract 69, Township 15 South, Range 14 East, S. B.B.& M., in an unincorporated area of the County of Imperial.

Description of Project: The applicant, InSite Towers Development 2, LLC, intends to build and maintain a 160 foot wireless telecommunication tower (camouflaged as an oil tower) with shelter, antennas, and ancillary equipment. The entire parcel is approximately 21.95 acres; however, InSite will be leasing an area of 3,600 square feet from the owner for the proposed tower site. The proposed tower site will be located within a 60' x 60' leased area, with a 6-foot tall Concrete Masonry Unit (CMU) block walled equipment compound.

VII. 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.

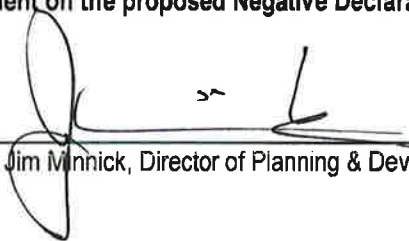
A NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.

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

5/27/21
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
Representing InSite Towers
Development 2, LLC

SECTION 4

VIII. RESPONSE TO COMMENTS

(ATTACH DOCUMENTS, IF ANY, HERE)

IX. MITIGATION MONITORING & REPORTING PROGRAM (MMRP)

(ATTACH DOCUMENTS, IF ANY, HERE)

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CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

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 The County of Imperial		EMAIL ADDRESS Jurg Heuberger jurgheuberger@gmail.com	
2. MAILING ADDRESS (Street / P O Box, City, State) 940 W Main Street, El Centro, CA		ZIP CODE 92243	PHONE NUMBER (760) 896-0313
3. APPLICANT'S NAME InSite Towers Development 2, LLC		EMAIL ADDRESS Debbie DePompei debbie@intellisitesllc.com	
4. MAILING ADDRESS (Street / P O Box, City, State) 1199 N. Fairfax Street #700 - Alexandria, VA		ZIP CODE 22314	PHONE NUMBER (702) 501-0882 (Debbie DePompei, Rep.)
4. ENGINEER'S NAME Morrison Hershfield Corporation	CA LICENSE NO. 2806970	EMAIL ADDRESS Roy Lorete RLorete@morrisonhershfield.com	
5. MAILING ADDRESS (Street / P O Box, City, State) 600 Stewart St. Suite #200, Seattle, WA		ZIP CODE 98101	PHONE NUMBER 206-268-7385
6. ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NO. 044-230-014		SIZE OF PROPERTY (In acres or square foot) 21.95 acres	ZONING (existing) GS
7. PROPERTY (site) ADDRESS 373 E. Aten Road - Imperial, CA 92251			
8. GENERAL LOCATION (i.e. city, town, cross street) At the Pioneers Museum located at the SWC of E. Aten Rd & State Highway 111 (South of Imperial Valley College)			
9. LEGAL DESCRIPTION See attached legal description of property			

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

10. DESCRIBE PROPOSED USE OF PROPERTY (list and describe in detail) Applicant is requesting a Conditional Use Permit for the installation of a 160' wireless communication tower, in addition to a variance since the height exceeds the height limitation for the GS zoning district by 60'.	
11. DESCRIBE CURRENT USE OF PROPERTY	Pioneers Museum
12. DESCRIBE PROPOSED SEWER SYSTEM	N/A - not proposed with this project.
13. DESCRIBE PROPOSED WATER SYSTEM	N/A - not proposed for this project.
14. DESCRIBE PROPOSED FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEM	
15. IS PROPOSED USE A BUSINESS? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	IF YES, HOW MANY EMPLOYEES WILL BE AT THIS SITE? Un-manned wireless communication facility

REQUIRED SUPPORT DOCUMENTS

A. SITE PLAN	_____
B. FEE	_____
C. OTHER	_____
D. OTHER	_____

FOR I.C. PLANNING
 Jurg Heuberger 11-25-20
 Print Name Date
 Signature
 Roy Lorete 12/05/20
 Print Name Date
 Signature

APPLICATION RECEIVED BY _____ DATE _____
 APPLICATION DEEMED COMPLETE BY _____ DATE _____
 APPLICATION REJECTED BY: _____ DATE _____
 TENTATIVE HEARING BY _____ DATE _____
 FINAL ACTION APPROVED DENIED

REVIEW / APPROVAL BY
 OTHER DEPT'S required
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21-0002

SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF IMPERIAL, STATE OF CALIFORNIA:

THAT PORTION OF THE NORTH ONE-HALF (N ½) OF TRACT 69, TOWNSHIP 15 SOUTH, RANGE 14 EAST, S.B.M., ACCORDING TO THE PLAT OF RESURVEY APPROVED DECEMBER 22, 1908, AND FILED IN THE DISTRICT LAND OFFICE, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID TRACT; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 13 MINUTES EAST 701.88 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST 1719.79 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF THE DRAINAGE DITCH KNOWN AS CENTRAL DRAIN; THENCE NORTH 45 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 01 SECONDS EAST 998.42 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF TRACT 69; THENCE NORTH 98 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 40 SECONDS EAST 1005.72 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

TAX ID: 044-230-014

BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO THE COUNTY OF IMPERIAL, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, GRANTEE, FROM THE IMPERIAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT, GRANTOR, BY DEED RECORDED 10/14/1987, IN BOOK 1590, PAGE 486, OF THE IMPERIAL COUNTY RECORDS.

SITE PLAN REQUIREMENTS

PLAN MUST:

- a. Be drawn to scale upon substantial paper, 11" x 14" (min.) – (20 copies must be submitted.)
- b. Show name of owner, legal description and Assessor's Parcel Number.
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- d. Show all existing and proposed structures (both above and below ground) location of sewer and water systems.
- e. Show adjacent property uses and approximate distances to nearest structures.
- f. Indicate name of person preparing site plan.
- g. Show North orientation.
- h. Show sufficient dimensions and information for proper evaluation to be done.

CAUTION: Incomplete or inaccurate applications, plans will cause the entire application to be rejected.

VARIANCE

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9.	DESCRIBE REASON FOR, OR WHY VARIANCE IS NECESSARY : <u>InSite Towers is proposing to build a 160' wireless communication facility in order to accommodate multiple tenants; AT&T is the anchor tenant who has requested the top RAD center on the tower in order to provide improved service to the college and surrounding area, in addition to providing First Net services.</u>		
10.	DESCRIBE THE ADJACENT PROPERTY		
	East	<u>Zoned "Hospital"</u>	
	West	<u>Zoned "Agriculture"</u>	
	North	<u>Zoned "College" - Imperial Valley College</u>	
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- e. Show adjacent property uses and approximate distances to nearest structures.
- f. Indicate name of person preparing site plan.
- g. Show North orientation.
- h. Show sufficient dimensions and information for proper evaluation to be done.

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InSite Towers CA070 Imperial



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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Project Name: InSite Towers – CA070 Imperial Wireless Communication Tower

Location: 373 E. Aten Rd.
Imperial, CA 92251
APN# 044-230-014

Applicant: InSite Towers Development 2, LLC
1199 N. Fairfax Street, Suite 700
Alexandria, VA 22314
Contact: (702) 501-0882 – Debbie DePompei

Owner: The County of Imperial (Owner) and
The Imperial County Historical Society (Sublessor)
9540 W. Main Street
El Centro, CA 92243
Contact: (760) 996-0313 (County)
(760) 996-0313 Jurg Heuberger (Pioneers Museum, Sublessor)

Representative: IntelliSites, LLC
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Las Vegas, NV 89131
Contact: (702) 501-0882 - Debbie DePompei
debbie@intellisitesllc.com



ABOUT INSITE TOWERS, LLC

InSite Towers, a wholly-owned subsidiary of InSite Wireless Group, . LLC (www.insitewireless.com) is one of the largest privately-owned tower and wireless infrastructure companies in the United States. InSite currently owns and operates more than 2,000 wireless communication tower sites in the United States, Puerto Rico, U. S. Virgin Islands, Australia and Canada as well as more than 66 major DAS (“distributed antenna systems”) venues nationwide. InSite Towers primary business is building multi-tenant communications facilities for lease to wireless carriers and the enclosed notarized statement will serve as confirmation that the construction of the tower will be designed to accommodate the collocation of additional antennas for future users pursuant to Section 92409.01 (8).

InSite has strategically partnered with IntelliSites, LLC (www.intellisitesllc.com), which specializes in the marketing, management and development of multi-user communication tower sites. IntelliSites LLC provides a full array of infrastructure network development services for InSite Towers including site acquisition, land use entitlement, construction management and on-going site management.

Project Description

InSite Towers, LLC is requesting the review and approval of a Conditional Use Permit for the construction and operation of a permanent multi-carrier wireless telecommunications facility to be designed as a 160' lattice tower (camouflaged as an oil tower) to be located at the Pioneers Museum (operated by the Imperial County Historical Society) at 373 E. Aten Rd. – Imperial, CA 92251. InSite is also requesting a Variance for the height since the 160' proposed structure exceeds the 100' height limitation for the GA zone by 60'.

AT&T will be the anchor tenant of the proposed facility upon site completion who proposes to co-locate at the 145' RAD level, which will include installation of the following: (2) 6' panel antennas per sector total of six (6), (3) remote radio units (RRU) per sector, total of (9), (3) surge protectors and (3) fiber spool boxes by the antenna area, in addition to (3) fiber cable trunks and (9) DC power cable trunks.

Associated equipment would include the installation of (2) Global Positioning System (GPS) antennas, a back-up generator (that is California emissions compliant & low acoustic noise) and an AT&T Mobility Walk Up Cabinet (WUC) that would be placed near the base of the tower. The entire site will be secured within a 60' x 60' enclosed six-foot (6') tall Concrete Masonry Unit (CMU) block walled equipment compound. The proposed facility is structurally designed to accommodate multiple wireless carriers' antennas and associated equipment within the 60' x 60' leased compound.

Please note that AT&T has been approved to install a Cell on Wheels (C.O.W.) facility at the location temporarily until the permanent facility being proposed with this application is constructed in order to expedite the deployment of FirstNet services to the area.

Objective

The objective of the proposed facility is to assist AT&T (and other wireless carriers) to fill a significant gap in 4G LTE and 5G coverage to the Imperial Valley College and surrounding community, which is deficient due to the lack of infrastructure to co-locate on. AT&T's specific coverage objectives at the site include the following:

- Improve coverage at Imperial Valley Pioneers Expy Hwy 111 from South to North between S80 & Ralph Rd.
- Improve coverage at Aten Rd from East to West McConnell Rd to Cooley Rd .
- Improve coverage and capacity at Imperial Valley College

Furthermore, the site will enable the anchor tenant, AT&T, to carry out its FirstNet commitment to the state of California to provide reliable communications that are critical to the safety and success of first responders and the public. And, with AT&T's selection by the federal First Responder Network Authority, FirstNet, as the wireless services provider to build and manage

the first-ever nationwide public safety wireless network, each new site will help to improve first responder communications. First conceived by the 9/11 Commission Report as a necessary strategy to coordinate first responder communications, Congress created FirstNet as the nationwide first-responder wireless network. AT&T's goal is to support the public safety community by putting advanced wireless technologies into the hands of first responders.¹

In order to meet the basic level of operational radio signal coverage, radio frequency (RF) engineers have designed a network of wireless telecommunications facilities for the Southern California area. The applicant's engineers choose specific sites after lengthy analysis. Selection criteria include limitations imposed by surrounding topography, the intended service area of the site, and the ability of the new site to "see" other sites in the network from its proposed location. Other selection factors include suitable access, availability of electrical and telephone service, and a willing property lessor. Only after careful analysis of many candidates and successful lease negotiations has been completed is a land use application such as this one submitted.

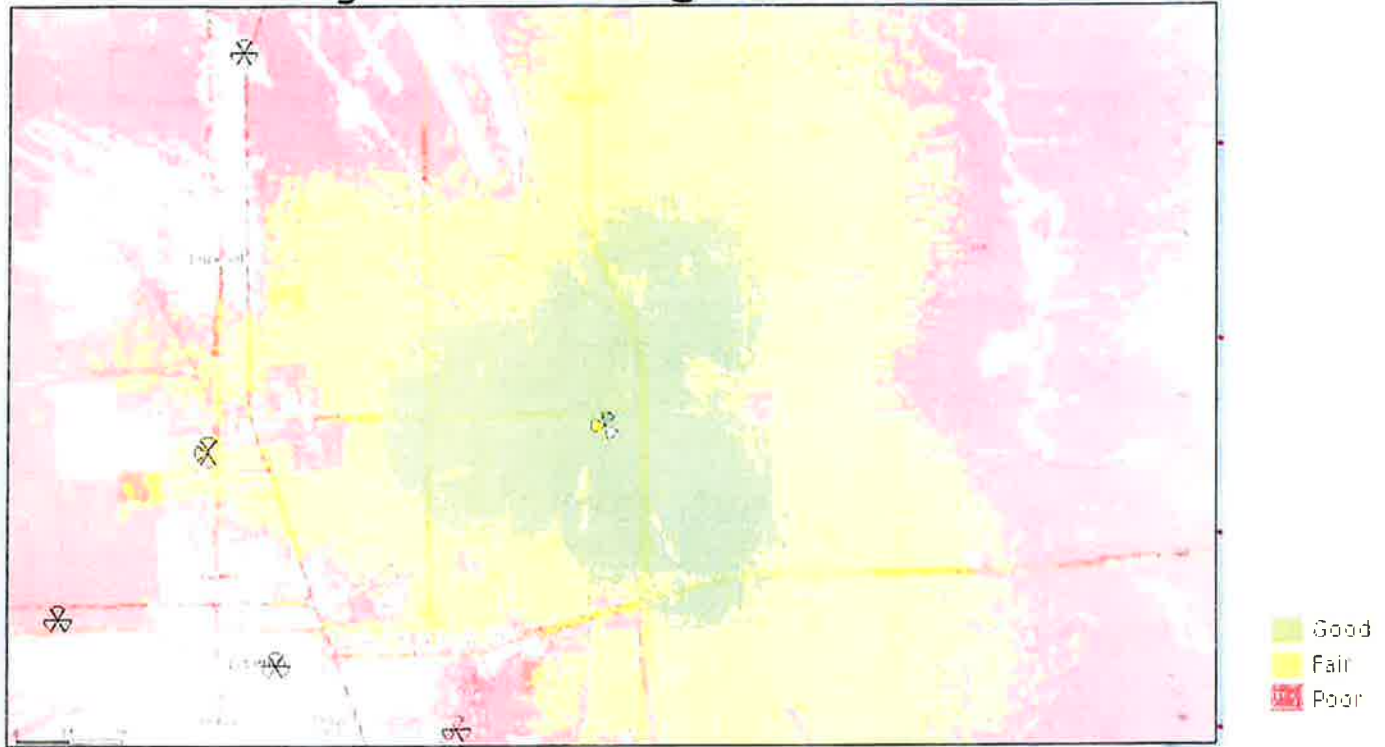
The following page details the current coverage (without the new site) and the coverage (with the new site):

CAL02227 Coverage Without New Site



¹ For more information about FirstNet, see <https://www.firstnet.gov/> and <https://www.youtube.com/embed/p-zyDCSaDug>.
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CAL02227 Coverage With New Site @145'



Alternate Site Analysis

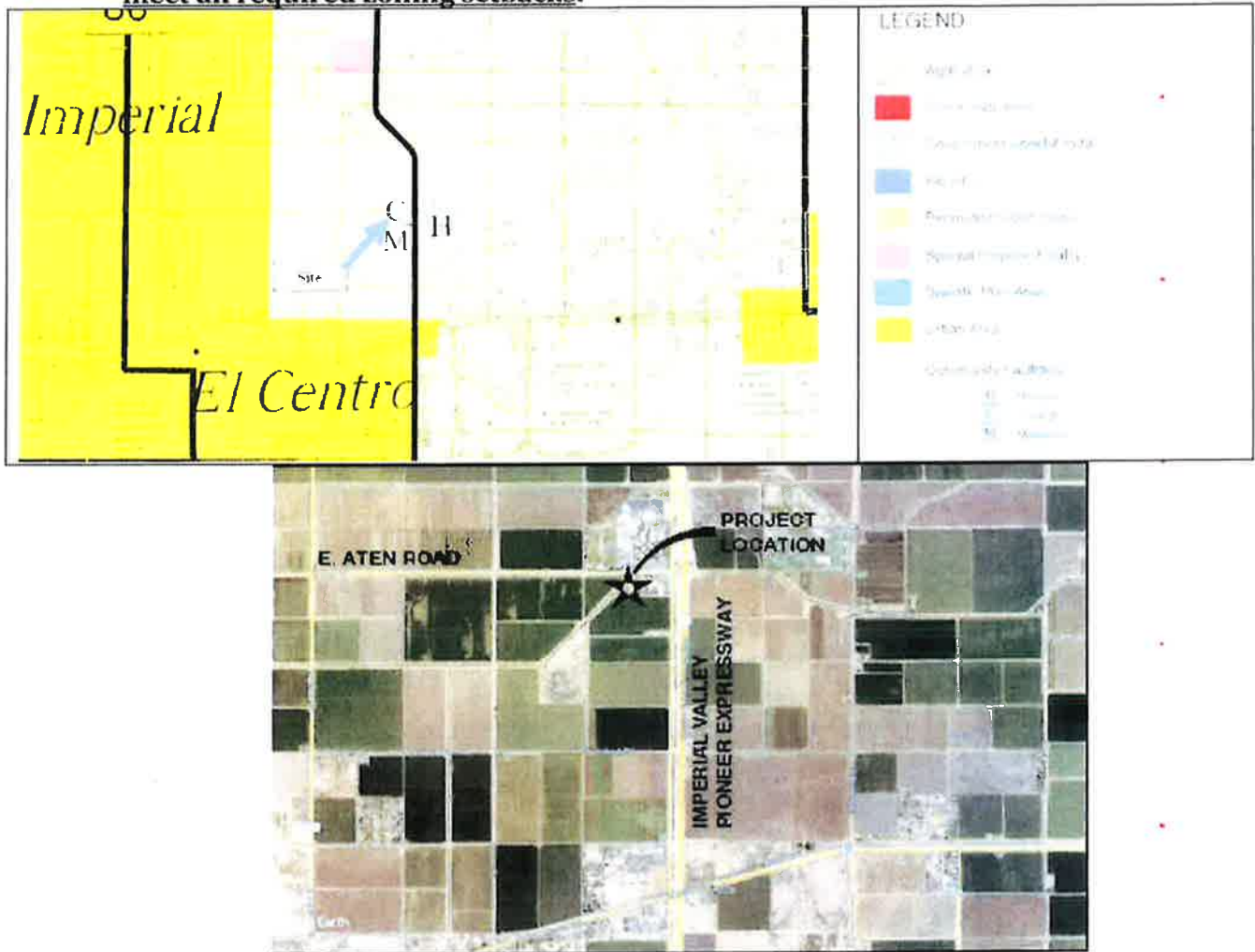
InSite Towers seeks to minimize the visual impact to the immediate area when searching for suitable candidates for its' telecommunication towers. This project was pursued because there were no existing structures or buildings in the area with the available heights necessary for the wireless carrier's communication grid, the lack of existing tower structures available that will meet the desired coverage and capacity objectives in the area, landlord interest, site location and the ability to locate a new facility while minimizing the impact to the surrounding area. The following outlines the research that was conducted on the availability of existing infrastructure in the area:

AT&T was close to securing a site that was located at 2095 Highway 111, El Centro, CA; AT&T obtained zoning approval and submitted for building permit (BP# 59320), then the property owner would not sign the lease. AT&T then reviewed an existing Verizon tower located at 1990 US Highway 111 – El Centro, CA, but the tower did not have the available RAD center (height on the tower) necessary to meet their coverage objectives, which was when AT&T's RF Engineer had to move the search ring closer to the college. The Imperial Valley College was also contacted, however, they were not interested in leasing their property for a communication tower site, which was when we commenced discussions with the Pioneer Museum, the subject site of this application.

92401.04. General Requirements.

Pursuant to Section 92401.04 (General Requirements) of the Imperial County Zoning Ordinance, please note the following findings in support of granting the Conditional Use Permit & Variance, as follows:

1. **Zones.** Wireless communication facilities may be located in all base zones which allow such facilities, upon approval of a conditional use permit as described below. **The project site will be located at the Pioneers Museum, which is currently zoned GS Government / Special Public within a preferred non-residential zone and will meet all required zoning setbacks.**



The entire area can be characterized as agricultural/rural with the exception of the Imperial Valley College to the north; the following details the existing land uses / parcels surrounding the project site:

<u>Direction</u>	<u>APN#</u>	<u>Existing Land Use</u>	<u>Planned Land Use</u>
North	044-510-007	Imperial Valley College	GS / Government Special Public
South	044-230-015	Agricultural (Fields)	A-2 / Agricultural
West	200-051-07-00	Agricultural (Fields)	A-2 / Agricultural
East	Old Highway 11		

2. **Use Permit Required.** All wireless communication facilities and all wired or fiber regeneration facilities other than those designated as exempt under _____ require a conditional use permit (CUP). To obtain a conditional use permit, a hearing is required before either the planning director or the planning commission, as provided for in this title. **InSite Towers, LLC is requesting the review and approval of a Conditional Use Permit application for this proposed facility.**

3. **Building Permit Required.** All communication facilities shall require a building permit issued by the county of Imperial. **Upon approval of the Conditional Use Permit, InSite Towers will submit and file for the necessary building permit prior to construction.**

4. **Design Consistency with the Surrounding Environment.** To the maximum extent feasible, all wireless communication facilities and all regeneration facilities shall blend in with the predominant features of the existing natural and/or built environments in which they are located. To this end, co-location, stealth mounts, structure mounts and ground mounts are particularly encouraged. **InSite is proposing to design the 160' lattice tower as an oil tower to blend in with the historic theme of the Pioneer's Museum and rural agricultural landscape of the surrounding environment. The site will be located in the far southwest corner of the parcel, which will be further screened by existing buildings on the property. Enclosed please find photo simulations for reference.**

5. **Height.** All communication facilities shall conform to the following height requirements:

a. All communication facilities shall be of the minimum functional height, with additional provisions for co-location, as allowed in the respective base zone unless a variance is approved concurrent with a CUP. (For example, if the number of co-locators that a particular facility is designed for is four and the required height is eighty (80) feet, then the allowed height of the facility would be one hundred ten (110) feet and if it is five co-locators, then it would be one hundred twenty (120) feet). **The base zone (GS) allows a 100' height. The facility will be structurally designed to accommodate five or more co-locators and so according to the code, the allowed height of the facility would be one hundred and forty (140) feet. The proposed height is 160' so a Variance is being requested concurrent with this CUP application.**

b. All communication facilities constructed within three-quarters of a mile of a designated scenic corridor (as designated by the Imperial County general plan) shall conform with the height limit in the zone in which they are located. New facilities that are co-located with an existing facility may exceed their zone's height limit, provided that the installation of the new facility does not require a height increase of the existing facility. **After reviewing the General Plan, the maps did not indicate that the proposed facility is within ¾ of a mile of a designated scenic corridor.**

c. Outside of the three-quarter-mile range of a designated scenic corridor, communication facility, except an exempt facility, may exceed one hundred twenty (120) feet. A bonus of twenty (20) additional feet per facility, up to a maximum height of three hundred (300) feet, is permissible for operators co-locating on a single facility. **The proposed height of the facility is 160'.**

d. No roof-mounted wireless communication facility, except an exempt facility, may be more than twelve (12) feet taller than the roof of the building on which it is mounted, unless facility is fully screened and height does not exceed height permitted by applicable zoning code. **Not applicable.**

e. If an operator wishes to apply for an exception to these height limitations, then the facility shall be subject to the provisions at this title relating to conditional use permits and variances hearing processes. **The proposed height is 160' so a Variance is being requested concurrent with this CUP application.**

6. Screening. All communication facilities shall be screened to the maximum extent possible, pursuant to the following requirements.

a. Ground- and tower-mounted antennas and all sound structures shall be located within areas where substantial screening by vegetation, landform and/or buildings can be achieved. Additional vegetation and/or other screening may be required as a condition of approval. Each structural screening shall be based on a recommendation from the planning department having addressed the visual impacts, which in some instance may, in fact, warrant no screening. **All equipment and materials needed to operate the site are located within a screened 60' x 60' enclosed six-foot (6') tall Concrete Masonry Unit (CMU) block walled equipment compound, which will be located in the far southwest corner of the parcel that provides further screening of the site by existing buildings on the property.**

b. The projection of structure-mounted antennas from the face of the structure to which they are attached shall be minimized. **The projection of structure-mounted antennas from the face of the tower shall be minimized as much as possible.**

c. Roof-mounted antennas shall be set back from the edge of the roof a distance greater than or equal to the height of the antenna, except when the antennas are fully screened. For roof-mounted antennas, a screening structure that is architecturally compatible with the building on which it is mounted may also be required as a condition of approval. Antenna panels mounted flush on the outside of the parapet wall of an existing building and painted to match the exterior of the building may be allowed. **Not applicable.**

7. **Radio-Frequency Exposure.** No communication facility shall be sited or operated in such a manner that it poses, either by itself or in combination with other such facilities, a potential threat to public health. To that end, no communication facility or combination of facilities shall produce at any time power densities that exceed the current FCC adopted standards for human exposure to RF fields. Certification that a facility meets this standard is required. A copy of the certification from the FCC shall be submitted to the county. **Please find enclosed copies of AT&T's FCC Authorizations for all licensed frequencies that will be utilized at the project site, in addition to a RF Environmental Evaluation Report.**

8. **Cabling.** For structure-mounted antennas, all visible cabling between equipment and antennas shall be routed within the building wherever feasible, or on the roof below the parapet wall. Cabling on the exterior of a building or monopole shall be located within cable trays painted to match. All cabling shall be performed in accordance with the NEC (National Electrical Code). **All cabling on the exterior of the lattice tower will be located within cable trays, and in accordance with the NEC.**

9. **Painting and Lighting.** All facilities shall be painted or constructed of materials to minimize visual impact. All towers shall be painted in a non-reflective and preferably earth tone colors. All towers shall be lit with approved lighting as required by the FAA and the Airport Land Use Commissions standards. **The proposed tower will be of a galvanized steel finish (not painted) which is being retained to mimic the oil tower design. The proposed tower is not required to be lighted by the FAA since it does not exceed 199'. Enclosed is a copy of the applicant's FAA Aeronautical Study No. 2020-AWP-14523-OE, which based on this evaluation, marking and lighting are not necessary for aviation safety.**

10. **Noise.** All communication facilities shall be designed to minimize noise. If a facility is located in or within one hundred (100) feet of a residential zone, noise attenuation measures shall be included to reduce noise levels to a maximum exterior noise level of fifty (50) Ldn at the facility site's property lines. **The proposed tower is not located within 100 feet of a residential zone and is surrounded by agricultural and government special public zones. The nearest residential development is located 1.65 miles to the southwest of the proposed facility.**

11. **Accessory Structures.** Enclosures and cabinets housing equipment related to a wireless communication facility shall meet setback and height restrictions for such structures in their zones. Such structures shall appear architecturally compatible (as determined by the planning director evaluating the facility on the basis of color and materials) with their surroundings and be designed to minimize their visual impact. To meet this requirement, underground vaults may be required. **The accessory structures included with this application include a back-up generator (that is California emissions compliant & low acoustic noise) and an**

AT&T Mobility Walk Up Cabinet (WUC) that would be placed near the base of the tower within a 60' x 60' enclosed six-foot (6') tall Concrete Masonry Unit (CMU) block walled equipment compound, which will meet all setbacks.

12. **Roads and Parking.** Communication facilities shall be served by the minimum roads and parking areas necessary and shall use existing roads and parking areas whenever possible. **The site will be accessed off of Aten Rd. through the main entrance of the Pioneers Museum via a 12' access easement to the site.**

13. **Provisions for Future Co-location.** All commercial communication facilities shall be encouraged to promote future facility and site sharing. Technical evidence will be provided as to the infeasibility either technical and/or economic, of co-location or grouping prior to the issuance of a new use permit for a facility that would not be considered to be co-located or grouped under this division. **The construction of the tower will be designed to accommodate the co-location of additional antennas for future users pursuant to Section 92409.01(8).**

14. **Removal Upon Discontinuation of Use.** The operator's agreeing to such removal and allowing the county access across private property to effect such removal shall be a condition of approval of each permit issued. At its discretion, the county may require a financial guarantee acceptable to the county to ensure removal. **All equipment associated with the communication facility shall be removed within one hundred eighty (180) days of the discontinuation of the use and the site shall be restored to its original pre-construction condition.**

15. **Principal or Accessory Use.** Antennas and towers may be considered either principal or accessory uses. A different existing use of an existing structure on the same lot shall not preclude the installation of an antenna or tower on such lot. **The proposed tower will be an accessory use of the existing property, which is owned by the County and is operated as the Pioneers Museum by the Imperial County Historical Society.**

16. **Lot Size.** For purposes of determining whether the installation of a facility complies with county development regulations, including but not limited to setback requirements, lot-coverage requirements, and other such requirements, the dimensions of the entire lot shall control, even though the antennas or towers may be located on lease parcels within such lot. This shall also take into consideration the height of the tower in the event of a failure whereby it could fall thereby crossing property lines. **The parcel size is 21.98 acres of which the project site will occupy 3,600 square feet in the southwest corner of said parcel.**

17. **Inventory of Existing Sites.** Each applicant for a facility shall provide to the planning director an inventory of its existing towers, antennas, or sites approved for facilities, that are either within the jurisdiction of Imperial County or within one mile of the border thereof,

including specific information about the location, height and design of each facility. The planning director may share such information with other applicants applying for administrative approvals or special use permits under this division or other organizations seeking to locate facilities within the jurisdiction of Imperial County, provided, however that the planning director is not, by sharing such information, in any way representing or warranting that such sites are available or suitable. **Please find enclosed a list detailing the inventory of AT&T's existing towers, antennas, or sites approved for facilities as requested with this application.**

18. **Aesthetics.** Towers and antennas shall meet the following requirements:

a. Towers shall either maintain a galvanized steel finish, or, subject to any applicable standards of the FAA, be painted a neutral color so as to reduce visual obstructiveness. **The proposed tower will be maintained as a galvanized steel finish (conducive to the oil tower design being proposed) unless directed otherwise by conditions of approval.**

b. At a tower site, the design of the buildings and related structures shall, to the extent possible, use materials, colors, textures, screening, and landscaping that will blend them into the natural setting and surrounding buildings. **All materials being proposed will blend into the natural setting of the Pioneer Museum and surrounding buildings.**

c. If an antenna is installed on a structure other than a tower, the antenna and supporting electrical and mechanical equipment must be of a neutral color that is identical to, or closely compatible with, the color of the supporting structure so as to make the antenna and related equipment as visually unobstructive as possible. **Not applicable.**

19. **Lighting.** Towers shall not be artificially lighted, unless required by the FAA or other applicable authority. If lighting is required, the lighting alternatives and design chosen must cause the least disturbance to the surrounding views and community. **The proposed tower is not required to be lighted by the FAA since it does not exceed 199'. Please find enclosed a copy of the applicant's FAA Aeronautical Study No. 2020-AWP-14523-OE, which states that based on the evaluation the structure does not exceed obstruction standards and would not be a hazard to air navigation so marking and lighting are not necessary for aviation safety.**

20. **State or Federal Requirements.** All towers must meet or exceed current standards and regulations of the FAA, the FCC and any other agency of the state or federal government with the authority to regulate towers and antennas. If such standards and regulations are changed, then the owners of the towers and antennas governed by this division shall bring such towers and antennas into compliance with such revised standards and regulations as mandated by the controlling state or federal agency. Failure to bring towers and antennas into compliance with

such revised standards and regulations shall constitute grounds for the removal of the tower or antenna at the owner's expense. **The applicant will operate this facility in full compliance with the regulations and licensing requirements of the FCC, FAA, and CPUC as governed by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and other applicable laws.**

21. Building Codes—Safety Standards. To ensure the structural integrity of towers, the owner of a tower shall ensure that it is maintained in compliance with standards contained in applicable state or local building codes and the applicable standards for towers that are published by the Electronic Industries Association, as amended from time to time. If, upon inspection, the county concludes that a tower fails to comply with such codes and standards and constitutes a danger to persons or property, then upon notice being provided to the owner of the tower, the owner shall have thirty (30) days to bring such tower into compliance with such standards. Failure to bring such tower into compliance within thirty (30) days shall constitute grounds for the removal of the tower or antenna at the owner's expense. **The tower will be structurally built and maintained in compliance with REV H standards for towers that are published by the Electronic Industries Association.**

22. Measurement. For purposes of measurement, tower setbacks and separation distances shall be calculated and applied to facilities located in the unincorporated areas of the county of Imperial according to the provisions of this title for the respective base zone. **The GS base zone requires 0' setbacks from property lines, however, the tower will be setback from property lines as follows: 722' to the north (Imperial College parcel), 10' to the west and south and 1,580' from the compound to the east.**

23. Not Essential Services. Towers and antennas shall be regulated and permitted pursuant to this division and shall not be regulated or permitted as essential services, public utilities or private utilities. **The applicant recognizes that the tower, if approved, will not be permitted as essential services, public utilities or private utilities.**

24. Franchises. Owners and/or operators of towers or antennas shall certify that all franchises required by law for the construction and/or operation of a communication system in Imperial County have been obtained and shall file a copy of all required franchises with the planning director. **This application for the proposed tower does not require a franchise for the operation of the facility.**

25. Public Notice. For purposes of this division, any conditional use permit request, variance request, or appeal of an administratively approved CUP or special use permit shall require public notice to all abutting property owners and all property owners of properties that are located within the corresponding separation distance listed for a CUP or variance in the respective base

zone, under this title, in addition to any notice otherwise required by the planning director.

Applicant acknowledges the public notification process for this Conditional Use Permit and Variance application.

26. Signs. No signs shall be allowed on an antenna or tower except as may be required by law or another permitting or licensing agency. **No signs will be installed on the tower except as may be required by law or another permitting or licensing agency such as the FCC and FAA.**

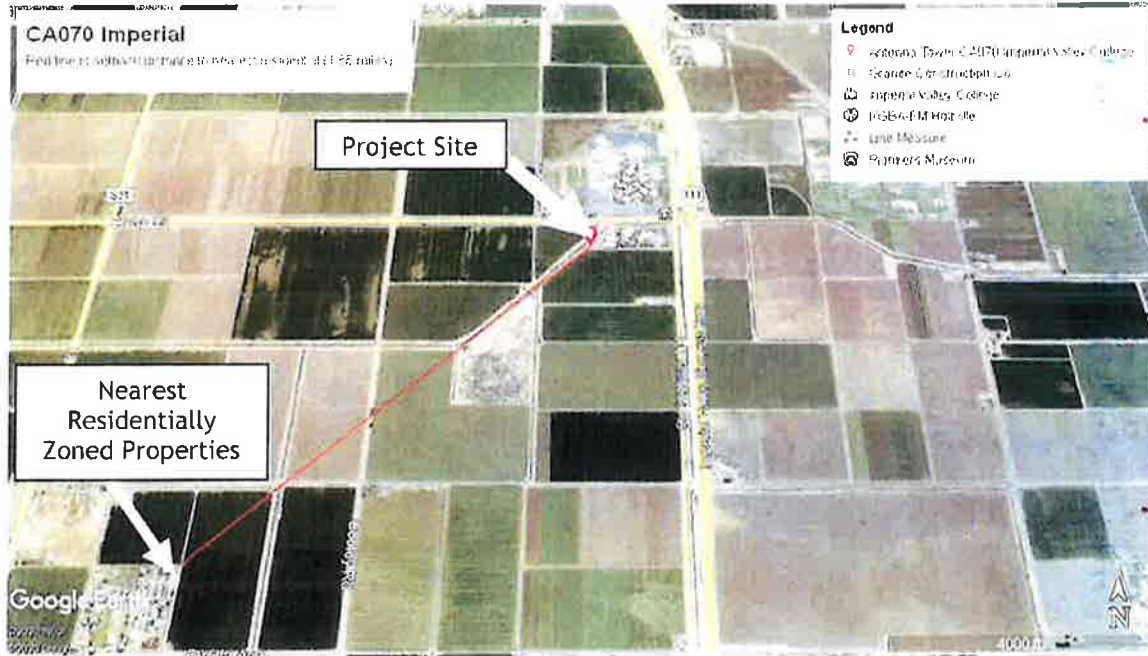
27. Buildings and Support Equipment. Buildings and support equipment associated with antennas or towers shall comply with requirements of this title. **All building and support equipment associated with antennas or towers will comply with requirements of this title.**

28. Multiple Antenna/Tower Plan. Imperial County encourages the users of towers and antennas to submit a single application for approval of multiple towers and/or antenna sites. Applications for approval of multiple sites shall be given priority in the review process. **This application proposes the installation of one (1) single tower that will be made available for multiple user co-locations.**

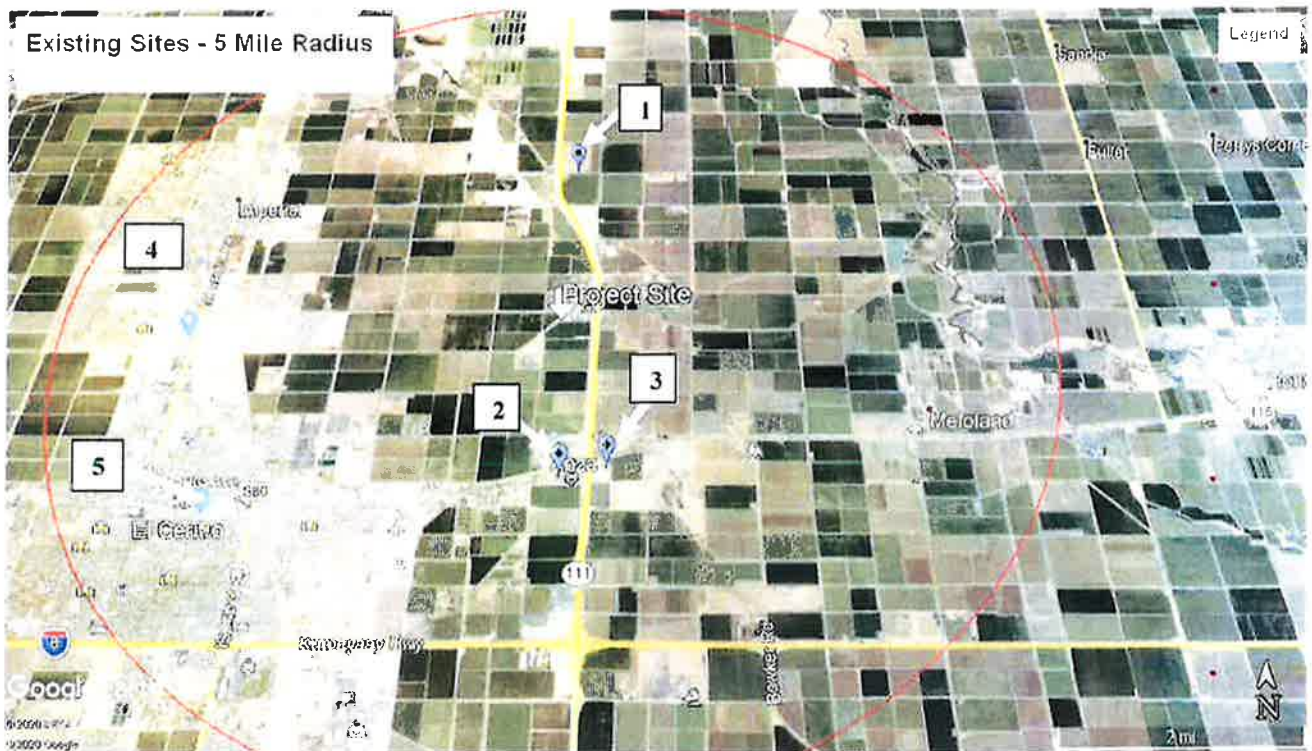
92409.01. Information Required.

Pursuant to Section 92409.01 (Information Required) of the Imperial County Zoning Ordinance, please note the following and attached enclosures being submitted with this application for a Conditional Use Permit & Variance:

- 1.) Site Plans: Enclosed are two (2) full size (24" x 36') scaled site plans indicating the location, type and height of the proposed tower, on-site land uses and base zoning, adjacent land uses and zoning.
- 2.) Legal Description: Enclosed is a legal description of the parent tract and leased parcel. The legal description of the 60' x 60' lease area is shown on page C-1 of the site plans.
- 3.) Setbacks: Below please find a Google Earth map showing the setback distance between the proposed tower and nearest residential use, platted residentially zoned properties, and un-platted residentially zoned properties, which is 1.65 miles to the southwest of the proposed site.



- 4.) Separation Distance from Other Towers: Below please find a Google Earth map showing the inventory of existing sites within a 5-mile radius (red circle) of the proposed tower site.
 1. SBA Towers – Monopalm Tower
 2. FM Broadcast Lattice Tower
 3. Verizon Monopole Tower
 4. AT&T Site # 2732 – 56' Roof-Top
 5. AT&T Site #2764 – 122' Lattice Tower



- 5.) Landscape Plan: No landscaping is being proposed with this application due to the fact that there is no vegetation (only dirt) surrounding the area of the leased area, in addition to no water utilities to maintain.
- 6.) Method of Fencing Finished Color: The entire lease area for the project site will be enclosed by a six-foot (6') concrete masonry unit (CMU) block wall, which is typically gray in color – the finished color to remain unless otherwise directed by conditions of approval of this application.
- 7.) Description of Compliance with Sections 92401.04: Addressed in the previous section herein.
- 8.) Notarized Statement: Enclosed please find a notarized statement by the applicant stating the construction of the tower will accommodate the co-location of additional antennas for future users.
- 9.) Fiber Backhaul: AT&T Wireline will be providing the fiber backhaul to the site.
- 10.) Description of the suitability of the use of existing towers: The Alternative Site Analysis addressed in the previous section addresses the fact that this project site was pursued because there were no existing structures or buildings in the area with the available heights necessary for the wireless carrier's communication grid, the lack of existing tower structures available that will meet the desired coverage and capacity objectives in the area, landlord interest, site location and the ability to locate a new facility while minimizing the impact to the surrounding area.

Thank you, in advance, for your consideration of InSite Towers request for a Conditional Use Permit and Variance for the installation of a new 160' communication tower. Please feel free to call me at (702) 501-0882 if you have any questions or require further information.

Sincerely,



Debbie DePompei
IntelliSites, LLC – representing InSite Towers

Enclosures: (2) Site Plans
Conditional Use Permit Application
Variance Application
Check #067864 \$6,500.00 (Application Fees)
AT&T's FCC Authorizations for Licensed Frequencies
FAA Aeronautical Study No 2020-AWP-14523-OE
AT&T Inventory of Existing Sites
Legal Description of Leased Parcel
Photo Simulations (Visual Analysis)
RF Environmental Study
Notarized Statement

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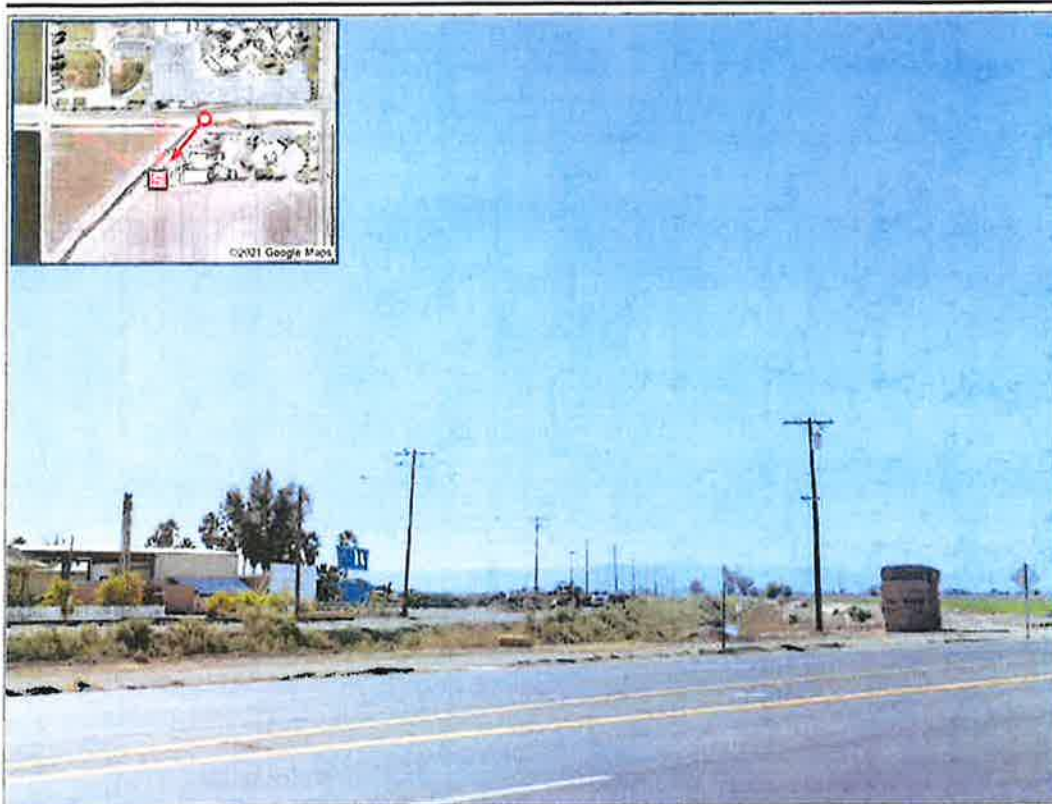
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THAT PORTION OF THE NORTH ONE-HALF (N ½) OF TRACT 69, TOWNSHIP 15 SOUTH, RANGE 14 EAST, S.B.M., ACCORDING TO THE PLAT OF RESURVEY APPROVED DECEMBER 22, 1908, AND FILED IN THE DISTRICT LAND OFFICE, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID TRACT; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 13 MINUTES EAST 701.88 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST 1719.79 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF THE DRAINAGE DITCH KNOWN AS CENTRAL DRAIN; THENCE NORTH 45 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 01 SECONDS EAST 999.42 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF TRACT 69; THENCE NORTH 98 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 40 SECONDS EAST 1005.72 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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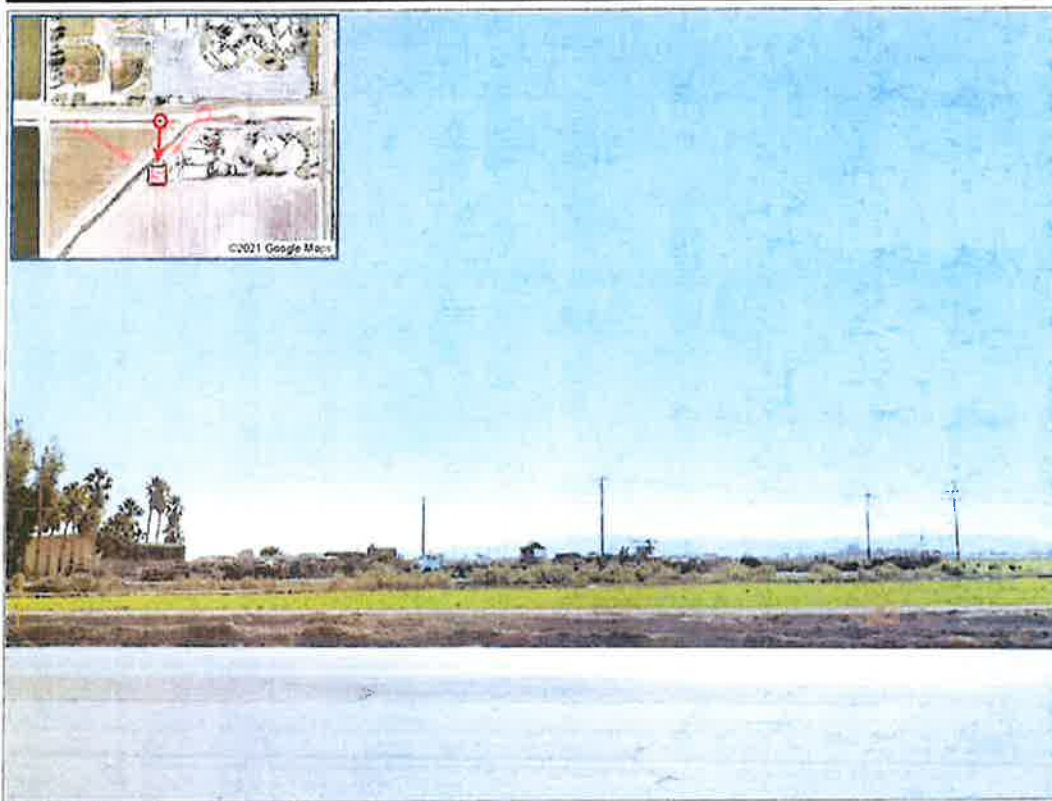
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PROPOSED **LOOKING SOUTHWEST FROM ATEN ROAD**



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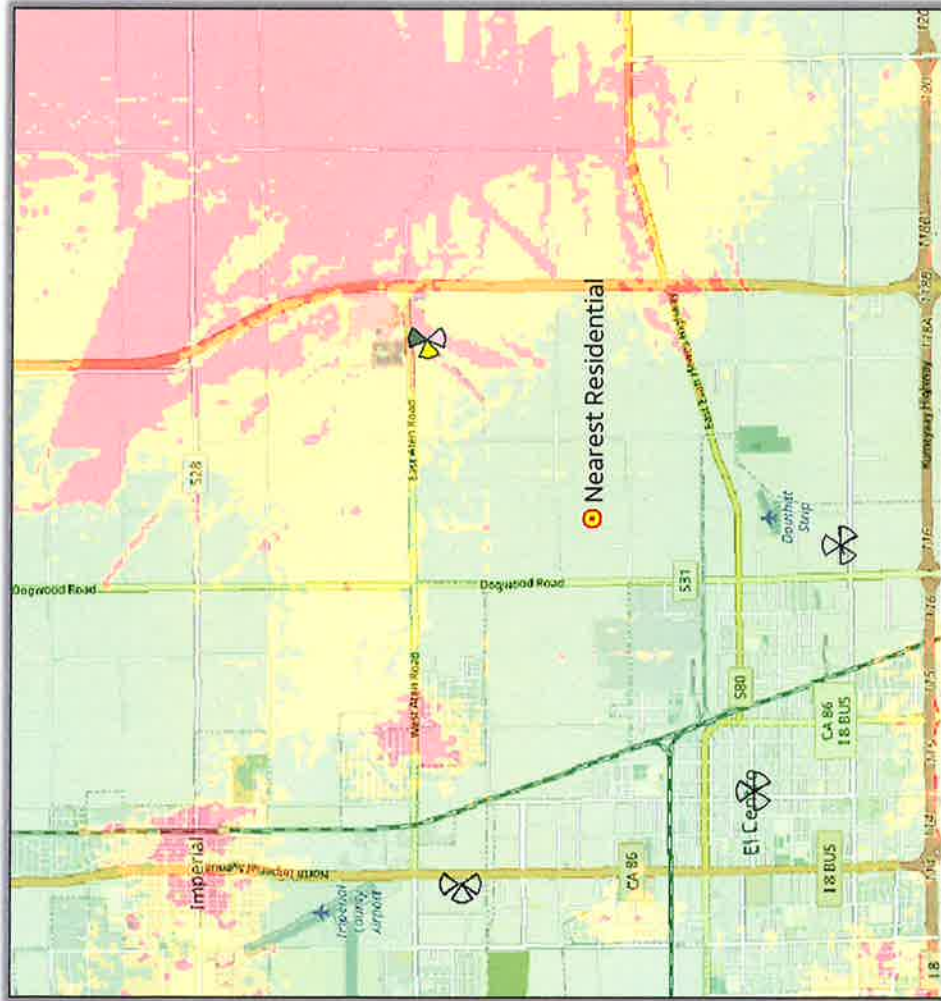
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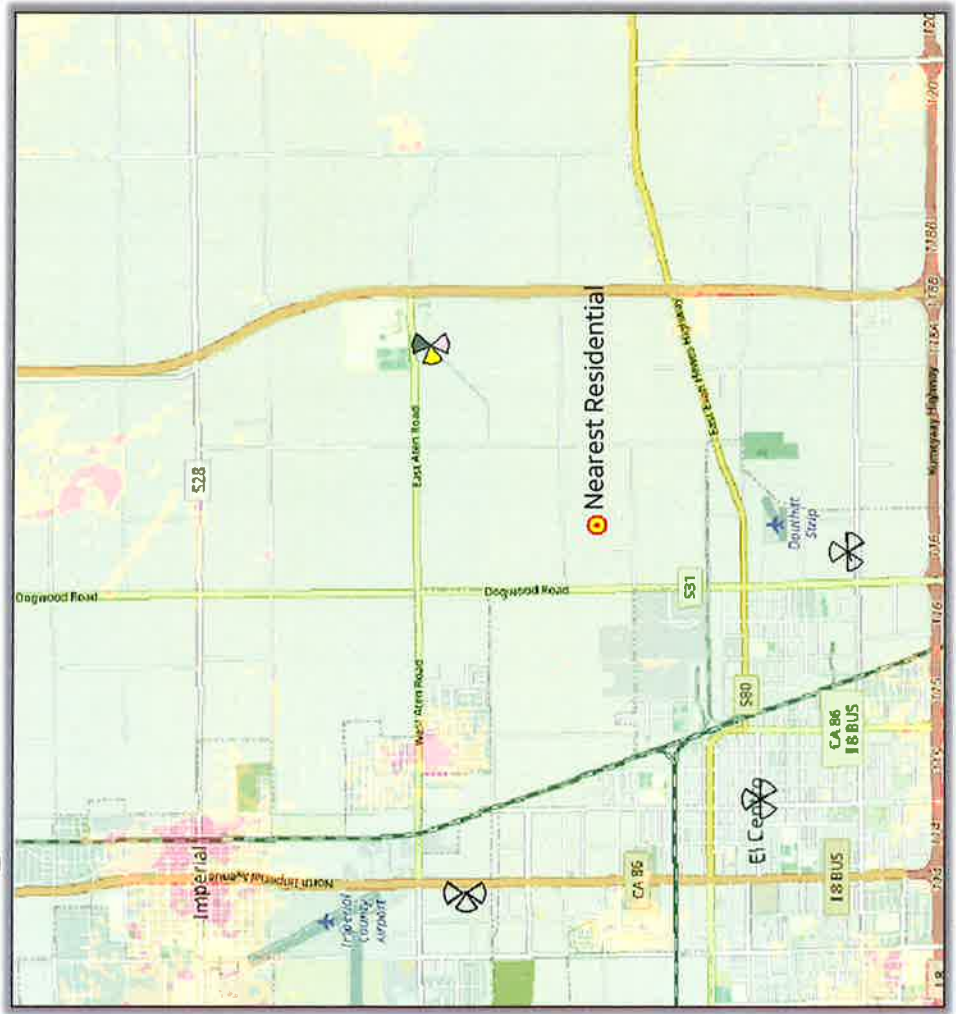
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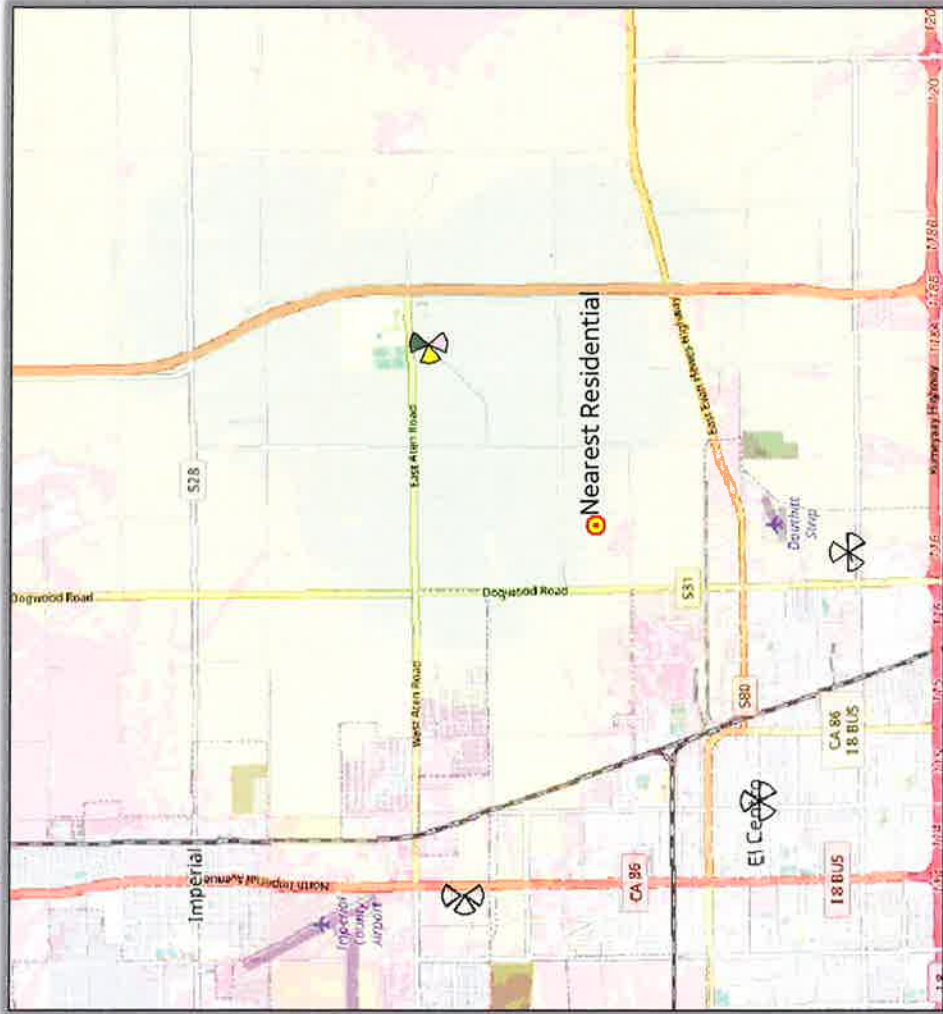
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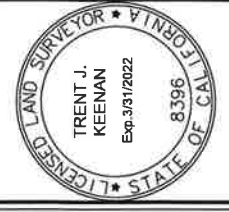
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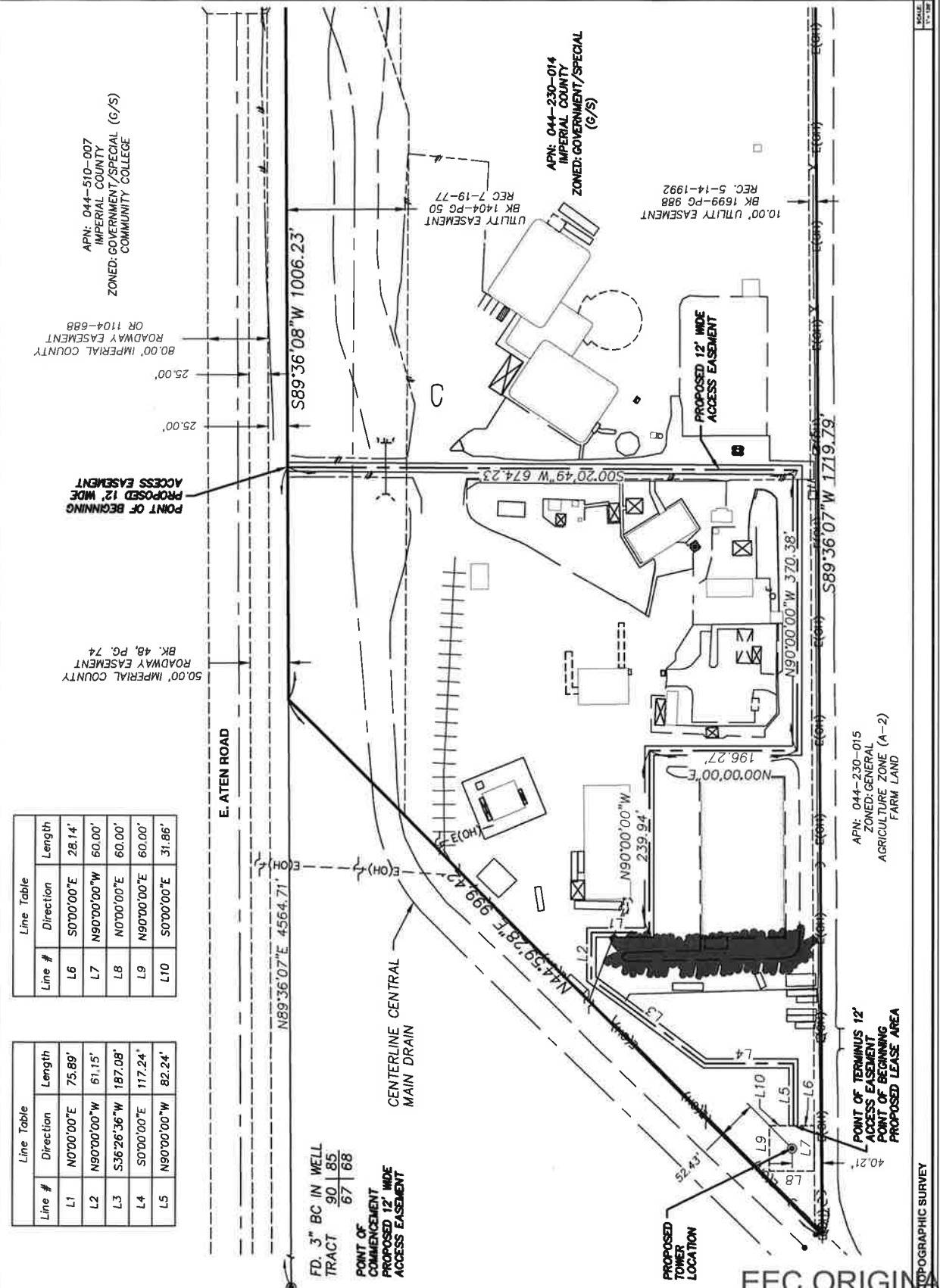
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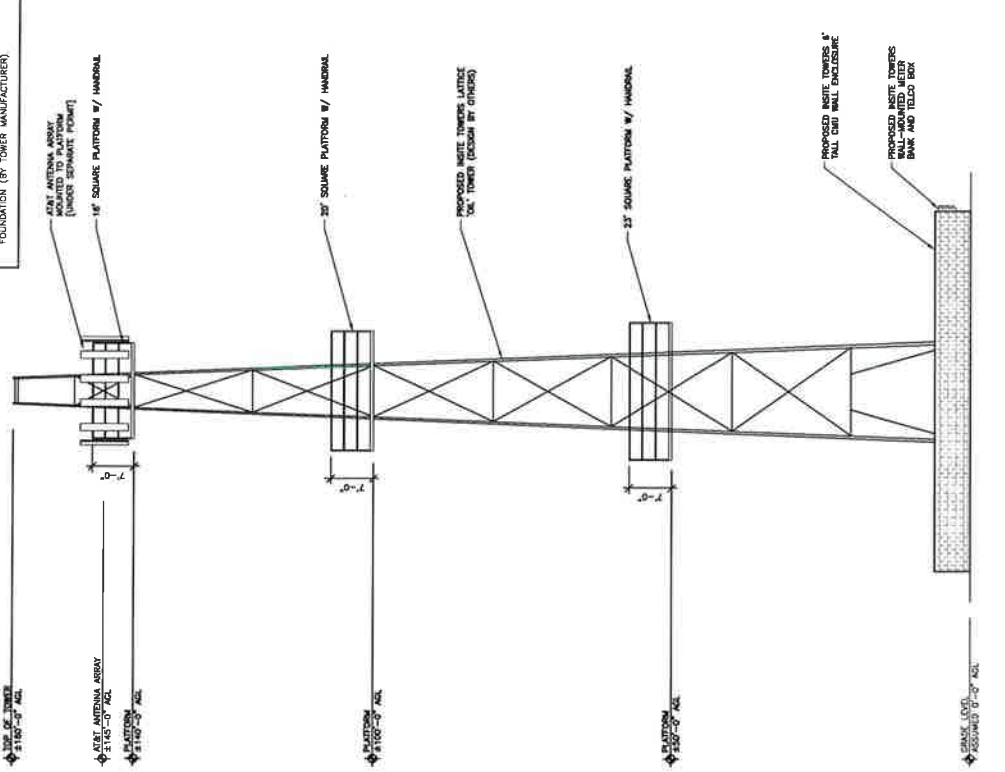
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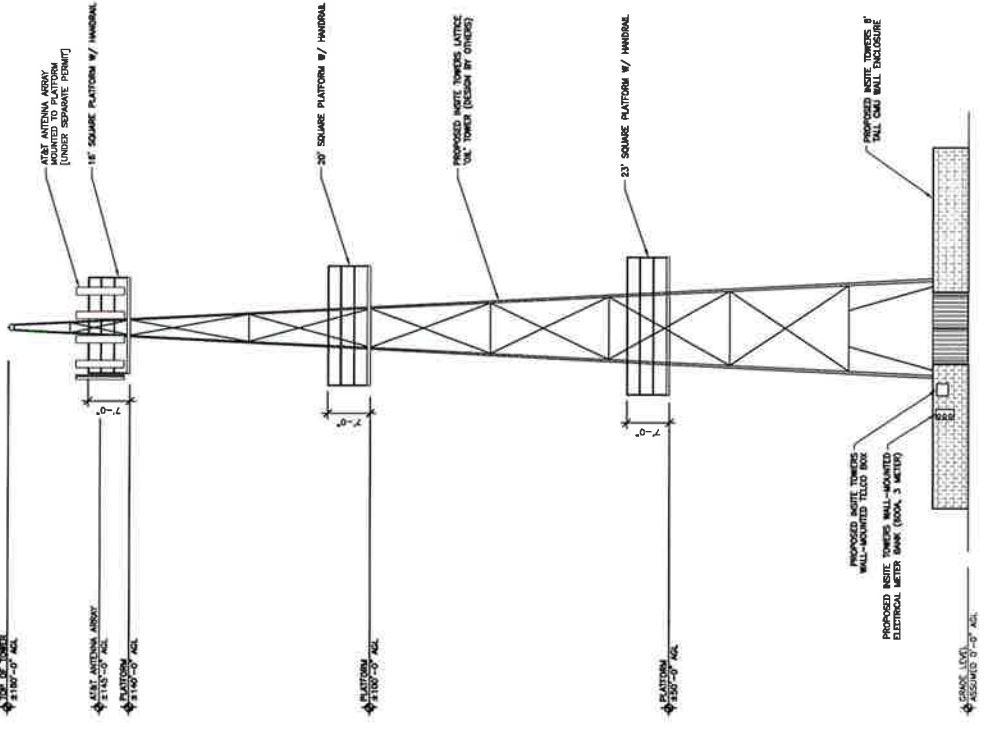
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Attachment A: Comments

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From: Mario Salinas
Sent: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 1:41 PM
To: Gabriela Robb
Cc: Rosa Soto; Carina Gomez; Maria Scoville; John Robb; Kimberly Noriega; Valerie Grijalva; Michael Abraham; Jeanine Ramos
Subject: RE: Request for Comments CUP21-0002

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Good afternoon Ms. Robb,

Pertaining to CUP21-0002, Division of Environmental Health does not have any comments at this time.

Thank you,

Mario Salinas, MBA

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From: Quechan Historic Preservation Officer <historicpreservation@quechantribe.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 6:44 AM
To: Gabriela Robb; Jeanine Ramos
Cc: ICPDSCommentLetters
Subject: RE: Request for Comments CUP21-0002

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Cc: Rosa Soto; Carina Gomez; Maria Scoville; John Robb; Kimberly Noriega; Valerie Grijalva; Michael Abraham; Jeanine Ramos
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Cc: Diana Robinson
Subject: RE: Request for Comments CUP21-0002

Good morning,

This email is to serve as a reminder of the opportunity to comment for CUP #21-0002. Comments are due by March 15, 2021 at 5:00 PM.

Thank you,

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Thank you,

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

SUBJECT: Conditional Use Permit 21-0002—InSite Towers Development 2, 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) 21-0002 and Variance submitted by InSite towers Development 2, LLC to construction a new 160-foot wireless telecommunication tower at 373 East Aten Road, Imperial, California, also identified as Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 044-230-014-001.

The applicant should be aware that all construction activities on the site must adhere to the Air District's Regulation VIII for the control of fugitive dust emissions, including the submittal of a construction notification to the Air District 10 days prior to any earthmoving activities. As to the backup generator, since the size of the generator is not disclosed please contact the Air District to discuss any potential permitting requirements. Finally, the Air District is requesting additional information regarding the installation of a temporary Cell on Wheels (COW).

For your convenience, the Air District's rules and regulations are available via the web at <https://apcd.imperialcounty.org>. Please feel free to call should you have questions at (442) 265-1800.

Respectfully,

Handwritten signature of Curtis Blondell in black ink.

Curtis Blondell
APC Environmental Coordinator

Handwritten signature of Monica N. Soucier in black ink, with a blue circular stamp over it.

Reviewed by,
Monica N. Soucier
APC Division Manager

Kimberly Noriega

From: Margo Sanchez
Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2021 12:47 PM
To: ICPDSComentLetters; Jeanine Ramos
Subject: FW: Request for Comments CUP21-0002
Attachments: CUP21-0002 Request for Comments.pdf

Good afternoon Ms. Ramos,

The Imperial County Agricultural Commissioner's office has No Comment on this project other than a request for comments be given to Imperial County Applicators, representative Byron Nelson at Frontier Ag Service, 760-357-1967, for possible comments on this project.

Thank you.

Best regards,
Margo

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Thank you,

Gabriela Robb

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Valerie Grijalva

From: Andrew Loper
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To: Gabriela Robb
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Subject: RE: Request for Comments CUP21-0002
Attachments: CUP21-0002 Request for Comments.pdf

Good Morning

This is email is for requesting some additional time to comment on CUP21-0002 as requested by Mark Schmidt at IVECA. Mr. Schmidt was not on the original email and was forward the information and would like to request some additional time to comment on the CUP. Please let us know if this is possible thank you.

Thank You

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Thank you,

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SUBJECT: InSite Tower Telecom Facility Project; CUP Application No. 21-0002

Dear Ms. Ramos:

On March 1, 2021, the Imperial Irrigation District received from the Imperial County Planning & Development Services Department, a request for agency comments on Conditional Use Permit application no. 21-0002. The applicant, InSite Towers Development 2, LLC; is proposing the installation of a 160 ft. telecommunications tower at 373 E. Aten Road, Imperial, California (APN 044-230-014-001).

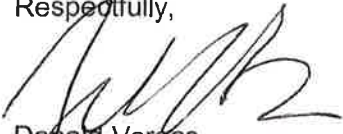
The Imperial Irrigation District has reviewed the information and has the following comments:

1. To request electrical service for the approved communication tower, the applicant should be advised to contact Ernie Benitez, IID Customer Project Development Planner, at (760) 482-3405 or e-mail Mr. Benitez at eibenitez@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 submit a complete set of approved plans by the County of Imperial, electrical plans, panel location, voltage requirement, electrical panel schedules, an AutoCAD file of the site plan, construction schedule, and the applicable fees, permits, easements and environmental compliance documentation pertaining to the provision of electrical service to the project. The applicants shall be responsible for all costs and mitigation measures related to providing electrical service to the project.
2. The applicant will need to abide by the following IID electrical tower service guidelines:
 - a. IID will allow only one metering point per site. If more than one meter is requested, the customer must utilize a multi-meter pack.
 - b. For single-phase service from a pole-mounted transformer the total service capacity shall not exceed 600 amps (e.g. six (6) 100 amp panels or three (3) 200 amp panels). Maximum transformer size is a 100kVA with a secondary voltage of 120/240V single phase.

- c. For single-phase service from a pad-mounted transformer, the total service capacity shall not exceed 800 amps. Maximum transformer size is a 167kVA, 120/240V.
 - d. Services exceeding 800 amps of total capacity must be served from a three-phase pad-mounted transformer rated at 120/208V. Please note that load must be balanced across the phases.
3. 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). The IID encroachment permit application and instructions 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.
 4. 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, canals, drain, etc.) need to be included as part of the project's CEQA and/or NEPA documentation, environmental impact analysis and mitigation. Failure to do so will result in postponement of any construction and/or modification of IID facilities until such time as the environmental documentation is amended and environmental impacts are fully 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 dvgargas@iid.com. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter.

Respectfully,



Donald Vargas
Compliance Administrator II

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Imperial County Planning & Development Services
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 Attention: Ms. Jeanine Ramos
 March 24, 2021

RE: Comments on Project ID CUP # 21-0002

Dear Ms. Ramos:

Thank you very much for the opportunity to review and comment on CUP # 21-0002.

InSite Towers Development 2, LLC proposes the installation of a new 160-foot wireless communication tower camouflaged as an oil tower. The project location is 373 East Aten Road, Imperial, CA 92251, APN 044-230-014-001, A.K.A. Pioneers' Museum campus.

The Imperial Valley Emergency Communications Authority (hereinafter, IVECA), is entrusted with the operation of the 800 MHz radio communication system which serves Imperial County Fire, Law Enforcement, and Emergency Medical Services.

Future IVECA or Imperial County communication needs could necessitate tower space on the proposed tower and other related on-site infrastructure. The project's location is quite desirable for communication system enhancements. We therefore are respectfully requesting a Local/Public Benefit Agreement with CUP # 21-0002. We are hopeful for language favorable to IVECA for future communication system additions in perpetuity in said CUP. This would include, but not limited to, multiple antenna spaces, guaranteed antenna heights, and shelter space all at no cost to Imperial County or IVECA. It is obvious that the best interest of Imperial County, first responders, and the public at large are best served with the inclusion of a Local/Public Benefit Agreement.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of IVECA's request. Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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