

# PROJECT REPORT

TO: ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION  
COMMITTEE

AGENDA DATE: July 15, 2021

FROM: PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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Abraham Gutierrez, Jr.

PROJECT TYPE: IS#21-0006 for CUP#21-0007 SUPERVISOR DIST #5

LOCATION: 771 Sidewinder Rd., Winterhaven APN: 056-470-029 PARCEL SIZE: 46.37 AC

GENERAL PLAN (existing) Recreation/Open Space GENERAL PLAN (proposed) N/A

ZONE (existing) S-2 (Open Space/Preservation) 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

ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION COMMITTEE DECISION: HEARING DATE: 07/15/2021

INITIAL STUDY: #21-0006

NEGATIVE DECLARATION     MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION     EIR

## DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / APPROVALS:

PUBLIC WORKS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NONE	<input type="checkbox"/>	ATTACHED
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OTHER: Quechan Historic Preservation, Imperial Irrigation District, County Executive Office

## REQUESTED ACTION:

(See Attached)

- NEGATIVE DECLARATION**  
 **MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

*Initial Study & Environmental Analysis*  
*For:*

**CUP #21-0007**  
**IS #21-0006**  
**Abraham Gutierrez Jr. – Water Well**



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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 #21-0007 (Refer to Exhibit "A" & "B"). For purposes of this document, the Conditional Use Permit will be called the "proposed project".

### 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

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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:

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"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.



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## II. *Environmental Checklist*

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1. **Project Title:** Conditional Use Permit (CUP) #21-0007, Abraham Gutierrez Jr.
2. **Lead Agency:** Imperial County Planning & Development Services Department
3. **Contact person and phone number:** Mariela Moran, Planner II, (442)265-1736, ext. 1747
4. **Address:** 801 Main Street, El Centro CA, 92243
5. **E-mail:** [marielamorán@co.imperial.ca.us](mailto:marielamorán@co.imperial.ca.us) & [jeanineramos@co.imperial.ca.us](mailto:jeanineramos@co.imperial.ca.us)
6. **Project location:** 771 Sidewinder Road, Winterhaven, CA 92283
7. **Project sponsor's name and address:** Abraham Gutierrez Jr.  
2811 W. Donley Rd.  
Somerton, AZ 85350
8. **General Plan designation:** Recreation/Open Space
9. **Zoning:** S-2 (Open Space/Preservation)
10. **Description of project:** The applicant submitted a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to build a water well to have access to one acre foot of water per year for a residential use. If approved, the applicant will submit a building permit for both the water well and the mobile home installation. Applicant proposes a minimum of 260 ft. by 6 in. dual rotary drilled cased well in the Winterhaven Area. Proposed pump is a 20FA15 Franklin Submersible pump/motor 1 HP/230V. The pump equipment is proposed to be designed for 15 GPM with 50 PSI.
11. **Surrounding land uses and setting:** The site is located directly to the north of the Southern Pacific Rail Road, and is in proximity to the township of Felicity. There are vacant parcels to the north and west of the project site, and a residential dwelling is located to the east. The parcel is surrounded by native desert landscape.
12. **Other public agencies whose approval is required** (e.g., permits, financing approval, or participation agreement.): Planning Commission, Imperial County Public Health Department.
13. **Have California Native American tribes traditionally and culturally affiliated with the project area requested consultation pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.3.1?**  
The Quechan Indian Tribe have requested to be consulted under Assembly Bill 52. Consultation letter was sent on April 13, 2021 and an email from the Quechan Indian Tribe Historic Preservation Officer received on April 14, 2021 stated that they did not have comments on this project.

**ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:**

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

<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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ICPDS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

  
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 Jim Minnick, Director of Planning/EEC Chairman

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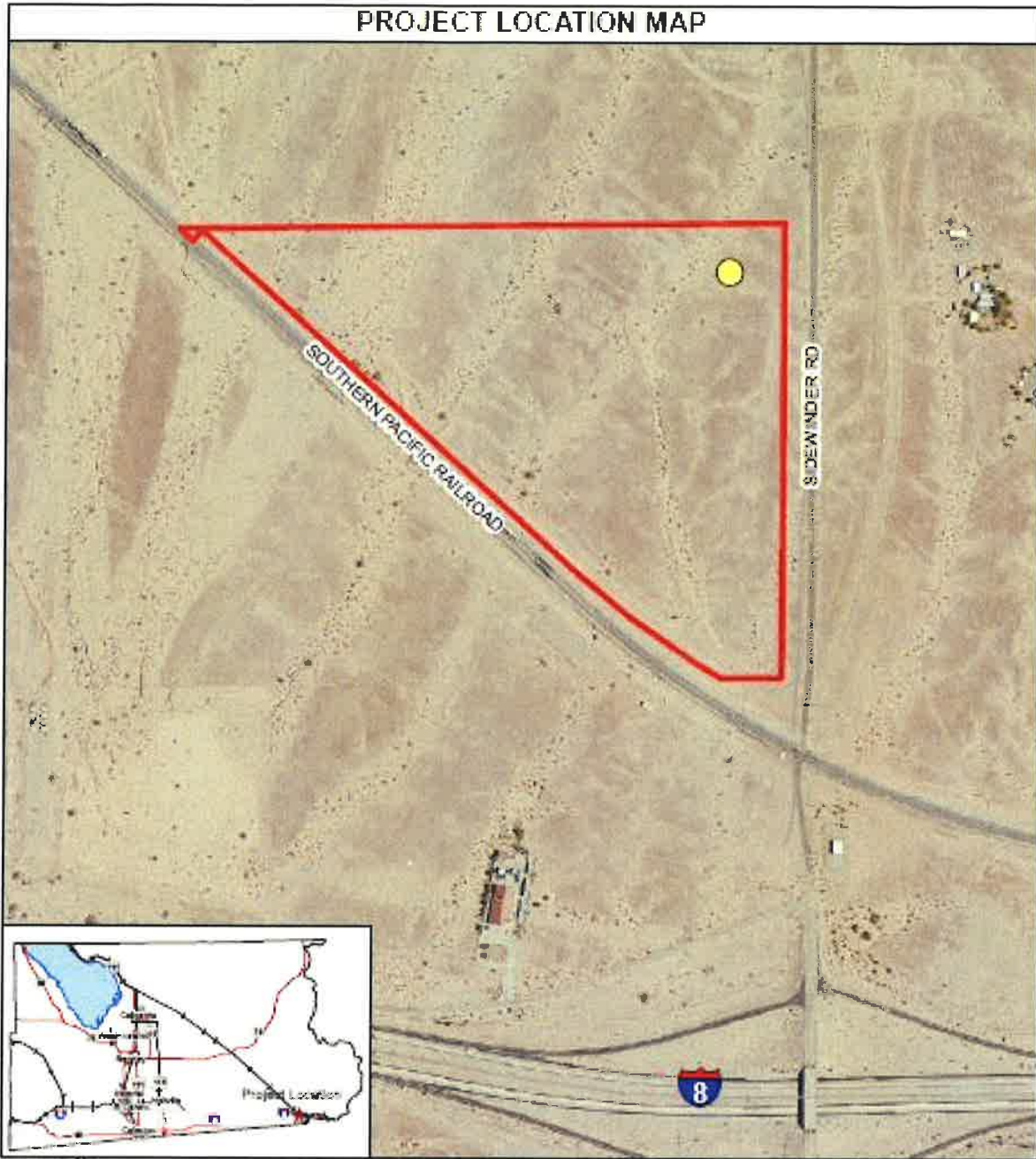
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## PROJECT SUMMARY

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- A. Project Location:** The project site is located at 771 Sidewinder Road, Winterhaven, CA 92283. This parcel is located on Imperial County Assessor Parcel (APN) 056-470-029-000. The legal description for this parcel is identified as Parcel 1 of Parcel Map 891 of the North East Quarter of Section 21, Township 16 South, Range 21 East, SBM.
- B. Project Summary:** The applicant is proposing to build a water well to have access to one acre foot of water per year for a future manufactured home on a foundation. The applicant has stated they will purchase and apply for the installation of the mobile home as soon as the conditional use permit for the water well has been approved.
- C. Environmental Setting:** The project is located in a currently vacant parcel. The site is a relatively flat terrain with native desert landscape and sand. It is located directly to the north of the Southern Pacific Rail Road, and is in proximity to the township of Felicity. There are vacant parcels to the north and west of the project site, and a residential dwelling is located to the east.
- D. Analysis:** Under the Land Use Element of the Imperial County General Plan, the project site is designated as "Recreation/Open Space". It is classified as S-2 (Open Space/Preservation) under the Imperial County Land Use Ordinance (Title 9).
- E. General Plan Consistency:** Under the Land Use Element of the Imperial County General Plan, the project site is designated as "Recreation/Open Space". The proposed project could be considered consistent with the General Plan since the proposed use will be for residential purposes which is an allowed use within the S-2 zone per Division 5 Zoning Areas Established §90519.01 of the Imperial County Land Use Ordinance (Title 9), and a Conditional Use Permit has been applied for a water well, pursuant to Division 21 Water Well Regulations §92102.00 of the aforementioned title.

Exhibit "A"  
Vicinity Map



**ABRAHAM GUTIERREZ JR.**  
**CUP #21-0007 / IS #21-0006**  
**APN #056-470-029**




-  Project Parcel
-  Proposed Well Location
-  Centerline

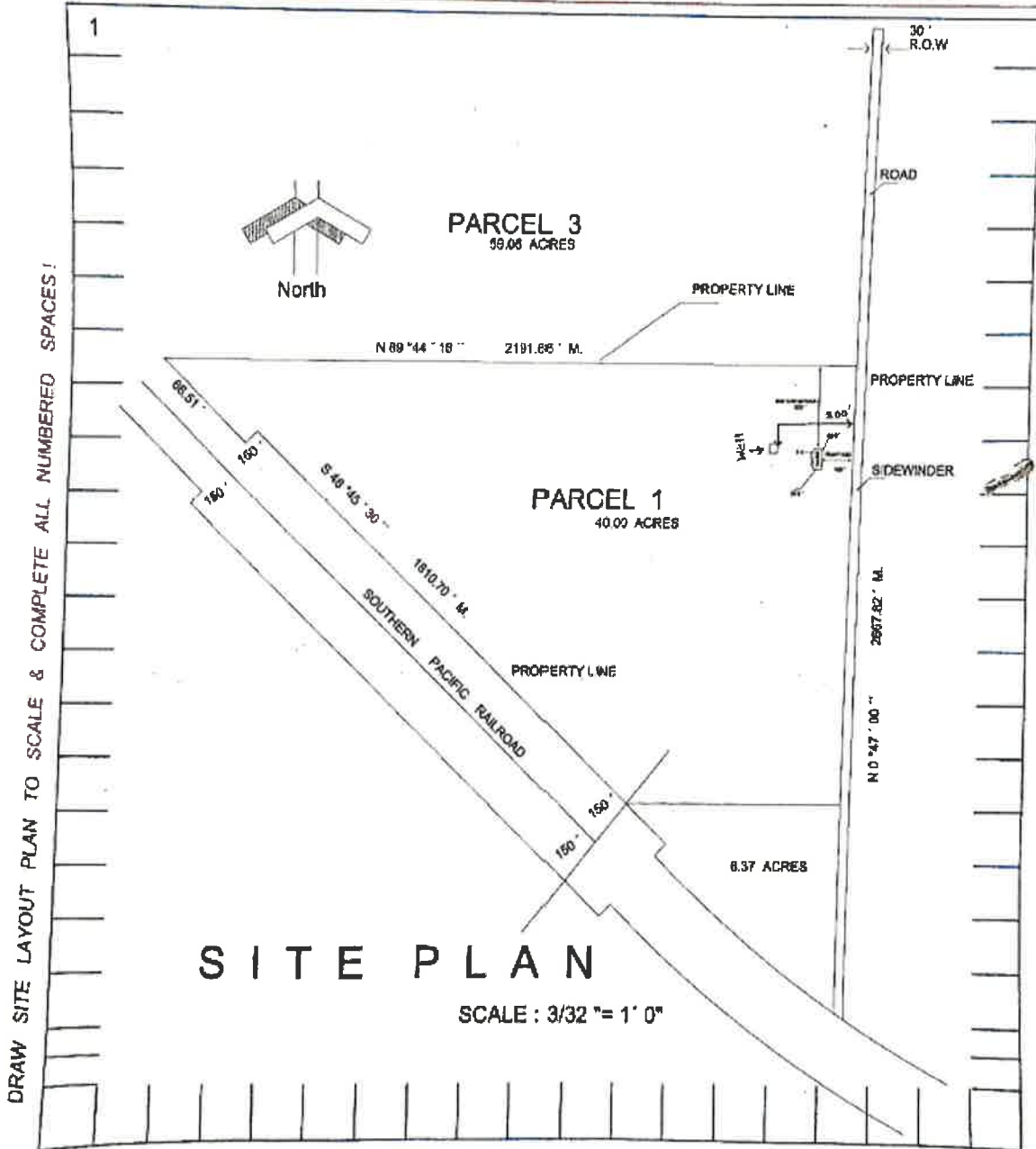


Exhibit "B"

# SITE PLAN

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

READ INSTRUCTIONS ON THE BACK! USE PEN TO DRAW - DO NOT USE PENCIL!



DRAW SITE LAYOUT PLAN TO SCALE & COMPLETE ALL NUMBERED SPACES!

## SITE PLAN

SCALE : 3/32" = 1' 0"

NAME OF APPLICANT 2 Abraham Gutierrez Jr.	APPLICANT PHONE NO. 3 (928) 366-7342	SIZE OF PARCEL 4 40 Acres
PROJECT SITE ADDRESS 5 771 Sidewinder Rd. N, Winterhaven, CA	ASSESSOR'S PARCEL ID. 6 056-470-029-000	

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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 site is not located near any scenic vista or scenic highway according to the Imperial County Circulation and Scenic Highway Element<sup>1</sup>; therefore, no impact is expected.**
- b) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?    

**b) As previously stated, the proposed project is not located near a Scenic vista or Scenic Highway and would not substantially damage scenic resources. Therefore, no impact is 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 in a non-urbanized area and consists of building a water well for residential uses. While the proposed project will be visible to the public, it will be situated near an area that has been developed by other residences and the Museum of History in Granite. The proposed project is also located within an existing recreational/open space 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) The proposed project is for a future water well that will be used for residential purposes and does not include any sources of substantial light or glare as part of the project. Any impacts are expected to be less than significant.**

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)<sup>2</sup>, the project site's Farmland Type is designated as "Other Land", and therefore the proposed project will not convert any type of Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance to non-agricultural use. No impacts are expected.**
- b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act Contract?    

**b) The proposed project's parcel is designated as "Non-Enrolled Land" per The California**

<sup>1</sup> Imperial County General Plan Circulation and Scenic Highways Element

<sup>2</sup> California Department of Conservation Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program (2016) <https://maps.conservation.ca.gov/DLRP/CIFF/>

Potentially Significant Impact (PSI)	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated (PSUMI)	Less Than Significant Impact (LTSI)	No Impact (NI)
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Department of Conservation Imperial County Williamson Act FY 2016/2017 Map<sup>3</sup>, therefore, no impacts are expected.

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| 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))? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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**c) The General Plan Land Use Map<sup>4</sup> designates this parcel as "Recreation/Open Space", and no forest land is near the vicinity of the project. The proposed project will not conflict with the existing zoning and will not cause rezoning of forest land, timber land, or Timberland Production; therefore, no impact is expected to occur.**

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| d) Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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**d) As previously stated above in item c), the proposed project will not result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use. Therefore, no impacts are expected.**

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| e) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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**e) The implementation of the project would not result in changes to the environment which could result in the conversion of farmland to a non-agricultural use, since the project is not a part of a designated Farmland. Therefore, this would not cause an impact or conversion from forestland to non-forest use and no impacts are expected to occur.**

### 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:

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| a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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**a) The proposed project is for the construction of new water well for residential uses. The applicant's intent is to apply for a building permit to install a manufactured home on the site upon approval of the conditional use permit for the well, and said permit will have to adhere to current California Building Code requirements. The project will also be subject to the Imperial County Air Pollution Control District (ICAPCD) approval 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.**

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| 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? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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**b) Based on a comment letter provided by APCD, construction of the project will have to adhere to Regulation VIII and the applicant will have to submit a Construction Dust Control Plan and notify the Air District 10 days prior to the start of construction in order to decrease the possibility of an increase in any criteria pollutants during construction. Therefore, less than significant impacts are expected in regards to an increase in any criteria pollutants as long as the design and construction of the project is done in compliance with all applicable County and APCD requirements.**

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| c) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutants concentrations? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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<sup>3</sup> Imperial County Williamson Act FY 2016/2017 Map

<sup>4</sup> Imperial County Land Use Plan Map <https://www.icpds.com/assets/planning/land-use-element/landuse-map.pdf>



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c) The project is not expected to expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations while the construction of the well takes place. However, any exposure would be temporary and would be lessened by showing compliance with APCDS's rules and regulations regarding construction pollutants. For these reasons, less than significant impacts are expected.

- d) Result in other emissions (such as those leading to odors adversely affecting a substantial number of people?)

d) As previously mentioned some pollutants may be emitted during construction activities and would be dispersed rapidly from the project site. These pollutants are not expected to affect a substantial number of people due to the site being in a generally unpopulated remote area with very low density. Compliance with all County and APCD's regulations would bring the projects 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) According to the Imperial County General Plan Conservation and Open Space Element<sup>5</sup>, Figure 1 "Sensitive Habitat Map", the project is not located within a sensitive habitat map; and according to Figure 2 "Sensitive Species Map", the project is located within the "Flat Tailed Horned Lizard Species Distribution Model" area. However, due to the approximate area of disturbance for the water well and future residence being only 20,000 SqFt. of the entire 46.37 Acre parcel, and the size of the well would result in only one acre foot of water per year; it is not expected to have a substantial adverse effect on species identified as a candidate, sensitive or special status species in local or regional plan, policies or regulations. Less than significant impacts are expected.

- b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?

b) According to the Imperial County General Plan's Conservation and Open Space Element, the project site is not within a sensitive or riparian habitat, or other sensitive natural community; therefore, it does not appear to have a substantial effect in local or regional plan, policies, and regulations regarding sensitive natural communities or by the Departments of Fish and Wildlife. Less than significant impacts are expected.

- 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) As stated above under item a), according to the Imperial County General Plan Conservation and Open Space Element, Figure 1 "Sensitive Habitat Map", the project is not located within a sensitive habitat map, neither is located within state of federally protected wetlands; therefore, less than significant impacts are anticipated.

- d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?

d) The proposed project is for a residential well in a parcel located adjacent to three lots with existing dwellings and the rail road located in the southern boundary; therefore, it is not likely that it would interfere substantially with the movement of any residential or migratory fish or wildlife species or

<sup>5</sup> IC General Plan Conservation and Open Space - <https://www.icpds.com/assets/planning/conservation-open-space-element-2016.pdf>

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with established resident or migratory wildlife, corridors or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites. If there would be any impact, it is expected to be less than significant.

- e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinance protecting biological resource, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?
- e)** The proposed project does not conflict with any local policy or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance. Therefore, no impact is expected.

- f) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?
- f)** The proposed project is not within a designated sensitive area according to the Imperial County General Plan's Conservation and Open Space Element, therefore, it would not conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan. No impacts are expected.

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

- a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource pursuant to §15064.5?
- a)** According to the Imperial County General Plan's Conservation and Open Space Element, Figure 5, the area is classified under "200m buffer around Ecotones", however the area surrounding the site is disturbed land, therefore it is not likely that the project may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. Additionally, the Quechan Indian Tribe have requested to be consulted under Assembly Bill 52. Consultation letter was sent on April 14, 2021 and an email from the Quechan Indian Tribe Historic Preservation Officer received on April 14, 2021 stated that they did not have comments on this project. Less than significant impacts are expected.
- b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to §15064.5?
- b)** As previously mentioned under item a) above, no comments were received from consultation with Quechan Tribe, therefore, it is not expected to cause a substantial change to an archeological resource. Less than significant impacts are expected.
- c) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of dedicated cemeteries?
- 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:*

- a) Result in potentially significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources, during project construction or operation?
- a)** The proposed project is for the construction of a water well for residential purposes; therefore, it is not expected to result in a significant environmental impact due to wasteful inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources during project construction or operation. Less than significant impacts are expected.
- b) Conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency?
- b)** The proposed project does not appear to conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan regarding

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renewable energy or energy efficiency. Less than significant impacts are anticipated.

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

- a) Directly or indirectly cause potential substantial adverse effects, including risk of loss, injury, or death involving:
- a)** The proposed project is construct a new water well and does not appear to conflict with the geology and soils of adjacent properties and does not appear to directly or indirectly cause potential substantial adverse effects, including risk of loss, injury, or death. The proposed single family residence and water well will go through a ministerial review when the applicant applies for the building permits and would be subject to compliance to the latest edition of the California Building Code, including seismic requirements. Therefore, any impacts are expected to be 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?
- 1)** The project is located approximately 5 miles east of the Algodones Fault according to the Fault Activity Map of California (2015)<sup>6</sup>; therefore, the site could be affected by the occurrence of seismic activity, in similitude to the surrounding residences; however, since the proposed project will go through a ministerial review when the applicant applies for the building permit for both the residence and the water well, impacts are considered less than significant.
- 2) Strong Seismic ground shaking?
- 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 to the east 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)** As stated above under item a), the project is for the construction of a new water well for residential uses and the project site is not located in a Tsunami inundation area according to the California Official Tsunami Inundation Maps<sup>7</sup>, seismic-related ground failure impacts including liquefactions and seiche/tsunami are considered to be less than significant.
- 4) Landslides?
- 4)** The proposed project is not located within a Landslide Activity area according to the Imperial County Seismic and Public Safety Element<sup>8</sup>, Figure 2 (Landslide Activity). The topography within the project site is generally flat, and therefore will not be directly or indirectly affected by a landslide. No impacts are expected.
- b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?
- b)** The proposed project is not located within an area of substantial soil erosion according to Imperial County Seismic and Public Safety Element, Figure 3 (Erosion Activity). Less than significant impacts are expected.

<sup>6</sup> Fault Activity Map of California (2015) <https://maps.conservation.ca.gov/cgs/fam/>

<sup>7</sup> Department of Conservation Tsunami Inundation Maps <https://www.conservation.ca.gov/cgs/tsunami/maps>

<sup>8</sup> Imperial County Seismic and Public Safety Element - <https://www.icpds.com/assets/planning/seismic-and-public-safety.pdf>

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<p>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?</p> <p><b>c)</b> The project site is approximately 5 miles east of the Algodones Fault and will go through a ministerial review when the applicant applies for the building permit for both the residence and water well and will comply with the latest addition of the California Building Code. The site is approximately a quarter mile from three existing residences and a half mile from the Museum of History of Granite, and due to such close proximity of this construction and having not seen a history of unstable geological units and or/soil, the project is not expected to become unstable as a result of the project. Therefore, less than significant impacts are expected.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>d) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in the latest Uniform Building Code, creating substantial direct or indirect risk to life or property?</p> <p><b>d)</b> The proposed project soil site may not be considered highly expansive, in addition the proposed project will be subject to a ministerial review and will need to be in compliance with the latest edition of the California Building Code when the building permit for the water well and residence are applied for, therefore, the proposed project impacts are expected to be less than significant.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>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?</p> <p><b>e)</b> The proposed project is for the construction of a new water well for residential purposes. Therefore any septic tank or alternative waste water disposal systems will be subject to a ministerial review when the installation for the residence is applied for and will be subject to the latest edition of the California Building Code and Imperial County Public Health Department (EHS) requirements; therefore, any impacts are expected to be less than significant.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>f) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?</p> <p><b>f)</b> The proposed project is for the construction of a new water well to be used for residential purposes and will disturb approximately 20,000 SqFt. of the 46.37 Acre parcel. There are no known unique paleontological resources or geological features on the site; therefore, less than significant impacts are expected to directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

VIII. **GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION** *Would the project:*

<p>a) Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?</p> <p><b>a)</b> The proposed project is to extract one acre foot of water from the proposed water well for a new single family residence, and it is not expected to generate greenhouse gas emissions, that either directly or indirectly, may have a significant impact on the environment. Any impacts are expected to be less than significant.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>b) Conflict with an applicable plan or policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?</p> <p><b>b)</b> The proposed project is not expected to conflict with an applicable plan or policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases. Less than significant impacts are expected.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

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| a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?<br><b>a)</b> The proposed project is not expected to create a significant hazard to the public or the environment since it does not include any handling of hazardous materials. No impacts are expected.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 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?<br><b>b)</b> As stated above under item a), the proposed project does not anticipate handling hazardous materials. No impacts are expected.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?<br><b>c)</b> The proposed project is not located within ¼ mile of a school, thus, the project would not represent a risk to school facilities; therefore, no impacts are expected.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 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?<br><b>d)</b> The proposed project site is not located on a site included on a list of hazardous material sites <sup>9</sup> ; therefore, less than significant impacts are expected.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 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?<br><b>e)</b> The proposed project is not located within an airport land use plan, or within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, and would not result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area; therefore, no impacts are expected.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| f) Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?<br><b>f)</b> The proposed project is not expected to interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan; therefore, no impacts are expected.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| g) Expose people or structures, either directly or indirectly, to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires?<br><b>g)</b> The proposed project is for the construction of a water well for residential purposes. Additionally, the project site is classified as LRA Moderate under the Fire Hazard Severity Zone according to the "Draft Fire Hazard Severity Zones in LRA" Imperial County map dated September 19, 2007. As a result of this classification, when the applicant applies for the building permit to construct these improvements, they will undergo a ministerial review. Therefore, any impacts related to the exposure of people or structures, either directly or indirectly, to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires is considered to be less than significant. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

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

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X. **HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY** *Would the project:*

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| a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade surface or ground water quality?<br><b>a)</b> The proposed water well would extract one acre feet of water a year as initially requested under this Conditional Use Permit application, therefore it is not expected to violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements or substantially degrade surface or ground water quality. Per a comment letter from the Imperial County Public Health Department (EHS), the proposed project may go through a plan review upon submittal of the building permit for the water well. Any impacts are expected to be less than significant. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Substantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that the project may impede sustainable groundwater management of the basin?<br><b>b)</b> As commented above under item a), the proposed project anticipates the extraction of one acre feet of water from the proposed water well and it is not expected to substantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that the project may impede sustainable groundwater management of the basin; therefore, less than significant impacts are expected.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 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:<br><b>c)</b> As stated above under item a), the proposed project is for the extraction of one acre feet of water a year from the proposed water well and it is not likely that it will substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area. There are no rivers or streams near the project site. Less than significant impacts are expected.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (i) result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site;<br><b>(i)</b> As stated above under item c), the proposed project is for the construction of a water well for residential purposes for the extraction of one acre-feet of water a year and it is not likely that it would cause substantial erosion or siltation on- or off- site. Less than significant impacts are expected.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (ii) substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or offsite;<br><b>(ii)</b> The proposed project is not expected to substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or offsite. Less than significant impacts are expected.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (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;<br><b>(iii)</b> The proposed project would not appear to create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned storm water drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff. Impacts appear to be less than significant.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (iv) impede or redirect flood flows?<br><b>(iv)</b> The proposed project is for the operation of a new water well and it is not expected to impede or redirect flood flows. Less than significant impacts are expected.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d) In flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zones, risk release of   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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**d)** The project site is not located within a flood zone, Tsunami Inundation Area, or seiche zone and it is not expected to expose people or structures to a significant risk release of pollutants due to project inundation. Less than significant impacts are expected.

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

**e)** The proposed project is for the extraction of one acre feet of water a year from the proposed water well and it is not expected to conflict or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan. As previously mentioned under item A) listed above, the project may undergo a plan review by EHS upon submittal of the building permit application. Less than significant impacts are expected.

XI. **LAND USE AND PLANNING** *Would the project:*

a) Physically divide an established community?

**a)** The proposed project is for the construction of a new water well which would be used for residential purposes and it is not expected to physically divide an established community; therefore, no impact is 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)** The proposed project is for the construction of a new water well for residential purposes. The parcel is zoned S-2 (Open Space/Preservation), the residential use is also being proposed alongside the well, therefore it would comply with the Imperial County Land Use Ordinance, and it is not expected to 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. 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)** The proposed project is not located within the boundaries of an active mine per Imperial County General Plan's Conservation and Open Space Element, Figure 8 "Existing Mineral Resources". Therefore, no impacts are expected.

b) Result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?

**b)** The proposed project is not expected to 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. No impacts are expected.

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)** It can be expected that the construction of the water well and installation of the manufactured home would generate temporary increase in ambient noise. However, the construction phase of the

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water well and installation of the manufactured home would be subject to the Construction Noise standards per the Noise Element<sup>10</sup> of the Imperial County General Plan. Compliance with such standards would bring impacts to less than significant.

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| b) Generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?<br><b>b) During the construction of the water well and installation of the manufactured home groundborne vibration and noise levels are expected to increase in a short term; however as stated above under item a), the construction phase of the residence will be subject to the Construction Noise standards per Noise Element of the Imperial County General Plan. Compliance with such standards would bring impacts to less than significant.</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 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?<br><b>c) The project site is not located within a runway protected zone or approach/departure zone of a local airport. No impacts are expected.</b>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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)?<br><b>a) The proposed project is for the construction of a water well to be used for residential purposes. Due to the fact that a single family residence is an allowed use within this site and zone, the density for this area will not be exceeded upon construction. Therefore, the proposed project is not expected to induce substantial unplanned population growth in the area either directly or indirectly. Less than significant impacts are expected.</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| b) Displace substantial numbers of existing people or housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?<br><b>b) The proposed project will not displace substantial numbers of people necessitating the construction or replacement housing elsewhere. Therefore, no impact is expected.</b>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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:<br><b>a) The proposed project is not expected to result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with potential impacts foreseen on public services. However, any impact would be less than significant.</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1) Fire Protection?<br><b>1) The proposed project is not expected to result in substantial impacts on fire protection; any new</b>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

<sup>10</sup> Imperial County Noise Element - <https://www.icpds.com/planning/land-use-documents/general-plan/noise-element>



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impacts would be less than significant.

2) Police Protection?

**2) The proposed project is not expected to have result in substantial impacts on police protection; less than significant impacts are expected.**

3) Schools?

**3) The proposed project is not expected to have a substantial impact on schools. Less than significant impacts are expected.**

4) Parks?

**4) The proposed project is not expected to create a substantial impact on parks. Less than significant impacts are expected.**

5) Other Public Facilities?

**5) The proposed project is not expected to create a substantial impact on other public facilities; however, any impacts would be less than significant.**

#### 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 is not expected to 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 since the applicant is only proposing one new manufactured home and water well on the project site. Less than significant impacts are expected.**

b) Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse effect on the environment?

**b) The proposed project does not include or require the construction of recreational facilities. No impacts are expected.**

#### 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; a program plan, ordinance or policy addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadway, bicycle and pedestrian facilities; therefore, no impacts are expected.**

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

**b) The proposed project will not conflict or be inconsistent with the CEQA Guidelines section 15064.3, subdivision (b) since it is not expected to have a significant transportation impact within transit priority areas. No impacts are expected.**

c) Substantially increases hazards due to a geometric design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?

**c) The proposed project does not appear to substantially increase hazards due to design features**

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or incompatible uses. No impacts are anticipated.

- d) Result in inadequate emergency access?
- d)** The proposed project would not result in inadequate emergency access since the current use will change from a vacant property to a single family residence and the emergency access will remain the same; any impact would be less than significant.

XVIII. **TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES**

- a) Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource, defined in Public Resources Code Section 21074 as either a site, feature, place, cultural landscape that is geographically defined in terms of the size and scope of the landscape, sacred place or object with cultural value to a California Native American tribe, and that is:

- a) The proposed project is for the construction of a new water well for residential purposes and it is not expected that the project would cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource, defined in Public Resources Code Section 21074. Additionally, the Quechan Indian Tribe was consulted under Assembly Bill 52 and no comments were received at this time. 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

**(i)** The proposed project is not listed or is not likely that it would be 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), there is no evidence of cultural resources on site. 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.

**ii)** There appears to be no history or association in the past with any evidence of historical resources for the property to be either 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?

**a)** The proposed project is for the construction of a water well to be used for residential purposes. As required by the Imperial Irrigation District (IID) a complete set of approved plans, construction, schedule, completion date, and other required documentation will reviewed for the applicant to obtain electrical service to the new pump for the water well. The applicant is also responsible to comply with all applicable IID polices and regulations and will be required to enter into a water

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supply agreement which will be assessed for potential environmental and water supply impacts. If the applicant finds that it is necessary to construct within an existing IID water, sewer, storm water, or any other above ground or underground utility; an encroachment agreement will need to be between the applicant and IID. In addition to these requirements, EHS will also undergo a plan review once the applicant has submitted their building permit application for the water well and single family residence. Due to these requirements, it is not expected that the proposed project would require or result in the relocation or construction of new or expanded utilities and service system facilities, the construction of which would cause significant environmental effects. Less than significant impacts are expected.

- b) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing and reasonably foreseeable future development during normal, dry and multiple dry years?      
**b)** The proposed project intends to extract one acre foot of water a year for residential purposes; and it is expected that there is sufficient water supplies to serve the proposed project from existing and reasonably foreseeable future development. Less than significant impacts are expected.
- 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 to construct a new water well for residential purposes. The applicant will also submit a building permit for the installation of a manufactured home upon approval of this CUP. This building permit will be submitted to the ICPDS for review and it will be required to comply with the California Building Code and the requirements of Agencies including Environmental Health Department for approval; therefore, it is expected that such compliance would bring impacts to less than significant levels.
- 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 would create the residential use, therefore, it is not expected that it would generate solid waste in excess of State or local standards, or in excess of the capacity of local infrastructure. Impacts are considered less than significant.
- 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. The proposed subsequent residence will be required to comply with all federal, state and local management and reduction status and regulations related to solid waste. Less than significant impacts are expected.

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 is not located in or near State responsibility areas or lands classified as very high fire hazard severity zones, the proposed project parcel is within an area classified as "Local Responsibility Area (LRA Moderate)-Unincorporated" under the Fire Hazard Severity Zones in SRA adopted by Cal Fire on November 7, 2007. However, the proposed project is not expected to substantially impair an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan. Less than significant impacts are expected.

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<p>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?</p> <p><b>b)</b> The proposed project is for the construction of a water well that will be used for residential purposes. The proposed project parcel is flat and surrounded by desert vacant parcels and residential dwellings to the east, therefore, it is not expected that the proposed water well will expose occupants to pollutant concentrations from a wildfire or the uncontrolled spread of a wildfire. As stated above under item a) the area is classified as "Local Responsibility Area (LRA)-Unincorporated"; and, less than significant impacts are expected.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>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?</p> <p><b>c)</b> As previously stated under item a) above, the proposed project is not located in or near State responsibility areas or lands classified as very high fire hazard severity zones, therefore, it would not 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. Less than significant impacts are expected.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>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?</p> <p><b>d)</b> As previously stated under item b) above, the proposed project is generally flat, and it is not located in or near state responsibility areas or lands classified as very high fire hazard severity zones, therefore it not expected to 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. Less than significant impacts are expected.</p>	<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 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
- Mariela Moran, Project Planner
- Jeanine Ramos, Planner
- Imperial County Air Pollution Control District
- Ag Commissioner
- Environmental Health Services

##### B. OTHER AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS

- Quechan Indian Tribe
- IID

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

## V. REFERENCES

1. Imperial County General Plan Circulation and Scenic Highways Element
2. California Department of Conservation Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program (2016)-  
<https://maps.conservation.ca.gov/DLRP/CIFF/>
3. Imperial County Williamson Act FY 2016/2017 Map
4. Imperial County Land Use Plan Map - <https://www.icpds.com/assets/planning/land-use-element/landuse-map.pdf>
5. IC General Plan Conservation and Open Space -  
<https://www.icpds.com/assets/planning/conservation-open-space-element-2016.pdf>
6. Fault Activity Map of California (2015) <https://maps.conservation.ca.gov/cgs/fam/>
7. Department of Conservation Tsunami Inundation Maps -  
<https://www.conservation.ca.gov/cgs/tsunami/maps>
8. Imperial County Seismic and Public Safety Element -  
<https://www.icpds.com/assets/planning/seismic-and-public-safety.pdf>
9. EnviroStor Database - <http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/>
10. Imperial County Noise Element - <https://www.icpds.com/planning/land-use-documents/general-plan/noise-element>

## 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.*

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**Project Name:** Initial Study #21-0006 for Conditional Use Permit #21-0007  
Abraham Gutierrez, Jr. – Water Well

**Project Applicant:** Abraham Gutierrez, Jr.

**Project Location:** The project site is located at 771 Sidewinder Road, Winterhaven, CA 92283. This parcel is located on Imperial County Assessor Parcel (APN) 056-470-029-000. The legal description for this parcel is identified as Parcel 1, of Parcel Map 891, of the North east ¼ of Section 21, Township 16 South, Range 21 East, SBBM.

**Description of Project:** The applicant is proposing a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to build a water well to have access to one acre foot of water per year for a residential use. If approved, the applicant will submit a building permit for both the water well and the mobile home installation. The pump equipment will be designed for 15 GPM with 50 PSI at the well head and the pump will be set at 220 ft. within the well. The pump will be a 20FA15 Franklin Submersible pump/motor at ½ HP and 230 V/1 phase design.



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.

7-15-21  
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

7-15-21  
Date

EEC ORIGINAL PKG

## SECTION 4

### VIII. RESPONSE TO COMMENTS

(ATTACH DOCUMENTS, IF ANY, HERE)

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**Attachment A: CUP Application &  
Supporting Documentation**

**EEC ORIGINAL PKG**

# 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 <u>Abraham Gutierrez Jr.</u>	EMAIL ADDRESS <u>FelivityFleet98@gmail.com</u>	
2. MAILING ADDRESS (Street / P O Box, City, State) <u>2812 W Donley Rd, Smerton, AZ, 85350</u>	ZIP CODE <u>85350</u>	PHONE NUMBER <u>928-366-7342</u>
3. APPLICANT'S NAME <u>Abraham Gutierrez Jr.</u>	EMAIL ADDRESS <u>Felivityfleet98@gmail.com</u>	
4. MAILING ADDRESS (Street / P O Box, City, State) <u>.</u>	ZIP CODE	PHONE NUMBER
4. ENGINEER'S NAME <u>Larry</u>	CA. LICENSE NO. <u>AC57, HAZ-753077</u>	EMAIL ADDRESS <u>AZCdrilling@aol.com</u>
5. MAILING ADDRESS (Street / P O Box, City, State) <u>P.O BOX 570 Ehrenberg, AZ, 85334</u>	ZIP CODE <u>85334</u>	PHONE NUMBER <u>928-923-9118</u>
6. ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NO. <u>056-470-029-000</u>	SIZE OF PROPERTY (in acres or square foot) <u><del>40.00</del> 46.7</u>	ZONING (existing) <u>S-2</u>
7. PROPERTY (site) ADDRESS <u>771 Sidewinder Rd, Winterhaven, CA, 92283</u>		
8. GENERAL LOCATION (i.e. city, town, cross street) <u>771 Sidewinder Rd, Winterhaven, CA, 92283</u>		
9. LEGAL DESCRIPTION <u>That par 1 PM 091 OF NEH SEC 21 16-21</u> <u>46.7</u>		

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

10. DESCRIBE PROPOSED USE OF PROPERTY (list and describe in detail)	<u>(See attached sheet)</u>
11. DESCRIBE CURRENT USE OF PROPERTY	<u>Valant</u>
12. DESCRIBE PROPOSED SEWER SYSTEM	<u>Septic</u>
13. DESCRIBE PROPOSED WATER SYSTEM	<u>well</u>
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?

I / WE THE LEGAL OWNER (S) OF THE ABOVE PROPERTY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION SHOWN OR STATED HEREIN IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

Abraham Gutierrez Jr. 4-6-21  
Print Name Date  
[Signature]  
Signature  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name Date  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

**REQUIRED SUPPORT DOCUMENTS**

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

APPLICATION RECEIVED BY:	<u>[Signature]</u>	DATE	<u>4/6/21</u>	REVIEW / APPROVAL BY OTHER DEPT'S required.
APPLICATION DEEMED COMPLETE BY:	_____	DATE	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> P. W.
APPLICATION REJECTED BY:	_____	DATE	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> E. H. S.
TENTATIVE HEARING BY:	_____	DATE	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> A. P. C. D.
FINAL ACTION: <input type="checkbox"/> APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> DENIED		DATE	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> O. E. S.
		DATE	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> _____

**CUP #**  
21-0007

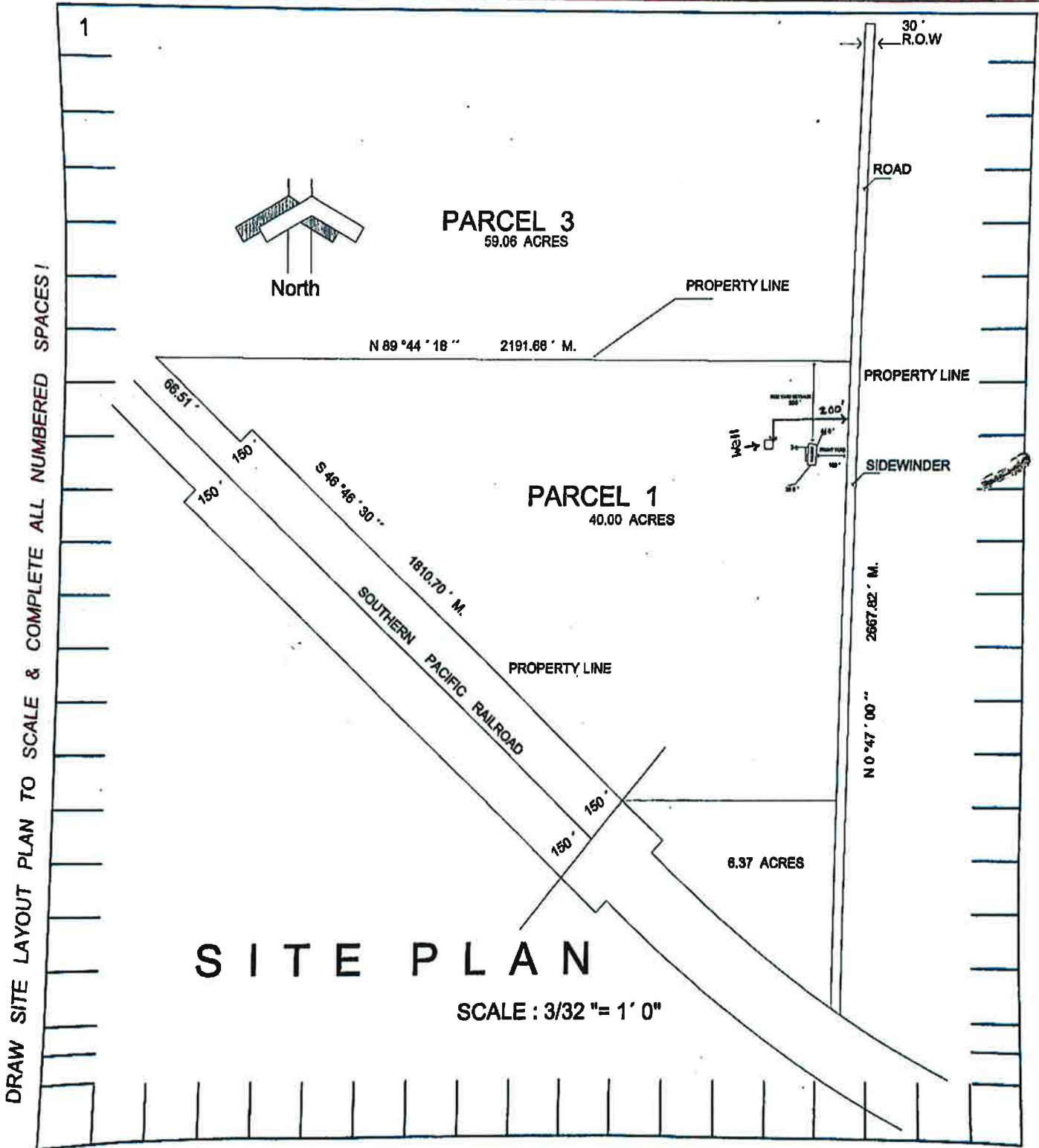
**Proposed Use Of Property for 771 Sidewinder Rd, Winterhaven CA, 92283**

**The proposed use of 771 Sidewinder Rd, Winterhaven CA, 92283. Is to place a manufactured home on a foundation for my brother and I to live in. We would like to have water available in the property to make it a more habitable and proper establishment to fulfill our day to day needs of living. As we would like to drill a well to have access to "one acre of foot of water per year".**

# SITE PLAN

I.C. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPT  
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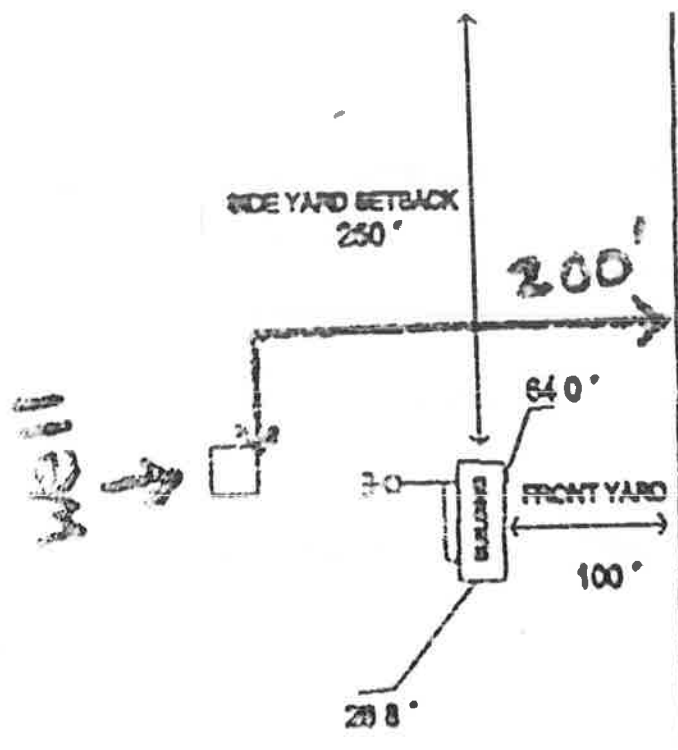
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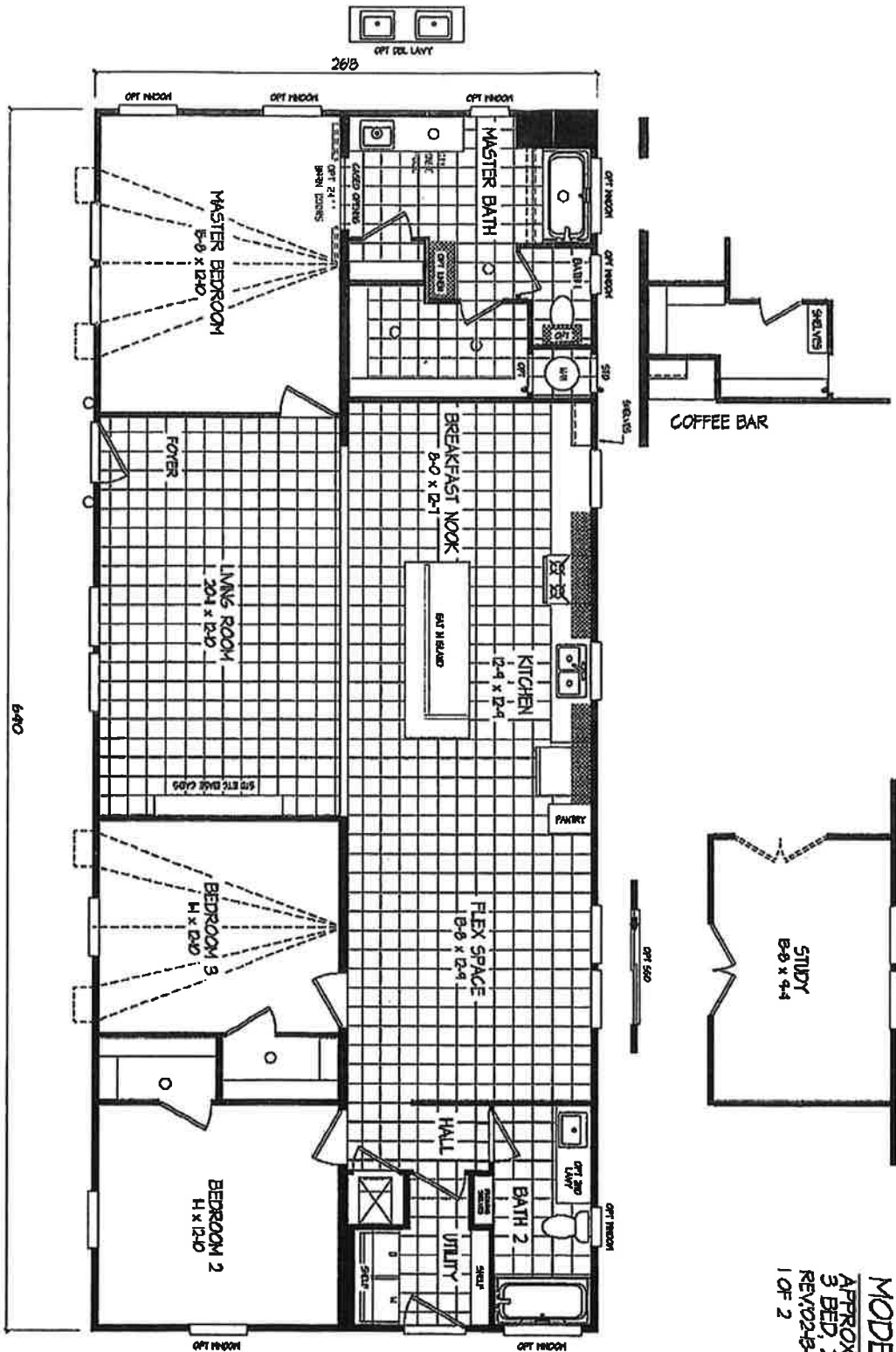


DRAW SITE LAYOUT PLAN TO SCALE & COMPLETE ALL NUMBERED SPACES!

NAME OF APPLICANT 2 Abraham Gutierrez Jr.	APPLICANT PHONE NO. 3 (928) 366-7342	Size of Parcel 4 40 Acres
PROJECT SITE ADDRESS 5 771 Sidewinder Rd. N, Winterhaven, CA		ASSESSOR'S PARCEL I.D. 6 056-470-029-000

EEC ORIGINAL PKG





MODEL: CXP-28643  
 APPROX: 170 SQ.FT.  
 3 BED, 2 BATH  
 REV: 02-8-20  
 1 OF 2

EEC ORIGINAL PKG




**AZCA DRILLING & PUMP, INC.**

P.O. BOX 570  
 EHRENBERG, AZ 85334  
 AZ LIC. A 135159, DRL LIC#621  
 CA LIC. A C57, HAZ-753077

**Estimate**

Date	Estimate #
4/20/2021	3981

<b>Name / Address</b>
GUTIERREZ, ABRAHAM 928-366-7342 seriousemail60@gmail.com



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**Drilling & Pump, Inc**  
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 Marana Office 520-882-2556  
**Larry Siddall**  
 azzadrilling@aol.com  
 AZ LIC. A 135159, AZ Drl. Lic. 621, CA Lic. A.C57,HAZ753077

P.O. No.	Project

Description	Qty	Rate	Total
HELLO ABRAHAM, HERE IS A QUOTE FOR A 300' BY 6" DUAL ROTARY DRILLED CASED WELL IN THE WINTERHAVEN AREA. BILLING FOR THE ACTUAL WELL WILL BE BASED UPON LINE ITEM PRICING FOR THE ACTUAL FOOTAGE WITH A MINIMUM DEPTH OF 260'. THANKS FOR YOUR INQUIRY, LARRY SIDDALL *****NOTE*****REVISED QUOTE FROM 9/26/2019 WITH PUMPING EQUIPMENT AND CURRENT MARKET PRICES ON WELL CASING, THANKS, LARRY SIDDALL			
MOB/DEMOB	1	3,300.00	3,300.00
PERMIT BY YOU WITH OUR HELP	1	475.00	475.00
SUPPLY AND SET SURFACE CASING	1	1,500.00	1,500.00T
DRILL BIT WEAR AND DRILL SHOE	1	1,150.00	1,150.00T
RENTAL EQUIPMENT	1	1,875.00	1,875.00T
6IN BLANK CASING AT OUR COST PLUS 15% AT TIME OF PURCHASE *****CURRENT MARKET PRICE*****	300	21.85	6,555.00T
DRILLING SERVICES	300	30.00	9,000.00
INSTALL SURFACE SEAL	1	1,100.00	1,100.00
SWABBING AND AIR LIFT DEVELOPMENT	2	400.00	800.00
WE ASSUME WATER ON SITE TO DRILL WITH		0.00	0.00
PUMPING EQUIPMENT DESIGNED FOR 15GPM WITH 50 PSI AT THE WELL HEAD AND THE PUMP SET AT 220' IN THE WELL 20FA15 FRANKLIN SUBMERSIBLE PUMP/MOTOR 1PH/230V	1	1,560.00	1,560.00T

**Subtotal**

**Sales Tax (6.3%)**

**Total**

<b>Phone #</b>
(928) 923-9118

<b>E-mail</b>
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# Estimate

Date	Estimate #
4/20/2021	3981

Name / Address
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Ship To
GUTIERREZ, ABRAHAM

P.O. No.	Project

Description	Qty	Rate	Total
1 1/2HP DELUX CONTROL BOX	1	287.28	287.28T
6X2 SANITARY WELL SEAL	1	79.75	79.75T
X-HEAVY CLASS 120 PVC DROP PIPE WITH METAL COUPLINGS- 2IN	220	4.25791	936.74T
12/4 SUBMERSIBLE PUMP CABLE	240	1.64	393.60T
CH302 86GAL CA TANK	1	561.00	561.00T
ITEMS PURCHASED FOR PROJECT	1	355.00	355.00T
LABOR	1	800.00	800.00
NOTE: THE PUMP AND MOTOR WOULD BE A 1 1/2HP/230V/1PHASE DESIGNED FOR 15GPM @ 300' TOTAL HEAD			
		<b>Subtotal</b>	\$30,728.37
		<b>Sales Tax (6.3%)</b>	\$960.96
		<b>Total</b>	\$31,689.33

Phone #
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# PARCEL MAP NO. M-891

## LEGAL DESCRIPTION

BEING A DIVISION OF THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST, S.B.M., COUNTY OF IMPERIAL, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT OF RE-SURVEY.

## BASIS OF BEARINGS

THE EAST LINE OF THE NE 1/4 OF SEC. 21, T. 16 S., R. 21 E., S.B.M., AS SHOWN ON G.L.O. PLAT DATED NOV. 7, 1929, (BEING N 0° 47' 00" E).

## SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATE

THIS MAP WAS PREPARED BY ME OR UNDER MY DIRECTION AND IS BASED UPON A FIELD SURVEY IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE SUBDIVISION MAP ACT AT THE REQUEST OF JOE L. GREEN ON NOV. 1, 1976. I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT IT CONFORMS TO THE APPROVED TENTATIVE MAP AND THE CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL THEREOF.



*Thomas P. Yonell*  
THOMAS P. YONELL  
L.S. NO. 1892

## COUNTY SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATE

THIS MAP CONFORMS WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE SUBDIVISION MAP ACT AND THE SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF IMPERIAL.

DATED: July 11, 77 SIGNED: *L. Green*  
COUNTY SURVEYOR

## PLANNING DIRECTOR'S CERTIFICATE

PURSUANT TO SECTION 58026 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF IMPERIAL COUNTY, I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH THE APPROVED TENTATIVE MAP.

SIGNED: *Leland D. Mitchell*  
COUNTY RECORDER

## COUNTY RECORDER'S CERTIFICATE

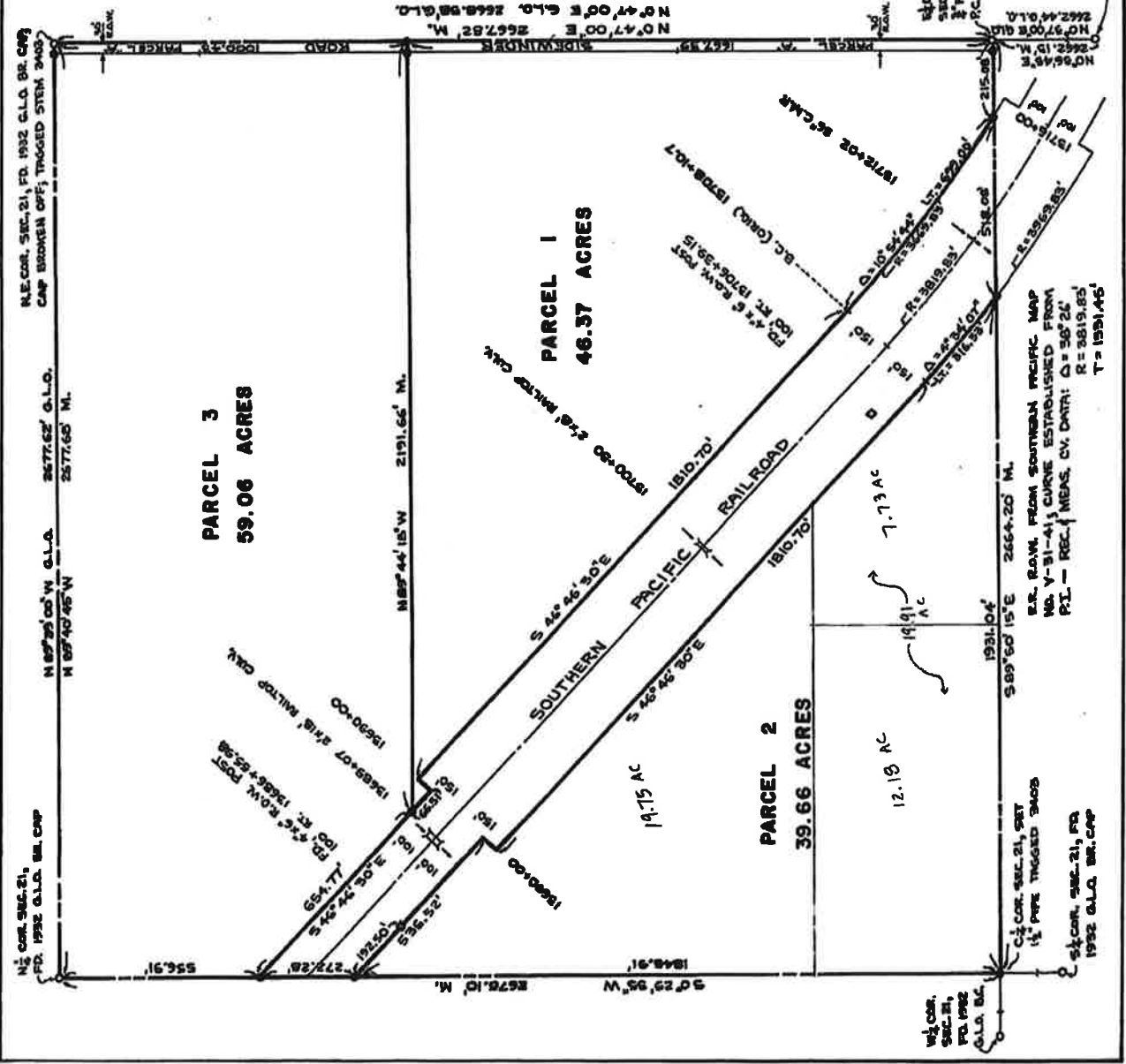
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SIGNED: *Jean Whalsh*  
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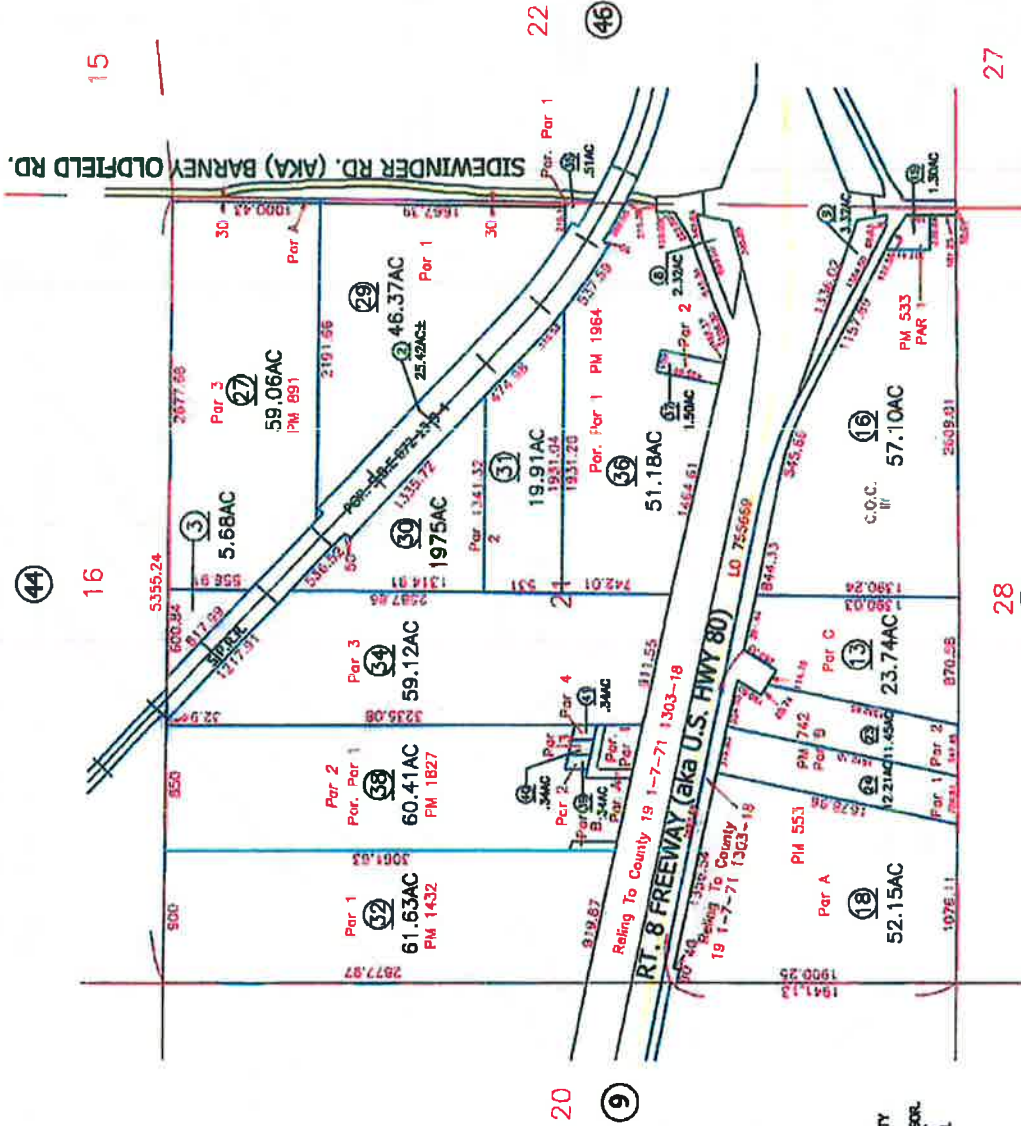
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  - FOUND 4"x6" RED WOOD MARKED R.R. R.O.W.
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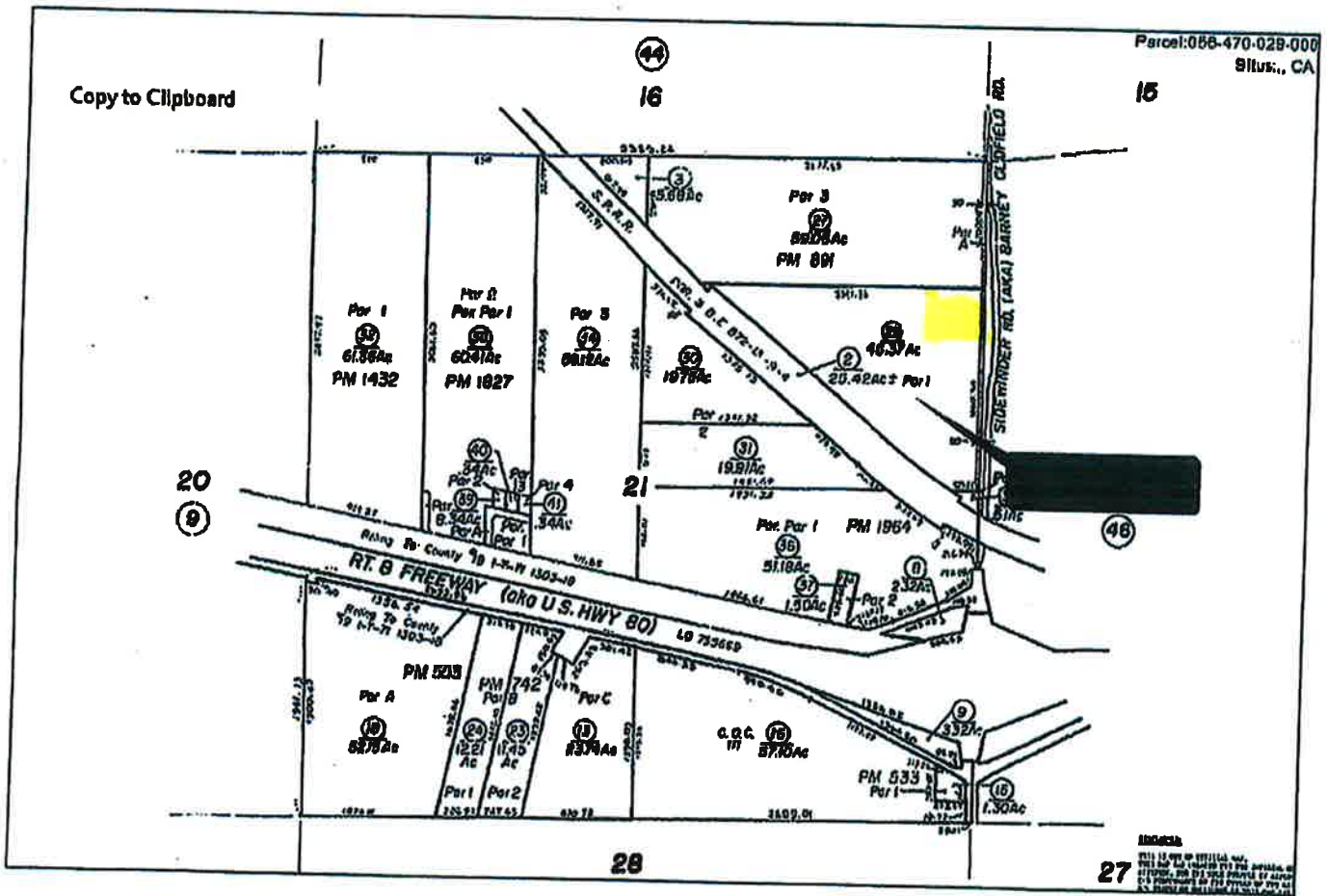


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 From 56-10  
 7-12-90 LS  
 2-10-93 LS

# Plat Map

Borrower/Client	The Estate <del>Abraham Gutierrez</del> <i>Abraham Gutierrez</i>
Property Address	APN 056-470-029-000
City	Winterhaven
County	Imperial
State	CA
Zip Code	92283
Lender	Maria G. Gutierrez



## Attachment B: Comment Letters

EEC ORIGINAL PKG

## Maria Scoville

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**From:** Esperanza Colio  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 14, 2021 1:27 PM  
**To:** Maria Scoville  
**Subject:** RE: CUP21-0007 - Request for Review and Comment Letter

Good afternoon Maria,

I have no comments regarding this CUP.

Thank you

*Esperanza M. Colio*  
*Deputy County Executive Officer*  
*County of Imperial*  
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Thank you,

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Good morning Ms. Scoville,

Pertaining to CUP21-0007, Division of Environmental Health does not have any comments at this time. Once the applicant files for a building permit, our division will revise the proposed project for the purpose of a possible plan review.

Thank you,

### Mario Salinas, MBA

Environmental Health Compliance Specialist I  
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Division of Environmental Health  
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Thank you,

*Maria Scoville*

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**Maria Scoville**

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## Kimberly Noriega

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**Sent:** Friday, April 23, 2021 10:23 AM  
**To:** Maria Scoville; ICPDSCCommentLetters; Mariela Moran  
**Subject:** RE: CUP21-0007 - Request for Review and Comment Letter

Good morning Ms. Moran,

The Agricultural Commissioner's office has reviewed CUP21-007 for Abraham Gutierrez, Jr. for 771 Sidewinder Road, Winterhaven, CA and has No Comment on this project.

Best regards,  
Margo



Margo E. Sanchez  
Deputy Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer  
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April 26, 2021

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

SUBJECT: Condition Use Permit (CUP) 21-0007—Gutierrez Water Well

Dear Mr. Minnick:

The Imperial County Air Pollution Control District ("Air District") appreciates the opportunity to review and comment on Condition Use Permit (CUP) 21-0007 ("Project") that would allow the construction of a water well for residential purposes at 771 Sidewinder Road in Winterhaven, California, also described as Assessor's Parcel Number 056-470-029-000.

Aside from the water well, the Project also identifies a proposed septic system. Construction of both must adhere to **Regulation VIII** which is a collection of rules designed to limit emissions of fugitive dust (PM<sub>10</sub>) to 20% opacity. As the Project is over 10 acres, per Rule 801(E.1.c and E.1.d)—Construction and Earthmoving, the applicant must submit a **Construction Dust Control Plan** and notify the Air District 10 days prior to the start of construction. Should either the construction or operation phase of the Project include the use of a diesel generator above 50 brake horsepower the applicant must contact the Permitting & Engineering Division of the Air District to determine permitting requirements.

Air District rules and regulations can be accessed online at <https://apcd.imperialcounty.org/rules-and-regulations>. Should you have questions please feel free to contact the Air District for assistance at (442) 265-1800.

Respectfully,

Curtis Blondell

APC Environmental Coordinator

Monica N. Soucier

APC Division Manager



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Ms. Mariela Moran  
Planner ii  
Planning & Development Services Department  
County of Imperial  
801 Main Street  
El Centro, CA 92243

SUBJECT: Water Well for Residential Use Project; CUP Application No. 21-0007

Dear Ms. Moran:

On April 14, 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. 21-0007. The applicant, Abraham Gutierrez, is proposing to build a water well for residential purposes with a capacity of 1 acre-foot/year at 771 Sidewinder Road, Winterhaven, California (APN 056-470-029-000).

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

1. To request electrical service for the water well pump, the applicant should be advised to contact Joel Lopez, IID Customer Project Development Planner, at (760) 482-3300 or e-mail Mr. Lopez at [JFLopez@IID.com](mailto:JFLopez@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 (including CAD files), construction schedule, completion date, one-line electrical diagrams, electrical loads, panel size, and the applicable fees, permits, easements and environmental compliance documentation pertaining to the provision of electrical service to the pump. The applicants shall be responsible for all costs and mitigation measures related to providing electrical service to the pump.
2. Please note that energy capacity is limited in the project area and a circuit study may be required. If the study indicates circuit improvements are needed to allow for electrical service to the new well pump, the applicant shall be financially responsible for the improvements identified in the circuit study.
3. In order to obtain a water supply from IID for a non-agricultural project, the applicant has to comply with all applicable IID policies and regulations and will be required to enter into a water supply agreement. Such policies and regulations require, among other things, that all potential environmental and water supply impacts of the project be adequately assessed, appropriate mitigation developed if warranted, including any necessary approval conditions adopted by the relevant land use and permitting agencies. If IID implements a water allocation or apportionment program pursuant to the IID Equitable Distribution Plan, or any amending or superseding policy for the same or similar purposes,

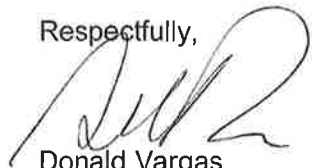


during all or any part of the term of said water supply agreement, IID shall have the right to apportion the project's water as an industrial water user. For more information on how to obtain a water supply agreement, please visit the district's website at <https://www.iid.com/water/municipal-industrial-and-commercial-customers> or contact Justina Gamboa-Arce, IID Water Resources Planner, at (760) 339-9085 or [jgamboarce@IID.com](mailto:jgamboarce@IID.com).

4. Any construction or operation on IID property or within its existing and proposed right of way or easements including but not limited to: surface improvements such as proposed new streets, driveways, parking lots, landscape; and all water, sewer, storm water, or any other above ground or underground utilities; will require an encroachment permit, or encroachment agreement (depending on the circumstances). 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.
5. Any new, relocated, modified or reconstructed IID facilities required for and by the project (which can include but is not limited to electrical utility substations, electrical transmission and distribution lines, 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](mailto:dvgargas@iid.com). Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter.

Respectfully,



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