# PROJECT REPORT

TO: ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION COMMITTEE

AGENDA DATE: December 17 2020

FROM: PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEP	T. AGENDA TIME 1:30 PM/No.1
PROJECT TYPE:Jeffrey Carter (Parcel Map #02488)	SUPERVISOR DIST 3
LOCATION: 653 W. Belford Road	_APN:063-020-002-000
Imperial, CA	PARCEL SIZE: ±9.36 AC
GENERAL PLAN (existing) Urban Area	GENERAL PLAN (proposed)N/A
ZONE (existing)A-1-U (Limited Agriculture/Urban Area	a)_ZONE (proposed)N/A
GENERAL PLAN FINDINGS  ☐ CONSISTENT ☐ IN	NCONSISTENT MAY BE/FINDINGS
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PLANNING DIRECTORS DECISION:	HEARING DATE:
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ENVIROMENTAL EVALUATION COMMITTEE DECISION	V: HEARING DATE: 12/17/20 INITIAL STUDY: 20-0021
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**REQUESTED ACTION:** 

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# □ NEGATIVE DECLARATION□ MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Initial Study & Environmental Analysis For:

Parcel Map #0288 Jeffery Carter



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## **COUNTY OF IMPERIAL**

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## **SECTION 1** INTRODUCTION

#### A. PURPOSE

This document is a  $\square$  policy-level,  $\boxtimes$  project level Initial Study for evaluation of potential environmental impacts resulting with the proposed Parcel Map #02488 (Refer to Exhibit "A" & "B"). For purposes of this document, the above-mentioned project 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.

L	$\blacksquare$ According to Section 15070(a), a <b>Negative Declaration</b> is deemed appropriate if the proposal would not result
	in any significant effect on the environment.

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

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

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

Pursuant to the County of Imperial Guidelines for Implementing CEQA, depending on the project scope, the County of Imperial Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission and/or Planning Director is designated the Lead Agency,

in accordance with Section 15050 of the CEQA Guidelines. The Lead Agency is the public agency which has the principal responsibility for approving the necessary environmental clearances and analyses for any project in the County.

## C. INTENDED USES OF INITIAL STUDY AND NEGATIVE DECLARATION

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

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

#### D. CONTENTS OF INITIAL STUDY & NEGATIVE DECLARATION

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

## **SECTION 1**

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

## **SECTION 2**

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

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

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

## **SECTION 3**

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

preparation of this Initial Study and Negative Declaration.

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

VI. NEGATIVE DECLARATION - COUNTY OF IMPERIAL

VII. FINDINGS

#### **SECTION 4**

VIII. RESPONSE TO COMMENTS (IF ANY)

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

## E. SCOPE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

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

- 1. No Impact: A "No Impact" response is adequately supported if the impact simply does not apply to the proposed applications.
- 2. Less Than Significant Impact: The proposed applications will have the potential to impact the environment. These impacts, however, will be less than significant; no additional analysis is required.
- 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  $\square$  policy-level,  $\bowtie$  project level analysis. Regarding mitigation measures, it is not the intent of this document to "overlap" or restate conditions of approval that are commonly established for future known projects or the proposed applications. Additionally, those other standard requirements and regulations that any development must comply with, that are outside the County's jurisdiction, are also not considered mitigation measures and therefore, will not be identified in this document.

## G. TIERED DOCUMENTS AND INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

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

## 1. Tiered Documents

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

"Tiering refers to using the analysis of general matters contained in a broader EIR (such as the one prepared

for a general plan or policy statement) with later EIRs and negative declarations on narrower projects; incorporating by reference the general discussions from the broader EIR; and concentrating the later EIR or negative declaration solely on the issues specific to the later project."

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

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

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

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

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

## 2. Incorporation By Reference

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

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

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

- 1. **Project Title**: Parcel Map #0288; Jeffrey Carter
- 2. Lead Agency: Imperial County Planning & Development Services Department
- 3. Contact person and phone number: Joe Hernandez, Planner IV, (442) 265-1736, ext. 1748
- 4. Address: 801 Main Street, El Centro CA, 92243
- 5. **E-mail**: joehernandez@co.imperial.ca.us
- 6. **Project location**: 653 W. Belford Road, Imperial, CA
- 7. **Project sponsor's name and address**: Jeffrey Carter

673 W. Belford Road Imperial, CA 922251

- 8. General Plan designation: Urban
- 9. Zoning: A1U (Light Agriculture/Urban)
- 10. **Description of project**: The applicant proposes Parcel Map #02488 to subdivide the existing vacant lot into four (4) parcels, 2.34 acres each for residential purposes.
- 11. **Surrounding land uses and setting**: The project site is surrounded by vacant land to the West, scattered to the North and East, and Ironwood Acres Estates Unit No. 4 subdivision to the South.
- 12. **Other public agencies whose approval is required:** Planning Commission, Imperial County Public Works Department, Imperial County Environmental Health Services, Imperial County Fire Department
- 13. Have California Native American tribes traditionally and culturally affiliated with the project area requested consultation pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.3.1? On September 17, 2020, a Notice of Opportunity to Consult letter was sent to the Quechan Indian and on September 18, 2020 we received an email from the Quechan Tribe stating that they have no comment on this project.

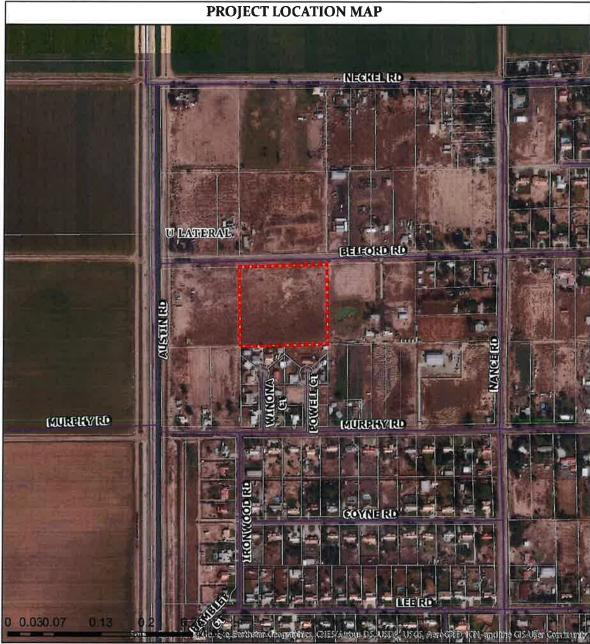
## **ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:**

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	Biological Resources		Cultural Resources			Energy
	Geology /Soils		Greenhouse Gas Emissio	ns		Hazards & Hazardous Materials
	Hydrology / Water Quality		Land Use / Planning			Mineral Resources
	Noise		Population / Housing			Public Services
	Recreation		Transportation			Tribal Cultural Resources
	Utilities/Service Systems		Wildfire			Mandatory Findings of Significance
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## PROJECT SUMMARY

- **A.** Project Location: The proposed project site is located at 653 W. Belford Road, Imperial, CA, being Lot 35 of Imperial Subdivision No. 1 per Map No. 899 on file in the Office of the County Recorder of Imperial County, (±)9.40 acres parcel is located on Imperial County Assessor Parcel (APN) 063-020-002-000.
- **B.** Project Summary: The applicant is proposing to subdivide this existing vacant lot into four (4) parcels.
- C. Environmental Setting: The project site is surrounded by vacant land to the West, scattered houses to the North and East and Ironwood Estates Unit #4 subdivision to the South.
- D. Analysis: Under the Land Use Element of the Imperial County General Plan, the project site is designated as "Urban" and is zoned "A-1-U" (Limited Agriculture/Urban) zone) under the Imperial County's, Title 9, Land Use Ordinance, Section 90507.00, et. Seq. The proposed Parcel Map would meet the existing minimum parcel size (1 acre) and thus consistent with the Land Use Ordinance.
- E. General Plan Consistency: The subject parcel is zoned A-1-U (Limited Agriculture/Urban) according to the Land Use Element and is designated "Urban" as per the County's General Plan, Land Use Map. The proposed subdivision under Parcel map #02488 can be found consistent with the County General plan and Zoning Ordinance.

## Exhibit "A" Vicinity Map



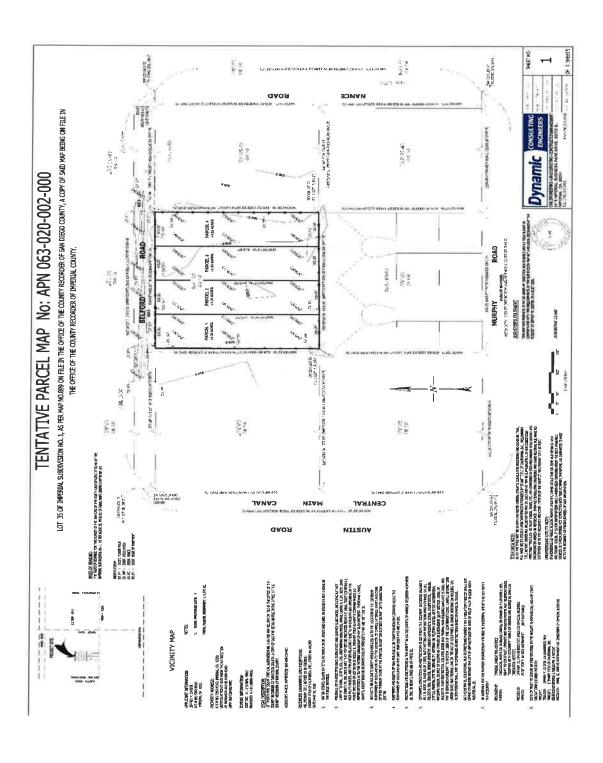


JEFFREY M. CARTER PARCEL MAP #002488 APN 063-020-002-000





## Exhibit "B" Site Plan



#### **EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:**

- A brief explanation is required for all answers except "No Impact" answers that are adequately supported by the information sources a lead agency cites in the parentheses following each question. A "No Impact" answer 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.
- 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.
- "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:
  - 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 ( <b>PSI</b> )	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated (PSUMI)	Less Than Significant Impact (LTSI)	No Impact (NI)
I. Al	ESTHETICS				
Exce	ot as provided in Public Resources Code Section 21099, would the p	roject:			
a)	Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista or scenic highway?  a) The proposed project is not located near any sc			☐ and would no	⊠ ot appear
	to have a substantial adverse effect; therefore, n Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway? b) The proposed project would not appear to subs outcroppings, and historic buildings within a s expected.	□ stantially dam	nage a scenic resc	Durce e.g. tre	⊠ ees, rock acts are
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 site is within a urbanized north and east and the Ironwood Estates #4 sub degrade the existing visual character or quality of are expected.	division to th	ne south; therefor	e the projec	t will not
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 not expected to creat the creat t	ate a new	source of substa	□ antial light o	⊠ or glare.
In det Agricu use in enviro the sta	ermining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant ltural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. In determining when mental effects, lead agencies may refer to information compiled by ate's inventory of forest land, including the Forest and Range Assess in measurement methodology provided in Forest Protocols adopted by	by the California other impacts to f or the California D or the California D or the California D	Department of Conserv orest resources, includi department of Forestry and the Forest Legacy As	ration as an option ng timberland, a and Fire Protections sessment projections	onal model to are significant ion regarding oct; and forest
a)	Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?  a) The proposed project is identified as Other La 2008 map and would not convert the farmland us	ands per the	☐ Imperial County e, in impacts are o	□ Important F expected.	⊠ armland
b)	Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act Contract?  b) The proposed project is not within a Williamson	☐ n Act land co	ntract; therefore,	☐ there is no i	⊠ impact.
c)	Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code Section 51104(g))?  c) The proposed project site is not located with				⊠

		Potentially Significant Impact (PSI)	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated (PSUMI)	Less Than Significant Impact (LTSI)	No Impact (NI)
	therefore, there is no impact.				1.0
d)	Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?  d) The proposed project would not result in the lo forest use; therefore, there is no impact.	ss of forest la	nd or conversion	☐ of forest lan	⊠ d to non-
e)	Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?  e) The proposed project is to subdivide approximin a conversion of forest land to non-forest use;			□ els and will r	⊠ not result
III. <b>A</b>	IR QUALITY				
Whe relie	re available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air dupon to the following determinations. Would the Project:	<sup>-</sup> quality managem	ent district or air pollution	on control distric	t may be
a)	quality plan?			$\boxtimes$	
	a) The proposed project is not expected to confli- Imperial County air quality plan; however, the a and regulations. Adherence to the ICAPCD re than significant.	pplicants will	need to comply v	vith Air Dist	rict rules
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?			$\boxtimes$	
	b) The proposed project is not expect to result is criteria pollutant for which the project region is nambient air quality standard. The permittee musuand Regulations. Therefore, by adherence to the be less than significant.	non-attainmer ust adhere to	it under an applic the Air District's	able federal Fugitive Du	or state st Rules
c)	Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutants concentrations?			$\boxtimes$	
	c) The proposed project is not expected to exconcentrations, therefore, any impacts would be				ollutants
d)	Result in other emissions (such as those leading to odors adversely affecting a substantial number of people?			$\boxtimes$	
	d) The project proposed will not create objections however, a less than significant impact would be		ecting a substant	ial number o	of people;
IV. <i>Bi</i>	OLOGICAL RESOURCES Would the project:				
a)	Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?  a) The proposed project site is located within				
	substantially adverse effect, either directly or thr as a candidate, sensitive, or special status spec or by the California Department of Fish and	cies in local or	regional plan, po	licies, or reg	gulation,

		Potentially Significant	Significant Unless Mitigation	Less Than Significant	
		Impact (PSI)	Incorporated (PSUMI)	Impact (LTSI)	No Impact
	Therefore, no impacts are expected.	(i oi)	(F SOINI)	(1101)	(141)
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) The proposed project site is farmland and will habitat or other sensitive natural community ider or by the CDF&W or the USF&WS. Therefore,	ntified in local o	or regional plans,		
c)	Have a substantial adverse effect on state or federally protected wetlands (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?  c) The proposed project will not cause a subst wetlands as defined in the Clean Water Act, e.g. filling, hydrological interruptions or other means.	tantial adverse marsh, vernal	e effect on state	ough direct	orotected removal,
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?				$\boxtimes$
	d) The proposed project site would not substant or migratory fish or wildlife species or with esti impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites identified within the Imperial County Genera therefore, no impact are anticipated.	ablished resid and is not lo	lent or migratory ocated within any	wildlife, cor	ridors or urces as
e)	Conflict with any local policies or ordinance protecting biological resource, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?				$\boxtimes$
	<ul> <li>e) The proposed project is not expected to con biological resources, such as tree preservation anticipated.</li> </ul>				
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 would not conflict with the Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, conservation plan; therefore, no impacts are expected.	or other appro			
CU	LTURAL RESOURCES Would the project:				
a)	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource pursuant to §15064.5?  a) The proposed project area lies within disturbed Therefore, no impacts are expected.	□ ed area and is	not located on a	☐ i historical re	⊠ esource.
b)	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to §15064.5?  b) As mentioned under item a) above, the propose	sed project sit	□ e lies within distu	Thed area a	⊠ nd is not
	located within an archeological sensitive area; the				10 1101
c)	Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of dedicated cemeteries?				$\boxtimes$
	c) As mentioned under item a) above, the proposexpected to result in the disturbance of any his				

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dedicated cemeteries. Therefore, no impacts are expected.

/I.	EN	IERGY 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 not expected to result i wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption operation. Therefore, no impact 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 confliency or energy efficiency. Therefore, no impact			ocal plan for	r renewal
II.	GE	FOLOGY AND SOILS Would the project:				
	a)	Directly or indirectly cause potential substantial adverse effects, including risk of loss, injury, or death involving:				$\boxtimes$
		a) The proposed project will not expose people to or death involving following effects; therefore, no			including lo	ss, injury
		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) According to the State of California's, Alqu January 1, 1990, the proposed project site therefore no impacts are expected.				
		<ul><li>2) Strong Seismic ground shaking?</li><li>2) The proposed project would not result in stroare expected.</li></ul>	ong seismic	ground shaking; th	□ herefore, no	impacts
		<ul> <li>Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction and seiche/tsunami?</li> <li>The proposed project site is not located liquefaction isnot likely to develop; therefore</li> </ul>			Seich to res	⊠ sult, and
		<ul><li>4) Landslides?</li><li>4) The proposed project site lies within a generally to effected by a landslide. Therefore no impacts are</li></ul>		uy and therefore will	be directly or	⊠ indirectly
	b)	Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?  b) The proposed project site is not located with Imperial County, Seismic and Public Safety Elem				
	c)	Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslides, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?  c) The proposed project site is not located on a	geological	unit or soil that is	□ s unstable o	⊠ or would

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		become unstable due to the expansion of the ex	isting facility	therefore, no imp	acts are exp	pected.
	d)	Be located on expansive soil, as defined in the latest Uniform Building Code, creating substantial direct or indirect risk to life or property?				
		d) The proposed project site is not characterized environmentally significant. Potential impact negligible. Therefore, no impacts are expected.	deriving from			
	e)	Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water?				
		e) The proposed project site would appear to h system; however, any impact would be expected			ng the use	of septic
	f)	Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?				$\boxtimes$
		f) The proposed project lies within disturbed land a unique paleontological resource or site or uniexpected.				
VIII.	GR	REENHOUSE GAS EMISSION Would the project:				
	a)	Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?				$\boxtimes$
		<ul> <li>a) The proposed project it to subdivide approxing proposed to generate greenhouse gas emissions</li> </ul>				does not
	b)	Conflict with an applicable plan or policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?				
		b) The proposed project does not anticipate to consider adopted for the purpose of reducing the emission are expected.				
IX.	HA	ZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS Would the projec	t:			
	a)	Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?				$\boxtimes$
		<ul> <li>a) The proposed project would not create a signiful the routine transport, use or disposal of hazardon</li> </ul>	ficant hazard us materials;	to the public or e therefore, no imp	environment acts are exp	through pected.
	b)	Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonable foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?				$\boxtimes$
		b) The proposed project would not create a sig through reasonable foreseeable upset and accid materials into the environment; therefore, no imp	dent condition	ns involving the re		
	c)	Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?				$\boxtimes$
		c) The proposed project site is not within ¼ mile facilities, therefore, no impact is expected.	of a school	and would not pe	ose a risk to	o school

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	d)	Be located on a site, which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?  d) The proposed project site is not located on a therefore, no impact is expected.	□ site included	on a list of haza	□ rdous mater	⊠ rial sites;
	e)	For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard or excessive noise for people residing or working in the project area?  e) The proposed project site is located within Zo Use Compatibility Plan, and could have a signi project area. However, the project could be f Compatibility Plan with the recordation of an requirements; therefore, a less than significant in	ficant impact ound consist Avigation an	to people residing ent with the 199 d Overflight Eas	ng or workir 6 Airport La	ng in the and Use
	f)	Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?  f) The proposed project site does not appear to ir or emergency evacuation plan, therefore, no imp			☐ gency respo	⊠ nse plan
	g)	Expose people or structures, either directly or indirectly, to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires?  g) The proposed project site is not located in an impact is expected.			☐ I fires, there	⊠ efore, no
X.	HYL	DROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY Would the project:				
	a)	Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade surface or ground water quality?  a) The proposed project is to subdivide appropriate any water quality standards or water expected.				
	b)	Substantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that the project may impede sustainable groundwater management of the basin?  b) The proposed project will not affect or			□ es or interf	⊠ ere with
	c)	groundwater recharge. Therefore, no impact Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river or through the addition of impervious surfaces, in a manner which would: c) The proposed project would not substanti in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-sit	☐ ally alter the	existing drainage		⊠ or result
		(i) result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off- site;  (i) As mentioned under Geology & Soils by the standard or silter of the standard or silter or silte			ted within an	⊠ erosion
		susceptible area. Therefore, no impacts  (ii) substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in	are anticipa	iea.		$\boxtimes$

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(LTSI) (NI) flooding on- or offsite; (ii) The proposed project (subdividing approximately 9.40 acres into four parcels) is not expected to exceed the capacity of the existing IID stormwater drainage system; therefore, no impact would be expected. (iii) create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide  $\boxtimes$ substantial additional sources of polluted runoff; (iii) The Proposed project is not expected to create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing stormwater drainage system or provide substantial additional source of polluted runoff. Therefore, no impacts would be expected. (iv) impede or redirect flood flows?  $\boxtimes$ (iv) The proposed project would not impede or redirect flood flow; therefore, no impacts are expected. In flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zones, risk release  $\boxtimes$ of pollutants due to project inundation? d) The proposed project site is located within Zone X per Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Map (Panel No. 06025C1725C) and not within a flood hazard, tsunami or seiche zone nor risk release of pollutants due to project inundation. Therefore, no impact are expected. Conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater  $\times$ management plan? e) The proposed project does not appear to conflict or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or a sustainable groundwater management plan. No impacts are expected. XI. LAND USE AND PLANNING Would the project: Physically divide an established community? a) The proposed project will not physically divide an established community; therefore, no impact is expected. Cause a significant environmental impact due to a conflict with any land use plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the П  $\times$ purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect? b) The proposed project would not conflict with any land use policy, regulation or zoning adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect; therefore, no impacts are expected. XII. MINERAL RESOURCES Would the project: Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource

a) The proposed project will not remove mineral resources on-site; therefore, no impact is expected.

that would be of value to the region and the residents of the

Result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral

resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan,

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specific plan or other land use plan?

b) The proposed project will not result in the loss of a locally-important mineral resources recovery site as identified in the Imperial County General Plan, Conservation and Open Space Element – Mining Resources; therefore, no impact is expected.

XIII.	NO	SSE 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) The proposed project is to subdivide approexpected to substantial temporary or permanent therefore, less than significant impacts are expected.	increase in ar	acres into for mbient noise lev	⊠ ur parcels ar vels that alrea	☐ nd is not ady exist;
	b)	Generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?  b) The proposed project is not expected to ger borne noise levels; therefore, no impacts are ex		☐ ive gournbourn	□ le vibration o	⊠ or ground
	c)	For a project located within the vicinity of a private airstrip or an airport land use plan or where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?  c) As mentioned under IX Hazards and Hazardo located within Zone B-2 and C in the Imperial Co have a significant impact to people residing or could be found consistent with the 1996 Airport an Avigation and Overflight Easement and build impact would be expected.	unty Airport La working in the Land Use Com	ind Use Compa e project area. npatibility Plan v	itibility Plan, a However, th with the recor	ind could e project dation of
XIV.	<b>POI</b>	PULATION AND HOUSING Would the project:  Induce substantial unplanned population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and business) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?  a) The proposed project is a non-residential pro-	☐ iject, and it is	□ not expected to	□ o directly or	☑
		induce the local population or infrastructure therefore, no impacts are expected.				
	b)	Displace substantial numbers of existing people or housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?  b) The proposed project is not expected to enecessitating the construction of replacement housing				
XV.	PU	IBLIC SERVICES				
	a)	Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other				$\boxtimes$

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performance objectives for any of the public services:

	(a)	The proportion		does not	proposed an	y developm	ent affecting go	vernmental	facilities.
	1) T	ire Protection? The propose pacts are ex		ll not result	in substantia	☐ il adverse im	npact to fire prote	□ ection. The	⊠ refore, no
	2) T	olice Protection he proposed impacts are	d project wi	ill not result	in substantia	☐ Il adverse in	☐ npact to police p	rotection. T	⊠ herefore,
	3) T	chools? he propose ected.	d project is	not expec	ted to result	☐ in impacts t	co schools, there	fore, no im	⊠ pacts are
	-	arks? he proposed	d project wi	ill not result	in impacts to	☐ parks; ther	□ refore, no impact	:s are expec	⊠ cted.
	5) T	ther Public Facil he propose refore, no in	d project is		cted to result	in substan	tial impacts to o	ther public	⊠ facilities;
XVI. R	ECRE.	ATION							
a)	neigh facilit facilit <b>a) T</b> I		regional park substantial phy or be accelerate d project is	s or other rands visical deterioraled? not expected	ecreational tion of the ed to impact i		□ ocal recreation a		
ы		eate substa the project inc				icilities; ther	efore, no impact	s are expec	cted.
b)	const have	truction or expan	nsion of recreated act on the envir	tional facilities v onment?	vhich might				
		ne propose o impact.	d project do	oes not incl	ude the cons	truction of r	ecreational facili	ties, therefo	ore, there
/II. <i>TR</i>	ANSP	ORTATION	Would the p	oroject:					
a)	the c	lict with a progra irculation syster strian facilities?	n, including tra	nsit, roadway, l	picycle and				
	con	flict with a	program p	olan, ordina	ance or polic	cy addressi	o four parcels and ing the circulation acts are expected	on, includir	pected to ng ransit,
b)	Guide b) Th 1500 any	64.3(b). Th road impr	5064.3, subdivi I project do ere are no ovements	sion (b)? es not appe transit stop shall be	ear to conflict	e-half mile o e Imperial	istent with CEQA f the proposed p County Public	roject site;	however,
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	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 sub or incompatible uses. Additionally, Imperial encroachment permit, which will address the i	County Public	Works Departr	nent will re	quire an
	d)	impact would appear to be less than significant.  Result in inadequate emergency access?  d) The proposed project would not result in inadexpected.				$\boxtimes$
XVIII.	a)	TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES  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:				$\boxtimes$
		a) The project would not cause an adverse change in any impacts are considered less than significant. Sensitivity of the Conservation and Open Space Elem is not located with any sensitive area. Additionally, September 18, 2020 an email was received from the conthe project. However, no impacts are expected.	Based on Figurent of the Imperior a letter was s	ure 6 Known Area erial County Genera ent to the Quecha	ns of Native al Plan, the p n Indian Trib	American roject site e and on
		<ul> <li>(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</li> <li>(i) The proposed project lies within disturb in the California Register of Historical Re</li> </ul>				
		(ii) A resource determined by the lead agency, in its discretion and supported by substantial evidence, to be significant pursuant to criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code Section 5024.1. In applying the criteria set forth is subdivision (c) of Public Resource Code Section 5024.1, the lead agency shall consider the significance of the resource to a California Native American Tribe.				$\boxtimes$
XIX.	UTI	(ii) As mentioned in a) above, a letter was see 18, 2020, an email was received from the comment on the project. LITIES 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?				
		<ul> <li>a) The proposed project is not expected to require or expand water, wastewater treatment or storr</li> </ul>				

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		telecommunications facility. Therefore, no impa	cts are expec	eted.		****
	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 is not expected to excee no new or expanded entitlements are needed. The proposed project is not expected to excee no new or expanded entitlements are needed.				⊠ rider and
	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 located within dist wastewater treatment provider; therefore, no imp	urbed land a	and does not preced.	□ ropose to i	⊠ mpact a
	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 not generate solid excess of the capacity of local infrastructure, or reduction goals. Therefore, no impacts are expe	r otherwise			
	e)	Comply with federal, state, and local management and reduction statutes and regulations related to solid waste?  e) The proposed project is to subdivide approxexpected to generate any solid waste other than a shall comply with federal, state and local statues no impacts would be expected.	cattle manure	e; therefore, no im	pact. The a	applicant
XX.	WIL	DFIRE				
lf	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?				$\boxtimes$
		a) The proposed project is not expected to substaplan or emergency evacuation plan. No impacts	intially impair are anticipat	an adopted eme	rgency resp	onse
	b)	Due to slope, prevailing winds, and other factors, exacerbate wildfire risks, and thereby expose project occupants to pollutant concentrations from a wildfire or the uncontrolled spread of a wildfire?  b) The proposed project is in a flat topographical impacts are anticipated.	☐ area and not	within a wildfire	☐ area. There	⊠ efore, no
	c)	Require the installation or maintenance of associated infrastructure (such as roads, fuel breaks, emergency water sources, power lines or other utilities) that may exacerbate fire risk or that may result in temporary or ongoing impacts to the environment?  c) The project is not located within a very high infrastructure that may exacerbate fire risk. There				⊠ require
3	d)	Expose people or structures to significant risks, including downslope or downstream flooding or landslides, as a result of runoff, post-fire slope instability, or drainage changes?  d) The project area is in a flat topographical area	☐ and would no	ot expose people	or structure	⊠ es to risk

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significant risks due to flooding or landslide as a result of runoff, post-fire slope instability or drainage changes. Therefore, no impacts are anticipated.

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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## **SECTION 3**

## **III. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE**

human beings, either directly or indirectly?

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

a)	Does the project have the potential to substantially degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, substantially reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal, eliminate tribal cultural resources or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?				
b)	Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects.)				
c)	Does the project have environmental effects, which will cause substantial adverse effects on	П	П	П	

## 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
- Joe Hernandez, Project Planner
- Imperial County Air Pollution Control District
- Department of Public Works
- Fire Department
- Ag Commissioner
- Environmental Health Services
- Sheriff's Office

## **B. OTHER AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS**

• Imperial Irrigation District

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

## V. REFERENCES

- 1. "County of Imperial General Plan EIR", prepared by Brian F. Mooney & Associates in 1993; and, as Amended by County in 1996, 1998, 2001, 2003, 2006 & 2008, 2015, 2016.
- 2. County of Imperial Land Use Ordinance
- 3. Zone Change project application and project description
- 4. Williamson Act map created in 2012 by the Imperial County Planning & Development Service Department for the Imperial County Board of Supervisors; Order #10a
- 5. Imperial County Air Pollution Control District's Air Quality Handbook
- 6. State of California, Aquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zone Maps, Revised January 1, 1980, Special Studies Map
- 7. U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Flood Insurance Rate Maps, effected September 26, 2008.
- 8. Seismic and Public Safety Element of the Imperial County General Plan
- 9. Conservation and Open Space Element of the Imperial County General Plan
- 10. Noise Element of the Imperial County General Plan
- 11. County of Imperial Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan

## VI. NEGATIVE DECLARATION – County of Imperial

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

Project Name: Parcel Map #02488

Project Applicant: Jeffrey M. Carter

Project Location: The proposed project site is located at 653 W. Belford Road, Imperial CA, described as Lot 35, Imperial Subdivision No. 1 as per Map No. 899 on file in the Office of the County Recorder of Imperial County. The ±9.40 acre parcel is located on Assessor Parcel Number 063-020-002-000.

Description of Project: The applicant has submitted Parcel Map #02488 proposing to subdivide approximately 9.40 acres into four parcels for residential development.

# 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. 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

Applicant Signature

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

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## **SECTION 4**

VIII.

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**RESPONSE TO COMMENTS** 

#### Joe Hernandez

From: Quechan Historic Preservation Officer <historicpreservation@quechantribe.com>

Sent: Friday, September 18, 2020 10:34 AM

**To:** Valerie Grijalva; Joe Hernandez

Cc: ICPDSCommentLetters

**Subject:** RE: PM 02488 Request for Comments

## **CAUTION:** This email originated outside our organization; please use caution.

This email is to inform you that we do not wish to comment on this project.

From: Valerie Grijalva [mailto:ValerieGrijalva@co.imperial.ca.us]

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Cc: Joe Hernandez; Michael Abraham; Carina Gomez; Gabriela Robb; John Robb; Kimberly Noriega; Maria Scoville; Rosa Soto

Subject: PM 02488 Request for Comments

Good afternoon commenting agencies,

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From:

Mario Salinas

Sent:

Friday, September 18, 2020 11:58 AM

To:

Valerie Grijalva

Cc:

Joe Hernandez; Michael Abraham; Carina Gomez; Gabriela Robb; John Robb; Kimberly

Noriega; Maria Scoville; Rosa Soto

Subject:

RE: PM 02488 Request for Comments

Good morning Ms. Grijalva,

Pertaining to BM02488, Division of Environmental Health does not have any comments at this time.

Thank you,

## Mario Salinas, MBA

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No comments from IID Transmission Planning.

Thanks Valerie.



Rudy Z. Leal Engineer I Transmission Planning Imperial Irrigation District

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October 5, 2020

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

SUBJECT: Parcel Map (PM) 02488—Jeffrey Carter (4 Parcels)

Dear Mr. Minnick:

The Imperial County Air Pollution Control District ("Air District") thanks you for the opportunity to review the application regarding Parcel Map (PM) 02488 at 653 W. Belford Road in Imperial, California (also identified as Assessor Parcel Number 063-020-002-000). The applicant intends to subdivide the existing vacant lot of 9.40 acres into four (4) parcels of 2.35 acres each.

Upon review, the Air District advises the applicant that since the proposed future use is listed as "residential" future development on any of the parcels will need to adhere to Air District rules and regulations.

The Air District's rule book can be accessed via the internet at https://apcd.imperialcounty.org. Click on "Rules & Regulations" on the top of the page. Should you have questions, please call our office at (442) 265-1800.

**Curtis Blondell** 

APC Environmental Coordinator

Reviewed by, Monica N. Soucier APC Division Manager RECEIVED

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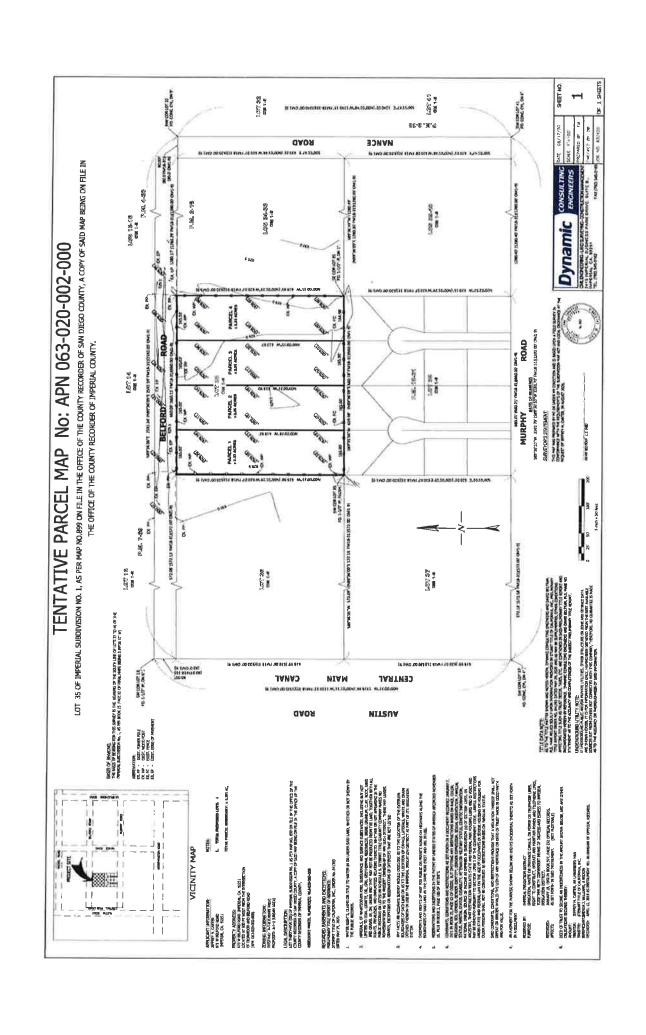
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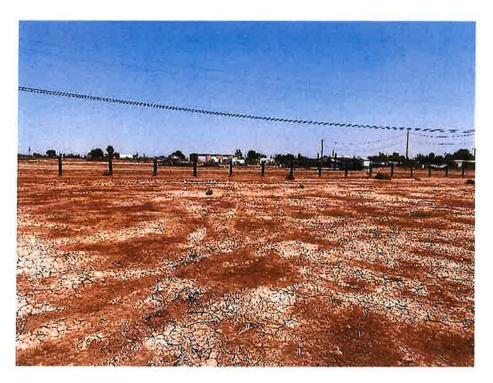
- APPLICANT MUST COMPLETE ALL NUMBERED (black) SPACES - Please type or print -PROPERTY OWNER'S NAME **EMAIL ADDRESS** Carterengineering @ gmail. com EFFREY CARTER MAILING ADDRESS ZIP CODE 92251 673 W. BELFORD ROAD, IMPERIAL CA email Address de deenc.pro ENGINEER'S NAME CAL, LICENSE NO. DAVID BELTR MAILING ADDRESS SUITE B ZIP CODE 2415 IMPERIA BUS 760 545 0162 9225 PROPERTY (site) ADDRESS LOCATION 92251 (1) 653 W. BELFORD ROAD IMPERIAL ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NO. SIZE OF PROPERTY (in acres or square foot) C 63 - 020 - 002 - 000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION (attach separate sheet if necessary) 9.40 AC. LOT 35 IMPERIAL SUBD. NO 1, PER MAP NO. 899 ON FILTIN THE IFFER OF COUNTY PECOLDER HOPERAL COMY EXPLAIN PURPOSE/REASON FOR MINOR SUBDIVISION TO SUBDIVE THE EXISTING VACANT LAT FOUR (4) PARCELS & 2.34 AC EACH Proposed DIVISION of the above specified land is as follows: PARCEL | SIZE in acres **EXISTING USE** PROPOSED USE ZONE or sq. feet VACANT LOT 1 or A 2.35 AL RESIDENTIAL A-1-U 2 or B 2,35 AL VACANT LOT A-1-U RESIDENTIAL 3 or C 2,35AL A-1-4 VACANT LUT RESIDENTIAL 4 or D 2.35AC VACANT LOT A-1-U RASIDENTIAL PLEASE PROVIDE CLEAR & CONCISE INFORMATION (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF NEEDED) DESCRIBE PROPOSED SEWER SYSTEM(s) SEPTIC GYST8M DESCRIBE PROPOSED WATER SYSTEM 11. CANAL SYSTOM DESCRIBE PROPOSED ACCESS TO SUBDIVIDED LOTS BELFORD RD AND IS THIS PARCEL PLANNED TO BE ANNEXED? IF YES, TO WHAT CITY or DISTRICT? NO No ☐ Yes I HEREBY APPLY FOR PERMISSION TO DIVIDE THE ABOVE SPECIFIED REQUIRED SUPPORT DOCUMENTS PROPERTY THAT I WOWN \_ CONTROL AS PER ATTACHED INFORMATION, AND PER THE MAP ACT AND PER THE SUBDIVISION A. TENTATIVE MAP ORDINANCE. I, CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, IS TRUE AND CORRECT. B. PRELIMINARY TITLE REPORT (6 months or newer) \$ 5,700. Jest Carter D. VOTHER PHOTOS Print Name (owner) Signature (owner) Special Note: An notarized owners affidavit is required if Print Name (Agent) Date application is signed by Agent. Signature (Agent) MM 9/14/2020 APPLICATION RECEIVED BY: DATE REVIEW / APPROVAL BY OTHER DEPT'S required. APPLICATION DEEMED COMPLETE BY: DATE PM# P.W. E. H. S. APPLICATION REJECTED BY: DATE A. P. C. D. 02488 ☐ 0.E.S. TENTATIVE HEARING BY: DATE FINAL ACTION: □ APPROVED DENIED DATE 

## **Project Description**

The purpose of this Parcel Map is to divide the existing vacant 9.40 acres parcel into four 2.35 acres lots. The property is located at 673 West Belford Road, in Imperial, CA. The assessor's parcel number is 063-020-002. Once the parcel is divided, the developer wants to construct single family residences ranging between 1,600 square feet to 2,200 square feet. The existing parcel is vacant. The new parcels will be on sewer septic system and canal water.





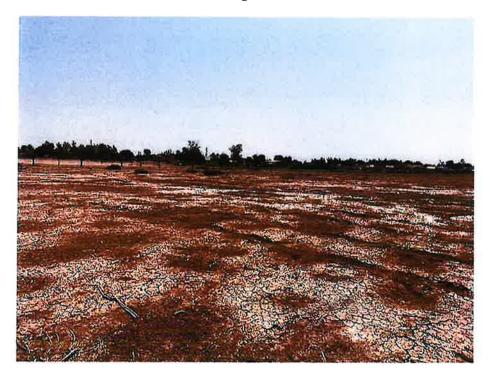
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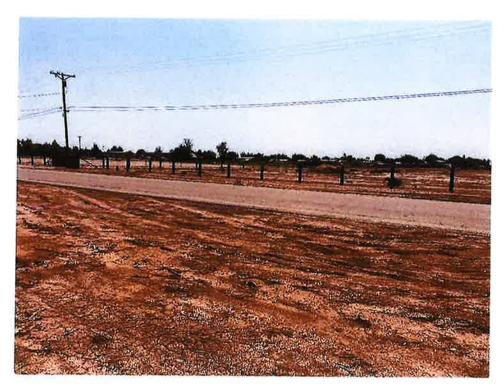
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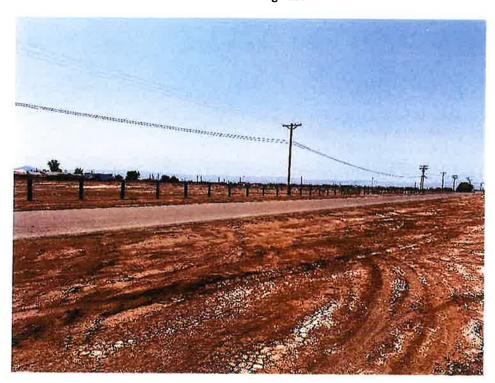
Facing South



Facing East



**Belford Facing East** 



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