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Project Title: City of Desert Hot Springs General Plan Update

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Project Location: Desert Hot Springs Riverside
City *County*

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The City of Desert Hot Springs is updating its General Plan (GPU), consistent with State requirements; the Plan for development is through the year 2040 (2040 planning horizon). The existing plan was adopted in 2000. The GPU includes areas within the City boundaries and the Sphere of Influence. The City of Desert Hot Springs is in the northwestern portion of the Coachella Valley, north of the City of Palm Springs and south of the unincorporated community of Morongo Valley in San Bernardino County. The City is a few miles south of the Riverside County/San Bernardino County boundary. The City is located near the interchange of the I-10 freeway and SR-62 highway. A Draft EIR was prepared which evaluates the potential physical impacts of development as conceived under the GPU. Overall, the GPU, including the Zoning Code Amendment, would result in the conversion of undeveloped lands within the study area to be developed with various land uses. The Zoning Code Amendment includes an updated Zoning Map with revised and new Zoning Districts that are consistent with the Land Use Policy Plan map and corresponding land use designations proposed under the proposed Land Use Element. The development would result in physical impacts to the environment as well as population growth. This Draft EIR evaluates the potential impacts under the GPU. It should be noted future individual projects would be subject to environmental review, under CEQA, at the time of permitting.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

Air Quality/GHG: Growth under the GPU would be inconsistent with current AQMP projections and could lead to construction and operational emissions that exceed SCAQMD regional CEQA thresholds. The GPU could also lead to emissions of GHG that may have a significant impact on the environment, a conflict with CARB's Scoping Plan, and adverse cumulative GHG impacts. With incorporation of Mitigation measures AQ-2A (Compliant Architectural Coatings) and AQ-2B (Tier IV Construction Equipment), and Greenhouse Gas measures GHG-1A (CalGreen Code Adherence), GHG-1B (Establish Municipal Electricity Power Provider), GHG-1C (Title 24 Zero Net Energy Standards), and GHG-1D (Multi-Modal Mobility Plan) short-term construction emissions will be reduced to less than significant. However, long-term operational air quality and GHG emissions impacts will be significant and unavoidable.

Biological Resources: Impacts related to special status plant and animal species, riparian habitat/other sensitive natural communities, wetlands, and wildlife movement would be reduced to less than significant with incorporation of Mitigation Measures BIO-1 (Biological Resource Assessment), BIO-2 (Focused Protocol Surveys), BIO-3 (Focused Nesting Surveys and Nest Avoidance), and BIO-4 (Habitat Revegetation/Restoration Plans).

Water Quality/Utilities: Impacts related to groundwater, water supply, and water quality plan conflicts would be reduced to less than significant with incorporation of Mitigation Measure ULT-1 (2040 Urban Water Master Plan Compliance).

Noise: Construction noise impacts will be reduced to less than significant with incorporation of Mitigation Measure NOI-1.

Public Services: Impacts Fire protection services will be reduced to less than significant with incorporation of Mitigation Measures PS-1 (Annual Quantitative Fire Services Review and Coordination) and PS-2 (Project/CEQA Review).

Transportation: Transportation impacts will be reduced to less than significant with incorporation of Mitigation Measure TRANS-1, which requires traffic analysis for future projects and payment of fair share contributions to improvements.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

N/A

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

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