

Appendix A

NOP/IS/Public Scoping Comments

NOTICE OF PREPARATION
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
NOP Comment Period: March 24, 2020 to April 23, 2020

To: (Please see attached list of Responsible, Trustee, Federal, and Local Agencies, and adjacent property owners)

From: City of Hemet Planning Department
445 East Florida Avenue
Hemet, CA 92543

CEQA Lead Agency

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SUBJECT: Stetson Corner Project – Draft Environmental Impact Report

The City of Hemet (City) is commencing preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the Stetson Corner project (proposed project), and has released this Notice of Preparation (NOP) per requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The proposed 8.7-acre project site is located on the southeast corner of Sanderson and Stetson Avenues, in the City of Hemet, California. Specifically, the project site is located at 3255 and 3145 Stetson Avenue (Figure 1, Project Location). The Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APNs) are 460-15-0014 and 460-15-0015. Currently the site is partially developed and occupied by McCrometer Corp, which is an industrial use (Figure 2, Vicinity Map). The project site is zoned Limited Manufacturing (M-1) and has a General Plan Land Use Designation of Business Park (BP). The project site is surrounded by single-family residential land uses to the north, south, and east, and commercial land uses to the west.

The City wants to know the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information germane to your agency's statutory responsibilities. As a responsible or trustee agency, your agency may need to use the EIR prepared by the City when considering issuance of a permit or other approval for the proposed project. Information gathered during the NOP comment period will be used to shape and focus future analyses of environmental impacts.

NOP COMMENT PERIOD

The City invites you to submit written comments describing your specific environmental concerns, and if representing a public agency, please identify your specific areas of statutory responsibility, if applicable. Written comments are desired at the earliest possible date, but due to the time limits

mandated by State law, your response must be sent no later than 30 days after receipt of this notice. **The NOP public comment period begins on March 24, 2020 and ends on April 23, 2020.** Please send your written comments to the City staff contact identified above, and please include your name, address, and contact information in your correspondence.

An Initial Study was prepared for the proposed project, which includes a full project description and analysis of potential environmental effects from implementation of the proposed project. However, a project description and summary of the potential environmental effects are also contained herein. An electronic version of this notice, a distribution list, and the Initial Study and project-related documents can be found on the City's website: <https://www.hemetca.gov/797/Environmental-Documents>.

I. Project Description

The project includes a Site Development Review, Conditional Use Permit, and a Tentative Parcel Map to subdivide the parcels to allow for the existing McCrometer Corp structures to remain, relocate the existing McCrometer parking lot from the western to the eastern currently vacant portion of the site, and to construct and operate commercial uses along the western portion of the site (Figure 3, Site Plan). Each of these components of the project are described further below.

The proposed commercial uses would include a 12 bay gas station with a convenience store (7-Eleven store), a drive-thru fast food restaurant, and a car wash with 20 self-serve vacuum stations (Figure 3, Site Plan). The total commercial building area would be 12,228 square feet. The convenience store and gas station would operate 24 hours a day. The car wash would operate every day from 7 am to 7 pm, with hours extended to 9 pm during the summer. While the allowed building height is 60 feet, the project proposes structures that are approximately 28 feet tall. The architectural design is proposed to include visual interest features such as stone veneers, garden trellises, decorative eaves, and articulation. A total of 52 parking stalls would be provided for the proposed commercial uses.

As indicated above, the existing McCrometer buildings and uses would remain as-is, and no changes to those uses or structures would be included in this project. The project would relocate their existing parking to the east side of the site. The project would provide driveway access near the existing driveway curb cut, and the driveway would include one in-bound lane and two outbound lanes separated by a median. The outbound lanes would consist of one right-turn lane and one left-turn lane.

The project would also include supporting infrastructure improvements. These improvements include on-site sewer, water, storm drain, electrical, gas, and telecommunication improvements. Off-site connections to existing utilities within the immediate Stetson Avenue and Sanderson Avenue roadways are also proposed. The project would include roadway improvements to Sanderson Avenue near the Sanderson Avenue/Stetson Avenue intersection to allow for U-turns via the northbound left-turn lane. This roadway improvement to Sanderson Avenue would include a widening along the west side of the roadway to increase the roadway width near the intersection. The project would also add a 36-foot-wide driveway access on Sanderson Avenue and the existing driveway access to Stetson Avenue would be improved to 40 feet wide. A meandering sidewalk along Sanderson Avenue would also be provided consistent with the existing sidewalk on the western side.

Landscaping would be provided along the perimeter of the site, as well as within the parking medians and adjacent to proposed structures. Vines or other landscaping screening would be provided around trash enclosures. Bioretention features would be provided within landscaped areas pursuant to stormwater requirements. Signage would also be provided as a part of the project. This includes a multi-tenant monument sign along each frontage roadway as well as single-tenant fuel price signs for the gas station along each frontage roadway.

Construction of the proposed project would occur in one phase and is anticipated to last for 7 months, beginning in April 2021 and ending in October 2021. Construction activities would include demolition, site preparation (clearing and grubbing), grading, trenching, building construction, paving, and architectural coating. The total graded area would include 4.76 acres. It is anticipated that the proposed project would require 300 cubic yards (cy) of cut and 6,000 cy of fill. The McCrometer Corp facility on-site would continue to be open and operational throughout construction of the proposed project.

II. Required Actions/Permits

To allow for development of the proposed project, the following discretionary actions are required from the City:

- Site Development Review
- Conditional Use Permit
- Tentative Parcel Map

Other City, regional, and state departments/agencies also may use the EIR in conjunction with other required permits and approvals, including (but not limited to) the following:

- Eastern Municipal Water District
- Riverside County Airport Land Use Commission
- Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District
- California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control
- Southern California Edison
- Riverside County Department of Environmental Health
- South Coast Air Quality Management District
- State Water Board & Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board

III. Probable Environmental Effects of the Proposed Project

The Draft EIR shall contain a detailed Project Description, a map identifying the location of the project site and surrounding land uses, a description of the existing environmental setting, project-specific impacts, cumulative impacts, mitigation measures to reduce potentially significant impacts, and an alternatives analysis. It is anticipated that the Draft EIR will focus on the following environmental issues:

- Aesthetics
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Energy
- Geology and Soils
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Land Use and Planning
- Noise
- Public Services
- Transportation
- Tribal Cultural Resources
- Utilities and Service Systems

IV. Environmental Effects Determined not to be Significant during the Initial Study

During preparation of the Initial Study, the following environmental issues were determined to have either no impact or less than significant impacts from implementation of the proposed project. A brief description of each of these environmental issues will be discussed in the Effects Found Not To Be Significant (EFNTBS) chapter of the Draft EIR.

- Agricultural and Forestry Resources
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Mineral Resources
- Population and Housing
- Recreation
- Wildfire

V. Response to this NOP

Please provide written comments to the City no later than 30 days from receipt of this NOP. According to Section 15082(b) of the *CEQA Statute and Guidelines*, your comments should address the scope and content of environmental information related to your agency's area of statutory responsibility. More specifically, your response should identify the significant environmental issues and reasonable alternatives and mitigation measures that your agency will

need to have explored in the Draft EIR, and whether your agency will be a responsible agency or trustee agency, as defined by Sections 15381 and 15386 of the *CEQA Statute and Guidelines*, respectively. Please return all comments either via U.S. postal mail to the following address:

H.P. Kang, Community Development Director
City of Hemet Planning Department
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Hemet, CA 92543

Or via email with the subject line **"Stetson Corner Project – NOP Comments"**

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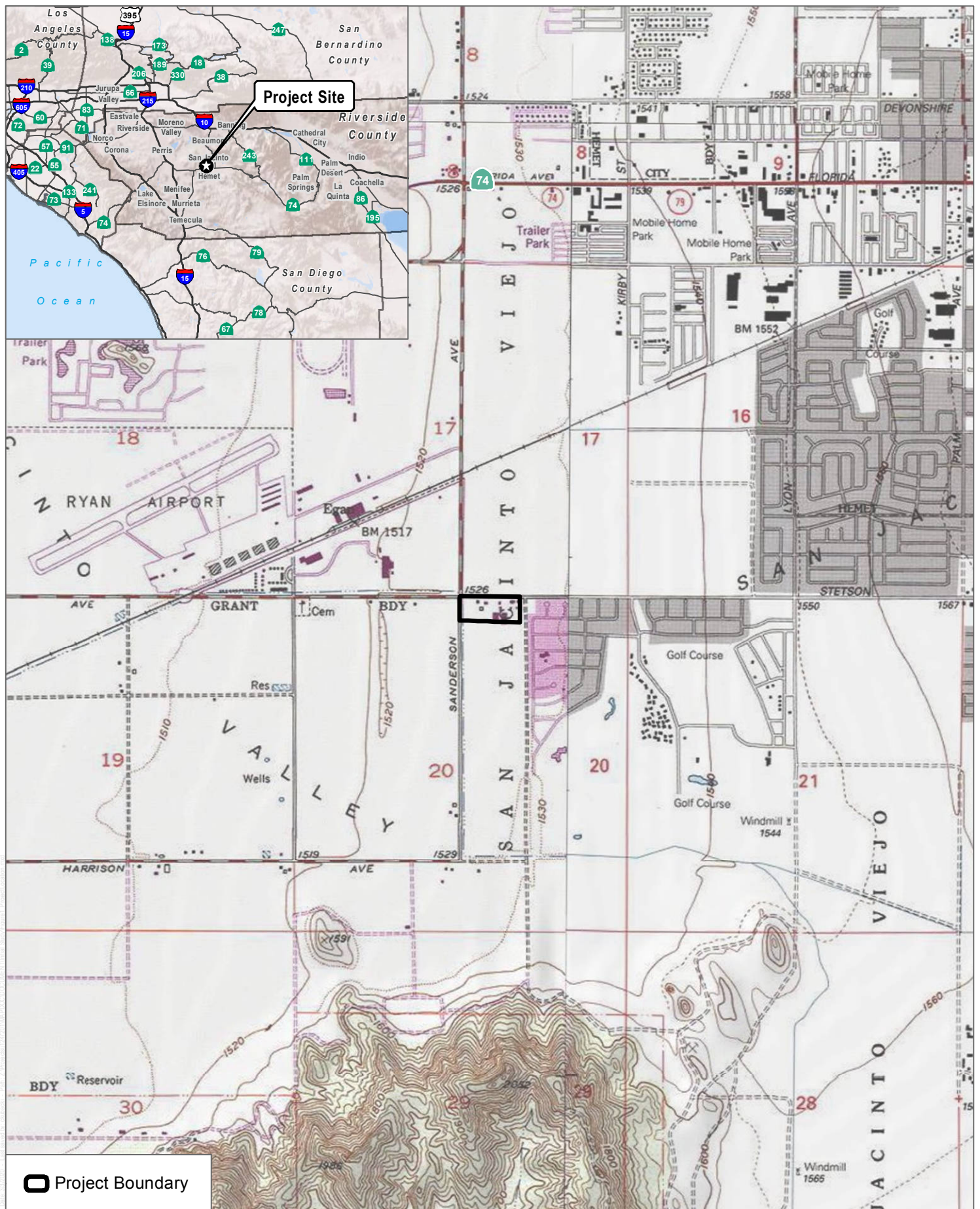
The City appreciates your conscientious attention to this NOP.

Project Title: Stetson Corner Project

Project Applicant: Ralph W. Deppisch
Sage Investco, LLC
3837 Birch St. Newport Beach, CA 92660
(949) 705-0426

Date: March 23, 2020

Signature: 
For H.P. Kang, Community Development Director



SOURCE: USGS 7.5-Minute Series Winchester and Hemet Quadrangles



SOURCE: Bing Maps 2020

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FIGURE 2
Vicinity Map
Stetson Corner

City of Hemet

Initial Study Checklist

BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

1. Project Case Number(s):

Site Development Review No. 19-010, Conditional Use Permit 19-009, and Tentative Map 37779

2. Project title:

Stetson Corner

3. Lead agency name and address:

City of Hemet
Planning Department
445 E. Florida Avenue
Hemet, CA 92543
(951) 765-2375

4. Documents Posted At: <https://www.hemetca.gov/797/Environmental-Documents>

5. Contact person and phone number:

H. P. Kang
(951) 765-2456
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6. Project location:

Southeast corner of Sanderson and Stetson Avenues, in the City of Hemet, California. The Project site is located within the San Jacinto Quadrangle inside Section 5 of Township 5 South, Range 1 West, San Bernardino base and meridian and is comprised of Tax Assessor parcel numbers (APNs) 460-150-014 and 460-150-015.

7. Project sponsor's name and address:

Applicant

Ralph W. Deppisch
Sage Investco, LLC
3837 Birch St. Newport Beach, CA 92660
(949) 705-0426

Owner

McCrometer, Inc.
3255 W. Stetson Avenue
Hemet, CA 92545
(951) 652-6881
(909) 944-1032

8. General plan designation:

Business Park (BP)

9. Zoning:

Limited Manufacturing (M-1)

10. Description of project. (Describe the whole action involved, including but not limited to later phases of the project, and any secondary, support, or off-site features necessary for its implementation. Attach additional sheets if necessary):

The project proposes to relocate the existing McCrometer parking lot to the eastern currently vacant portion of the site, and to construct and operate commercial uses along the western portion of the site. The proposed commercial uses would include a 12-bay gas station with an approximately 3,062-square-foot convenience store (7-Eleven store), an approximately 2,840-square-foot drive-thru fast food restaurant, and an approximately 3,590 square-foot car wash with 20 self-serve vacuum stations under a 3,096-square-foot canopy. In addition, supporting landscaping and infrastructure improvements would be provided. See the Project Description below.

11. Surrounding land uses and setting (Briefly describe the project's surroundings):

The project site is surrounded by single-family residential land uses to the north, south, and east, and commercial land uses to the west.

12. Other public agencies whose approval is required (e.g., permits, financing approval, or participation agreement):

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- California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control
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13. Have California Native American tribes traditionally and culturally affiliated with the project area requested consultation pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.3.1? If so, is there a plan for consultation that includes, for example, the determination of significance of impacts to tribal cultural resources, procedures regarding confidentiality, etc.?

The City will notify the tribes in accordance with Public Resources Code section 21074. Tribal consultation input will be considered throughout the environmental document preparation process.

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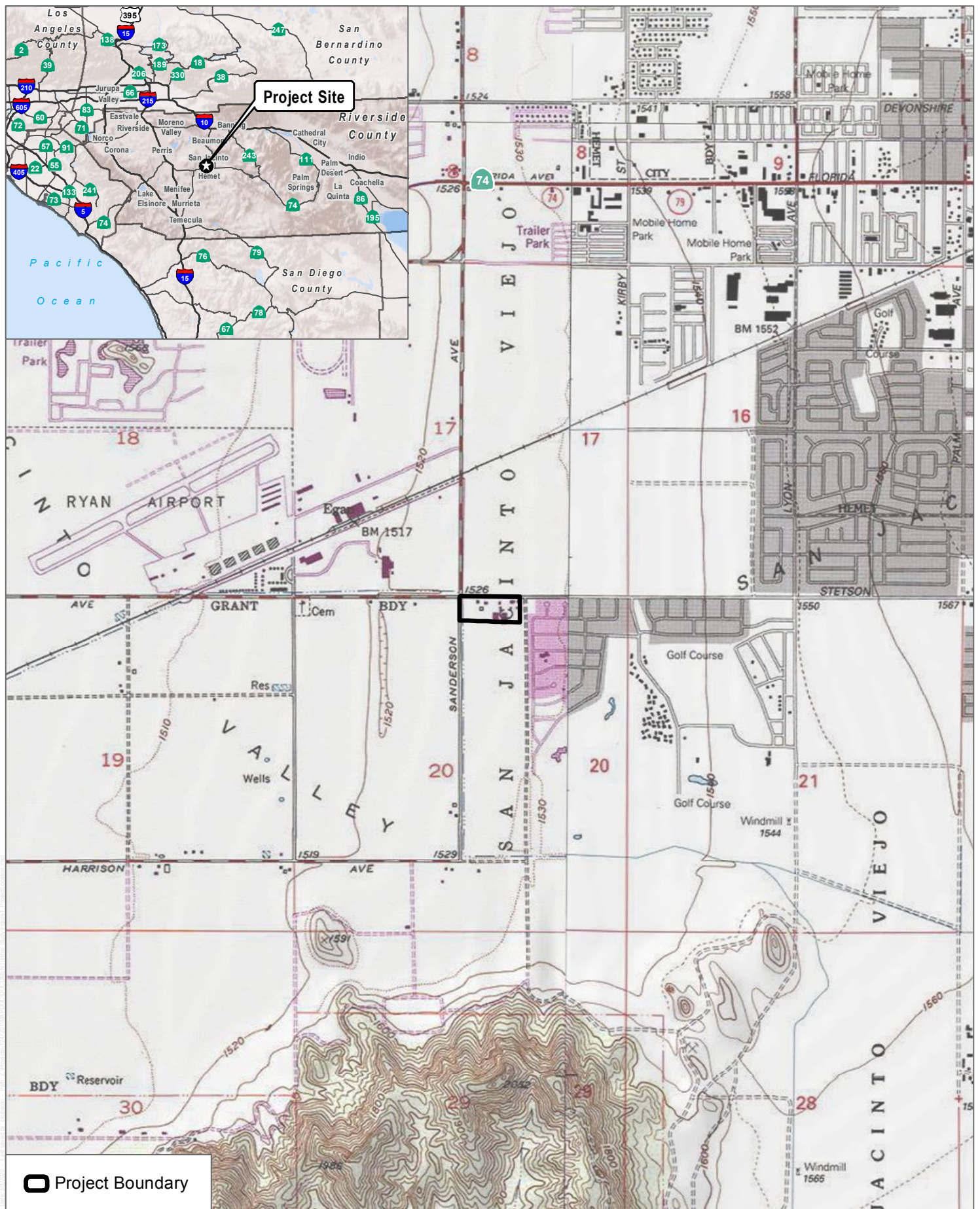
As indicated above, the existing McCrometer buildings and uses would remain as-is, and no changes to those uses or structures would be included in this project. The project would relocate their existing parking to the west side of the site. The replacement parking lot provided would include approximately 200 parking spaces. The project would provide driveway access near the existing driveway curb cut, and the driveway would include one in-bound lane separated by the two outbound lane by a median. The outbound lanes would consist of one right-turn lane and one left-turn lane.

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Environmental Factors Potentially Affected

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

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aesthetics | <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture and Forestry Resources | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Quality |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cultural Resources | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Energy |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geology and Soils | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Greenhouse Gas Emissions | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hazards and Hazardous Materials |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noise | <input type="checkbox"/> Population and Housing | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tribal Cultural Resources |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Utilities and Service Systems | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildfire | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mandatory Findings of Significance |

Determination (To be completed by the Lead Agency)

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

- ☐ I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- ☐ I find 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.
- ☒ I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.
- ☐ I find 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.
- ☐ I find 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 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.

Signature

Date

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 Environmental Impact Report (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

3.1 Aesthetics

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
I. AESTHETICS – Except as provided in Public Resources Code Section 21099, would the project:				
a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Substantially damage scenic resources including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) In non-urbanized areas, substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of public views of the site and its surroundings? (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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

a) Would the project have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?

Scenic vistas in Hemet include views of the San Jacinto Mountains, the San Bernardino National Forest and Mountains, and the San Gabriel Mountains, as well as views of the Domenigoni Mountains at Diamond Valley Lake, Santa Rosa Hills, Lakeview Mountains, Tres Cerritos Hills, Park Hill, Bautista Canyon, and Reinhardt Canyon. The City's General Plan includes goals, policies, and implementation programs which protect open space areas for recreation, conservation, and scenic enjoyment and would apply to the proposed project. Specifically, see General Plan Goal OS-2, Policy OS-2.2, and Implementation Program OS-P-10 below:

Open Space and Conservation Element

Goal OS-2 Conserve open space areas and hillsides to provide for a balance of recreation, scenic enjoyment, development, and protection of natural resources and features.'

Policy OS-2.2 **Resource Conservation.** Conserve view corridors and ridgelines, the San Jacinto River and Mountains, slopes, significant rock outcroppings, historic and landmark trees, and other important landforms and historic landscape features through the development review process.

Program OS-P-10 **View Corridors.** During project review, analyze the project's impact on view corridors of the mountains, slopes, significant rock outcroppings, historic and landmark trees, and other natural features for both the project location and neighboring properties.

Community Design Element

Goal CD-3 **Develop a streetscape system that provides cohesive design, enhances community image, incorporates green street concepts, and develops an attractive identity for the various City districts.**

CD-3.10 **Scenic Highway Landscaping.** Require implementation of the scenic highway setbacks and landscaping pursuant to the Community Design Element and the City's adopted Scenic Highway Setback Manual.

Goal CD-4 **Protect and preserve hillside areas as an important aesthetic and community resource.**

CD-4.2 View Corridors. New development should consider the preservation of significant view corridors of the surrounding hillsides in the design of new projects. Building heights along the Florida Avenue corridor (Gilbert Street to Buena Vista Street) shall be limited to a two story maximum height in order to maximize views toward Idyllwild and the San Jacinto Mountains. Stetson Avenue and Sanderson Avenue, which border the project site to the north and west respectively, are both designated Scenic Corridors in the Community Design Element of the City's General Plan. These locally designated Scenic Corridors provide views of the mountains in the distance both east and west along Stetson Avenue and north and south along Sanderson Avenue. As such, the City's General Plan contains landscaping requirements to maintain the scenic quality of these corridors.

The proposed project is located within a developed area and is surrounded by existing development including single-family residential to the north, east and south, commercial development to the west, and a vacant lot to the northwest. The project site itself does not contain any protected or designated scenic vistas or any unique visual features. Various large trees exist on the project site and adjacent to Stetson Avenue. However, the proposed project would be required to comply with City Municipal Code, Chapter 66, Article IV – Care and Maintenance of Street Trees. If trees on-site would need to be removed, removal of street trees is permitted through compliance with Section 66-95 of the Municipal Code, which outlines the appropriate process for inspection, maintenance, and removal of street trees. The proposed project would incorporate new landscaping as required by the Scenic Highway Setback Manual and City's General Plan. Trees would be planted along Sanderson Avenue and throughout the project site. All landscaping would comply with the City's Municipal Code and Landscape Design Guidelines.

The proposed project would also be required to comply with the landscaping requirements contained in the City's General Plan and Scenic Highway Setback Manual to maintain these designated Scenic Corridors (City of Hemet 2012a). A 25-foot-wide landscape setback is required for Sanderson Avenue, and the proposed project would provide this required landscape setback as shown on Figure 3. A 15-foot setback would be provided along Stetson Avenue. The Scenic Highway Setback Manual also contains specifications for the landscape palette, wall design, signage, and pavement required for the setback area (City of Hemet 1990). The proposed project has been designed based on these requirements and all landscaping and installations would comply with the City's Municipal Code and Landscape Design Guidelines.

Additionally, prior to the issuance of building permits, a preliminary development plan for the setback area would be required to be filed with the Planning Department. The plan would include the requirements of the Scenic Highway Setback Manual Standards and would require review by the City Staff Review Board prior to any work commencing. After approval by the City Staff Review Board, a final plan would be submitted to the City Engineer for review to ensure conformance with the plan approved by the City Staff Review Board, the criteria of the Scenic Highway Setback Manual, and all the City Codes (City of Hemet 1990). Approval by the City Engineer would also ensure the proposed project would not conflict with the

requirements of the Scenic Highway Setback Manual or City's General Plan. Therefore, the proposed project would not conflict with the Scenic Highway Setback Manual or City's General Plan with regard to protecting scenic vistas. Furthermore, development of the proposed gas station, drive-thru restaurant, and car wash would comply with the City's established Commercial Design Guidelines (City Council Resolution 3744) and would be consistent with the bulk and scale of the existing development in the vicinity, and specifically the commercial uses west of the project site across Sanderson Avenue. The proposed project would feature similar setbacks as required by the Scenic Highway Setback Manual and would be smaller than the height of existing development to the west. Buildings would be setback 55 feet from Stetson Avenue right-of-way and a minimum of 54 feet from Sanderson Avenue right-of-way. In addition, the proposed structures would be up to 28 feet tall, which would be well below the 60-foot height limit. The proposed Floor to Area (FAR) ratio would be less than the 0.60 limit. Thus, the project would be consistent with the applicable zoning codes regulating scenic quality. Ultimately the view corridor through the area of the mountains would be maintained with the implementation of the project.

Therefore, through compliance with the City's requirements for Scenic Corridors and Commercial Design Guidelines, the proposed project would not have a substantial adverse impact on a scenic vista and impacts would be **less than significant**.

b) *Would the project substantially damage scenic resources including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?*

The project site is not located adjacent to, or in the vicinity of, a designated state scenic highway (Caltrans 2011). Therefore, the project would not substantially damage scenic resources including, but not limited to, trees rock outcroppings, and historic building within a state scenic highway.

As discussed under threshold (a) above, Stetson Avenue and Sanderson Avenue are both designated Scenic Corridors in the Community Design Element of the City's General Plan. As such, the proposed project would be required to comply with the landscaping requirements contained in the City's General Plan and Scenic Highway Setback Manual to maintain these designated Scenic Corridors. However, these locally designated scenic corridors are not state scenic highways. Therefore, **no impact** would occur.

c) *In non-urbanized areas, would the project substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of public views of the site and its surroundings? (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?*

CEQA Section 21071 defines an "urbanized area" as "(a) an incorporated city that meets either of the following criteria: (1) Has a population of at least 100,000 persons, or (2) Has a population of less than 100,000 persons if the population of that city and not more than two contiguous incorporated cities combined equals at least 100,000 persons." As of July 1, 2018, the US Census Bureau estimated the population of the City of Hemet to be 85,275 persons (US Census Bureau 2018). While this is less than 100,000 persons, the City of Hemet is contiguous with the City of San Jacinto, which has an estimated population of 48,867 persons as of July 1, 2018 (US Census Bureau 2018). The combined estimated population of these two contiguous cities is would be 134,142 persons, which is well over the 100,000 persons threshold. Thus, the City of Hemet would be considered an urbanized area per CEQA.

The project site is currently located on two parcels both zoned as Limited Manufacturing (M-1) with a General Plan land use designation of Business Park (BP). The proposed project would subdivide these two parcels into five new parcels. All new parcels would maintain the existing zoning and General Plan land use designation. The proposed project would comply with the existing zoning and land use designation of project site. This includes those that control scenic quality.

As discussed under threshold (a) above, the proposed project would be required to comply with the landscaping requirements contained in the City's General Plan and Scenic Highway Setback Manual to maintain the locally designated Scenic Corridors, Stetson Avenue and Sanderson Avenue. The project has been designed to meet these requirements. As discussed under threshold (a) above, the development plan for the setback area would undergo review by both the City Staff Review Board and City Engineer to ensure compliance with the City's Scenic Highway Setback Manual. Upon approval by the City Staff Review Board and City Engineer, the proposed project would be in conformance and would not result in any conflicts with the Scenic Highway Setback Manual.

Further, the proposed project would comply with the City's established Commercial Design Guidelines (City Council Resolution 3744) and would be consistent with the bulk and scale of the existing development in the vicinity, and specifically the commercial uses west of the project site across Sanderson Avenue. Therefore, the proposed project would not conflict with applicable zoning or other regulations governing scenic quality. Impacts would be **less than significant**.

d) *Would the project create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?*

The proposed project would introduce new sources of lighting and potential glare to the project site. Although portions of the project site are currently and would continue to be occupied by McCometer Corp, new development would occur on vacant portions of the project site. The areas surrounding the project site contains existing development which exhibit sources of lighting typical of residential and commercial areas such as street and parking lot lighting and security lighting. The project would introduce new sources of lighting similar to these existing sources of lighting which surround the project site. Additionally, temporary lighting may occur during construction of the proposed project. New sources of lighting would be required to comply with the City's established Commercial Design Guidelines. Additionally, the proposed project would be designed to limit glare. New sources of temporary glare could also occur during construction of the proposed project. Lighting and glare impacts could be **potentially significant** and this topic will be further discussed and analyzed in the EIR.

3.2 Agriculture and Forestry Resources

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
II. AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY 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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code section 51104(g))?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

- a) ***Would the project 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?***

The project site is designated as Urban and Build-Up Land according to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program (DOC 2017). Additionally, portions of the project site are currently developed and occupied by McCometer Corp. Therefore, the proposed project would not convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland) to a non-agricultural use. **No impact** would occur.

b) Would the project conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?

The project site is currently zoned as Limited Manufacturing (M-1) which does not allow for agricultural uses. Additionally, there are no Williamson Act contracts on the project site and there are no agricultural uses within or around the project site. **No Impact** would occur.

c) Would the project 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))?

The project site is currently zoned as Limited Manufacturing (M-1) which does not allow for timberland production. Additionally, there are no forest lands on or in the vicinity of the project site. Therefore, **no impact** would occur.

d) Would the project result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?

As discussed under threshold (c) above, there are no forest lands on or in the vicinity of the project site. Therefore, the proposed project would not result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use. **No impact** would occur.

e) Would the project 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?

As discussed above, the project site is not located on or in the vicinity of agricultural uses or forest lands. The project site is not zoned for agriculture or timberland production and surrounding land uses include residential and commercial. The proposed project would include development of a convenience store, a drive-thru fast food restaurant, and a car wash. Therefore, the proposed project would not result in changes in the existing environment which, due to the location or nature, could result in the conversion of Farmland to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use. **No impact** would occur.

3.3 Air Quality

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
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 make the following determinations. Would the project:				
a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
d) Result in other emissions (such as those leading to odors) adversely affecting a substantial number of people?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

a) *Would the project conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?*

The proposed project would involve construction and operation of a convenience store, a drive-thru fast food restaurant, and a car wash. The project would also relocate the existing parking lot, which would involve grading and paving currently undeveloped land. Construction and operation of the proposed project would result in emissions, and additional analysis is necessary to determine if the project would conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan. Therefore, impacts could be **potentially significant** and this topic will be further discussed and analyzed in the EIR.

b) *Would the project 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?*

The proposed project would involve construction and operation of a convenience store, a drive-thru fast food restaurant, and a car wash. Construction and operation of the proposed project would result in emissions, and additional analysis is necessary to determine if the project would result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of criteria pollutants for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard. Therefore, impacts could be **potentially significant** and this topic will be further discussed and analyzed in the EIR.

c) *Would the project expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?*

The proposed project would involve construction and operation of a convenience store, a drive-thru fast food restaurant, and a car wash. Construction and operation of the proposed project would result in emissions, and additional analysis is necessary to determine if the project would expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations. Therefore, impacts could be **potentially significant** and this topic will be further discussed and analyzed in the EIR.

d) *Would the project result in other emissions (such as those leading to odors) adversely affecting a substantial number of people?*

The proposed project would involve construction and operation of a convenience store, a drive-thru fast food restaurant, and a car wash. Construction and operation of the proposed project could result in other emissions (such as those leading to odors), and additional analysis is necessary to determine if the project would adversely affect a substantial number of people. Therefore, impacts could be **potentially significant** and this topic will be further discussed and analyzed in the EIR.

3.4 Biological Resources

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
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 Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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 Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native 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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- a) ***Would the project 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 Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?***

Although the proposed project site is currently developed and occupied by McCrometer Corp, portions of the project site are vacant and undeveloped, and could contain candidate, sensitive, or special status species. Therefore, additional information is needed to determine if construction and operation of the proposed project could directly or through habitat modifications, result in impacts to species identified as candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Therefore, impacts could be **potentially significant** and this topic will be further discussed and analyzed in the EIR.

- b) *Would the project 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 Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?*

Although the proposed project site is currently developed and occupied by McCrometer Corp, portions of the project site are vacant and undeveloped, and additional information is needed to determine if it could contain a sensitive natural community. Therefore, construction and operation of the proposed project could have a substantial adverse effect on a sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. No drainages or riparian habitat exists on the site. Therefore, impacts could be **potentially significant** and this topic will be further discussed and analyzed in the EIR.

- c) *Would the project 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?*

As indicated above, no drainages or riparian habitat exists on the site. **No impact** to protected wetlands would occur.

- d) *Would the project interfere substantially with the movement of any native 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?*

Based on the existing development on-site and the surrounding conditions, the site's undeveloped area is isolated and does not serve as a migratory wildlife corridor or native wildlife nursery site. **No impact** would occur.

- e) *Would the project conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?*

Although the proposed project site is currently developed and occupied by McCrometer Corp, portions of the project site are vacant and undeveloped. Therefore, additional information is needed to determine if construction and operation of the proposed project could conflict with local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, if biological resources are determined to be on the project site. Therefore, impacts could be **potentially significant** and this topic will be further discussed and analyzed in the EIR.

- f) *Would the project conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?*

Although the proposed project site is currently developed and occupied by McCrometer Corp, portions of the project site are vacant and undeveloped. Therefore, additional information is needed to determine if construction and operation of the proposed project could conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan, if protected habitat or species are determined to be on the project site. Therefore, impacts could be **potentially significant** and this topic will be further discussed and analyzed in the EIR.

3.5 Cultural Resources

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
V. CULTURAL RESOURCES – Would the project:				
a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource pursuant to §15064.5?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to §15064.5?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of dedicated cemeteries?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- a) ***Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource pursuant to §15064.5?***

The proposed project would involve the construction and operation of a parking lot, convenience store, drive-thru fast food restaurant, and gas station. The existing buildings on the site are not designated historic resources pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.5. In addition, the project would not involve demolition or removal of those structures. Therefore, impacts would be **less than significant**.

- b) ***Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to §15064.5?***

The proposed project would involve the construction and operation of a parking lot, convenience store, drive-thru fast food restaurant, and gas station. Construction of the proposed project would result in ground disturbing activities and additional information is needed to determine if the proposed project could result in impacts to archaeological resources, if potentially present on-site. Therefore, impacts could be **potentially significant** and this topic will be further discussed and analyzed in the EIR.

- c) ***Would the project disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of dedicated cemeteries?***

The proposed project would involve the construction and operation of a parking lot, convenience store, drive-thru fast food restaurant, and gas station. Although it is unlikely that human remains exist within the project site due to the developed nature of the site and surroundings, construction of the proposed project would result in ground disturbing activities on vacant and undeveloped portions of the project site and additional information is needed to determine if the proposed project could result in impacts to human remains, if potentially present on-site. Therefore, impacts could be **potentially significant** and this topic will be further discussed and analyzed in the EIR.

3.6 Energy

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
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?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- a) *Would the project result in potentially significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources, during project construction or operation?*

The proposed project would involve the construction and operation of a parking lot, convenience store, drive-thru fast food restaurant, and gas station. Both construction and operation would result in the consumption of energy resources, and additional information is needed to determine if such energy usage would be wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary. Therefore, impacts could be **potentially significant** and this topic will be further discussed and analyzed in the EIR.

- b) *Would the project conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency?*

The proposed project would involve the construction and operation of a parking lot, convenience store, drive-thru fast food restaurant, and gas station. Both construction and operation would result in the consumption of energy resources and additional information is needed to determine if such energy usage would conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency. Therefore, impacts could be **potentially significant** and this topic will be further discussed and analyzed in the EIR.

3.7 Geology and Soils

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
VII. GEOLOGY AND SOILS – Would the project:				
a) Directly or indirectly cause potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:				
i) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
iv) Landslides?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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 landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial direct or indirect risks to life or property?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

a) Would the project directly or indirectly cause potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:

i) 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.

Geotechnical evaluations will be prepared for the proposed project and will be included in the EIR. The project site is not located within an Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zone. However, because the proposed project would be located in tectonically active southern California additional information is needed to determine if impacts would be **potentially significant**. This topic will be discussed and analyzed in the EIR.

ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?

Because the proposed project would be located in tectonically active southern California, the project would be required to comply with the California Building Code. Additional recommendations for seismic safety may also be required. As such, additional information is needed to determine if impacts are considered **potentially significant**. This topic will be discussed and analyzed in the EIR.

iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?

Because potential for seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction are not know at this time, additional information is needed to determine if impacts are considered **potentially significant**. This topic will be discussed and analyzed in the EIR.

iv) **Landslides?**

The project site is relatively flat. However, because potential for landslides are not know at this time, additional information is needed to determine if impacts are considered **potentially significant**. This topic will be discussed and analyzed in the EIR.

b) **Would the project result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?**

Because the potential for soil erosion or the loss of topsoil are unknown at this time, additional information is needed to determine if impacts are considered **potentially significant**. This topic will be discussed and analyzed in the EIR.

c) **Would the project 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 landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?**

Because the project site could consist of unstable soils, additional information is needed to determine if impacts are considered **potentially significant**. This topic will be discussed and analyzed in the EIR.

d) **Would the project be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial direct or indirect risks to life or property?**

Because the soils at project site are not know at this time, additional information is needed to determine if impacts are considered **potentially significant**. This topic will be discussed and analyzed in the EIR.

e) **Would the project 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?**

The proposed project does not include the use of septic tanks. **No impact** would occur.

f) **Would the project directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?**

Construction of the proposed project would result in ground disturbing activities on vacant and undeveloped portions of the project site which could directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature, if present on-site. Therefore, additional information is needed to determine if impacts could be **potentially significant** and this topic will be further discussed and analyzed in the EIR.

3.8 Greenhouse Gas Emissions

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
VIII. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS – Would the project:				
a) Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
b) Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- a) ***Would the project generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?***

The proposed project would involve the construction and operation of a parking lot, convenience store, drive-thru fast food restaurant, and gas station. Both construction and operation would generate greenhouse gas emissions, and additional information is needed to determine if the proposed project could either directly or indirectly have a significant impact on the environment. Therefore, impacts could be **potentially significant** and this topic will be further discussed and analyzed in the EIR.

- b) ***Would the project generate conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?***

The proposed project would involve the construction and operation of a convenience store, drive-thru fast food restaurant, and gas station. Both construction and operation would generate greenhouse gas emissions, additional information is needed to determine if the proposed project could conflict with applicable plans, policies, or regulations adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases. Therefore, impacts could be **potentially significant** and this topic will be further discussed and analyzed in the EIR.

3.9 Hazards and Hazardous Materials

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
IX. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS – Would the project:				
a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
d) Be located on a site that 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?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g) Expose people or structures, either directly or indirectly, to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

a) *Would the project create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?*

The proposed project would involve the construction and operation of a convenience store, drive-thru fast food restaurant, and gas station. During operation, such uses would require the ongoing use, storage, and routine transport of hazardous materials consisting primarily of gasoline and diesel fuel. Common cleaning chemicals, pesticides, and fertilizers would also be used and stored on-site. Thus, additional information is needed to determine if the proposed project could create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials. Therefore, impacts could be **potentially significant** and this topic will be further discussed and analyzed in the EIR.

b) *Would the project create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?*

The proposed project would involve the construction and operation of a convenience store, drive-thru fast food restaurant, and gas station. During operation, such uses would require the ongoing use, storage, and routine transport of hazardous materials consisting primarily of gasoline and diesel fuel. As such, additional information is needed to determine if the proposed project could result in a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment. Therefore, impacts could be **potentially significant** and this topic will be further discussed and analyzed in the EIR.

c) *Would the project emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?*

As discussed above, the proposed project would involve the use and transport of hazardous materials. However, the closest schools to the project site are Harmony Elementary School and West Valley High School, both located approximately 0.5 miles southwest and south of the project site, respectively.

Additionally, there are no schools proposed within one-quarter mile of the project site. Therefore, the proposed project would not emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school. **No impact** would occur.

- d) ***Would the project be located on a site that 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?***

It is currently unknown whether the project site is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5. Therefore, additional information is needed to determine if impacts could be **potentially significant** and this topic will be further discussed and analyzed in the EIR.

- 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?***

The project site is located approximately 0.8 miles east from the Hemet-Ryan Airport and is located within the Hemet-Ryan Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (ALUCP). Specifically, the proposed project is within Zone D, the Primary Traffic Patterns and Runway Buffer Area. Zone D restricts non-residential intensity to 300 people per average acre, and 1,200 people per single acre and also prohibits hazards to flights. The Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) is required to review all projects within the Airport Influence Area where the City's General Plan is not consistent with the ALUCP, as is the case with the city of Hemet's General Plan. A letter dated November 13, 2017, from the Riverside County ALUC requests that the proposed project be submitted to the Riverside County ALUC. On March 1, 2018, an application was submitted to the Riverside County ALUC for review. The proposed project would be required to obtain a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) no hazard determination letter in addition to several conditions identified by the ALUC. Upon compliance with such requirements, the proposed project would be consistent with the Hemet-Ryan ALUCP. However, the proposed project could result in a safety hazard or excessive noise for people working in the project area if these conditions are not met. Therefore, impacts could be **potentially significant** and this topic will be further discussed and analyzed in the EIR.

- f) ***Would the project impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?***

The City's Emergency Operations Plan describes the City's process for responding to emergencies and disasters. In addition, the City, along with most other jurisdictions in Riverside County, joined with the County of Riverside to submit a Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) providing a framework for emergency response (County of Riverside 2018).

Access to the project site would be provided from both Sanderson Avenue and Stetson Avenue. These existing streets are within the City's established street system and the proposed project would include some right-of-way dedication on both Avenues. The proposed project would not alter the existing circulation pattern in the project area and emergency access and evacuation routes would be unaffected by the proposed project.

The proposed project would provide adequate access for emergency vehicles, including adequate street widths. Therefore, the proposed project would not impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan and impacts would be **less than significant**.

- g) Would the project expose people or structures, either directly or indirectly, to a significant risk of loss, injury, or death involving wildland fires?**

According to the Public Safety Element of the City's General Plan 2030, the proposed project site is not within or adjacent to a wildland fire hazard severity zone. Therefore, the proposed project would not expose people or structures, either directly or indirectly, to a significant risk of loss, injury, or death involving wildland fires. **No impact** would occur.

3.10 Hydrology and Water Quality

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
X. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY – Would the project:				
a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade surface or ground water quality?	<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?	<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:				
i) result in substantial erosion or siltation on or off site;	<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 off site;	<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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
iv) impede or redirect flood flows?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) In flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zones, risk release of pollutants due to project inundation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

a) *Would the project violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade surface or ground water quality?*

A preliminary drainage study and project specific water quality management plan were completed for the proposed project (Womer 2019a and 2019b). The proposed project is located in the Salt Creek Drainage Area, which is overseen by the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB). Salt Creek drains westerly through Canyon Lake into Lake Elsinore and eventually through the Santa Ana River to the Pacific Ocean via Temescal Canyon Creek (City of Hemet 2012b).

Pursuant to NPDES regulations, the City would require that the proposed project complies with existing Santa Ana and San Diego RWQCB and City stormwater controls, including compliance with NPDES construction and operation measures to prevent erosion, siltation, and transport of urban pollutants.

In addition, the City of Hemet is a Co-Permittee in and is required to comply with, the Riverside County municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) permit (Waste Discharge Requirements for Riverside County - Order No. 2010-0033, NPDES No. CAS618033) adopted by the Regional Board on January 29, 2010. In conformance with this MS4 permit, and the Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) the proposed project is required to implement structural and non-structural Best Management Practices (BMPs) to retain and treat pollutants of concern (in dry-weather runoff and first-flush stormwater runoff) consistent with the MEP standard, and minimize hydrologic conditions of concern (HCOCs), both during and post-construction (Womer 2019a and 2019b). Additionally, General Plan 2030 Policies CSI-4.3 and CSI-4.8 require the City to prevent pollutant discharge into drainage systems.

The proposed project would increase the intensity of uses and the amount of impervious surfaces on the project site. However, the proposed project would include bio-retention basins within the landscape setback areas along Sanderson Avenue and Stetson Avenue to promote infiltration. Bio-retention basins would also be designed to minimize irrigation and runoff. The parking lot on the east side of the project site would use an infiltration trench, as soil infiltration rates are higher. Stormwater quality management requirements are addressed in the Project Specific Preliminary Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP). The proposed project would be required to comply with all stormwater quality management requirements contained in the WQMP (Womer 2019a and 2019b).

Therefore, proposed project design and compliance with the WQMP and existing Federal, State, and local water quality laws and regulations related to water quality standards would ensure impacts would be **less than significant**.

b) *Would the project substantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that the project may impede sustainable groundwater management of the basin?*

The project site is located in the East Valley Service Area of the Eastern Municipal Water District. Within the East Valley Service Area, most of the water used comes from a system of 13 local wells located in the San Jacinto Groundwater Basin. These wells produce almost 20,000-acre-feet of water every year. This is also the primary source of the water that EMWD sells to the City of Hemet Water Department and Lake Hemet Municipal Water District. Other sources of water include water purchased from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) and water recycled from EMWD treatment facilities (City of Hemet 2012b). The site is located in the Hemet South Groundwater Management Zone.

Groundwater is the primary source of water within the EMWD East Valley Service Area, as described above. All runoff would infiltrate through landscape areas or be conveyed to an underground storage area and then into a storm chamber for storage and treatment. Water would infiltrate on-site rather than be conveyed off-site. The proposed project would be consistent with the General Plan land use designation; and thus,

water supplies would be available through the EMWD. The proposed project would change how the groundwater is recharged; however, overall recharge volumes would not change (Womer 2019a and 2019b). Thus, the proposed project would not directly interfere with groundwater recharge or substantially decrease groundwater supplies.

The proposed project would also connect to existing water lines. No new wells or additional water infrastructure are proposed. The proposed project would be required to comply with EMWD's and the City's water-efficiency requirements, including the use of drought-tolerant planting materials and limited landscaping irrigation, as well as all water restrictions imposed by the EMWD at the time the proposed project is constructed. Implementation of these and other applicable requirements would assure that groundwater impacts are reduced to **less than significant**,

c) ***Would the project substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river or through the addition of impervious surfaces, in a manner which would:***

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

There are no natural drainages on the project site and the proposed project would not alter any existing drainage patterns. The proposed project would introduce new impervious surfaces to the project site; however, a preliminary drainage study and project specific WQMP have been prepared for the proposed project which summarize that the proposed project would manage stormwater drainage patterns on-site through bio-retention and infiltration trenches (Womer 2019a and 2019b). The implementation of BMPs required by the City and implemented through the proposed project's Water Quality Management Plans would eliminate potential erosion impacts. Therefore, impacts would be **less than significant**.

ii) ***substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on or off site;***

Once construction of the proposed project is complete, landscaped open areas and the on-site bio-retention basins, infiltration trenches and infrastructure would control storm flows and erosion from the proposed project. All runoff would infiltrate through landscape areas or be conveyed to an underground storage area and then into a storm chamber for storage and treatment. Water would infiltrate on-site rather than be conveyed off-site. The design and implementation of these facilities would be reviewed and approved by the City Engineer to assure compliance with all applicable local, State, and Federal standards.

Implementation of these and other applicable requirements would assure that drainage and stormwater would not create or contribute water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff. Further, as water would infiltrate on-site rather than be conveyed off-site, there would be no substantial increase in the rate or amount of surface runoff and impacts would be **less than significant**.

iii) ***create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff; or***

Refer to response to threshold (c)(ii) above. Impacts related to runoff would be **less than significant**.

iv) ***impede or redirect flood flows?***

As described throughout this section, the proposed project would be required to comply with all applicable water quality standards. The proposed project would also manage stormwater drainage patterns on-site

through bio-retention and infiltration trenches. Additionally, the proposed project is not located within a FEMA mapped flood hazard area and is designated as an Area of Minimal Flood Hazard (FEMA 2020). Additionally, there is a drainage channel to the north of the project site, across Stetson Avenue. Implementation of the proposed project would not result in changes or improvements within this existing channel that could impede or redirect flood flows. Therefore, the proposed project would not impede or redirect flood flows and **no impact** would occur.

d) In flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zones, would the project risk release of pollutants due to project inundation?

The project site is not located within a FEMA mapped flood hazard area and is designated as an Area of Minimal Flood Hazard (FEMA 2020). The project site is located approximately 45 miles east of the Pacific Ocean and 2 miles north of the closest standing body of water, Diamond Valley Lake. Therefore, the proposed project would not risk release of pollutants due to project inundation from flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zones. **No impact** would occur.

e) Would the project conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan?

As discussed throughout this section, the proposed project would be required to comply with all applicable water quality standards. To further minimize potential water quality degradation, the proposed project would be connected to the EMWD's sewer system and on-site/off-site stormwater conveyance system. Groundwater is the primary source of water within the EMWD East Valley Service Area, as described above. All runoff would infiltrate through landscape areas or be conveyed to an underground storage area and then into a storm chamber for storage and treatment. Water would infiltrate on-site rather than be conveyed off-site. The proposed project would be consistent with the General Plan land use designation; and thus, water supplies would be available through the EMWD. The proposed project would change how the groundwater is recharged; however, overall recharge volumes would not change. Therefore, the proposed project would not conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan and project-related water quality impacts would be **less than significant**.

3.11 Land Use and Planning

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
XI. LAND USE AND PLANNING – Would the project:				
a) Physically divide an established community?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

a) Would the project physically divide an established community?

The proposed project would involve the construction and operation of a parking lot, convenience store, drive-thru fast food restaurant, and gas station on a site the contains McCrometer Corp (which would remain on-site) and vacant land. The proposed project would be consistent with the Limited Manufacturing (M-1) zoning and Business Park (BP) land use designation. The project site is surrounded by residential and

commercial uses and would utilize the existing road network. The proposed project would not result in construction of improvements that would physically divide an established community. Therefore, **no impact** would occur.

- b) ***Would the project 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?***

The proposed project would be consistent with the Limited Manufacturing (M-1) zoning and Business Park (BP) land use designation. However, additional information is needed to determine if the proposed project could result in changes or conflicts with any land use plan, policy, or regulation, including the General Plan and Zoning Ordinance, adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect. Therefore, impacts could be **potentially significant** and this topic will be further discussed and analyzed in the EIR..

3.12 Mineral Resources

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

- a) ***Would the project 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?***

The project site and most of the City are designated as Mineral Resource Zone (MRZ) MRZ-3. MRZ-3 includes areas where geologic evidence indicates that mineral deposits exist or likely exist, but the significance of these deposits has not been determined (County of Riverside 2015). However, the project site contains existing development and is located in an urban setting surrounded by existing residential and commercial uses. Additionally, the site is not designated for mineral resource land uses. Therefore, the proposed project would not result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource and **no impact** would occur.

- b) ***Would the project 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?***

The project site is not delineated within the City's General Plan, a specific plan, or other land use plan as a locally important mineral resource recovery site. Therefore, the proposed project would not result in the loss of availability of such a site and **no impact** would occur.

3.13 Noise

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
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?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- a) ***Would the project result in 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?***

The proposed project would include a parking lot, convenience store, drive-thru fast food restaurant, and gas station which would add noise sources to the project site during both construction and operation. Therefore, additional information is needed to determine if impacts could be **potentially significant** and this topic will be further discussed and analyzed in the EIR.

- b) ***Would the project result in generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?***

The proposed project would include a parking lot, convenience store, drive-thru fast food restaurant, and gas station which would add noise sources to the project site during both construction and operation. Construction of the proposed project would involve ground disturbing activities which could result in groundborne vibration. Therefore, additional information is needed to determine if impacts could be **potentially significant** and this topic will be further discussed and analyzed in the EIR.

- 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?***

The project site is located approximately 0.8 miles east from the Hemet-Ryan Airport and is located within the Hemet-Ryan Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (ALUCP). Specifically, the proposed project is within Zone D, the Primary Traffic Patterns and Runway Buffer Area. Zone D restricts non-residential intensity to 300 people per average acre, and 1,200 people per single acre and also prohibits hazards to flights. As discussed under Hazards and Hazardous Materials threshold (e) above, the Riverside County ALUC

reviewed the proposed project and determined the project would be required to obtain a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) no hazard determination letter in addition to several conditions identified by the ALUC. Upon compliance with such requirements, the proposed project would be consistent with the Hemet-Ryan ALUCP. However, the proposed project could expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels if these conditions are not met. Therefore, impacts could be **potentially significant** and this topic will be further discussed and analyzed in the EIR.

3.14 Population and Housing

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
XIV. POPULATION AND HOUSING – Would the project:				
a) Induce substantial unplanned population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?	<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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

- a) *Would the project induce substantial unplanned population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?***

The proposed project would involve the construction and operation of a parking lot, convenience store, drive-thru fast food restaurant, and gas station, which is consistent with the allowed uses in the City's General Plan and Zoning Ordinance. Although employees would be hired to operate the new uses on-site, it is reasonably assumed that such jobs would be filled by people who currently reside in the City and would not require the relocation of individuals, inducing substantial unplanned population growth in the area. Additionally, the proposed project would rely on the existing street network and public utilities and would not result in the extension of roads or other infrastructure which could lead to indirect population growth. Therefore, impacts would be **less than significant**.

- b) *Would the project displace substantial numbers of existing people or housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?***

The project site contains McCometer Corp and some vacant and undeveloped land. There are no people or housing on the project site which the proposed project could displace. Therefore, **no impact** would occur.

3.15 Public Services

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
XV. PUBLIC 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 performance objectives for any of the public services:				
Fire protection?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Police protection?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Schools?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parks?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other public facilities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- 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:*

Fire protection?

The proposed project could increase the demand on Hemet Fire Department resources as a result of the development of new commercial uses. Thus, additional information is needed to determine if impacts could be **potentially significant** and this topic will be discussed and analyzed in the EIR.

Police protection?

The proposed project could increase the demand on Hemet Police Department resources as a result of the development of new commercial uses. Thus, additional information is needed to determine if impacts could be **potentially significant** and this topic will be discussed and analyzed in the EIR.

Schools?

The proposed project would involve the construction and operation of a convenience store, drive-thru fast food restaurant, and gas station. Although employees hired to operate the proposed project could have school aged children, it is reasonably assumed that such jobs would be filled by people who currently reside in the City and would not require the relocation of individuals to the City resulting in increased demand for schools. As the project would not result in additional population in the area and would not increase demand for school services, impacts would be **less than significant**.

Parks?

The proposed project would involve the construction and operation of commercial uses, and would not result in population growth that could increase demand for parks. Therefore, impacts would be **less than significant**.

Other public facilities?

The proposed project would involve the construction and operation of commercial uses, and would not result in population growth that could increase demand for other public facilities such as libraries. Therefore, impacts would be **less than significant**.

3.16 Recreation

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
XVI. RECREATION				
a) Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

- a) ***Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?***

The proposed project would involve the construction and operation of commercial uses, and would not result in population growth that could increase use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated. While the proposed project would result in employment generation, employment would be minimal and it is reasonably assumed that such jobs would be filled by people who currently reside in the City and would not require the relocation of individuals to the City. Therefore, impacts would be **less than significant**.

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

The proposed project does not include recreational facilities and would not require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities as development of the proposed commercial uses would not result in population growth that could have an adverse physical effect on the environment. Therefore, **no impact** would occur.

3.17 Transportation

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
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?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Conflict or be inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines section 15064.3, subdivision (b)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Substantially increase hazards due to a geometric design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Result in inadequate emergency access?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

a) *Would the project conflict with a program, plan, ordinance, or policy addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadway, bicycle, and pedestrian facilities?*

Construction and operation of the proposed project would result in increased traffic in the area, as new uses would be added to a site that is partially vacant and undeveloped. Project-generated traffic is unknown at this time and thus could result in conflicts with programs, plans, ordinances, or policies addressing the circulation system. Traffic impacts will need to be analyzed for consistency with State and local guidance. Therefore, additional information is needed to determine if impacts could be **potentially significant** and this topic will be further discussed and analyzed in the EIR.

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

Construction and operation of the proposed project would result in increased traffic in the area, as new uses would be added to a site that is partially vacant and undeveloped. Project-generated traffic would also result in vehicle miles traveled (VMT). Traffic impacts will need to be analyzed for consistency with CEQA Guidelines section 15064.3, subdivision (b) concerning VMT. Therefore, additional information is needed to determine if impacts could be **potentially significant** and this topic will be further discussed and analyzed in the EIR.

c) *Would the project substantially increase hazards due to a geometric design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?*

The proposed project would result in new development on vacant portions of the site and would increase traffic in the area. Development of the proposed project would create new access points to and from the project site which would connect to the adjacent street network. Traffic impacts will need to be analyzed for any geometric design features that could result in increased traffic hazards. Therefore, additional information is needed to determine if impacts could be **potentially significant** and this topic will be further discussed and analyzed in the EIR.

d) **Would the project result in inadequate emergency access?**

The proposed project would include new access points to and from the project site, connecting to the adjacent street network. Traffic impacts will need to be analyzed for inadequacies in emergency access. Therefore, additional information is needed to determine if impacts could be **potentially significant** and this topic will be further discussed and analyzed in the EIR.

3.18 Tribal Cultural Resources

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
XVIII. 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:				
a) Listed or eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources, or in a local register of historical resources as defined in Public Resources Code section 5020.1(k), or	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) A resource determined by the lead agency, in its discretion and supported by substantial evidence, to be significant pursuant to criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code Section 5024.1. In applying the criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resource Code Section 5024.1, the lead agency shall consider the significance of the resource to a California Native American tribe?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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:**

i) **Listed or eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources, or in a local register of historical resources as defined in Public Resources Code section 5020.1(k)?**

The City will notify the tribes in accordance with Public Resources Code section 21074. Tribal consultation input will be considered throughout the environmental document preparation process. However, as consultation with tribes has not concluded, additional information is needed to determine if impacts are considered **potentially significant** and this topic will be further discussed and analyzed in the EIR.

- 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?***

The City will notify the tribes in accordance with Public Resources Code section 21074. Tribal consultation input will be considered throughout the environmental document preparation process. However, as consultation with tribes has not concluded, additional information is needed to determine if impacts are considered **potentially significant** and this topic will be further discussed and analyzed in the EIR.

3.19 Utilities and Service Systems

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
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 storm water drainage, electric power, natural gas, or telecommunications facilities, the construction or relocation of which could cause significant environmental effects?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project and reasonably foreseeable future development during normal, dry, and multiple dry years?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Generate solid waste in excess of State or local standards, or in excess of the capacity of local infrastructure, or otherwise impair the attainment of solid waste reduction goals?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Comply with federal, state, and local management and reduction statutes and regulations related to solid waste?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- a) ***Would the project require or result in the relocation or construction of new or expanded water, wastewater treatment, or storm water drainage, electric power, natural gas, or telecommunications facilities, the construction or relocation of which could cause significant environmental effects?***

The proposed project would result in new development on a site which is partially vacant and undeveloped. As such, the proposed project would increase the intensity of uses on the project site, resulting in increased

use of water, wastewater treatment, electric power, natural gas, and telecommunication systems. Further, the proposed project would result in an increase of impervious areas. If not carefully planned for, increase runoff from impervious surface can cause alterations to drainage courses. Therefore, additional information is needed to determine if impacts could be **potentially significant** and this topic will be discussed and analyzed in the EIR.

- b) ***Would the project have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project and reasonably foreseeable future development during normal, dry, and multiple dry years?***

As discussed above, the proposed project would increase the intensity of uses on the project site, resulting in increased water use. Therefore, additional information is needed to determine if impacts could be **potentially significant** and this topic will be further discussed and analyzed in the EIR.

- c) ***Would the project 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?***

As discussed above, the proposed project would increase the intensity of uses on the project site, resulting in increased wastewater generation. Therefore, additional information is needed to determine if impacts could be **potentially significant** and this topic will be further discussed and analyzed in the EIR.

- d) ***Would the project 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?***

Construction of the proposed project would result in the generation of solid waste such as scrap lumber, concrete, residual wastes, packing materials, and plastics. Operation of the proposed project would result in an increase in intensity of uses on the project site, which would likely be associated with increased generation of solid waste. As such, additional information is needed to determine if impacts could be **potentially significant** and this topic will be further discussed and analyzed in the EIR.

- e) ***Would the project comply with federal, state, and local management and reduction statutes and regulations related to solid waste?***

As discussed above, the proposed project would result in the generation of solid waste during construction and operations. As such, additional information is needed to determine if impacts could be **potentially significant** and this topic will be further discussed and analyzed in the EIR.

3.20 Wildfire

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Require the installation or maintenance of associated infrastructure (such as roads, fuel breaks, emergency water sources, power lines, or other utilities) that may exacerbate fire risk or that may result in temporary or ongoing impacts to the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Expose people or structures to significant risks, including downslope or downstream flooding or landslides, as a result of runoff, post-fire slope instability, or drainage changes?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

a) *Would the project substantially impair an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?*

As discussed in Section 3.9(f) above, the proposed project would provide adequate access for emergency vehicles and would not impair emergency access through the area. Therefore, the proposed project would not impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan and impacts would be **less than significant**.

b) *Due to slope, prevailing winds, and other factors, would the project exacerbate wildfire risks, and thereby expose project occupants to, pollutant concentrations from a wildfire or the uncontrolled spread of a wildfire?*

According to the Public Safety Element of the City's General Plan 2030, the proposed project site is not within or adjacent to a wildland fire hazard severity zone. Additionally, the project site is relatively flat and located in an urban setting surrounded by existing development on all sides. Therefore, the proposed project would not exacerbate wildfire risks, and thereby expose project occupants, to pollutant concentrations from a wildfire or the uncontrolled spread of a wildfire due to slope, prevailing winds, and other factors. **No impact** would occur.

c) *Would the project 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?*

The proposed project would not require the installation or maintenance of new 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. Additionally, the project site is not located in a wildland fire hazard severity zone as previously described. Therefore, **no impact** would occur.

- d) ***Would the project 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?***

The project site is relatively flat and is not located in a downslope or downstream area. Further, the project site is not located within a FEMA mapped flood hazard area and is designated as an Area of Minimal Flood Hazard (FEMA 2020). Therefore, the proposed project would not expose people or structures to significant risks, including downslope or downstream flooding or landslides, as a result of runoff, post-fire instability, or drainage changes. **No impact** would occur.

3.21 Mandatory Findings of Significance

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
XXI. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE				
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 or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- 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, or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?***

As discussed in Section 3.4, Biological Resources, the proposed project has the potential to impact sensitive vegetation communities and habitat for special-status wildlife. Further, as discussed in Section 3.5, the proposed project could result in potentially significant impacts to cultural resources. Therefore, additional information is needed to determine if impacts could be **potentially significant** and this topic will be further discussed and analyzed in the EIR.

- 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)?*

Additional information is needed to determine if impacts are considered **potentially significant** and this topic will be discussed and analyzed in the EIR.

- c) *Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?*

As evaluated throughout this document, the proposed project could result in impacts to Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Energy, Geology and Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Noise, Public Services, Transportation, Tribal Cultural Resources, and Utilities and Service Systems. Therefore, additional information is needed to determine if impacts are considered **potentially significant** and this topic will be discussed and analyzed in the EIR.

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(Site Development Review No. 19-010, Conditional Use Permit 19-009, and Tentative Map 37779)

I have reviewed the Notice of Preparation Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Stetson Corner Project, specifically 3.15 Public Service as it pertains to Police protection. Based on my review of the proposed project I do not foresee any potentially significant impacts that our current staffing as it pertains to police services.

Respectfully,




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NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION

March 25, 2020

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Dear Mr. Kang:

The Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) has received the Notice of Preparation (NOP), Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) or Early Consultation for the project referenced above. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Pub. Resources Code §21000 et seq.), specifically Public Resources Code §21084.1, states that a project that may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource, is a project that may have a significant effect on the environment. (Pub. Resources Code § 21084.1; Cal. Code Regs., tit.14, § 15064.5 (b) (CEQA Guidelines §15064.5 (b)). If there is substantial evidence, in light of the whole record before a lead agency, that a project may have a significant effect on the environment, an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) shall be prepared. (Pub. Resources Code §21080 (d); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 5064 subd.(a)(1) (CEQA Guidelines §15064 (a)(1)). In order to determine whether a project will cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource, a lead agency will need to determine whether there are historical resources within the area of potential effect (APE).

CEQA was amended significantly in 2014. Assembly Bill 52 (Gatto, Chapter 532, Statutes of 2014) (AB 52) amended CEQA to create a separate category of cultural resources, "tribal cultural resources" (Pub. Resources Code §21074) and provides that a project with an effect that may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource is a project that may have a significant effect on the environment. (Pub. Resources Code §21084.2). Public agencies shall, when feasible, avoid damaging effects to any tribal cultural resource. (Pub. Resources Code §21084.3 (a)). **AB 52 applies to any project for which a notice of preparation, a notice of negative declaration, or a mitigated negative declaration is filed on or after July 1, 2015.** If your project involves the adoption of or amendment to a general plan or a specific plan, or the designation or proposed designation of open space, on or after March 1, 2005, it may also be subject to Senate Bill 18 (Burton, Chapter 905, Statutes of 2004) (SB 18). **Both SB 18 and AB 52 have tribal consultation requirements.** If your project is also subject to the federal National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. § 4321 et seq.) (NEPA), the tribal consultation requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (154 U.S.C. 300101, 36 C.F.R. §800 et seq.) may also apply.

The NAHC recommends consultation with California Native American tribes that are traditionally and culturally affiliated with the geographic area of your proposed project as early as possible in order to avoid inadvertent discoveries of Native American human remains and best protect tribal cultural resources. Below is a brief summary of portions of AB 52 and SB 18 as well as the NAHC's recommendations for conducting cultural resources assessments.

Consult your legal counsel about compliance with AB 52 and SB 18 as well as compliance with any other applicable laws.

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AB 52 has added to CEQA the additional requirements listed below, along with many other requirements:

1. Fourteen Day Period to Provide Notice of Completion of an Application/Decision to Undertake a Project:

Within fourteen (14) days of determining that an application for a project is complete or of a decision by a public agency to undertake a project, a lead agency shall provide formal notification to a designated contact of, or tribal representative of, traditionally and culturally affiliated California Native American tribes that have requested notice, to be accomplished by at least one written notice that includes:

- a. A brief description of the project.
- b. The lead agency contact information.
- c. Notification that the California Native American tribe has 30 days to request consultation. (Pub. Resources Code §21080.3.1 (d)).
- d. A "California Native American tribe" is defined as a Native American tribe located in California that is on the contact list maintained by the NAHC for the purposes of Chapter 905 of Statutes of 2004 (SB 18). (Pub. Resources Code §21073).

2. Begin Consultation Within 30 Days of Receiving a Tribe's Request for Consultation and Before Releasing a Negative Declaration, Mitigated Negative Declaration, or Environmental Impact Report:

A lead agency shall begin the consultation process within 30 days of receiving a request for consultation from a California Native American tribe that is traditionally and culturally affiliated with the geographic area of the proposed project. (Pub. Resources Code §21080.3.1, subds. (d) and (e)) and prior to the release of a negative declaration, mitigated negative declaration or Environmental Impact Report. (Pub. Resources Code §21080.3.1(b)).

- a. For purposes of AB 52, "consultation shall have the same meaning as provided in Gov. Code §65352.4 (SB 18). (Pub. Resources Code §21080.3.1 (b)).

3. Mandatory Topics of Consultation If Requested by a Tribe: The following topics of consultation, if a tribe requests to discuss them, are mandatory topics of consultation:

- a. Alternatives to the project.
- b. Recommended mitigation measures.
- c. Significant effects. (Pub. Resources Code §21080.3.2 (a)).

4. Discretionary Topics of Consultation: The following topics are discretionary topics of consultation:

- a. Type of environmental review necessary.
- b. Significance of the tribal cultural resources.
- c. Significance of the project's impacts on tribal cultural resources.
- d. If necessary, project alternatives or appropriate measures for preservation or mitigation that the tribe may recommend to the lead agency. (Pub. Resources Code §21080.3.2 (a)).

5. Confidentiality of Information Submitted by a Tribe During the Environmental Review Process: With some exceptions, any information, including but not limited to, the location, description, and use of tribal cultural resources submitted by a California Native American tribe during the environmental review process shall not be included in the environmental document or otherwise disclosed by the lead agency or any other public agency to the public, consistent with Government Code §6254 (r) and §6254.10. Any information submitted by a California Native American tribe during the consultation or environmental review process shall be published in a confidential appendix to the environmental document unless the tribe that provided the information consents, in writing, to the disclosure of some or all of the information to the public. (Pub. Resources Code §21082.3 (c)(1)).

6. Discussion of Impacts to Tribal Cultural Resources in the Environmental Document: If a project may have a significant impact on a tribal cultural resource, the lead agency's environmental document shall discuss both of the following:

- a. Whether the proposed project has a significant impact on an identified tribal cultural resource.
- b. Whether feasible alternatives or mitigation measures, including those measures that may be agreed to pursuant to Public Resources Code §21082.3, subdivision (a), avoid or substantially lessen the impact on the identified tribal cultural resource. (Pub. Resources Code §21082.3 (b)).

- 7. Conclusion of Consultation:** Consultation with a tribe shall be considered concluded when either of the following occurs:
- a.** The parties agree to measures to mitigate or avoid a significant effect, if a significant effect exists, on a tribal cultural resource; or
 - b.** A party, acting in good faith and after reasonable effort, concludes that mutual agreement cannot be reached. (Pub. Resources Code §21080.3.2 (b)).

8. Recommending Mitigation Measures Agreed Upon in Consultation in the Environmental Document: Any mitigation measures agreed upon in the consultation conducted pursuant to Public Resources Code §21080.3.2 shall be recommended for inclusion in the environmental document and in an adopted mitigation monitoring and reporting program, if determined to avoid or lessen the impact pursuant to Public Resources Code §21082.3, subdivision (b), paragraph 2, and shall be fully enforceable. (Pub. Resources Code §21082.3 (a)).

9. Required Consideration of Feasible Mitigation: If mitigation measures recommended by the staff of the lead agency as a result of the consultation process are not included in the environmental document or if there are no agreed upon mitigation measures at the conclusion of consultation, or if consultation does not occur, and if substantial evidence demonstrates that a project will cause a significant effect to a tribal cultural resource, the lead agency shall consider feasible mitigation pursuant to Public Resources Code §21084.3 (b). (Pub. Resources Code §21082.3 (e)).

10. Examples of Mitigation Measures That, If Feasible, May Be Considered to Avoid or Minimize Significant Adverse Impacts to Tribal Cultural Resources:

- a.** Avoidance and preservation of the resources in place, including, but not limited to:
 - i.** Planning and construction to avoid the resources and protect the cultural and natural context.
 - ii.** Planning greenspace, parks, or other open space, to incorporate the resources with culturally appropriate protection and management criteria.
- b.** Treating the resource with culturally appropriate dignity, taking into account the tribal cultural values and meaning of the resource, including, but not limited to, the following:
 - i.** Protecting the cultural character and integrity of the resource.
 - ii.** Protecting the traditional use of the resource.
 - iii.** Protecting the confidentiality of the resource.
- c.** Permanent conservation easements or other interests in real property, with culturally appropriate management criteria for the purposes of preserving or utilizing the resources or places.
- d.** Protecting the resource. (Pub. Resource Code §21084.3 (b)).
- e.** Please note that a federally recognized California Native American tribe or a non-federally recognized California Native American tribe that is on the contact list maintained by the NAHC to protect a California prehistoric, archaeological, cultural, spiritual, or ceremonial place may acquire and hold conservation easements if the conservation easement is voluntarily conveyed. (Civ. Code §815.3 (c)).
- f.** Please note that it is the policy of the state that Native American remains and associated grave artifacts shall be repatriated. (Pub. Resources Code §5097.991).

11. Prerequisites for Certifying an Environmental Impact Report or Adopting a Mitigated Negative Declaration or Negative Declaration with a Significant Impact on an Identified Tribal Cultural Resource: An Environmental Impact Report may not be certified, nor may a mitigated negative declaration or a negative declaration be adopted unless one of the following occurs:

- a.** The consultation process between the tribes and the lead agency has occurred as provided in Public Resources Code §21080.3.1 and §21080.3.2 and concluded pursuant to Public Resources Code §21080.3.2.
- b.** The tribe that requested consultation failed to provide comments to the lead agency or otherwise failed to engage in the consultation process.
- c.** The lead agency provided notice of the project to the tribe in compliance with Public Resources Code §21080.3.1 (d) and the tribe failed to request consultation within 30 days. (Pub. Resources Code §21082.3 (d)).

The NAHC's PowerPoint presentation titled, "Tribal Consultation Under AB 52: Requirements and Best Practices" may be found online at: http://nahc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/AB52TribalConsultation_CalEPAPDF.pdf

SB 18

SB 18 applies to local governments and requires local governments to contact, provide notice to, refer plans to, and consult with tribes prior to the adoption or amendment of a general plan or a specific plan, or the designation of open space. (Gov. Code §65352.3). Local governments should consult the Governor's Office of Planning and Research's "Tribal Consultation Guidelines," which can be found online at: https://www.opr.ca.gov/docs/09_14_05_Updated_Guidelines_922.pdf.

Some of SB 18's provisions include:

1. **Tribal Consultation:** If a local government considers a proposal to adopt or amend a general plan or a specific plan, or to designate open space it is required to contact the appropriate tribes identified by the NAHC by requesting a "Tribal Consultation List." If a tribe, once contacted, requests consultation the local government must consult with the tribe on the plan proposal. **A tribe has 90 days from the date of receipt of notification to request consultation unless a shorter timeframe has been agreed to by the tribe.** (Gov. Code §65352.3 (a)(2)).
2. **No Statutory Time Limit on SB 18 Tribal Consultation:** There is no statutory time limit on SB 18 tribal consultation.
3. **Confidentiality:** Consistent with the guidelines developed and adopted by the Office of Planning and Research pursuant to Gov. Code §65040.2, the city or county shall protect the confidentiality of the information concerning the specific identity, location, character, and use of places, features and objects described in Public Resources Code §5097.9 and §5097.993 that are within the city's or county's jurisdiction. (Gov. Code §65352.3 (b)).
4. **Conclusion of SB 18 Tribal Consultation:** Consultation should be concluded at the point in which:
 - a. The parties to the consultation come to a mutual agreement concerning the appropriate measures for preservation or mitigation; or
 - b. Either the local government or the tribe, acting in good faith and after reasonable effort, concludes that mutual agreement cannot be reached concerning the appropriate measures of preservation or mitigation. (Tribal Consultation Guidelines, Governor's Office of Planning and Research (2005) at p. 18).

Agencies should be aware that neither AB 52 nor SB 18 precludes agencies from initiating tribal consultation with tribes that are traditionally and culturally affiliated with their jurisdictions before the timeframes provided in AB 52 and SB 18. For that reason, we urge you to continue to request Native American Tribal Contact Lists and "Sacred Lands File" searches from the NAHC. The request forms can be found online at: <http://nahc.ca.gov/resources/forms/>.

NAHC Recommendations for Cultural Resources Assessments

To adequately assess the existence and significance of tribal cultural resources and plan for avoidance, preservation in place, or barring both, mitigation of project-related impacts to tribal cultural resources, the NAHC recommends the following actions:

1. Contact the appropriate regional California Historical Research Information System (CHRIS) Center (http://ohp.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=1068) for an archaeological records search. The records search will determine:
 - a. If part or all of the APE has been previously surveyed for cultural resources.
 - b. If any known cultural resources have already been recorded on or adjacent to the APE.
 - c. If the probability is low, moderate, or high that cultural resources are located in the APE.
 - d. If a survey is required to determine whether previously unrecorded cultural resources are present.
2. If an archaeological inventory survey is required, the final stage is the preparation of a professional report detailing the findings and recommendations of the records search and field survey.
 - a. The final report containing site forms, site significance, and mitigation measures should be submitted immediately to the planning department. All information regarding site locations, Native American human remains, and associated funerary objects should be in a separate confidential addendum and not be made available for public disclosure.
 - b. The final written report should be submitted within 3 months after work has been completed to the appropriate regional CHRIS center.

3. Contact the NAHC for:
 - a. A Sacred Lands File search. Remember that tribes do not always record their sacred sites in the Sacred Lands File, nor are they required to do so. A Sacred Lands File search is not a substitute for consultation with tribes that are traditionally and culturally affiliated with the geographic area of the project's APE.
 - b. A Native American Tribal Consultation List of appropriate tribes for consultation concerning the project site and to assist in planning for avoidance, preservation in place, or, failing both, mitigation measures.
4. Remember that the lack of surface evidence of archaeological resources (including tribal cultural resources) does not preclude their subsurface existence.
 - a. Lead agencies should include in their mitigation and monitoring reporting program plan provisions for the identification and evaluation of inadvertently discovered archaeological resources per Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15064.5(f) (CEQA Guidelines § 15064.5(f)). In areas of identified archaeological sensitivity, a certified archaeologist and a culturally affiliated Native American with knowledge of cultural resources should monitor all ground-disturbing activities.
 - b. Lead agencies should include in their mitigation and monitoring reporting program plans provisions for the disposition of recovered cultural items that are not burial associated in consultation with culturally affiliated Native Americans.
 - c. Lead agencies should include in their mitigation and monitoring reporting program plans provisions for the treatment and disposition of inadvertently discovered Native American human remains. Health and Safety Code § 7050.5, Public Resources Code § 5097.98, and Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15064.5, subdivisions (d) and (e) (CEQA Guidelines § 15064.5, subds. (d) and (e)) address the processes to be followed in the event of an inadvertent discovery of any Native American human remains and associated grave goods in a location other than a dedicated cemetery.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at my email address:
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Sincerely,



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The State Clearinghouse would like to inform you that our office will be transitioning from providing a hard copy of acknowledging the close of review period on your project to electronic mail system.

Please visit: <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/2020031032/2> for full details about your project and if any state agencies submitted comments by close of review period (note: any state agencies in bold, submitted comments and are available).

This email acknowledges that you have complied with the State Clearinghouse review requirements for draft environmental documents, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

Please email the State Clearinghouse at state.clearinghouse@opr.ca.gov if you have any questions regarding the environmental review process. If you have a question about the above-named project, please refer to the ten-digit State Clearinghouse number when contacting this office.



RIVERSIDE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL
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April 16, 2020

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Attention: H.P. Kang

Re: Stetson Corner Project
APNs 460-150-014 and 015
Notice of Preparation of a DEIR

The Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) does not normally recommend conditions for land divisions or other land use cases in incorporated cities. The District also does not plan check City land use cases, or provide State Division of Real Estate letters or other flood hazard reports for such cases. District comments/recommendations for such cases are normally limited to items of specific interest to the District including District Master Drainage Plan facilities, other regional flood control and drainage facilities which could be considered a logical component or extension of a master plan system, and District Area Drainage Plan fees (development mitigation fees). In addition, information of a general nature is provided.

The District's review is based on the above-referenced project transmittal, received April 2, 2020. The District **has not** reviewed the proposed project in detail, and the following comments do not in any way constitute or imply District approval or endorsement of the proposed project with respect to flood hazard, public health and safety, or any other such issue:

- ☐ This project would not be impacted by District Master Drainage Plan facilities, nor are other facilities of regional interest proposed.
- ☒ This project involves District proposed Master Drainage Plan facilities, namely, Southwest Hemet MDP Line E, along Sanderson Avenue, south of Stetson Avenue. The District will accept ownership of such facilities on written request of the City. Facilities must be constructed to District standards, and District plan check and inspection will be required for District acceptance. Plan check, inspection, and administrative fees will be required.
- ☐ This project proposes channels, storm drains 36 inches or larger in diameter, or other facilities that could be considered regional in nature. The District would consider accepting ownership of such facilities on written request of the City. Facilities must be constructed to District standards, and District plan check and inspection will be required for District acceptance. Plan check, inspection, and administrative fees will be required.
- ☒ This project is located within the limits of the District's Hemet Regional Area Drainage Plan for which drainage fees have been adopted. If the project is proposing to create additional impervious surface area, applicable fees should be paid by cashier's check or money order only.

April 16, 2020

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to the Flood Control District or City prior to issuance of grading or building permits. Fees to be paid should be at the rate in effect at the time of issuance of the actual permit.

- ☒ An encroachment permit shall be obtained for any construction related activities occurring within District right of way or facilities, namely, Stetson Avenue Channel. For further information, contact the District's Encroachment Permit Section at 951.955.1266.
- ☐ The District's previous comments are still valid.

GENERAL INFORMATION

This project may require a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit from the State Water Resources Control Board. Clearance for grading, recordation, or other final approval should not be given until the City has determined that the project has been granted a permit or is shown to be exempt.

If this project involves a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) mapped floodplain, then the City should require the applicant to provide all studies, calculations, plans, and other information required to meet FEMA requirements, and should further require the applicant obtain a Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) prior to grading, recordation, or other final approval of the project and a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) prior to occupancy.

If a natural watercourse or mapped floodplain is impacted by this project, the City should require the applicant to obtain a Section 1602 Agreement from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and a Clean Water Act Section 404 Permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, or written correspondence from these agencies indicating the project is exempt from these requirements. A Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification may be required from the local California Regional Water Quality Control Board prior to issuance of the Corps 404 permit.

Very truly yours,



DEBORAH DE CHAMBEAU
Engineering Project Manager

c: Riverside County Planning Department
Attn: John Hildebrand

SLJ:blm



Hans W. Kernkamp, General Manager-Chief Engineer

SENT VIA EMAIL ONLY

hkang@cityofhemet.org

April 6, 2020

Mr. H.P. Kang, Community Development Director
City of Hemet Planning Department
445 East Florida Avenue
Hemet, CA 92543

RE: Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Stetson Corner Project (Project) in the City of Hemet

Dear Mr. Kang:

The Riverside County Department of Waste Resources (RCDWR) has reviewed the NOP addressing a DEIR for the Project. The Project is for a commercial development located on the southeast corner of Sanderson and Stetson Avenues at 3255 and 3145 Stetson Avenue in the City of Hemet. The RCDWR offers the following comments for your consideration while preparing the Project's DEIR.

1. Build-out of the Project may have the potential to increase the amount of waste that could adversely affect solid waste facilities. To assess waste impacts, the DEIR should include the projected maximum amount of waste generated from build-out of the Project, using appropriate waste generation factors for the proposed land uses.

Note- CalRecycle's website may be helpful to determine the Project's waste generation:

<https://www2.calrecycle.ca.gov/WasteCharacterization/General/Rates>

2. The following information can be useful in the analysis of the solid waste impacts:
 - a) Solid waste generated within the Project area is collected by CR&R Disposal (CR&R), with the bulk of recyclable waste and green waste delivered to the CR&R Perris Transfer Station for processing. The facility is located at 1706 Goetz Road in Perris.
 - b) The franchise waste hauler primarily uses the El Sobrante landfill for disposal, but may also utilize the Badlands and/or Lamb Canyon landfills for disposal of the waste generated from the proposed Project. Descriptions of the local landfills are provided below:

El Sobrante Landfill:

The El Sobrante Landfill is located east of Interstate 15 and Temescal Canyon Road to the south of the City of Corona and Cajalco Road at 10910 Dawson Canyon Road. The landfill is owned and operated by USA Waste of California, a subsidiary of Waste Management, Inc., and encompasses 1,322 acres, of which 645 acres are permitted for landfill operation. The El Sobrante Landfill has a total disposal capacity of approximately 209.9 million cubic yards and can receive up to 70,000 tons per week (tpw) of refuse. USA Waste must allot at least 28,000 tpw

for County refuse. The landfill's permit allows a maximum of 16,054 tons per day (tpd) of waste to be accepted into the landfill, due to the limits on vehicle trips. If needed, 5,000 tpd must be reserved for County waste, leaving the maximum commitment of Non-County waste at 11,054 tpd. Per the 2018 Annual Report, the landfill had a remaining in-County disposal capacity of approximately 53.8 million tons.¹ In 2018, the El Sobrante Landfill accepted a daily average of 11,031 tons with a period total of approximately 3,386,471 tons. The landfill is expected to reach capacity in approximately 2060.

Badlands Landfill:

The Badlands Landfill is located northeast of the City of Moreno Valley at 31125 Ironwood Avenue and accessed from State Highway 60 at Theodore Avenue. The landfill is owned and operated by Riverside County. The existing landfill encompasses 1,168.3 acres, with a total permitted disturbance area of 278 acres, of which 150 acres are permitted for refuse disposal. The landfill is currently permitted to receive 4,500 tpd of MSW for disposal and 300 tpd for beneficial reuse. The site has an estimated total capacity of approximately 20.5 million tons². As of January 1, 2020 (beginning of day), the landfill had a total remaining disposal capacity of approximately 5.1 million tons.³ The current landfill remaining disposal capacity is estimated to last, at a minimum, until approximately 2022.⁴ From January 2019 to December 2019, the Badlands Landfill accepted a daily average of 2,878 tons with a period total of approximately 886,388 tons. Landfill expansion potential exists at the Badlands Landfill site.

Lamb Canyon Landfill:

The Lamb Canyon Landfill is located between the City of Beaumont and City of San Jacinto at 16411 Lamb Canyon Road (State Route 79), south of Interstate 10 and north of Highway 74. The landfill is owned and operated by Riverside County. The landfill property encompasses approximately 1,189 acres, of which 703.4 acres encompass the current landfill permit area. Of the 703.4-acre landfill permit area, approximately 144.6 acres are permitted for waste disposal. The landfill is currently permitted to receive 5,000 tpd of MSW for disposal and 500 tpd for beneficial reuse. The site has an estimated total disposal capacity of approximately 20.7 million tons.⁵ As of January 1, 2020 (beginning of day), the landfill has a total remaining capacity of approximately 8.7 million tons⁶. The current landfill remaining disposal capacity is estimated to last, at a minimum, until approximately 2029.⁷ From January 2019 to December 2019, the Lamb Canyon Landfill accepted a daily average of 1,925 tons with a period total of approximately 591,125 tons. Landfill expansion potential exists at the Lamb Canyon Landfill site.

¹ 2018 El Sobrante Landfill Annual Report- Based on 134,549,993 tons remaining capacity (40% for in-county waste).

² GASB_18_2019 – Engineering Estimate for total landfill capacity

³ GASB_18_2019 & SiteInfo

⁴ SWFP # 33-AA-0006

⁵ GASB 18_2019 – Engineering Estimate for total landfill capacity

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⁷ SWFP # 33-AA-0007

3. To further reduce potential impacts to solid waste services, the RCDWR offers the following suggestions for consideration, which were developed to meet the goals and standards of State legislation and regulations addressing solid waste, including recycling and organics management to help reduce the Project's anticipated solid waste impacts and enhance the City's efforts to comply with the State's mandate of 50% solid waste diversion from landfilling:
 - The use of mulch and/or compost in the development and maintenance of landscaped areas within the project boundaries is recommended. Recycle green waste through either onsite composting of grass, i.e., leaving the grass clippings on the lawn, or sending separated green waste to a composting facility.
 - Consider xeriscaping and the use of drought tolerant low maintenance vegetation in all landscaped areas of the project.
 - Hazardous materials are not accepted at the Riverside County landfills. Any hazardous wastes, including paint, used during construction must be properly disposed of at a licensed facility in accordance with local, state and federal regulations. For further information regarding the determination, transport, and disposal of hazardous waste, please contact the Riverside County Department of Health, Environmental Protection and Oversight Division, at 1.888.722.4234.
 - AB 341 focuses on increased commercial waste recycling as a method to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. The regulation requires businesses and organizations that generate four or more cubic yards of waste per week and multifamily units of 5 or more, to recycle. A business shall take at least one of the following actions in order to reuse, recycle, compost, or otherwise divert commercial solid waste from disposal:
 - Source separate recyclable and/or compostable material from solid waste and donate or self-haul the material to recycling facilities.
 - Subscribe to a recycling service with waste hauler.
 - Provide recycling service to tenants (if commercial or multi-family complex).
 - Demonstrate compliance with requirements of California Code of Regulations Title 14.
 - For more information, please visit:
<http://www.rcwaste.org/business/recycling/mcr>
 - AB 1826 requires businesses and multifamily complexes to arrange for organic waste recycling services. Those subject to AB 1826 shall take at least one of the following actions in order to divert organic waste from disposal:
 - Source separate organic material from all other recyclables and donate or self-haul to a permitted organic waste processing facility.

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- Enter into a contract or work agreement with gardening or landscaping service provider or refuse hauler to ensure the waste generated from those services meet the requirements of AB 1826.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to comment on the NOP. Please continue to include the RCDWR in future transmittals. Please email me at khesterl@rivco.org if you have any questions regarding the above comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'KH' or 'Kinika', written in a cursive style.

Kinika Hesterly
Urban/Regional Planner IV

DM# 254995

From: Mauricio Alvarez <malvarez@riversidetransit.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2020 3:03 PM
To: H.P. Kang <HKang@cityofhemet.org>
Subject: Stetson Corner Project- NOP Comments

Warning: This email originated from outside the City of Hemet. Think before you click!

Hello,

RTA has reviewed the plans you have sent and only have one comment:

1. ADA compliant, connected sidewalk on both the Sanderson and Stetson sides.

Thank you,

Mauricio Alvarez, MBA

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SENT VIA E-MAIL:

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April 14, 2020

Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report for the Proposed Stetson Corner Project

South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) staff appreciates the opportunity to comment on the above-mentioned document. South Coast AQMD staff's comments are recommendations regarding the analysis of potential air quality impacts from the Proposed Project that should be included in the Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Please send South Coast AQMD a copy of the EIR upon its completion and public release. Note that copies of the EIR that are submitted to the State Clearinghouse are not forwarded to South Coast AQMD. Please forward a copy of the EIR directly to South Coast AQMD at the address shown in the letterhead. **In addition, please send with the EIR all appendices or technical documents related to the air quality, health risk, and greenhouse gas analyses and electronic versions of all air quality modeling and health risk assessment files¹. These include emission calculation spreadsheets and modeling input and output files (not PDF files). Without all files and supporting documentation, South Coast AQMD staff will be unable to complete our review of the air quality analyses in a timely manner. Any delays in providing all supporting documentation will require additional time for review beyond the end of the comment period.**

Air Quality Analysis

The South Coast AQMD adopted its California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Air Quality Handbook in 1993 to assist other public agencies with the preparation of air quality analyses. The South Coast AQMD recommends that the Lead Agency use this Handbook as guidance when preparing its air quality analyses. Copies of the Handbook are available from the South Coast AQMD's Subscription Services Department by calling (909) 396-3720. More recent guidance developed since this Handbook was published is also available on South Coast AQMD's website here: [http://www.aqmd.gov/home/regulations/ceqa/air-quality-analysis-handbook/ceqa-air-quality-handbook-\(1993\)](http://www.aqmd.gov/home/regulations/ceqa/air-quality-analysis-handbook/ceqa-air-quality-handbook-(1993)). South Coast AQMD staff also recommends that the Lead Agency use the CalEEMod land use emissions software. This software has recently been updated to incorporate up-to-date state and locally approved emission factors and methodologies for estimating pollutant emissions from typical land use development. CalEEMod is the only software model maintained by the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA) and replaces the now outdated URBEMIS. This model is available free of charge at: www.caleemod.com.

The South Coast AQMD has also developed both regional and localized significance thresholds. South Coast AQMD staff requests that the Lead Agency quantify criteria pollutant emissions and compare the

¹ Pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines Section 15174, the information contained in an EIR shall include summarized technical data, maps, plot plans, diagrams, and similar relevant information sufficient to permit full assessment of significant environmental impacts by reviewing agencies and members of the public. Placement of highly technical and specialized analysis and data in the body of an EIR should be avoided through inclusion of supporting information and analyses as appendices to the main body of the EIR. Appendices to the EIR may be prepared in volumes separate from the basic EIR document, but shall be readily available for public examination and shall be submitted to all clearinghouses which assist in public review.

results to the recommended regional significance thresholds found here: <http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/ceqa/handbook/scaqmd-air-quality-significance-thresholds.pdf>. In addition to analyzing regional air quality impacts, South Coast AQMD staff recommends calculating localized air quality impacts and comparing the results to localized significance thresholds (LSTs). LSTs can be used in addition to the recommended regional significance thresholds as a second indication of air quality impacts when preparing a CEQA document. Therefore, when preparing the air quality analysis for the Proposed Project, it is recommended that the Lead Agency perform a localized analysis by either using the LSTs developed by the South Coast AQMD or performing dispersion modeling as necessary. Guidance for performing a localized air quality analysis can be found at: <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/regulations/ceqa/air-quality-analysis-handbook/localized-significance-thresholds>.

The Lead Agency should identify any potential adverse air quality impacts that could occur from all phases of the Proposed Project and all air pollutant sources related to the Proposed Project. Air quality impacts from both construction (including demolition, if any) and operations should be calculated. Construction-related air quality impacts typically include, but are not limited to, emissions from the use of heavy-duty equipment from grading, earth-loading/unloading, paving, architectural coatings, off-road mobile sources (e.g., heavy-duty construction equipment) and on-road mobile sources (e.g., construction worker vehicle trips, material transport trips). Operation-related air quality impacts may include, but are not limited to, emissions from stationary sources (e.g., boilers), area sources (e.g., solvents and coatings), and vehicular trips (e.g., on- and off-road tailpipe emissions and entrained dust). Air quality impacts from indirect sources, such as sources that generate or attract vehicular trips, should be included in the analysis.

If the Proposed Project generates or attracts vehicular trips, especially heavy-duty diesel-fueled vehicles, it is recommended that the Lead Agency perform a mobile source health risk assessment. Guidance for performing a mobile source health risk assessment (“*Health Risk Assessment Guidance for Analyzing Cancer Risk from Mobile Source Diesel Idling Emissions for CEQA Air Quality Analysis*”) can be found at: <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/regulations/ceqa/air-quality-analysis-handbook/mobile-source-toxics-analysis>. An analysis of all toxic air contaminant impacts due to the use of equipment potentially generating such air pollutants should also be included.

The Proposed Project would include, among other things, a gasoline service station with 20 pumps. Benzene, which is a toxic air contaminant, may be emitted from the operation. To ensure that sensitive receptors are not going to be adversely affected by the exposure to benzene, it is recommended that the Lead Agency evaluate, quantify, and perform a health risk assessment for the Proposed Project and disclose the health impacts in the CEQA document. Guidance for performing a gasoline dispensing station health risk assessment can be found here: <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/permits/risk-assessment>.

In addition, guidance on siting incompatible land uses (such as placing homes near freeways) can be found in the California Air Resources Board’s (CARB) *Air Quality and Land Use Handbook: A Community Health Perspective*, which can be found at the following internet address: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/ch/handbook.pdf>. CARB’s Land Use Handbook is a general reference guide for evaluating and reducing air pollution impacts associated with new projects that go through the land use decision-making process. In the Handbook, CARB recommends a 300-foot separation between sensitive land uses and a large gasoline dispensing facility (defined as a facility with a throughput of 3.6 million gallons per year or greater, which should be based on a maximum permitted annual throughput). A 50-foot separation is recommended for typical gasoline dispensing facilities². Therefore, South Coast AQMD staff recommends that the Lead Agency review and consider the guidance document when making local

² California Air Resources Board. *Air Quality and Land Use Handbook: A Community Health Perspective*. Page 32. Accessed at: <https://www.arb.ca.gov/ch/handbook.pdf>.

planning and land use decisions. Additional guidance³ on strategies to reduce air pollution exposure near high-volume roadways can be found at: https://www.arb.ca.gov/ch/rd_technical_advisory_final.PDF.

Mitigation Measures

If the Proposed Project generates significant adverse air quality impacts, CEQA requires that all feasible mitigation measures that go beyond what is required by law be utilized during project construction and operation to minimize these impacts. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15126.4(a)(1)(D), any impacts resulting from mitigation measures must also be discussed. Several resources are available to assist the Lead Agency with identifying possible mitigation measures for the Proposed Project, including:

- Chapter 11 of the South Coast AQMD *CEQA Air Quality Handbook*
- South Coast AQMD's CEQA web pages at: <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/regulations/ceqa/air-quality-analysis-handbook/mitigation-measures-and-control-efficiencies>
- South Coast AQMD's Rule 403 – Fugitive Dust, and the Implementation Handbook for controlling construction-related emissions
- California Air Pollution Control Officers Association's (CAPCOA) *Quantifying Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Measures* available here: <http://www.capcoa.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/11/CAPCOA-Quantification-Report-9-14-Final.pdf>
- Other measures to reduce air quality impacts from land use projects can be found in the South Coast AQMD's Guidance Document for Addressing Air Quality Issues in General Plans and Local Planning. This document can be found at the following internet address: <http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/planning/air-quality-guidance/complete-guidance-document.pdf>

Alternative

In the event that the Proposed Project generates significant adverse air quality impacts, CEQA requires the consideration and discussion of alternatives to the project or its location which are capable of avoiding or substantially lessening any of the significant effects of the project. The discussion of a reasonable range of potentially feasible alternatives, including a “no project” alternative, is intended to foster informed decision-making and public participation. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15126.6(d), the EIR shall include sufficient information about each alternative to allow meaningful evaluation, analysis, and comparison with the Proposed Project.

South Coast AQMD Permit and Rules

The Proposed Project would include, among other things, a gasoline service station. A permit from South Coast AQMD would be required. South Coast AQMD should be identified as a Responsible Agency for the Proposed Project in the CEQA document. The assumptions in the air quality analysis in the CEQA document will be the basis for permit conditions and limits. The 2015 revised Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) methodology is being used by South Coast AQMD for determining operational health risks for permitting applications and also for all CEQA projects where South Coast AQMD is the Lead Agency. For general information on permits, please visit the South Coast AQMD webpage at: <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/permits>. Permitting questions can be directed to South Coast AQMD Engineering and Permitting staff at (909) 396-3385.

The CEQA document should also discuss how the Proposed Project will comply with applicable South Coast AQMD Rules, including, but may not be limited to, Rule 201 – Permit to Construct, Rule 203 –

³ In April 2017, ARB published a technical advisory, *Strategies to Reduce Air Pollution Exposure Near High-Volume Roadways: Technical Advisory*, to supplement ARB's Air Quality and Land Use Handbook: A Community Health Perspective. This Technical Advisory is intended to provide information on strategies to reduce exposures to traffic emissions near high-volume roadways to assist land use planning and decision-making in order to protect public health and promote equity and environmental justice. Available at: <https://www.arb.ca.gov/ch/landuse.htm>.

Permit to Operate, Rule 461 – Gasoline Transfer and Dispensing, and Rule 1401 – New Source Review of Toxic Air Containments.

Data Sources

South Coast AQMD rules and relevant air quality reports and data are available by calling the South Coast AQMD's Public Information Center at (909) 396-2001. Much of the information available through the Public Information Center is also available via the South Coast AQMD's webpage at: <http://www.aqmd.gov>.

South Coast AQMD staff is available to work with the Lead Agency to ensure that project air quality and health risk impacts are accurately evaluated and mitigated where feasible. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me, at lsun@aqmd.gov.

Sincerely,

Lijin Sun

Lijin Sun, J.D.

Program Supervisor, CEQA IGR

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