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DRAFT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT AND INITIAL STUDY

PROJECT TITLE: Conditional Use Permit (CUP) 2019-17/Inyo Face – Cannabis Retail

PROJECT LOCATION: 800 East Old Spanish Trail Highway, in the community of Charleston View

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project consists of the construction of a 1,355-sqft building for a retail cannabis store. This project has been applied for concurrently with a commercial cannabis cultivation of 5,000sqft or greater, business to be located on a parcel directly south of the cultivation project.

FINDINGS:

- A. The proposed project is consistent with goals and objectives of the Inyo County General Plan.
- B. The proposed project is consistent with the provisions of the Inyo County Zoning Ordinance.
- C. Potential adverse environmental impacts will not exceed thresholds of significance, either individually or cumulatively.
- D. Based upon the environmental evaluation of the proposed project, the Planning Department finds that the project does not have the potential to create a significant adverse impact on flora or fauna; natural, scenic and historic resources; the local economy; public health, safety, and welfare. This constitutes a Mitigated Negative Finding for the Mandatory Findings required by Section 15065 of the CEQA Guidelines.

The 30-day public & State agency review period for this Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration will expire on DATE. Inyo County is not required to respond to any comments received after this date.

Additional information is available from the Inyo County Planning Department. Please contact Project Planner if you have any questions regarding this project.

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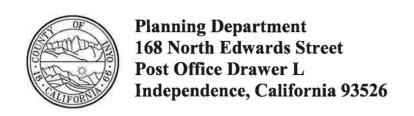
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EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

- 1) A brief explanation is required for all answers except "No Impact" answers that are adequately supported by the information sources a lead agency cites in the parentheses following each question. A "No Impact" answer is adequately supported if the referenced information sources show that the impact simply does not apply to projects like the one involved (e.g., the project falls outside a fault rupture zone). A "No Impact" answer should be explained where it is based on project-specific factors as well as general standards (e.g., the project will not expose sensitive receptors to pollutants, based on a project-specific screening analysis).
- 2) All answers must take account of the whole action involved, including off-site as well as on-site, cumulative as well as project-level, indirect as well as direct, and construction as well as operational impacts.
- 3) Once the lead agency has determined that a particular physical impact may occur, then the checklist answers must indicate whether the impact is potentially significant, less than significant with mitigation, or less than significant. "Potentially Significant Impact" is appropriate if there is substantial evidence that an effect may be significant. If there are one or more "Potentially Significant Impact" entries when the determination is made, an EIR is required.
- 4) "Negative Declaration: Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated" applies where the incorporation of mitigation measures has reduced an effect from "Potentially Significant Impact" to a "Less Than Significant Impact." The lead agency must describe the mitigation measures, and briefly explain how they reduce the effect to a less than significant level (mitigation measures from Section XVII, "Earlier Analyses," 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 issues.



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- 1. Project title: CUP 2019-17/Inyo Face Cannabis Retail
- 2. <u>Lead agency name and address</u>: Inyo County Planning Department, PO Drawer L, Independence, CA 93526
- 3. Contact person and phone number: Cathreen Richards: 760-878-0447
- 4. Project location: 800 East Old Spanish Trail Highway in the community of Charleston View
- 5. <u>Project sponsor's name and address</u>: Inyo Face LLC. Ken Sobel, 2152 Crownhill Road, San Diego 92109
- 6. General Plan designation: Resort Recreational
- 7. Zoning: Highway Services and Tourist Commercial
- 8. <u>Description of project</u>: The project consists of the construction of a 1,355-sqft building for a retail cannabis store. This project has been applied for concurrently with a commercial cannabis cultivation of 5,000sqft or greater, business to be located on a parcel directly south of the cultivation project.
- 9. <u>Surrounding land uses and setting</u>: The proposed cannabis retail store project is located in an area that is dominated by vacant, open space, land with a few single family homes found throughout. The terrain is flat, covered with desert scrub and surrounded by mountains on all sides. It is typical of basin and range geography.

Location:	Use:	Gen. Plan Designation	Zoning
North	Old Spanish Trail Highway with Vacant land adjacent	N/A	N/A
South	Vacant parcels with concurrent cultivation application	Residential Rural Medium Density (RRM)	Rural Residential (RR)
East	Vacant	Resort Recreational (REC)	Open Space (OS)
West	Vacant	Resort Recreational (REC)	Highway Services and Tourist Commercial (C2)

10. Other public agencies whose approval is required: Inyo County Building and Safety, Inyo County Environmental Health, Inyo Mono Agricultural Commission

11. 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, has consultation begun? Invo County started the 30-day Tribal Consultation opportunity period, according to Public Resource code section 21080.31, by sending out certified written notices on August 25, 2020 inviting the Tribes to consult on the project. It described the project and location. The tribes that were notified are: Big Pine Tribe of Owens Valley, Bishop Paiute Tribe, Fort Independence Indian Community of Paiutes, Lone Pine Paiute-Shoshone Tribe, Timbisha Shoshone tribe, Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians, Cabazon Band of Mission Indians and the Torrez Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians. On September 24, 2020 the Fort Independence Indian Community of Paiutes requested consultation and copies of the biological and cultural resources studies. Staff sent the requested materials on September 29, 2020 and subsequent requested materials on November 2, 2020. The Tribe has been non-responsive since. Since no comments have been provided and no formal consultation meeting date requested, staff is submitting this Negative Mitigated Negative Declaration for a 30-day review and comment period. The County will continue to be open to consultation with the Tribe during this period. If the Tribe does not provide comments or schedule a formal consultation meeting within this 30-day period, the County, per Public Resources Code 21082.3 (d)(2) will consider the consultation process complete and certify the Mitigated Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact. No other Tribes have requested consultation on the project.

Note: Conducting consultation early in the CEQA process allows tribal governments, lead agencies, and project proponents to discuss the level of environmental review, identify and address potential adverse impacts to tribal cultural resources, and reduce the potential for delay and conflict in the environmental review process. (See Public Resources Code section 21083.3.2.) Information may also be available from the California Native American Heritage Commission's Sacred Lands File per Public Resources Code section 5097.96 and the California Historical Resources Information System administered by the California Office of Historic Preservation. Please also note that Public Resources Code section 21082.3(c) contains provisions specific to confidentiality.

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:

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

following pages. Aesthetics Resources Agriculture & Forestry Air Quality Cultural Resources Energy ⊠Biological Resources Geology /Soils Greenhouse Gas Emissions Hazards & Hazardous Materials Hydrology/Water Quality Land Use / Planning Mineral Resources Noise Population / Housing Public Services Recreation Transportation Tribal Cultural Resources Wildfire Mandatory Findings of Utilities / Service Systems Significance **DETERMINATION** 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. \boxtimes 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 EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required. 19/3/2020

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Less Than Significant Potentially With Less Than Significant Mitigation Significant No Impact Incorporation Impact Impact I. AESTHETICS -- Would the project: a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista? No, project's proposed retail cannabis store will be 13', 6" in height. It does not exceed the allowed height of 40-feet. This building will front the Old Spanish Trail Highway and will be noticeable from it. It will not affect the overall scenic quality of the area or a particular scenic vista as you will be able to see over it to the surrounding mountains. X b) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway? No, there are no scenic resources other than views of the desert landscape and surrounding mountains. There are no trees, rock outcroppings or historic buildings, nor is the project located within a scenic highway corridor. X 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 No, although views to the project might be possible from high points on surrounding public lands, it will not affect the overall scenic integrity of the area as the views would be from a considerable distance, the proposed building is only 13', 6", which does not exceed the 40-foot allowed height, and this project is located near other buildings. d) Create a new source of substantial light or glare which X would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area? No, the project is required to meet State regulations and County General Plan policy, related to light and glare; therefore, will not affect day or nighttime views. II. AGRICULTURE AND FOREST RESOURCES: In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Dept. 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 \boxtimes 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? No, the project is not located on farmland. b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a \boxtimes Williamson Act contract? No, the project is not located on land zoned exclusively for agriculture. Inyo County has no Williamson Act contracts. c) Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause \boxtimes

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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))?				
No, the project is not located on timberland.		Sec. 1	San V	1000
d) Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?				\boxtimes
No, the project is not located on forestland.				
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?				
No, the project is not located on farmland.				
III. AIR QUALITY: Where available, the significance criteria estab management or air pollution control district may be relied upon to management or air pollution control district may be relied upon to management or air pollution control district may be relied upon to management or air pollution control district may be relied upon to management or air pollution control district may be relied upon to management or air pollution control district may be relied upon to management or air pollution control district may be relied upon to management or air pollution control district may be relied upon to management or air pollution control district may be relied upon to management or air pollution control district may be relied upon to management or air pollution control district may be relied upon to management or air pollution control district may be relied upon to management or air pollution control district may be relied upon to management or air pollution control district may be relied upon to management or air pollution control district may be relied upon to management or air pollution control district may be relied upon to management or air pollution or air pollution or air pollution control district may be relied upon to management or air pollution or air pollut			Vould the projec	
a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?				\boxtimes
No, there is not an air quality plan for the area in which the project i	s proposed.			
b) Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?				
No, there are not air quality standards being violated in the area for	the area in whic	ch the project is pro	posed.	
c) 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 (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?			⊠	
No, the project includes a cannabis retail store. It is not within an ar of the project components will release emissions that exceed ozone th		-attainment for any	criteria polluta	ents and none
d) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?				
No, the project includes a cannabis retail store that will not produce	Substantial poli	utant concentration	ıs.	
e) Result in other emissions (such as those leading to odors) adversely affecting a substantial number of people? No, the project includes a cannabis retail store that will not produce	emissions such	as those that lead t	o odors.	\boxtimes
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?				

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A Biological Resources Report was prepared by applicant-supplied biologists who work for RECON Environmental, Inc. The California Natural Diversity Data Base (CNDDB); All Species Occurrences Database, US Fish and Wildlife; and, the California Native Plant Society (CNPS) databases were queried to identify special-status plant and wildlife species that could potentially be found in the project impact area. Field surveys for the presence of special status species were also conducted on April 14-15, 2020. The parcel proposed for development had no observed candidate, sensitive or special status plants. Some of the project parcel is already disturbed, but there is moderate to high potential for habitat for Goodding's phacelia, Nye and Gravel's milk-vetch. There

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were also no observations of candidate, sensitive or special status wildlife species. There is potential, though, for desert tortoise and burrowing owl to occur within the project site. Because of these factors, the project is conditioned with a pre-construction survey to verify that there are still none of these plant and/or animal species on the site prior to ground breaking activities. If any candidate, sensitive or special status plant or animal species are observed during the pre-construction survey, the project will be suspended until mitigation measures are implemented. Due to the absence of any candidate, sensitive or special status plant or wildlife species on the parcel and the extra step of a pre-development survey, the impact of the project is less than significant.

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The biological resources report can be found at: https://www.inyoc	ounty.us/service	es/planning-depar	tment/current-pro	jects
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 US Fish and Wildlife Service?				\boxtimes
No, there is no identified riparian habitat on the project site based of close proximity, that would be affected by the project.	on the USFWS I	National Wetlands	Inventory Mappi	ng Tool, or in
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 of means?				
No, there are no identified wetlands on the project site based on the proximity to any that would be affected by the project.	USFWS Nation	nal Wetlands Inve	ntory Mapping To	ol, or in close
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?				
No, although the project site could potentially have occurrences of wildlife species.	wildlife species	, the project will n	ot interfere with n	nigratory fish or
e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?				
No, there are no local policies or ordinances protecting biological	resources that p	pertain to the proje	ect site.	
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?				
No, there are no adopted habitat or conservation plans that affect ti	he project site.			
V. CULTURAL RESOURCES: Would the project: a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in Section 15064.5?				
No, a cultural study was conducted by RECON Environmental Inc. Historical Resources Information System and a field survey was co Section 15064.5 were found. The study can be found at: https://www.inyocounty.us/services/plan	nducted on Apr	il 13-14, 2020. No	historical resourc	
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b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to Section 15064.5?				
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No, a cultural study was conducted by RECON Environmental Inc. on the project site including a records request to the California Historical Resources Information System and the Native American Heritage Commission. A field survey was also conducted on April 13-14, 2020. No archaeological resources as defined in Section 15064.5 were found. In the unlikely event an archaeological or cultural resource is discovered on the site during any future development, work shall immediately stop and Inyo County staff shall

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immediately be notified per Inyo County Code (ICC) Chapter 9.52, Disturbance of Archaeological, Paleontological and Historical Features of the Inyo County Code. Therefore, the project will not cause an adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource if by chance one is discovered, pursuant to Section 15064.5. The study can be found at:

https://www.inyocounty.us/services/planning-department/current-pr	ojects			
e) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of dedicated cemeteries?				
No, there are no known human remains or burial sites on the parcelarchaeological resources. While unlikely, human remains are a pote other archaeological resources, as outlined in $(V b)$.				
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? No, the project is a commercial cannabis cultivation facility. It will is California Building Standards including Green and Title 24 Standards.		□ ge amounts of en	oxtimesergy and is required	□ I to meet
c) Conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable			\boxtimes	
energy or energy efficiency No, although the project is located in one of the County's Solar Ene it represents a very small percentage of that particular SEDA. The S developed would represent less than a percent of the entire SEDA, la	SEDA is 2,400-	acre. The propos	sed combined projec	cts, when
WII. GEOLOGY AND SOILS: Would the project: a) Directly or indirectly cause 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.				
No, the project is not in an Alquist-Priolo zone. Also, since anywhe approval of the CUP, the applicant shall work with the Inyo County structural specifications.				
ii) Strong seismic ground shaking? No, the California Building Code ensures that structures be built ac events.	cording to requ	Uuired seismic stan	⊠ ndards, designed to	withstand such
iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?			\boxtimes	
No, the project site is not in an area known to be prone to ground fa site will be assessed and a determination will be made if a soils repo structures.				
iv) Landslides? No, the project area is primarily level, with the proposed facility bu	☐ ilt on a slope o	\Box f less than five pe	ercent.	
b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil? No, the proposed project will result in the disturbance of soil due to result from excavation, grading, and re-deposition of fill material. I Building Standards that require Best Management Practices be imp	pre-constructi Future developi	on grading. Tem ment will require	⊠ porary construction compliance with th	e California

leaving the site.

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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?				
No, the proposed project is not located in an area with a geologic ur about the quality of the soil during the development of the property, and Safety Department to employ the proper design standards that n	the applicant/dev	veloper shall work v		
d) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property?			\boxtimes	
No, the proposed project is not located in an area with a known expeduring the development of the property, the applicant/developer shall employ the proper design standards that mitigate for expansive soils	ll work with Inyo			
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?				
No, the project will require a County approved waste handling syste are common in the area and the soils are capable of supporting then approved by the Inyo County Environmental Health Department.				
f) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature? No, the project site does not include a unique paleontological or geo	ologic feature.			
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?			· 🗵	
No, the proposed cannabis cultivation project will not generate gree Temporary construction-related emissions will occur, but such dust practices.				
b) Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?				
No, the proposed project will not cause conflicts with a plan, policy gasses	or regulation add	opted for the purpo	se of reducing g	reenhouse
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?			\boxtimes	
No, the project, a cannabis retail store, will not generate, use, or tra	nsport hazardou	s materials.		
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?				
No, the project, a cannabis retail store, will not generate, use, or tra	nsport hazardou	s materials.		

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c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school? No, the proposed project is not within one-quarter mile of an existing handle acutely hazardous materials, substances or waste.	ag or proposed sci	□ hool, nor will it emi	□ it hazardous em	issions, or
d) Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?				
No, the proposed project is not located on a site included on a list of Code Section 65962.5. There are no DTSC sites mapped within or a the site vicinity on Geotracker and EnviroStor databases.				
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 for people residing or working in the project area?				
No, the project is not included in an airport land use plan or within	two miles of a pu	blic or public use a	tirport.	
f) Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?				
No, the proposed project will not physically interfere with an adopt	ed emergency pla	n or emergency evo	icuation plan.	
g) Expose people or structures, either directly or indirectly, to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires,?				
No, risk of loss, injury, and death involving wildland fires is minime no areas in proximity to it can be considered urbanized. Land surre residences in proximity of the project; therefore, the risk of loss, injuste, and any potential risk is further mitigated by compliance with within the Southern Inyo Fire Protection District.	ounding the project ury or death invol	ct site is sparsely ve lving wildland fires	egetated and the is less than sig	re are few nificant at this
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?				
No, the project will not violate any water quality standards or waste County's Environmental Health Department, the Inyo County Build Board, to determine what is required in terms of the NPDES/SWPP regulatory criteria and site characteristics (soils, slopes, etc.).	ling and Safety De	epartment, as well o	as the Regional	Water Quality
b) Substantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that the project may impede sustainable groundwater management of the basin? No, the project, a retail cannabis store, will not use water in excess current zoning. Also, it is located in an area identified as a 'low and Management Act Basin Prioritization Map, May 2020). The application Environmental Health Department and meet all State regulations p	d very low priorit ant will have to ob	y' basin (State Sust otain well permit(s)	ainable Ground	lwater

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

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manner which would: i) result in a substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site; No, the project is proposed in an area that is virtually flat and there a impervious surface from the project. There are some off-site run-off a been reviewed by the County Public Works Department and they foun issues are found at pre-construction, they will be addressed during by	reas east and so nd no issues rega	utheast of the proj	ect location. Ti	he project has
ii) substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or offsite;				
No, the project is proposed in an area that is virtually flat and there a impervious surface from the project. There are some off-site run-off a been reviewed by the County Public Works Department and they four issues are found at pre-construction, they will be addressed during bu	reas east and so nd no issues rega	utheast of the proj	ect location. Ti	he project has
the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff; or]
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iv) impede or redirect flood flows? No, the project is proposed in an area that is virtually flat and there a impervious surface from the project. There are some off-site run-off a been reviewed by the County Public Works Department and they found issues are found at pre-construction, they will be addressed during but	reas east and so nd no issues rega	utheast of the proj	ect location. T	he project has
d) In flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zones, risk release of pollutants due to project inundation? No, the project is proposed in an area that is not included in a flood h		tsunami zone		
e) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan? No, the project is not proposed in an area that is included in a water			□ and water mand	⊠ agement plan.
XI. LAND USE AND PLANNING: Would the project:				
a) Physically divide an established community? No, the proposed project does not physically divide an established co	 mmunity.			
c) 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? No, the applicant is requesting a conditional use permit to operate a recode. The project site is located in the Highway Services and Tourist				
(REC) General Plan designation. Both allow for retail operations. KII. 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?				

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No, the project makes use of undeveloped land and no known mineral resources are located on it. No extraction of known mineral resources is being foregone by this project.

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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? There are no known locally-important mineral resources being foregoing.	□ gone as a result o	☐ If this project		
XIII. NOISE: Would the project result in the: 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?				
No, there will be some construction related noise from grading active noise will not exceed acceptable levels. Also, Occupational Safety are 8 hour day and 100 for a limit of 2 hours. Effects to sensitive receptor 'during daytime business hours' only.	nd Health Admin	istration (OSHA) al	llows for decibe	ls of 90 for an
b) Generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels? No, exposure to noise levels will be primarily airborne, and groundborne.	oorne vihrations	if any would be brid	of.	
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?	_			
No, the proposed project is not located within an airport land use pl	an, or within 2-n	niles of a public air	port.	
XIV. POPULATION AND HOUSING: Would the project: a) Induce substantial 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 is not likely to induce population growth. Work Given the lack of residential infrastructure and services, employee h				
b) Displace substantial numbers of existing people or housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere? No, the proposed project will not displace existing housing or create an area of very sparse residential development.	a situation whe	re replacement hou	Sing will be nec	⊠ essary. It is in
XV. PUBLIC SERVICES: Would the project: a) 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? No, the Southern Inyo Fire Protection District was consulted on the area were given.	project. No conc	cerns related to thei	⊠ ir ability to serv	the project
Police protection? No new police service will be required because of this project. Onside	☐ te private securit	U y will be used at the	⊠ e project locatio	on.

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Schools? No new school service will be required because of this project.				\boxtimes
Parks? No new parks will be required because of this project.				\boxtimes
Other public facilities? No, the proposed project will not create a need for additional public	services.			\boxtimes
XVI. RECREATION: Would the project: a) 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?				\boxtimes
No, the proposed project will not increase the use of existing recreate in the level of service required.	ional facilities. N	lo portion of this p	roject anticipate	es any change
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?				
No, the proposed project does not include, nor will it cause, a need for have an adverse physical effect on the environment.	or an increase in	parks or other rec	creational facilit	ies that migh
XVII. TRANSPORTATION: a) Conflict with a program, plan, ordinance or policy addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadway, bicycle and pedestrian facilities? No, the proposed project will not significantly increase traffic, and the facilities. Because of the extremely remote nature of the project local that do would be unchanged by this project. The concurrent cultivation Road Department, with regard to the roadway, a condition for the appropriate Trail Highway (a County Road) will be included, as well as, a require Spanish Trial Highway to meet the weight restrictions on it.	tion, few alternat on and retail pro oplicant to obtain	ive transportation jects were both re 1 an encroachment	opportunities ex viewed together permit for the C	xist, but those by the Count Old Spanish
b) Conflict or be inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines § 15064.3, subdivision (b)?. No, the concurrent projects consist of a cannabis cultivation, and a cwith CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.3, subdivision (b). The applica 20-vehicle trips coming and going per day from customers and 3-4 fr approximately 3-5 daily trips (arrivals and departures) by employees can be determined that the average daily trips are less than the 100 to Therefore, the Project will result in no impact to this resource. The stransit stop or high quality transit corridor.	int estimates that rom employees. T s and 1-2 deliver trips that would r	this retail cannab The concurrent cul ies per month. The equire a detailed i	is project will go tivation project Based on this it traffic analysis o	enerate about will generate nformation, it on the project
c) Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?				
The proposed project will not result in any design features for transpaccommodated on a parking lot on the project site.	portation that inc	rease hazard. Auto	os and trucks wi	ll be
d) Result in inadequate emergency access? No, the project is proposed on a site that is about 300-feet off a majo vehicles will be required as part of the project's final design.	r road via a loca	l road. Also, proo	⊠ f of access for e	mergency

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a) cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a ribal cultural resource, defined in Public Resources Code § 21074 as either a site, feature, place, cultural landscape that is geographically defined in terms of the size and scope of the andscape, 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), or				
No, a cultural study was conducted by RECON Environmental Inc. Historical Resources Information System and the Native American I 3-14, 2020. No historical resources as defined in Section 15064.5 Section 5020.1(k) were found. If any archaeological or cultural resovers shall immediately stop and Inyo County staff shall immediately Disturbance of Archaeological, Paleontological and Historical Features an adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resources Code Section 5020.1(k)	Heritage Commi. that includes res ource is discover y be notified per tures of the Inyo	ssion. A field survey ources as defined in ed on the site during Inyo County Code (County Code. Ther	was also condu Public Resourc g any future dev ICC) Chapter 9 vefore, the proje	acted on April ces Code velopment, 0.52, ect will not
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 § 5024.1. In applying the criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resource Code § 5024.1, the lead agency shall consider the significance of the resource to a California Native American tribe. No, a cultural study was conducted by RECON Environmental Inc. Historical Resources Information System and the Native American in 13-14, 2020. No archaeological or cultural resources as defined Public Technological or cultural resource is discovered on the site during County staff shall immediately be notified per Inyo County Code (IC) and Historical Features of the Inyo County Code. The project described information was requested related to the project by the Icomments or requests to scheduled formal consultation meetings we notification.	f on the project sit Heritage Commi Iblic Resources (Tany future devel CC) Chapter 9.52 Port Independend	ssion. A field survey Code Section 5024.1 lopment, work shall 2, Disturbance of Ar sent to Tribes reque ce Community of Pa	was also condu were found. If a immediately sto chaeological, F sting AB52 noti iutes. No subsec	ucted on April any op and Inyo Paleontological ification. quent
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?				
No, the proposed project will not result in the construction of new o existing pole. The project will connect to that. Water will be obtaine septic systems.				
b) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project and reasonably foreseeable future development during normal, dry and multiple dry years? Yes, all water necessary for the project will be pumped on site. The	applicant will a	So be using a recycl	⊠ ed water systen	n for irrigation

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Yes, all water necessary for the project will be pumped on site. The applicant will also be using a recycled water system for irrigation on the concurrent cultivation project. The proposed Conditional Use Permit will not result in a need for new entitlements of water resources (except well permits), nor will the proposed future use of the site, a cannabis retail business. Current principle uses for the project site, under the County's "Highway Services and Tourist Commercial" designation, include a wide array of retail uses. These similar uses would likely have equivalent water usage as the proposed cannabis facilities. Also, the project is located in an area identified as a 'low and very low priority' basin (State Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Basin Prioritization Map, May

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2020). The applicant will have to obtain well permit(s) from the Count regulations pertaining to wells and groundwater.	ty Environmental I	Health Departmen	t and meet all Stat	e
c) Result in a determination by the waste water 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?				
No, the proposed project's wastewater treatment will not unduly burded Wastewater disposal will utilize on-site septic systems that will be revised Department.				
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?				
No, the proposed project will not create a need for additional solid wa	iste capacity. Solid	l waste needs for t	he project will be	minimal.
e) Comply with federal, state, and local management and reduction statutes and regulations related to solid waste?				
No, the proposed project and any subsequent development will comply Inyo County Department of Environmental Health.	v with Inyo County	r's solid waste star	idards, as required	d by the
XX. WILDFIRE: a) Substantially impair an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?				
No, there is not an adopted emergency response or evacuation plan for	r the area the pro	iect is proposed.		
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?				
No, there are no extenuating factors that will expose project occupant moderate at the project site. The project site and land surrounding the little to add to the wildfire risk in the area. The risk of loss, injury or a and any potential risk is further mitigated by compliance with Californ the Southern Inyo Fire Protection District.	e project site is spo leath involving wil	rsely vegetated. I Idland fires is less	he proposed proje than significant at	ct does this site
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				\boxtimes
temporary or ongoing impacts to the environment? No, the project will not cause the need for additional wildfire associate Southern Inyo Fire Protection District.	ted infrastructure.	The project site is	also located withi	in the
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?				
No, the proposed project location is on flat land and will not create de	ownslope or down	stream flooding or	· landslides.	
XXI. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE: a) Does the project have the potential to 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, 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?				

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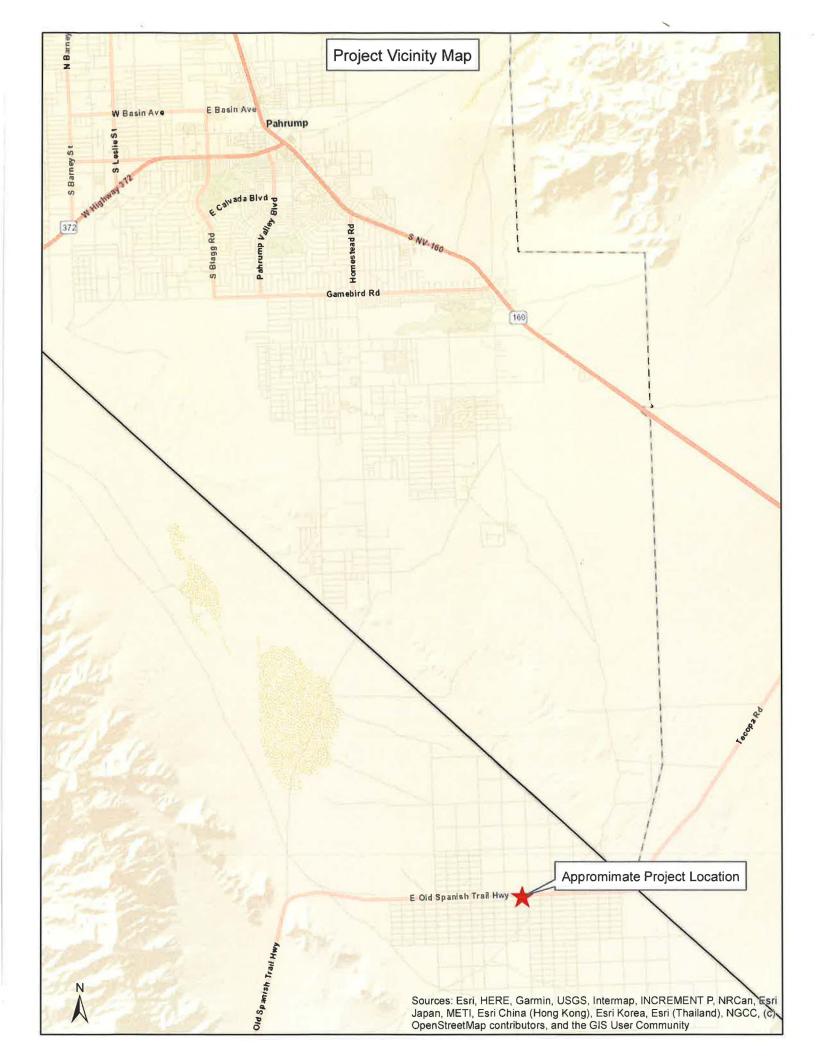
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No, the project will not impact or degrade the quality of the environment. The limited impacts to resources on the project area can be mitigated to less than significant. Minimization measures have been written into the Conditions of Approval for the permit & include the following: the applicant shall conduct additional surveys (pre-construction) to ensure the absence of sensitive plant or animal species; the applicant shall follow the County's General Plan Visual Resources Policy 1.6- Light and Glare; sewage disposal & odors will be addressed per Inyo County Environmental Health Department requirements; the applicant shall consult with the County Environmental Health Department to assure that all septic requirements and water well standards are met; the applicant will work with the County Road Department to obtain the necessary encroachment permits for the Old Spanish Trail Highway and ensure the weight limits for it will not be exceeded; and, the applicant shall work with the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board to determine if an application for a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (S.W.P.P.P) permit is necessary.

weight limits for it will not be exceeded; and, the applicant shall velocities determine if an application for a Stormwater Pollution Prevention		_		trol Board to
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)?				
No, the proposed project does not have impacts that are individual concurrently with a cannabis cultivation project that has also been other, are different enough in nature that they pose different potentue to the sparseness of the natural environment, and lack of dist the proposed developments.	n applied for. The utial impacts and	e two projects, al their combined i	though in close pro mpacts are less the	oximity to each an significant.
c) Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings,				\boxtimes

No, the proposed project has no known environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings either directly or indirectly. The proposed project would not adversely impact the residents in the vicinity and may have positive impacts resulting from employment opportunities.

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