PROJECT REPORT

TO: ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION COMMITTEE **AGENDA DATE: March 13, 2025**

FROM: PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES **AGENDA TIME 1:30 PM / No.2**

PROJECT TYPE: Burrtec Waste Industries CUP #24-0018 / IS #24-0028 SUPERVISOR DIST #4

LOCATION: 935 W Hwy 86 APN: 007-120-015-000

Salton City, CA 92274 PARCEL SIZE: +/- 320 acres

GENERAL PLAN (existing) Special Purpose Facility GENERAL PLAN (proposed) N/A

ZONE (existing) S-2 (Open Space / Preservation) ZONE (proposed) N/A

GENERAL PLAN FINDINGS ☒ CONSISTENT ☐ INCONSISTENT ☐ MAY BE/FINDINGS

PLANNING COMMISSION DECISION: HEARING DATE: _____

☐ APPROVED ☐ DENIED ☐ OTHER

PLANNING DIRECTORS DECISION: HEARING DATE: _____

☐ APPROVED ☐ DENIED ☐ OTHER

ENVIROMENTAL EVALUATION COMMITTEE DECISION: HEARING DATE: 03/13/2025

INITIAL STUDY: #24-0028

☐ NEGATIVE DECLARATION ☐ MITIGATED NEG. DECLARATION ☐ EIR

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / APPROVALS:

PUBLIC WORKS	☐ NONE	☒ ATTACHED
AG	☒ NONE	☐ ATTACHED
APCD	☐ NONE	☒ ATTACHED
E.H.S.	☒ NONE	☐ ATTACHED
FIRE / OES	☒ NONE	☒ ATTACHED
SHERIFF	☒ NONE	☐ ATTACHED
OTHER		

REQUESTED ACTION:

(See Attached)

☐ **NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

☑ **MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

Initial Study & Environmental Analysis
For:

Initial Study #24-0028 for Conditional Use Permit #24-0018
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SECTION 1
INTRODUCTION

A. PURPOSE

This document is a ☐ policy-level, ☒ project level Initial Study for evaluation of potential environmental impacts resulting with the proposed Conditional Use Permit #24-0018 to amend water well CUP #23-0030 to allow for 3 water wells on site. (Refer to Exhibit "A" & "B").

B. CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) REQUIREMENTS AND THE IMPERIAL COUNTY'S GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTING CEQA

As defined by Section 15063 of the State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines and Section 7 of the County's "CEQA Regulations Guidelines for the Implementation of CEQA, as amended", an **Initial Study** is prepared primarily to provide the Lead Agency with information to use as the basis for determining whether an Environmental Impact Report (EIR), Negative Declaration, or Mitigated Negative Declaration would be appropriate for providing the necessary environmental documentation and clearance for any proposed project.

☐ According to Section 15065, an **EIR** is deemed appropriate for a particular proposal if the following conditions occur:

- The proposal has the potential to substantially degrade quality of the environment.
- The proposal has the potential to achieve short-term environmental goals to the disadvantage of long-term environmental goals.
- The proposal has possible environmental effects that are individually limited but cumulatively considerable.
- The proposal could cause direct or indirect adverse effects on human beings.

☐ According to Section 15070(a), a **Negative Declaration** is deemed appropriate if the proposal would not result in any significant effect on the environment.

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

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

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

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

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

C. INTENDED USES OF INITIAL STUDY AND NEGATIVE DECLARATION

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

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

D. CONTENTS OF INITIAL STUDY & NEGATIVE DECLARATION

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

SECTION 1

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

SECTION 2

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

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

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

SECTION 3

III. MANDATORY FINDINGS presents Mandatory Findings of Significance in accordance with Section 15065 of the CEQA Guidelines.

IV. PERSONS AND ORGANIZATIONS CONSULTED identifies those persons consulted and involved in preparation of this Initial Study and Negative Declaration.

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

VI. NEGATIVE DECLARATION – COUNTY OF IMPERIAL

VII. FINDINGS

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VIII. RESPONSE TO COMMENTS (IF ANY)

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

E. SCOPE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

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

1. **No Impact:** A "No Impact" response is adequately supported if the impact simply does not apply to the proposed applications.

2. **Less Than Significant Impact:** The proposed applications will have the potential to impact the environment. These impacts, however, will be less than significant; no additional analysis is required.

3. **Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated:** This applies where incorporation of mitigation measures has reduced an effect from "Potentially Significant Impact" to a "Less Than Significant Impact".

4. **Potentially Significant Impact:** The proposed applications could have impacts that are considered significant. Additional analyses and possibly an EIR could be required to identify mitigation measures that could reduce these impacts to less than significant levels.

F. POLICY-LEVEL or PROJECT LEVEL ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

This Initial Study and Negative Declaration will be conducted under a ☐ policy-level, ☒ project level analysis. Regarding mitigation measures, it is not the intent of this document to "overlap" or restate conditions of approval that are commonly established for future known projects or the proposed applications. Additionally, those other standard requirements and regulations that any development must comply with, that are outside the County's jurisdiction, are also not considered mitigation measures and therefore, will not be identified in this document.

G. TIERED DOCUMENTS AND INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

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

1. Tiered Documents

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

"Tiering refers to using the analysis of general matters contained in a broader EIR (such as the one prepared for a general plan or policy statement) with later EIRs and negative declarations on narrower projects; incorporating by reference the general discussions from the broader EIR; and concentrating the later EIR or negative declaration solely on the issues specific to the later project."

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

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

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

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

(1) Were not examined as significant effects on the environment in the prior EIR; or

(2) Are susceptible to substantial reduction or avoidance by the choice of specific revisions in the project, by the imposition of conditions, or other means."

2. Incorporation By Reference

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

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

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

- This document must be available for inspection by the public at an office of the lead agency (CEQA Guidelines Section 15150[b]). These documents are available at the County of Imperial Planning & Development Services Department, 801 Main Street, El Centro, CA 92243 Ph. (442) 265-1736.

- These documents must summarize the portion of the document being incorporated by reference or briefly describe information that cannot be summarized. Furthermore, these documents must describe the relationship between the incorporated information and the analysis in the tiered documents (CEQA Guidelines Section 15150[c]). As discussed above, the tiered EIRs address the entire project site and provide background and inventory information and data which apply to the project site. Incorporated information and/or data will be cited in the appropriate sections.

- These documents must include the State identification number of the incorporated documents (CEQA Guidelines Section 15150[d]). The State Clearinghouse Number for the County of Imperial General Plan EIR is SCH #93011023.

- The material to be incorporated in this document will include general background information (CEQA Guidelines Section 15150[f]). This has been previously discussed in this document.

II. Environmental Checklist

1. **Project Title**: Burrtec Waste Industries, Inc – Conditional Use Permit #24-0018 / Initial Study #24-0028
2. **Lead Agency**: Imperial County Planning & Development Services Department
3. **Contact person and phone number**: Derek Newland, Planner III, (442)265-1736, ext. 1756
4. **Address**: 801 Main Street, El Centro CA, 92243
5. **E-mail**: dereknewland@co.imperial.ca.us
6. **Project location**: 935 W Hwy 86, Salton City, CA 92274
7. **Project sponsor's name and address**: Burrtec Waste Industries, Inc.
   9890 Cherry Avenue, Fontana, CA 92335
8. **General Plan designation**: Special Purpose Facility
9. **Zoning**: S-2 (Open Space / Preservation
10. **Description of project**: Conditional Use Permit (CUP) #24-0018 proposes to amend Conditional Use Permit #23-0030 to allow for 2 existing water wells and an additional 3rd water well to operate under the CUP with no change to the 92,000 gallons per day, 365 days a year (105-acre feet) in water allotment already allowed in CUP #23-0030 and no other development proposed.

Of the 2 existing water wells onsite, the first was drilled under CUP #09-0010 which received a Negative Declaration by the Environmental Evaluation Committee on August 13, 2009, and was approved on September 23, 2009, by the Planning Commission for a commercial water well to draw 5-acre feet per year.

In 2010, Burrtec Waste Industries, Inc. submitted CUP #10-0002 for the expansion of the existing landfill onsite. As part of this project an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) (SCH #2010071072) was prepared in which the daily use of 92,000 gallons of water per day, 365 days a year, from increased pumping of the existing water well (CUP #09-0010) was environmentally assessed and mitigated to a less than significant finding.

On November 7, 2012, the Final Environmental Impact Report, Findings of Fact, Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, CUP #10-0002 and Variance #10-0005 were approved by the Board of Supervisors. Within CUP #10-0002 under "Water Resources" within the "Conditions of Approval" section 3.0 "Operating Conditions" subsection 3.2 "Operational Requirements for Environmental Impact Mitigation", the usage of water on-site averaging 92,000 gallons per day, per 365 days per year being environmentally assessed by the EIR is acknowledged.

While CUP #10-0002 environmentally assessed the increased water extraction for the existing well permitted under CUP #09-0010 as a required need for the water needs for various mitigation measures within CUP #10-0002, CUP #09-0010 was never amended or superseded to modify the increase in water need.

On February 14, 2024, CUP #23-0030 was approved to amend and supersede CUP #09-0010 to modify the water allotment under the CUP to match the 92,000 gallons a day water need that was environmentally assessed in the CUP #10-0002 for operational mitigation measures for the landfill expansion.

On February 29, 2024, Burrtec Waste Industries, Inc submitted building permits seeking to drill a replacement well for the one that was originally drilled under CUP #09-0010 in an effort to meet the daily water needs as the older well's water flow had diminished. The drilling of the replacement is allowed under condition S-4 "Well Replacement" of CUP #23-0030. Upon drilling the replacement well, it was determined that the new well was not reaching the water flow needed to meet the daily 92,000 gallons per day. Under condition S-7: "Well Removal" of CUP #23-0030 the applicant

must destroy the old well in order to operate the replacement well or destroy the replacement well in order to either drill another replacement well or use the original well as only one active well is allowed within the CUP. Additionally, both wells may not reach 92,000 gallons a day; a third well may need to be drilled in order to meet the required water need.

Therefore, the applicant, Burrtec Waste Industries, Inc., has submitted CUP #24-0018 to amend CUP #23-0030 to allow for the operation of the 2 existing wells and a third well under the CUP. This would allow the applicant to keep the original well as well as its replacement and add a third well in an effort to meet the daily water needs for the operation of the permitted and active landfill located on the project parcel. No changes to the current water allotment allowed under CUP #23-0030 are proposed and the water needs mitigation of CUP #10-0002 will be conditioned as part of proposed CUP #24-0018.

11. **Surrounding land uses and setting**: The project is immediately surrounded by vacant desert lands on all sides. The privately owned Salton Sea Airport is located approximately 1 mile northeast of the project site, and the nearest home is 1.7 miles northeast. The home is part of a sparsely built subdivision of Salton City with the rest of the community further north about 2 miles.

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

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 confidentially, etc.? Letters providing an opportunity for consultation per Assembly Bill 52 were sent out to the Campo Band of Mission Indians and the Quechan Indian Tribe on November 01, 2024. On November 2, 2024, a no comment response was received from a representative of the Quechan Indian Tribe and on December 2, 2024, a Request for Consultation was received from the Campo Band of Mission Indians. On February 05, an email was received by a representative of the Campo Band of Mission Indians stating no more concerns after receiving the EIR (SCH# 2010071072) and clarifying via phone call. On February 13, 2025, after the project was changed to allow for a 3rd well option on the CUP an email was received requesting a monitor from the Campo Band of Mission Indians to be on site during the drilling of the 3rd well.

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 21080.3.2). 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	☐ Agriculture and Forestry Resources	☐ Air Quality
☐ Biological Resources	☐ Cultural Resources	☐ Energy
☐ 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
☐ Utilities/Service Systems	☐ Wildfire	☐ Mandatory Findings of Significance

ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION COMMITTEE (EEC) DETERMINATION

After Review of the Initial Study, the Environmental Evaluation Committee has:

☐ Found that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.

☒ Found that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.

☐ Found that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.

☐ Found that the proposed project MAY have a "potentially significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact on the environment, but at least one effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.

☐ Found that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.

EEC VOTES	YES	NO	ABSENT
PUBLIC WORKS	☐	☐	☒
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SVCS	☑	☐	☐
OFFICE EMERGENCY SERVICES	☑	☐	☐
APCD	☑	☐	☐
AG	☑	☐	☐
SHERIFF DEPARTMENT	☑	☐	☐
ICPDS	☑	☐	☐

for [signature]
Jim Minnick, Director of Planning/EEC Chairman

Date: 3-13-2025

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PROJECT SUMMARY

A. **Project Location**: The project is located at 935 W Hwy 86, Salton City, CA 92274, on Assessor's Parcel Number 007-120-015-000.

B. **Project Summary**: The project proposes to amend CUP #23-0030 to allow for 3 water wells under a single CUP with no proposed changes to the water allotment. There are currently 2 existing wells on the property with only one being permitted. The second well was intended as a replacement well but has been deemed required to mee the daily needs of the landfill. A 3rd water well proposed to be allowed if needed to meet the water requirements needed for mitigation of the landfill expansion under approved CUP #10-0002. CUP #23-0030 allows 92,000 gallons per day (105-acre feet per year).

C. **Environmental Setting**: The project is located on a parcel with a permitted and active landfill. The surrounding lands are vacant desert.

D. **Analysis**: The project site is designated as a "Special Purpose Facility" within the General Plan and zoned "S-2" (Open Space/Preservation) per Imperial County Land Use Ordinance (Title 9). Water wells are an allowed use within this zone and General Plan designation with an approved Conditional Use Permit.

E. **General Plan Consistency**: The project is consistent with the General Plan as water wells are an allowed use with an approved Conditional Use Permit per Title 9 Land Use Ordinance Division 21 "Water Well Regulations" Section 92102.00 "Permits Required".

Exhibit "A"
Vicinity Map

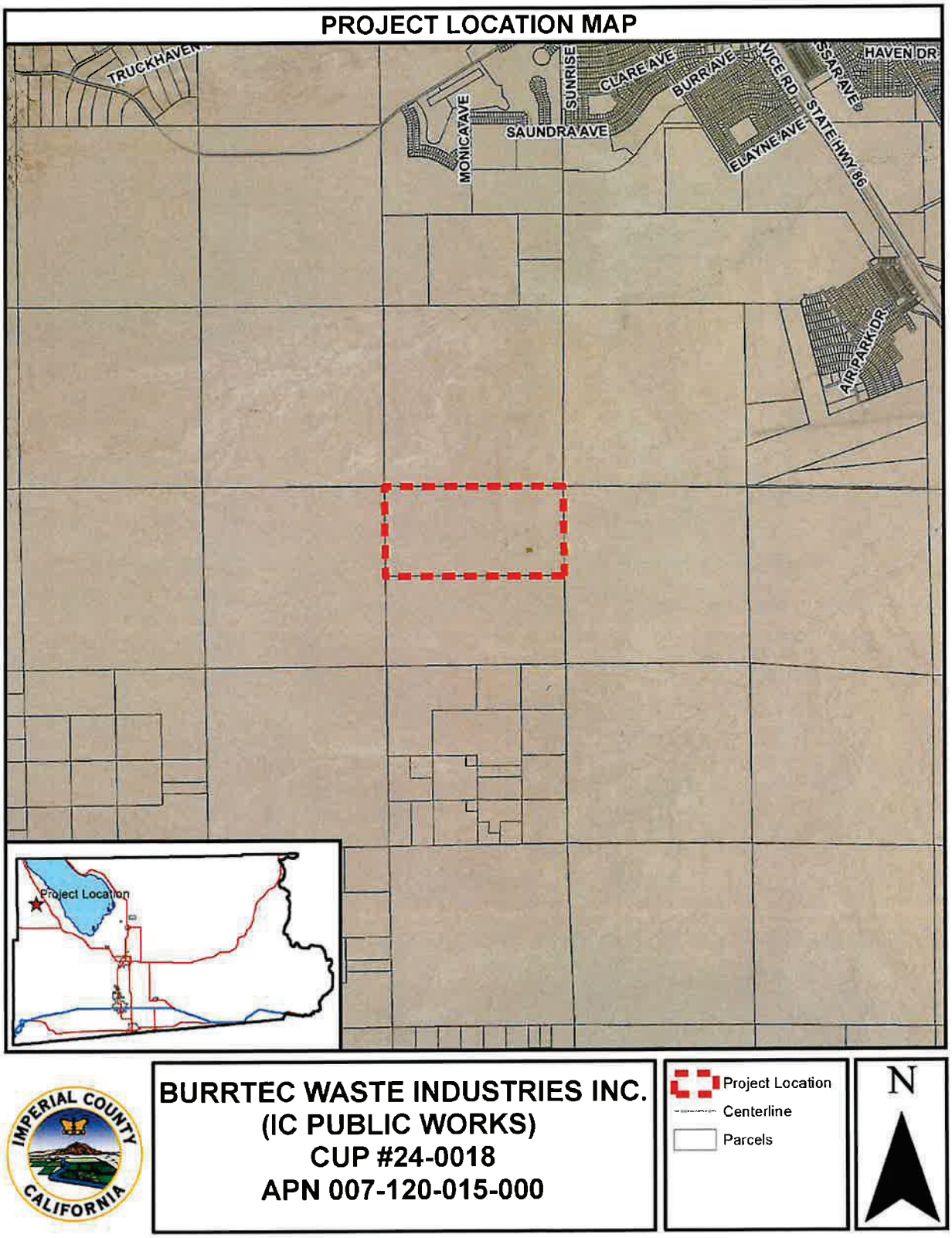

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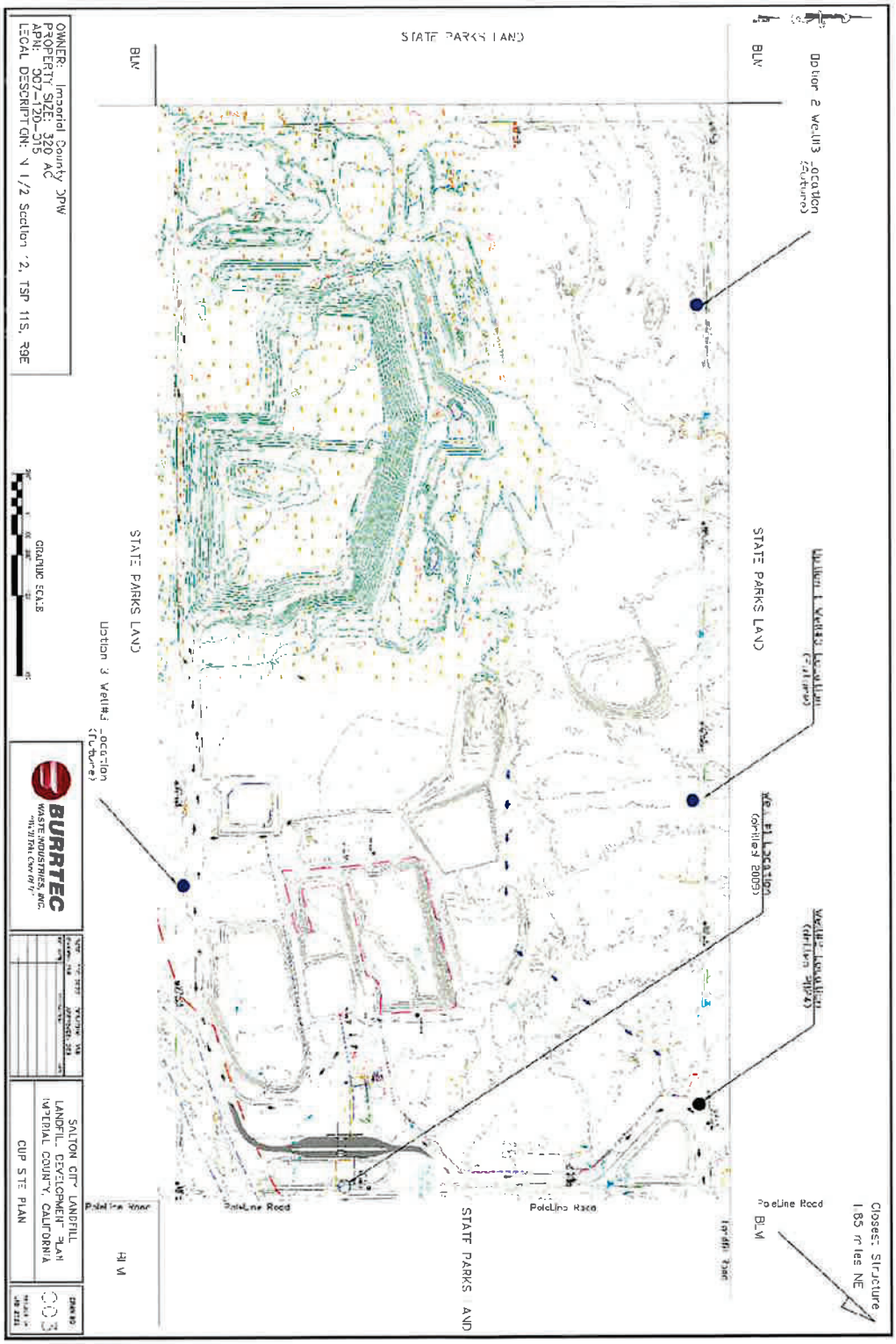
Exhibit "B"
Site Plan/Tract Map/etc.



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EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

1) A brief explanation is required for all answers except "No Impact" answers that are adequately supported by the information sources a lead agency cites in the parentheses following each question. A "No Impact" answer is adequately supported if the referenced information sources show that the impact simply does not apply to projects like the one involved (e.g., the project falls outside a fault rupture zone). A "No Impact" answer should be explained where it is based on project-specific factors as well as general standards (e.g., the project will not expose sensitive receptors to pollutants, based on a project-specific screening analysis).

2) All answers must take account of the whole action involved, including off-site as well as on-site, cumulative as well as project-level, indirect as well as direct, and construction as well as operational impacts.

3) Once the lead agency has determined that a particular physical impact may occur, then the checklist answers must indicate whether the impact is potentially significant, less than significant with mitigation, or less than significant. "Potentially Significant Impact" is appropriate if there is substantial evidence that an effect may be significant. If there are one or more "Potentially Significant Impact" entries when the determination is made, an EIR is required.

4) "Negative Declaration: Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated" applies where the incorporation of mitigation measures has reduced an effect from "Potentially Significant Impact" to a "Less Than Significant Impact." The lead agency must describe the mitigation measures, and briefly explain how they reduce the effect to a less than significant level (mitigation measures from "Earlier Analyses," as described in (5) below, may be cross-referenced).

5) Earlier analyses may be used where, pursuant to the tiering, program EIR, or other CEQA process, an effect has been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or negative declaration. Section 15063(c)(3)(D). In this case, a brief discussion should identify the following:

   a) Earlier Analysis Used. Identify and state where they are available for review.
   b) Impacts Adequately Addressed. Identify which effects from the above checklist were within the scope of and adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and state whether such effects were addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis.
   c) Mitigation Measures. For effects that are "Less than Significant with Mitigation Measures Incorporated," describe the mitigation measures which were incorporated or refined from the earlier document and the extent to which they address site-specific conditions for the project.

6) Lead agencies are encouraged to incorporate into the checklist references to information sources for potential impacts (e.g., general plans, zoning ordinances). Reference to a previously prepared or outside document should, where appropriate, include a reference to the page or pages where the statement is substantiated.

7) Supporting Information Sources: A source list should be attached, and other sources used or individuals contacted should be cited in the discussion.

8) This is only a suggested form, and lead agencies are free to use different formats; however, lead agencies should normally address the questions from this checklist that are relevant to a project's environmental effects in whatever format is selected.

9) The explanation of each issue should identify:

   a) the significance criteria or threshold, if any, used to evaluate each question; and
   b) the mitigation measure identified, if any, to reduce the impact to less than significance

	Potentially Significant Impact (PSI)	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated (LTSMI)	Less Than Significant Impact (LTSI)	No Impact (NI)

I. *AESTHETICS*

Except as provided in Public Resources Code Section 21099, would the project:

a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista or scenic highway? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒
a) The project is located on a parcel with an existing and active landfill located approximately 2.86 miles west of State Route 86, which is not designated as scenic highway. No impacts are expected.

b) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒
b) The project is located on a parcel with an existing and active landfill and will not damage scenic resources including trees, outcropping, and historic buildings and is not within a scenic highway. No impacts are expected.

c) In non-urbanized areas, substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of public views of the site and its surrounding? (Public views are those that are experienced from publicly accessible vantage point.) If the project is in an urbanized area, would the project conflict with applicable zoning and other regulations governing scenic quality? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒
c) The project site is located on a parcel containing an existing and operational landfill surrounded by vacant desert land, and SR 86 is 2.86 miles east of the project and the nearest residence is 1.7 miles northeast. As the purpose of the project consists of allowing for the operation of water wells it is not anticipated that the project would substantially degrade the existing character or quality of public views of the site and its surrounding as the water wells are small, low to the ground and unable to be seen from the nearest residence, public road or highway and are located on land containing an active and permitted landfill. No impacts are expected.

d) Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒
d) The project involves allowing for 3 water wells to operate on the property and constant lighting is not required for the well. The existing permitted landfill is already required to comply with the Imperial County's rules and regulations regarding onsite lighting and therefore no impacts are expected.

II. *AGRICULTURE AND FOREST RESOURCES*

In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Department of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. In determining whether impacts to forest resources, including timberland, are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to information compiled by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection regarding the state's inventory of forest land, including the Forest and Range Assessment Project and the Forest Legacy Assessment project; and forest carbon measurement methodology provided in Forest Protocols adopted by the California Air Resources Board. --Would the project:

a) Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒
a) The project is located in an unmapped area of the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program map and therefore would not convert Prime, Unique or Farmland of Statewide Importance. No impacts are expected.

b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act Contract? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒
b) The project would not conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use or a Williamson Act Contract as the S-2 (Open Space / Preservation) zone allows farming and there are no active Williamson Act Contracts in Imperial County. No impacts are expected.

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 ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

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by Government Code Section 51104(g))?
c) The project would not conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land, timberland, or timberland zoned Timberland Production as the project is located on a property with an existing and active landfill surrounded by desert land. No impacts are expected.

d) Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒
d) The project is located on a parcel with an active landfill and surrounded by vacant desert land. Therefore, the project would not result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to on-forest use. No impacts are expected.

e) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒
e) The project is located on a parcel containing an active landfill and surrounded by vacant desert land. Therefore, the project is not expected to involve any 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. No impacts are expected.

III. *AIR QUALITY*

Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management district or air pollution control district may be relied upon to the following determinations. Would the Project:

a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan? ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐
a) Per the Imperial County Air Pollution Control District's (APCD) comment letter dated November 08, 2024[1], the project will be required to continue meeting CUP conditions G-2 and S-9 as well as continue to comply with Regulation VIII – Fugitive Dust Rules. It is expected that continued adherence to APCD's rules and regulations, as well continued compliance with CUP conditions will bring any impact to less than significant.

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? ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐
b) The project is not expected to 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. Any impact would be considered less than significant.

c) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutants concentrations? ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐
c) The project is to allow the operation of water wells on the site. The project would not expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations. Any impact would be considered less than significant.

d) Result in other emissions (such as those leading to odors adversely affecting a substantial number of people? ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐
d) The project is not expected to result in other emissions, such as those leading to odors adversely affecting a substantial number of people. Any impact would be considered less than significant.

IV. *BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES Would the project:*

a) Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service? ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐
a) The project is an accessory use to the existing and operational landfill with its own mitigation laid out in an EIR prepared in 2011 (SCH #2010071072), the project is not expected to have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat

[1] Imperial County Air Pollution Control District comment letter dated November 08, 2024

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modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, polices or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Any impact would be considered less than significant.

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

b) The project is located on a parcel with an active landfill and surrounded by desert land and would not have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Any impact would be considered less than significant.

c) Have a substantial adverse effect on state or federally protected wetlands (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means? ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐

c) The project would not have a substantial adverse effect on state or federally protected wetlands through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means, as the project is to allow water wells to operate as an accessory use to the existing active and permitted landfill. Any impact would be considered less than significant

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

d) As stated previously in this section the project is located on an existing landfill site and therefore, is not expected to substantially interfere with the movement of any resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites. Any impact would be considered less than significant.

e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinance protecting biological resource, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance? ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐

e) The project would not conflict with any local policies or ordinance protecting a biological resource, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance. Impacts are anticipated to be less than significant.

f) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan? ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐

f) The project is not expected to conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan. Any impacts are anticipated to be less than significant.

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

a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource pursuant to §15064.5? ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐

a) The project is located on a parcel with an active and permitted landfill. A Conditional Use Permit (CUP #10-0002) for the expansion of the landfill was approved by the Board of Supervisors on October 9, 2012, and an EIR (SCH# 2010071072) was prepared as part of the project. The operating landfill must adhere to the approved Mitigation Measures of the CUP of which existing and future water wells are an accessory use. The project does not propose any substantial land disturbance and is not anticipated to cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource pursuant to §15064.5. Any impact would be expected to be less than significant.

b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to §15064.5? ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐

b) As stated in V-a, the project is located on a site with an active landfill which is subject to Mitigation Measures as part of its CUP allowing it to operate. The project does not propose substantial land disturbance or improvement and therefore, the project is not expected to cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to

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§15064.5. Any impact would be considered less than significant.

c) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of dedicated cemeteries? ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐

c) As stated previously in this section the project does not propose substantial land disturbance and as the project is an accessory use of the land fill expansion CUP, the project would also have to adhere to any Mitigation Measures defined by the EIR (SCH #2010071072). It is not expected that the project would disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of dedicated cemeteries and therefore, any impacts would be considered less than significant.

VI. ***ENERGY Would the project:***

a) Result in potentially significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources, during project construction or operation? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

a) The project would not result in potentially significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources, during project construction or operation. No impacts are anticipated.

b) Conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

b) The project would not conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency. No impacts are anticipated.

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

a) Directly or indirectly cause potential substantial adverse effects, including risk of loss, injury, or death involving: ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐

a) The project is not expected to directly or indirectly cause potential substantial adverse effects, including risk of loss, injury, or death. Any impacts are expected to be less than significant.

1) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42? ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐

1) The project is not located near an Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zone per the California Geological Survey Hazard Program: Alquist-Priolo Fault Hazard Zones online web application[2]. Therefore, the project would not be expected to directly or indirectly cause potential substantial adverse effects, including risk of loss, injury, or death due to rupture of a known earthquake fault. Any impact would be considered less than significant.

2) Strong Seismic ground shaking? ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐

2) The project is located in a seismically active area and the site would experience some shaking. However, any potential damage to the water wells is not expected to cause directly or indirectly potential adverse effects, including risk of loss, injury, or death due to strong seismic ground shaking. Therefore, impacts would be expected to be less than significant.

3) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction and seiche/tsunami? ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐

3) The project is not expected to directly or in indirectly cause potential substantial adverse effects, including risk of loss, injury, or death. Impacts would be considered less than significant.

4) Landslides? ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐

4) The project is not in a landslide area and therefore, is not expected to directly or in indirectly cause potential substantial adverse effects, including risk of loss, injury, or death. Impacts would be considered less than significant.

b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

b) The project would not result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil. No impacts are expected.

c) Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable or that ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐

[2] California Geological Survey Hazard Program: Alquist-Priolo Fault Hazard Zones

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would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslides, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?

c) The project involves allowing an existing water well and its existing replacement well to remain along with a proposed 3rd well. As the existing wells are stable it appears that they are not located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable or that would become unstable as a result of the project. Therefore, any impact would be expected to be less than significant.

d) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in the latest Uniform Building Code, creating substantial direct or indirect risk to life or property? ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐

d) The project does not appear to be located on expansive soil and is not expected to create substantial direct or indirect risk to life or property. Any impact would be considered less than significant.

e) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

e) The project does not require nor propose a wastewater disposal system. Therefore, no impact is expected.

f) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature? ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐

f) The project is located on a parcel with an active and permitted landfill. Therefore, it is not expected that the project would directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature. Therefore, any impacts are expected to be less than significant.

VIII. *GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION Would the project:*

a) Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment? ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐

a) The project is not expected to generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment. Compliance with APCD's rules and regulations are expected to bring any potential impact to a less than significant level.

b) Conflict with an applicable plan or policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases? ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐

b) The project would not conflict with an applicable plan or policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases. Any impact would be considered less than significant.

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? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

a) The project would not create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials as the project is to allow for three water wells to be permitted on a parcel with an active and permitted landfill and the water wells do not involve the transport, use or disposal of hazardous materials. No impacts are expected.

b) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonable foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment? ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐

b) The project is not expected to 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. Any impact would be considered less than significant.

c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

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hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?

c) The 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. The nearest school is West Shores High School, which is 5 miles northeast of the project location. No impacts are expected.

d) Be located on a site, which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

d) The project is not located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites as the parcel, nor landfill is not listed in the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) the DTSC EnviroStor Database[3]. Therefore, no impact is expected.

e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard or excessive noise for people residing or working in the project area? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

e) The project is located within the Salton Sea Airport Compatibility Zones; however, it is not expected that the existing water wells would result in a safety hazard or excessive noise for people residing or working in the project area. No impacts are expected.

f) Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

f) The project would not impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan. No impacts are expected.

g) Expose people or structures, either directly or indirectly, to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

g) The project would not expose people or structures, either directly or indirectly, to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires. No impacts are expected.

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? ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐

a) The project is not anticipated to violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade surface or ground water quality. Any impact would be expected to be less than significant.

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

b) The project is not expected to substantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge, such that the project may impede sustainable groundwater management of the basin. The current 92,000 gallons a day (105-acre feet per year) water allotment under CUP #23-0030 was environmentally assessed with mitigation measures under the landfill expansion CUP #10-0002 EIR (SCH #2010071072) and it is expected that compliance with the mitigation measure adopted with CUP #10-0002 would bring any impacts to less than significant.

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: ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐

[3] California Department of Toxic Substances Control: EnviroStor

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c) The project is located on a site with a permitted and active land fill. It is not anticipated that the project would 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. Any impact would be considered less than significant.

(i) result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site; ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

i) The project would not result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site. No impacts are expected.

(ii) substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or offsite; ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐

ii) It is not anticipated that the project would substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site. Any impact would be considered 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; ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐

iii) It is not anticipated that the project would 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. Any impact would be considered less than significant.

(iv) impede or redirect flood flows? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

iii) The project would not impede or redirect flood flows. No impacts are expected.

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

d) The project would not risk the release of pollutants due to project inundation as the project is not in a flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zones. Any impact would be considered less than significant.

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

e) It is not anticipated that the project would conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan. Any impact would be considered less than significant.

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

a) Physically divide an established community? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

a) The project would not physically divide an established community. No impacts are expected.

b) Cause a significant environmental impact due to a conflict with any land use plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect? ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐

b) The project is not anticipated to cause a significant environmental impact due to a conflict with any land use plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect. Any impact would be considered less than significant.

XII. *MINERAL RESOURCES Would the project:*

a) Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

a) The project will not 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. No impacts are expected.

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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?	☐	☐	☐	☒

b) The project will not result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or land use plan. No impacts are expected.

XIII. ***NOISE*** ***Would the project result in:***

a) Generation of a substantial temporary or permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the vicinity of the project in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?	☐	☐	☒	☐

a) The project is located on a permitted and active landfill site which uses heavy equipment in its daily operations. The well pumps are powered by diesel generators that along with the other operations on the site will be required to comply with the Imperial County Title 9 Land Use Ordinance Division 7: Noise Abatement and Control which limits the sound levels for industrial uses to 70 decibels over a one-hour average on or beyond the property boundaries at any time during the day. It is expected that compliance with the Imperial County's Noise Abatement and Control Ordinance would bring any potential impacts to less than significant.

b) Generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?	☐	☐	☒	☐

b) The purpose of the project is not expected to generate excessive ground-borne vibration or ground-borne noise levels. Any impact would be considered less than significant.

c) For a project located within the vicinity of a private airstrip or an airport land use plan or where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?	☐	☐	☐	☒

c) The project is within the Salton City Airport Compatibility Zone; however, the airport is lightly used, and the project is not expected to expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels. No impacts are expected.

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 business) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?	☐	☐	☐	☒

a) The project would not induce substantial unplanned population growth in an area either directly or indirectly. No impacts are expected.

b) Displace substantial numbers of existing people or housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?	☐	☐	☐	☒

b) The project would not displace substantial numbers of existing people or housing necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere. No impacts are expected.

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:	☐	☐	☐	☒

a) The project is to allow for up to 3 wells to be located on a site with a permitted and active landfill. As the project does not propose any additional changes to the water allotment already allowed in the CUP to be superseded or substantial development of the site through the proposed Conditional Use Permit Amendment, it is not expected that the project would

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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. No impacts are expected.

1) Fire Protection?	☐	☐	☐	☒
1) The project would have no impact on fire protection.				
2) Police Protection?	☐	☐	☐	☒
2) The project would have no impact on police protection.				
3) Schools?	☐	☐	☐	☒
3) The project would have no impact on schools.				
4) Parks?	☐	☐	☐	☒
4) The project would have no impact on parks.				
5) Other Public Facilities?	☐	☐	☐	☒
5) It is not expected that the project would have any impact on other public facilities. No impacts expected.				

XVI. *RECREATION*

a) Would the project increase the use of the existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?	☐	☐	☐	☒
a) The project would not increase the use of the existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated. No impacts expected.				
b) Does the project include increase the use of the existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?	☐	☐	☐	☒
b) The project would not increase the use of the existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated. No impacts expected.				

XVII. *TRANSPORTATION* ***Would the project:***

a) Conflict with a program plan, ordinance or policy addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadway, bicycle and pedestrian facilities?	☐	☐	☐	☒
a) The project would not conflict with a program plan, ordinance or policy addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadway, bicycle and pedestrian facilities. No impacts expected.				
b) Would the project conflict or be inconsistent with the CEQA Guidelines section 15064.3, subdivision (b)?	☐	☐	☐	☒
b) The project would not conflict or be inconsistent with the CEQA Guidelines section 15064.3, subdivision (b). No impacts are expected.				
c) Substantially increases hazards due to a geometric design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?	☐	☐	☐	☒
c) The project would not substantially increase hazards due to a geometric design feature or incompatible uses. No impacts are expected.				
d) Result in inadequate emergency access?	☐	☐	☐	☒
d) The project would not result in inadequate emergency access. No impacts are expected.				

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XVIII. ***TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES***

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

a) The project is to allow for 3 water wells to operate on the existing landfill site, the project was initially to allow for the 2 existing water wells to remain operational with the project then changing to propose a 3rd well in order to meet daily water needs due to the well flow rates not being high enough to meet daily need. Letters providing an opportunity for consultation per Assembly Bill 52 were sent out to the Campo Band of Mission Indians and the Quechan Indian Tribe on November 01, 2024. On November 2, 2024, and no comment response was received from the Quechan Indian Tribe and on December 02, 2024, a Request for Consultation was received from the Campo Band of Mission Indians. After providing the EIR (SCH# 2010071072) prepared for the landfill expansion and a phone conversation regarding the project was had on February 05, 2025 with a representative of the Campo Band of Mission Indians Tribe, an email stating no more concerns was received the same day, however, after the change in the project to include a possible 3rd water well the Tribe requested that a member be on-site during well drilling. It is expected that compliance with the Campo Band of Missions Indians request would bring any potential impacts to Tribal Cultural Resources to less than significant impacts.

MM CUL – 1: A representative of the Campo Band of Mission Indians shall be onsite to monitor and with the authority to stop and evaluate any debris during drilling operations for the water well.

(i) Listed or eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources, or in a local register of historical resources as define in Public Resources Code Section 5020.1(k), or ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐

(i) The project is located on a permitted and active landfill site which was environmentally assessed through an EIR (SCH# 2010071072) which covered Tribal Cultural Resources in its analysis. It is not listed or anticipated to be 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). Therefore, it is anticipated that any impact would be less than significant.

0 (ii) A resource determined by the lead agency, in its discretion and supported by substantial evidence, to be significant pursuant to criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code Section 5024.1. In applying the criteria set forth is subdivision (c) of Public Resource Code Section 5024.1, the lead agency shall consider the significance of the resource to a California Native American Tribe. ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐

(ii) As stated previously, the project is located on an active and permitted landfill site whose expansion was environmentally assessed through an EIR. It is not expected that the project would cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural 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. Any impact would be considered less than significant.

XIX. ***UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS*** ***Would the project:***

a) Require or result in the relocation or construction of new or expanded water, wastewater treatment or stormwater drainage, electric power, natural gas, or telecommunications facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

a) The project would not require or result in the relocation or construction of new or expanded water, wastewater treatment or stormwater drainage, electric power, natural gas, or telecommunications facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects. No impacts are expected.

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	Potentially Significant Impact (PSI)	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated (LTSMI)	Less Than Significant Impact (LTSI)	No Impact (NI)
b) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing and reasonably foreseeable future development during normal, dry and multiple dry years?	☐	☐	☒	☐

b) The project consists of allowing the operation of 3 wells on an active landfill site and is not anticipated to have an impact on utility water supplies and systems. Any impact would be expected to be less than significant.

c) Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?	☐	☐	☐	☒

c) The project would not result in a determination by a 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. No impacts are expected.

d) Generate solid waste in excess of State or local standards, or in excess of the capacity of local infrastructure, or otherwise impair the attainment of solid waste reduction goals?	☐	☐	☐	☒

d) The project would not 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 impacts are expected.

e) Comply with federal, state, and local management and reduction statutes and regulations related to solid waste?	☐	☐	☐	☒

e) The project would be required to comply with federal, state, and local management and reduction statutes and regulations related to solid waste. Any impacts are expected to be less than significan.

XX. *WILDFIRE*

If located in or near state responsibility areas or lands classified as very high fire hazard severity zones, would the Project:

a) Substantially impair an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?	☐	☐	☐	☒

a) The project would not substantially impair an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan. No impacts are expected.

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

b) The project would not expose project occupants to pollutant concentrations from wildfire or the uncontrolled spread of wildfire. No impacts are expected/

c) Require the installation or maintenance of associated infrastructure (such as roads, fuel breaks, emergency water sources, power lines or other utilities) that may exacerbate fire risk or that may result in temporary or ongoing impacts to the environment?	☐	☐	☐	☒

c) The project would not require the installation or maintenance of associated infrastructure that may exacerbate fire risk or that may result in temporary or ongoing impacts to the environment. No impacts are expected.

d) Expose people or structures to significant risks, including downslope or downstream flooding or landslides, as a result of runoff, post-fire slope instability, or drainage changes?	☐	☐	☐	☒

d) The project would not 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 impacts are expected.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21083.05, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 65088.4, Gov. Code; Sections 21080(c), 21080.1, 21080.3, 21083,

21083.05, 21083.3, 21093, 21094, 21095, and 21151, Public Resources Code; Sundstrom v. County of Mendocino,(1988) 202 Cal.App.3d 296; Leonoff v. Monterey Board of Supervisors, (1990) 222 Cal.App.3d 1337; Eureka Citizens for Responsible Govt. v. City of Eureka (2007) 147 Cal.App.4th 357; Protect the Historic Amador Waterways v. Amador Water Agency (2004) 116 Cal.App.4th at 1109; San Franciscans Upholding the Downtown Plan v. City and County of San Francisco (2002) 102 Cal.App.4th 656.

Revised 2009- CEQA
Revised 2011- ICPDS
Revised 2016 – ICPDS
Revised 2017 – ICPDS
Revised 2019 – ICPDS

	Potentially Significant Impact (PSI)	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated (LTSMI)	Less Than Significant Impact (LTSI)	No Impact (NI)

SECTION 3
III. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

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

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

IV. PERSONS AND ORGANIZATIONS CONSULTED

This section identifies those persons who prepared or contributed to preparation of this document. This section is prepared in accordance with Section 15129 of the CEQA Guidelines.

A. COUNTY OF IMPERIAL

- Jim Minnick, Director of Planning & Development Services
- Michael Abraham, AICP, Assistant Director of Planning & Development Services
- Diana Robinson, Planning Division Manager
- Derek Newland, Project Planner
- Imperial County Air Pollution Control District
- Department of Public Works
- Fire Department
- Ag Commissioner
- Environmental Health Services
- Sheriff's Office

B. OTHER AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS

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

V. REFERENCES

1. Imperial County Air Pollution Control District comment letter dated November 08, 2024
2. California Geological Survey Hazard Program: Alquist-Priolo Fault Hazard Zones
https://gis.data.ca.gov/maps/ee92a5f9f4ee4ec5aa731d3245ed9f53/explore?location=32.538703%2C-110.920388%2C6.00
3. California Department of Toxic Substances Control: EnviroStor
https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/map/?myaddress=imperial+county
4. "County of Imperial General Plan EIR", prepared by Brian F. Mooney & Associates in 1993; and as Amended by County in 1996, 1998, 2001, 2003, 2006 & 2008, 2015, 2016.

VI. NEGATIVE DECLARATION – County of Imperial

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

Project Name: Conditional Use Permit #24-0018 / Initial Study 24-0028

Project Applicant: Burrtec Waste Industries, Inc.

Project Location: 935 W Hwy 86, Salton City, CA 92274

Description of Project: The project proposes to amend CUP #23-0030 to allow for 3 water wells under a single CUP with no proposed changes to the water allotment. There are currently 2 existing wells on the property with only one being permitted. The second well was intended as a replacement well but has been deemed required to mee the daily needs of the landfill. A 3rd water well proposed to be allowed if needed to meet the water requirements needed for mitigation of the landfill expansion under approved CUP #10-0002. CUP #23-0030 allows 92,000 gallons per day (105-acre feet per year).

VII. FINDINGS

This is to advise that the County of Imperial, acting as the lead agency, has conducted an Initial Study to determine if the project may have a significant effect on the environment and is proposing this Negative Declaration based upon the following findings:

☐ The Initial Study shows that there is no substantial evidence that the project may have a significant effect on the environment and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.

☒ The Initial Study identifies potentially significant effects but:

(1) Proposals made or agreed to by the applicant before this proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration was released for public review would avoid the effects or mitigate the effects to a point where clearly no significant effects would occur.

(2) There is no substantial evidence before the agency that the project may have a significant effect on the environment.

(3) Mitigation measures are required to ensure all potentially significant impacts are reduced to levels of insignificance.

A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.

If adopted, the Negative Declaration means that an Environmental Impact Report will not be required. Reasons to support this finding are included in the attached Initial Study. The project file and all related documents are available for review at the County of Imperial, Planning & Development Services Department, 801 Main Street, El Centro, CA 92243 (442) 265-1736.

NOTICE

The public is invited to comment on the proposed Negative Declaration during the review period.

3-13-2025 _____
Date of Determination Jim Minnick, Director of Planning & Development Services

The Applicant hereby acknowledges and accepts the results of the Environmental Evaluation Committee (EEC) and hereby agrees to implement all Mitigation Measures, if applicable, as outlined in the MMRP.

_____ _____
Applicant Signature Date

SECTION 4

VIII. RESPONSE TO COMMENTS

(ATTACH DOCUMENTS, IF ANY, HERE)

IX. MITIGATION MONITORING & REPORTING PROGRAM (MMRP)

(ATTACH DOCUMENTS, IF ANY, HERE)

COMMENTS

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Derek Newland

From: Daniel Tsosie <dtsosie@campo-nsn.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 13, 2025 13:30
To: Derek Newland
Cc: Ben Dyche; Jonathan Jones; Lowmen.willard@icloud.com
Subject: Re: Phone call regarding Nightpeak BESS and Burrtec water well

Thank you for the update. Due to concerns about a "scope amendment" . We are requesting a monitor from Campo to be on site and with authority to stop and evaluate or continue to be on site due to "Cultural Resource" concerns.

Best regards,

DANIEL TSOSIE
Campo Band of Mission Indians
Cultural Resource Manager

Vice-Chairman- Kumeyaay Heritage Preservation Council
Secretary- Kumeyaay Diegueño Land Conservancy
Campo Band OMI KCRC representative

C: 619-760-6480
O: 619-478-9046 Ext. 278

From: Derek Newland <DerekNewland@co.imperial.ca.us>
Sent: Thursday, February 13, 2025 10:39:55 AM
To: Daniel Tsosie <dtsosie@campo-nsn.gov>
Subject: RE: Phone call regarding Nightpeak BESS and Burrtec water well

Good morning Daniel,
The project has changed and a third well is now proposed to meet the water needs for compliance with EIR mitigation. Do you have some time to speak today?

Thank you,

Derek Newland
Planner III
County of Imperial
Planning and Development Services
dereknewland@co.imperial.ca.us
(442) 265-1736

From: Daniel Tsosie <dtsosie@campo-nsn.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 5, 2025 13:19
To: Derek Newland <DerekNewland@co.imperial.ca.us>
Subject: RE: Phone call regarding Nightpeak BESS and Burrtec water well

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

No more concerns for Campo Band OMI. Thank you.

From: Derek Newland <DerekNewland@co.imperial.ca.us>
Sent: Wednesday, February 5, 2025 1:07 PM
To: Daniel Tsosie <dtsosie@campo-nsn.gov>
Subject: RE: Phone call regarding Nightpeak BESS and Burrtec water well

Good afternoon Daniel,
Per our phone conversation you had said there were no concerns I just want to clarify if this is a typo or if you only have concerns regarding expansion of the landfill?

Thank you,

Derek Newland
Planner III
County of Imperial
Planning and Development Services
dereknewland@co.imperial.ca.us
(442) 265-1736

From: Daniel Tsosie <dtsosie@campo-nsn.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 5, 2025 11:52
To: Derek Newland <DerekNewland@co.imperial.ca.us>
Subject: RE: Phone call regarding Nightpeak BESS and Burrtec water well

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

Hello, thank you for your patience, after review of "Final EIR", we Campo Band of Mission Indians have concerns.

Should the Project be amended and new expansions with ground disturbance, We request to be updated.

From: Derek Newland <DerekNewland@co.imperial.ca.us>
Sent: Wednesday, February 5, 2025 11:41 AM
To: Daniel Tsosie <dtsosie@campo-nsn.gov>
Subject: FW: Phone call regarding Nightpeak BESS and Burrtec water well

Good morning Daniel,
Per our conversation here is the EIR that was done for the Landfill expansion a few years ago.

Thank you,

Derek Newland
Planner III
County of Imperial

Planning and Development Services
dereknewland@co.imperial.ca.us
(442) 265-1736

From: Derek Newland
Sent: Thursday, December 12, 2024 08:34
To: Daniel Tsosie <dtsosie@campo-nsn.gov>
Subject: Phone call regarding Nightpeak BESS and Burrtec water well

Good morning Daniel,
I would like to schedule a phone call with you to go over your requests for consultation for the Nightpeak Matador BESS project and the Burrtec landfill water well project. I am including the cultural study that was performed for Nightpeak and the Final EIR that was prepared back in 2011 for the Burrtec landfill expansion project for your reference.

Thank you,

Derek Newland
Planner III
County of Imperial
Planning and Development Services
dereknewland@co.imperial.ca.us
(442) 265-1736

APPLICATION

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CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

I.C. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPT.
801 Main Street, El Centro, CA 92243 (442) 265-1736

- APPLICANT MUST COMPLETE ALL NUMBERED (black) SPACES – Please type or print -

1.	PROPERTY OWNER'S NAME Imperial County Public Works Department	EMAIL ADDRESS JohnGay@co.imperial.ca.gov	
2.	MAILING ADDRESS (Street / P O Box, City, State) 155 North 11th Street, El Centro, CA 92243	ZIP CODE 92243	PHONE NUMBER (442) 265-1818
3.	APPLICANT'S NAME Burrtec Waste Industries, Inc.	EMAIL ADDRESS dbrischke@burrtec.com	
4.	MAILING ADDRESS (Street / P O Box, City, State) 9890 Cherry Avenue, Fontana, CA	ZIP CODE 92335	PHONE NUMBER (909) 429-4200
4.	ENGINEER'S NAME David S. Brischke	CA. LICENSE NO. C46521	EMAIL ADDRESS dbrischke@burrtec.com
5.	MAILING ADDRESS (Street / P O Box, City, State) 9400 Cherry Avenue, Building C, Fontana, CA	ZIP CODE 92335	PHONE NUMBER (909) 714-8146

6.	ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NO. APN 007-120-015-001	SIZE OF PROPERTY (in acres or square foot) 320 acres	ZONING (existing) S1
7.	PROPERTY (site) ADDRESS 935 W Hwy 86S, Salton City, CA 92275		
8.	GENERAL LOCATION (i.e. city, town, cross street) Salton City Solids Waste Site - Salton City Landfill		
9.	LEGAL DESCRIPTION The Northern 1/2 of Section 12, Township 11S, Range 9E of the SBBM. See attached drawing fo a more detailed property description		

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

10.	DESCRIBE PROPOSED USE OF PROPERTY (list and describe in detail)	A replacement well drilled under CUP 23-0030 is insufficient to fully support the landfill operations 130 gpm need. Therefore the original well drilled in 2009 must be kept active to supplement the new well. The total pumping rate of the combined wells will not exceed 105 ac-ft annually as previosly approved.
11.	DESCRIBE CURRENT USE OF PROPERTY	Non-Hazardous Solid Waste Landfill/Composting and Biosolids Drying
12.	DESCRIBE PROPOSED SEWER SYSTEM	Existing Septic Tank and Leach Field
13.	DESCRIBE PROPOSED WATER SYSTEM	Existing Onsite Water Wel
14.	DESCRIBE PROPOSED FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEM	Imperial County Fire
15.	IS PROPOSED USE A BUSINESS? ☒ Yes ☐ No	IF YES, HOW MANY EMPLOYEES WILL BE AT THIS SITE? Up to 50 permanent F/T employees

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

David S Brischke — July 23, 2024
Print Name — Date
David S Brischke
Signature

Print Name — Date
Signature

REQUIRED SUPPORT DOCUMENTS

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

APPLICATION RECEIVED BY:	LV.	DATE	8/2/24	REVIEW / APPROVAL BY OTHER DEPT'S required ☐ P. W ☐ E H S ☐ A P C D ☐ O E S ☐ _____ ☐ _____
APPLICATION DEEMED COMPLETE BY:		DATE		
APPLICATION REJECTED BY:		DATE		
TENTATIVE HEARING BY:		DATE		
FINAL ACTION: ☐ APPROVED ☐ DENIED		DATE		

CUP #
24-008

IS24-0028

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July 23, 2024

Mr. Derek Newland,
Imperial County
Department of Planning and Development Department
915 State Street
El Centro, California 92243

Re: Amendment Request CUP 23-0030,
Allowing for 2-water wells to make needed production,
Salton City Landfill

Dear Mr. Newland:

Burrtec Waste Industries, Inc., is please to submit the attached CUP Application requesting entitlement for two separate water wells located at the Salton City Landfill. Unfortunately as you know, the recently complete new well (Well#2) is not capable of providing all of the necessary supply on its own. Pump testing on Well #2 resulted in a recommended production limit of 100 gpm, short of our 130 gpm target. Because of this shortfall and consistent with our discussions for issuance of CUP 23-0030, we will need to keep the old well (Well #1) in operation to meet our water needs for operations.

An amended CUP will allow the operation of both Well #1 and Well #2 combining to meet our daily dust control water needs. We continue to seek additional back-up and emergency supply in the event either of the wells suffer reduced production. This may require allowance within the CUP for replacement wells, a third permanent water well on the landfill property, and/or the ability to bring water in from a well drilled on our neighboring airport property.

Please call if you have questions or require any questions.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

David S Brischke

David S. Brischke, P.E.,
Regional Landfill Manager
Burrtec Waste Industries, Inc.

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February 12, 2025

Mr. Derek Newland,
Imperial County
Department of Planning and Development Department
915 State Street
El Centro, California 92243

Re: Amendment Request CUP 23-0030,
Water Well Permitting Clarification,
Salton City Landfill

Dear Mr. Newland:

Burrtec Waste Industries, Inc., is pleased to provide additional clarification of our CUP 23-0030 transmittal letter dated December 10th, 2024.

Due to lower-than-anticipated water production from the well drilled in 2024, the combined flow from both wells totals approximately 70 gpm, and remains below our target of 130 gpm or 92,000 gallons per 12-hour operating day. For this reason, we request approval for the operation of two existing wells and a future third permanent well with a total combined annual production limit not to exceed 105 ac-ft. At this time, we anticipate the third future well site would be along the site perimeter near one of three optional locations shown on the attached drawing.

Please call if you have questions or require any additional information.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

David S Brischke

David S. Brischke, P.E.,
Regional Landfill Manager
Burrtec Waste Industries, Inc.

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December 10, 2024

Mr. Derek Newland,
Imperial County
Department of Planning and Development Department
915 State Street
El Centro, California 92243

Re: Amendment Request CUP 23-0030,
Water Well Permitting Clarification,
Salton City Landfill

Dear Mr. Newland:

Burrtec Waste Industries, Inc., is pleased to provide clarification of our CUP 23-0030 transmittal letter dated July 23, 2024.

At this time we are seeking approval for the operation of two-wells only. This includes the original well, Well#1 drilled and completed in 2009, and the new well, Well #2 drilled and completed in June 2024, with a total combined annual production limit not to exceed 105 ac-ft.

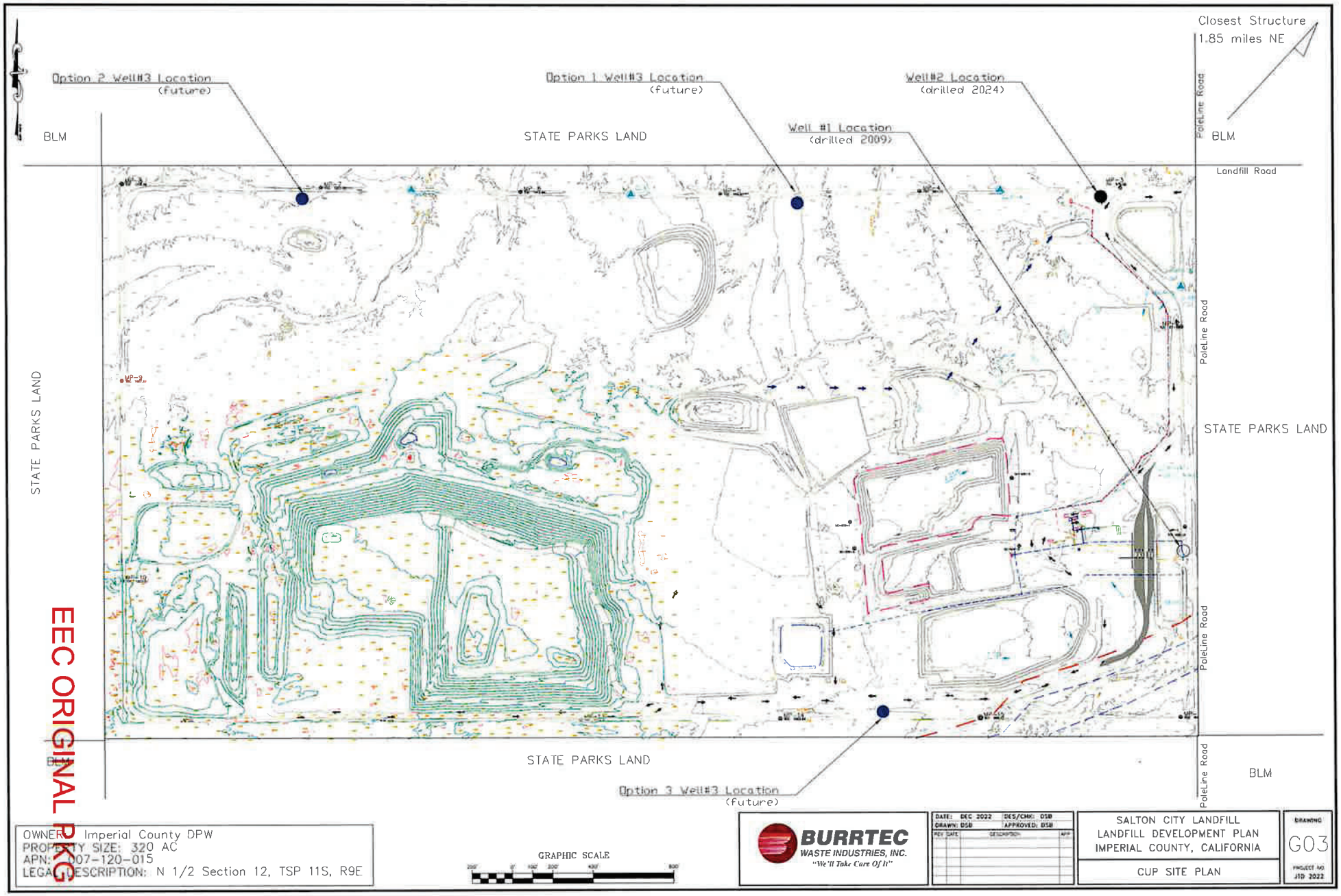
Please call if you have questions or require any additional information.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

David S Brischke

David S. Brischke, P.E.,
Regional Landfill Manager
Burrtec Waste Industries, Inc.



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OWNER: Imperial County DPW
PROPERTY SIZE: 320 AC
APN: 007-120-015
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: N 1/2 Section 12, TSP 11S, R9E

GRAPHIC SCALE

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DATE: DEC 2022 DES/CHK: DSB
DRAWN: DSB APPROVED: DSB

REV	DATE	DESCRIPTION	APP

SALTON CITY LANDFILL
LANDFILL DEVELOPMENT PLAN
IMPERIAL COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

CUP SITE PLAN

DRAWING
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PROJECT NO
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