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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Winterhaven County Water District / CUP#25-0009 IS#25-0023

Lead Agency: Imperial County Planning and Development Services Department

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Project Location: Winterhaven (*City*) Imperial (*County*)

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

The Winterhaven County Water District (WCWD) has submitted a Conditional Use Permit application (CUP25-0009) for the replacement of Water Well No. 2, along with associated improvements to the water treatment plant. WCWD provides potable water to the small rural community of Winterhaven, California, serving approximately 107 residential connections, 22 commercial connections, and a 495-space RV park. The new well will be constructed approximately 50 feet from the existing well, which is planned for abandonment. The replacement well (Well No. 2) will be drilled to a depth of approximately 500 feet, using a 10-inch casing, and is expected to have a production capacity of 400 gallons per minute (GPM), equivalent to approximately 645.20 acre-feet per year.

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

AESTHETICS: •TE-1: Night lighting shall be minimized during construction
AIR QUALITY: •AQ-1: During construction, all active areas and unpaved routes shall be watered 3 times daily.
•AQ-2: During construction, contractors shall minimize idling time to 5 minutes as a maximum.
BIOLOGICAL : •TE-1: Night lighting shall be minimized during construction.
•TE-2: All vegetation and soil removed shall be disposed of in a safe and legal manner.
GEOLOGY & SOILS: •TE-2: All vegetation and soil removed shall be disposed of in a safe and legal manner.
NOISE: •NS-1: Muffle and maintain all equipment used on-site. Good mufflers shall result in nonimpact tools generating a maximum noise level of 80 dB when measured at a distance of 50 feet.
•NS-2: Locate all stationary noise-generating equipment, such as air compressors and portable power generators, as far away as possible from adjacent land uses
•NS-3: Schedule construction activities to have the least impact on noise sensitive receptors. All construction operations shall be limited to 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Work is prohibited on Sundays and Holidays.
•NS-4: Notify all adjacent residents and commercial properties of the construction schedule in writing.
TRIBAL CULTURAL: •HR-1: If during construction, any archaeological or historic resources are discovered, construction activities in the affected area shall cease and a qualified archeologist shall be contacted to review the site.
•HR-2: If human remains are found in the project area as a result of project activities, work shall be suspended.

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

•IID's comment letter dated July 29,2025:
"The water proposed to be extracted is assumed to be from California's fully contracted Colorado River entitlement, unless there is an existing contract with the Bureau of Reclamation or sub-contract with the City of Needles. a small amount of water may be available for domestic use in California through the lower Colorado Water Supply Project (LCWSP).
IID would be opposed to any extraction outside any existing water supply contract or approved water delivery subcontract with the City of Needles. The City of Needles is the only entity authorized to enter into a subcontract for the delivery of LCWSP water supply..."

•Imperial County contacted the City of Needles, which had no comments.

•The Winterhaven County Water District Response as follows:
The construction of Water Well No. 2 is not anticipated to adversely affect the existing groundwater quality or quantity within the project area. Based on the available hydrogeologic data and proposed construction methods, the new well will draw from the same aquifer system currently serving the existing well.
The project will comply with all applicable Imperial County and California Department of Water Resources (DWR) standards regarding water quality, safe yield, and sustainable groundwater management. While the City of Needles oversees water contracts in the area, the Winterhaven County Water District (WCWD) holds Perfected Water Diversion Rights to Colorado River water of 780 acre-feet per year granted by the United States Supreme Court supplemental decree in Arizona v. California, dated January 9, 1979.

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

Imperial County Air Pollution Control District
Imperial County Public Works Department
Imperial County Fire Department
Imperial County Environmental Health Services
Imperial Irrigation District