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Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Cook Street Substation Project

Notice is hereby given by the Imperial Irrigation District of the availability for public review of a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Cook Street Substation Project

The project involves the construction of a new electrical substation on approximately 2.3 acres of land located at 1280 Grapefruit Boulevard, Coachella, California in Riverside County at the northwest corner of Grapefruit Blvd. and Bagdad Ave. The substation is designed to serve approximately 8,000 residential and commercial customers. The project scope includes the construction of a centralized control building housing relay protection panels and a battery room, along with the installation of auxiliary equipment, comprehensive site grading, grounding grids, concrete foundations, and a high-security perimeter wall. Additionally, the project encompasses off-site improvements such as secondary roadway access via Cook Street and the construction of sewer infrastructure in Varner Road, ultimately integrating the facility into the existing IID grid to provide critical redundancy and power capacity for the Thousand Palms, Palm Desert, and Rancho Mirage areas. This project is a collaborative effort between the IID, the County of Riverside, the cities of Palm Desert and Rancho Mirage, and private partners. It was initiated in response to a reliability study identifying the need for hardened infrastructure to support exponential growth in the central Coachella Valley.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The Initial Study and Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration will be available for public review and comment for 30 days (from April 17, 2026 through May 18, 2026) Discussion of potential impacts and mitigation measures are included in the IS. No significant impacts were identified for the project and a Draft MND has been prepared and is recommended for adoption. Copies of the IS and Draft MND are on file at the General Counsel's office of the IID located at 333 E. Barioni Blvd. Imperial, CA 92251 (hours: 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday thru Thursday [and alternating Fridays]), and on the IID's website <https://www.iid.com/about-iid/environmental-documents-available-for-public-review>. All comments concerning this environmental document must be submitted in writing to:

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All comments must be received prior to the close of the business day on May 18, 2026. The Imperial Irrigation District is required to consider all written comments received during the noticed public review period prior to approving the project.