

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Gurdial Singh Travel Center Project by LAV Consulting and Engineering

Lead Agency: Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department

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Project Location: Bakersfield, Kern County

City

County

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

The project proposes a Precise Development Plan to allow a 12,303-square-foot travel center on a 10.6-acre portion of a 26.41-acre parcel. The proposed travel center will include a convenience store, a fast-food drive-thru restaurant with a limited dine-in seating, one service station for standard vehicles with 16 auto fuel pumps, and a 9 bay semi-truck diesel fueling station with an associated semi-truck scale. The proposed travel center will operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with an anticipated 8-12 full-time employees per shift. The travel center will also include an office, food and beverage sales (including closed lid alcohol). Additional services for long haulers include a small lounge with couches, televisions, a vending machine and a separate restroom with shower area. The plan includes 49 truck parking spaces intended for short term and overnight use, four electric vehicle (EV) charging stations, and six heavy truck (EV) charging spaces. Above ground fuel storage tanks with a maximum storage capacity of 100,000 gallons of diesel and 100,000 gallons of gasoline would be located in the northern portion of the project site. The proposed project includes a request for a Zone Variance to allow a pole sign with a 300-square-foot sign face where a maximum 240-square foot sign face is allowed and a 70-foot-sign height where a maximum of 35-feet is allowed.

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

Potentially significant impacts related to Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, and Tribal Cultural Resources have determined to be less than significant with mitigation.

Aesthetics mitigation includes compliance with dark skies ordinance and specific measures related to lighting, Air quality mitigation includes compliance with all San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District rules and regulations, preparation of a fugitive dust control plan, equipment engine controls (Tier 4) and idling limits for construction equipment and idling limits for HD trucks during operations. Biological resources mitigation includes retaining a qualified biologist, conducting pre-construction and nesting bird surveys for sensitive wildlife species and construction controls to ensure wildlife species do not become trapped or entangled in construction materials or equipment. Cultural, Tribal Cultural and Paleontological Resources mitigation includes retaining a qualified archeologist and providing WEAP training to construction personnel. Additional mitigation for inadvertent discovery of historic or archaeological resources and human remains have been included. Preparation and submittal of a Hazardous Materials Business Plan would be required to reduce impacts related to storage of hazardous materials.

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

No areas of controversy were identified by reviewing Agencies, Departments, or the public.

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

Kern County Public Works Department
Kern County Fire Department (Fire Prevention)
San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District
Rosedale Rio-Bravo Water Storage District and GSA