1. **Case Number:** P13-0967, P13-0968, P14-0341 & P14-0342

2. **Project Title:** La Sierra Avenue/Indiana Avenue Vehicle Fuel Station and Vehicle Wash Facility

3. **Hearing Date:** June 19, 2014

4. **Lead Agency:** City of Riverside
   Community Development Department
   Planning Division
   3900 Main Street, 3rd Floor
   Riverside, CA 92522

5. **Contact Person:** Kyle Smith, Associate Planner
   **Phone Number:** (951) 826-5220

6. **Project Location:** on approximately 1.2 vacant acres of a 13 acre site situated on the northeasterly corner of La Sierra Avenue and Indiana Avenue, adjacent to and southerly of the existing La Sierra Metrolink station and parking lot, in the R-1-7000-SP – Single Family Residential and Specific Plan (Riverwalk Vista) Overlay Zones in Ward 5

7. **Project Applicant/Project Sponsor’s Name and Address:**
   - **Property Owner**
     - Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC)
     - 4080 Lemon Street, Third Floor
     - Riverside, CA 92501
   - **Applicant**
     - Fred Cohen
     - CJC Design, Inc.
     - 140 N. Maple Street, Suite 101
     - Corona, CA 92880
   - **Engineer**
     - Andrew Walcker
     - IW Consulting Engineers, Inc.
     - 3544 University Ave.
     - Riverside, CA 92501

8. **General Plan Designation:** MU-U – Mixed Use Urban

9. **Zoning:** R-1-7000-SP – Single Family Residential and Specific Plan (Riverwalk Vista) Overlay Zones (Proposed CG-SP – Commercial General and Specific Plan (Riverwalk Vista) Overlay Zones)

10. **Description of Project:**

    The project site consists of a 1.2 acre portion of a vacant pad and a 13 acre site situated on the northeasterly corner of La Sierra Avenue and Indiana Avenue, adjacent to and southerly of the existing La Sierra Metrolink station and parking lot. Existing development on the 13 acre parcel consists of the La Sierra Metrolink parking lot. The subject vacant pad was established as part of the expansion of the Metrolink parking lot in 2002, approved under Planning Case CU-028-945 and have been utilized as drainage basins for the parking lots. As a matter of information, the City Planning Commission recently recommended approval of a 187 unit transit oriented development located on the balance of subject pad and the adjacent northerly pad.
The proposed project involves the following:

- an Amendment to the Municipal Code (Title 19) to rezone approximately 1.2 acres from the R-1-7000-SP – Single Family Residential and Specific Plan (Riverwalk Vista) Overlay Zones to the CG-SP – Commercial General and Specific Plan (Riverwalk Vista) Overlay Zones;

- a Conditional Use Permit to allow construction of a vehicle fuel station with an automated vehicle wash facility and two self-service (coin-operated) vehicle wash facilities and the concurrent off-sale of beer and wine in conjunction with vehicle fuel sales;

- Findings of Public Convenience and/or Necessity to permit a second off-sale alcohol license in the subject Census Tract where one off-sale license is expected;

- the Design Review of the plot plan and building elevations for an approximately 4,760 square foot vehicle fuel canopy, an approximately 4,700 square foot convenience store with second story office and strange areas, an approximately 2,277 square foot attached vehicle wash facility with a single-lane automated vehicle wash and two-lane self-service (coin-operated) vehicle wash.

Access to the proposed vehicle fuel station would be taken from the a proposed two-way driveway along the Indiana Avenue frontage to be shared with the adjacent transit oriented development, as well as a second driveway along the La Sierra Avenue frontage for ingress only.

11. **Surrounding land uses and setting: Briefly describe the project’s surroundings:**

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<td>Single Family Residential (Riverwalk Vista development)</td>
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<td>Vacant and Commercial Uses</td>
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12. **Other public agencies whose approval is required (e.g., permits, financial approval, or participation agreement.):**

None
13. Other Environmental Reviews Incorporated by Reference in this Review:

a. General Plan 2025
b. GP 2025 FPEIR
d. Project Specific Walter Quality Management Plan, prepared by IW Consulting Engineers, Inc.
e. Noise Assessment, prepared by GMEP Engineers, dated March 21, 2014
f. Traffic Impact Analysis, prepared by LSA Associates

14. Acronyms

AICUZ - Air Installation Compatible Use Zone Study
AQMP - Air Quality Management Plan
AUSD - Alvord Unified School District
CEQA - California Environmental Quality Act
CMP - Congestion Management Plan
EIR - Environmental Impact Report
EMWD - Eastern Municipal Water District
EOP - Emergency Operations Plan
FEMA - Federal Emergency Management Agency
FPEIR - GP 2025 Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Report
GIS - Geographic Information System
GhG - Green House Gas
GP 2025 - General Plan 2025
IS - Initial Study
LHMP - Local Hazard Mitigation Plan
MARB/MIP - March Air Reserve Base/March Inland Port
MJPA-JLUS - March Joint Powers Authority - Joint Land Use Study
MSHCP - Multiple-Species Habitat Conservation Plan
MVUSD - Moreno Valley Unified School District
NCCP - Natural Communities Conservation Plan
OEM - Office of Emergency Services
OPR - Office of Planning & Research, State
PEIR - Program Environmental Impact Report
PW - Public Works, Riverside
RCALUC - Riverside County Airport Land Use Commission
RCALUCP - Riverside County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan
RCP - Regional Comprehensive Plan
RCTC - Riverside County Transportation Commission
RMC - Riverside Municipal Code
RPD - Riverside Police Department
RPU - Riverside Public Utilities
RTIP - Regional Transportation Improvement Plan
RTP - Regional Transportation Plan
RUSD - Riverside Unified School District
SCAG - Southern California Association of Governments
SCAQMD - South Coast Air Quality Management District
SCH - State Clearinghouse
SKR-HCP - Stephens’ Kangaroo Rat - Habitat Conservation Plan
SWPPP - Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan
USGS - United States Geologic Survey
WMWD - Western Municipal Water District
WQMP - Water Quality Management Plan
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 & Forest Resources
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Geology/Soils
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hazards & Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology/Water Quality
- Land Use/Planning
- Mineral Resources
- Noise
- Population/Housing
- Public Service
- Recreation
- Transportation/Traffic
- Utilities/Service Systems
- Mandatory Findings of Significance

DETERMINATION: (To be completed by the Lead Agency)

On the basis of this initial evaluation which reflects the independent judgment of the City of Riverside, it is recommended that:

- The City of Riverside finds that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- The City of Riverside finds 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.
- The City of Riverside finds that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.
- The City of Riverside finds 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.
- The City of Riverside finds 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.

Signature ________________________________ Date __________________

Printed Name & Title ___________________________ For City of Riverside ________
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 measure 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) 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.
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<td>There are no defined scenic vistas impacted as a result of this project. The project site is located on the northeasterly corner of La Sierra Avenue and Indiana Avenue, adjacent to and southerly of the existing La Sierra Metrolink station. The proposed vehicle fuel station development is generally consistent with applicable development standards of the proposed CG Zone. Where variances are proposed, they can be supported based on the findings contained in the case record. Additionally, the associated General Plan land use designation amendments and rezoning will facilitate future development which will be required to be consistent with the <em>Citywide Design Guidelines</em> and the Zoning Code. The aesthetic view of the proposed built environment will be consistent, or conditioned to be consistent, with the <em>Citywide Design Guidelines</em>, therefore the project will not have an adverse effect on a scenic vista and impacts are <strong>less than significant</strong>.</td>
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<td>b. Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?</td>
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<td>The General Plan 2025 designates several roadways as Scenic Boulevards and Parkways in order to protect scenic resources and enhance the visual character of Riverside. The proposed project is along La Sierra Avenue, which is designated as a Scenic/Special Boulevard/Parkway within the Circulation and Community Mobility Element of the General Plan 2025, Figure CCM-4 – Master Plan of Roadways. The Project plans have been designed to comply with the design policies contained in the Citywide Design and Sign Guidelines, and are consistent and compatible with the existing development of the surrounding area. Additionally, the associated rezoning will facilitate development which will be required to be consistent with the <em>Citywide Design Guidelines</em> and the Zoning Code. The aesthetic view of the proposed built environment will be consistent, or conditioned to be consistent, with the <em>Citywide Design Guidelines</em>, therefore the project will not have an adverse effect on a scenic vista and impacts are <strong>less than significant</strong>.</td>
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<td>The proposed Project consists of a Rezoning to apply the proper land use designation for the proposed project. Further, the Project consists of Design Review of plot plans and building elevations to ensure the project is consistent with the <em>Citywide Design and Sign Guidelines</em>. While the Project is situated near a special/scenic boulevard, it has been designed to be compatible with the surrounding area. Therefore, it will not degrade the existing visual character of the area and <strong>no impact</strong> directly, indirectly or cumulatively to the visual character or quality of the Planning Area will occur.</td>
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<td>d. Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?</td>
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<td>1d. Response: <em>(Source: General Plan 2025, General Plan 2025 FPEIR Figure 5.1-2 – Mount Palomar Lighting Area, Title 19 – Article VIII – Chapter 19.556 – Lighting, Citywide Design and Sign Guidelines)</em></td>
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<td>The proposed vehicle fuel station development will involve the introduction of new lighting typically associated with commercial development. This lighting would be similar to that which exists in the surrounding area and would not be considered significant. Additionally, the site is not within the Mount Palomar Lighting Area. The impact is <strong>less than significant</strong>.</td>
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<td>In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Dept. of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. In determining whether impacts to forest resources, including timberland, are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to information compiled by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection regarding the state’s inventory of forest land, including the Forest and Range Assessment Project and the Forest Legacy Assessment project; and the forest carbon measurement methodology provided in the Forest Protocols adopted by the California Air Resources Board. Would the project:</td>
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<td>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?</td>
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<td>2a. Response: (Source: General Plan 2025 – Figure OS-2 – Agricultural Suitability &amp; General Plan 2025 FPEIR – Appendix I – Designated Farmland Table)) The proposed project consists of urban development. A review of Figure OS-2 – Agricultural Suitability of the General Plan 2025 reveals that the project site is within an area that is designated as Farmland of Local Importance. However, the project site is not designated as Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance. Therefore, impacts related to Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, and Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), the project will have a less than significant impact.</td>
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<td>b. Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?</td>
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<td>c. Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code section 12220(g)) timberland (as defined in Public Resources Code section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code section 51104(g))?</td>
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<td>2c. Response: (Source: GIS Map – Forest Data) The City of Riverside has no forest land that can support 10-percent native tree cover nor does it have any timberland. Therefore, no impacts will occur from this project directly, indirectly or cumulatively.</td>
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<td>d. Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?</td>
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2d. Response: *(Source: GIS Map – Forest Data)*
The City of Riverside has no forest land that can support 10-percent native tree cover nor does it have any timberland, therefore **no impacts** will occur from this project directly, indirectly or cumulatively.

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?

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A review of Figure OS-2 – Agricultural Suitability of the General Plan 2025 reveals that the project site is within an area that is designated as Farmland of Local Importance. However, the project site is not designated as Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance. While the project does not directly result in the conversion of farmland to a non-agricultural use, indirect impacts could occur as a result of increasing densities as well as the construction of roads and infrastructure in proximity to operating agricultural areas. For instance, development adjacent to agricultural areas could generate dust that could affect agricultural productivity. In the long term, potential effects associated with increased to adjacent agricultural lands could include vandalism to farm equipment or fencing, and theft of crops. Soil compaction from trespassers can also damage crop potential and spread disease. Additionally, where residential areas are in proximity to agricultural areas, nuisance complaints against the farming activities may also discourage farming. These effects can result in indirect economic impacts to farming operations. The project does not involve increased access to the agricultural land including roads and infrastructure, does not involve expansion of a residential neighborhood adjacent to or into the agricultural area and due to the limited scope and intensity of the project, the project would allow for continued use of the existing farmland in the City in a manner that will ensure the viability and sustainability of the existing agricultural/crop production and therefore a **less than significant impact** directly, indirectly and cumulatively will occur.

3. AIR QUALITY.

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

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<td>a. Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?</td>
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3a. Response: *(Source: South Coast Air Quality Management District’s 2007 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP))*

Projects that are consistent with the projections of employment and population forecasts identified by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) are considered consistent with the AQMP growth projections, since these forecast numbers were used by SCAG’s modeling section to forecast travel demand and air quality for planning activities such as the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), the SCAQMD’s AQMP, Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TRIP), and the Regional Housing Plan. This project is consistent with the projections of employment and population forecasts identified by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) that are consistent with the General Plan 2025 “Typical Growth Scenario.” Since the project is consistent with the General Plan 2025, it is also consistent with the AQMP. The project will have a **less than significant** impact directly, indirectly and cumulatively to the implementation of an air quality plan.

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3b. Response: (Source: General Plan 2025 FPEIR Table 5.3-B SCAQMD CEQA Regional Significance Thresholds, South Coast Air Quality Management District’s 2007 AQMP, CalEEMod)

Per General Plan 2025 FPEIR MM Air 1 and 7, a SCAQMD CalEEMod computer model analyzed both short-term construction related and long-term operational impacts. The results of the CalEEMod model determined that the proposed project would result in the following emission levels:

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The above tables compare the project emissions (short-term and long-term) to the SCAQMD daily thresholds and shows that established thresholds will not be exceeded. To ensure short term emissions are further reduced the General Plan 2025 Program required mitigation measures that have been applied to this project, MM AIR 1 – 2. Therefore, because the project will not violate any ambient air quality standard, contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation, and will be subject to further mitigation the impacts directly, indirectly and cumulatively will be less than significant impacts with mitigation to ambient air quality and to contributing to an existing air quality violation.

**MM Air 1:** To reduce diesel emissions associated with construction, construction contractors shall provide temporary electricity to eliminate the need for diesel powered generators, or provide evidence that electrical hook ups at construction sites are not cost effective or feasible.

**MM Air 2:** To reduce construction related particulate matter air quality impacts of projects the following measures shall be required:
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<td>trucks hauling soil, dirt or other emissive materials shall have their loads covered with a tarp or other protective cover as determined by the City Engineer; and</td>
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<td>the contractor shall prepare and maintain a traffic control plan, prepared, stamped and signed by either a licensed Traffic Engineer or a Civil Engineer. The preparation of the plan shall be in accordance with Chapter 5 of the latest edition of the Caltrans Traffic Manual and the State Standard Specifications. The plan shall be submitted for approval, by the engineer, at the preconstruction meeting. Work shall not commence without an approval traffic control plan.</td>
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<td>Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?</td>
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**3c. Response:** *(Source: General Plan 2025 FPEIR Table 5.3-B SCAQMD CEQA Regional Significance Thresholds, South Coast Air Quality Management District's 2007 Air Quality Management Plan, or CalEEMod 2007 Model)*

Per the GP 2025 FPEIR, AQMP thresholds indicate future construction activities under the General Plan are projected to result in significant levels of NOx and ROG, both ozone precursors, PM-10, PM-2.5 and CO. Although long-term emissions are expected to decrease by 2025, all criteria pollutants remain above the SCAQMD thresholds.

The portion of the Basin within which the City is located is designated as a non-attainment area for ozone, PM-10 and PM-2.5 under State standards, and as a non-attainment area for ozone, carbon monoxide, PM-10, and PM-2.5 under Federal standards.

Because the proposed project is consistent with the General Plan 2025, cumulative impacts related to criteria pollutants as a result of the project were previously evaluated as part of the cumulative analysis of build out anticipated under the General Plan 2025 Program. As a result, the proposed project does not result in any new significant impacts that were not previously evaluated and for which a statement of overriding consideration was adopted as part of the General Plan 2025 FPEIR. Therefore, cumulative air quality emissions impacts are **less than significant**.

**3d. Response:** *(Source: General Plan 2025 FPEIR Table 5.3-B SCAQMD CEQA Regional Significance Thresholds, South Coast Air Quality Management District's 2007 Air Quality Management Plan, CalEEMod)*

Short-term impacts associated with construction from General Plan 2025 typical build out will result in increased air emissions from grading, earthmoving, and construction activities. Mitigation Measures of the General Plan 2025 FPEIR requires individual development to employ construction approaches that minimize pollutant emissions (General Plan 2025 FPEIR MM AIR 1- MM AIR 5, e.g., watering for dust control, tuning equipment, limiting truck idling times). In conformance with the General Plan 2025 FPEIR MM AIR 1 and MM AIR 7 a CalEEMod computer model analyzed short-term construction and long-term operational related impacts of the project and determined that the proposed project would not exceed SCAQMD thresholds for short-term construction and long-term operational impacts. Therefore, the project will not expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations and a **less than significant impact** will occur directly, indirectly or cumulatively for this project.

**e. Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?**

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#### 3e. Response:
While exact quantification of objectionable odors cannot be determined due to the subjective nature of what is considered “objectionable,” the nature of the proposed project, associated infrastructure and related off-site improvements present a potential for the generation of objectionable odors associated with construction activities. The operation of the vehicle fuel station use is not typically associated with the generation of objectionable odors. However, the construction activities associated with the expected build out of the project site will generate airborne odors like diesel exhaust emissions, architectural coating applications, and on- and off-site improvement installations. However, said emissions would occur only during daylight hours, be short-term in duration, and would be isolated to the immediate vicinity of the construction site. Therefore, they would not expose a substantial number of people to objectionable odors on a permanent basis. Therefore, the project will not cause objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people and a **less than significant impact** directly, indirectly and cumulatively will occur.

#### 4. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES.

Would the project:

#### a. Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?

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**4a. Response:** (Source: General Plan 2025 – Figure OS-6 – Stephen’s Kangaroo Rat (SKR) Core Reserve and Other Habitat Conservation Plans (HCP), Figure OS-7 – MSHCP Cores and Linkages, Figure OS-8 – MSHCP Cell Areas, General Plan 2025 FPEIR Figure 5.4-2 – MSHCP Area Plans, Figure 5.4-4 - MSHCP Criteria Cells and Subunit Areas, Figure 5.4-6 – MSHCP Narrow Endemic Plant Species Survey Area, Figure 5.4-7 – MSHCP Criteria Area Species Survey Area, Figure 5.4-8 – MSHCP Burrowing Owl Survey Area and Burrowing Owl Survey, prepared by LSA Associates, dated January 30, 2014)

A habitat assessment prepared by a qualified biologist was prepared for the project. The findings of the habitat assessment determined that the project is in compliance with the MSHCP, and shows that, no candidate, sensitive, species of concern, or special status species or suitable habitat for such species occurs on site and no additional surveys or mitigation measures are required. Therefore, the project has a **less than significant impact** directly, indirectly and cumulatively to these resources.

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

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**4b. Response:** (Source: General Plan 2025 – Figure OS-6 – Stephen’s Kangaroo Rat (SKR) Core Reserve and Other Habitat Conservation Plans (HCP), Figure OS-7 – MSHCP Cores and Linkages, Figure OS-8 – MSHCP Cell Areas, General Plan 2025 FPEIR Figure 5.4-2 – MSHCP Area Plans, Figure 5.4-4 - MSHCP Criteria Cells and Subunit Areas, Figure 5.4-6 – MSHCP Narrow Endemic Plant Species Survey Area, Figure 5.4-7 – MSHCP Criteria Area Species Survey Area, Figure 5.4-8 – MSHCP Burrowing Owl Survey Area, MSHCP Section 6.1.2 - Protection of Species Associated with Riparian/Riverine Areas and Vernal Pools, and Burrowing Owl Survey, prepared by LSA Associates, dated January 30, 2014)

As required under the MSHCP, a habitat assessment prepared by a qualified biologist was prepared for the project. The habitat assessment finds the proposed project complies with Section 6.1.2 of the MSHCP, which outlines the requirements and protection of riparian/riverine areas and vernal pools within the plan area. Through compliance with MSHCP Section 6.1.2 and other applicable requirements, impacts to any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services are found to have a **less than significant impact** directly, indirectly and cumulatively.

#### c. Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal,...

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| etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means? |                                 |                                                   |                              |           |

#### 4c. Response: (Source: City of Riverside GIS/CADME USGS Quad Map Layer)
The project would not have a substantial adverse effect, on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption or other means. Therefore, a **less than significant impact** will occur directly, indirectly and cumulatively to federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means.

#### 4d. Response: (Source: MSHCP, General Plan 2025 – Figure OS-7 – MSHCP Cores and Linkage and Burrowing Owl Survey, prepared by LSA Associates, dated January 30, 2014)
The project site is not located within any MSHCP Criteria Cells, Cores, or Linkages. Further, the project site is significantly degraded and does not facilitate the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species. The project site is not used as a migratory wildlife corridor, nor does it qualify for use as a native wildlife nursery site. The project will result in **no impact** directly, indirectly and cumulatively to the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites.

#### 4e. Response: (Source: MSHCP, Title 16 Section 16.72.040 – Establishing the Western Riverside County MSHCP Mitigation Fee, Title 16 Section 16.40.040 – Establishing a Threatened and Endangered Species Fees, City of Riverside Urban Forest Tree Policy Manual, and Burrowing Owl Survey, prepared by LSA Associates, dated January 30, 2014)
Implementation of the proposed Project is subject to all applicable Federal, State, and local policies and regulations related to the protection of biological resources and tree preservation. In addition, the project is required to comply with Riverside Municipal Code Section 16.72.040 establishing the MSHCP mitigation fee and Section 16.40.040 establishing the Threatened and Endangered Species Fees.

Any project within the City of Riverside’s boundaries that proposes planting a street tree within a City right-of-way must follow the Urban Forest Tree Policy Manual. The Manual documents guidelines for the planting, pruning, preservation, and removal of all trees in City rights-of-way. The specifications in the Manual are based on national standards for tree care established by the International Society of Arboriculture, the National Arborists Association, and the American National Standards Institute. Any future project will be in compliance with the Tree Policy Manual when planting a tree within a City right-of-way, and therefore, impacts will be **less than significant**.

#### 4f. Response: (Source: MSHCP, General Plan 2025 – Figure OS-6 – Stephen’s Kangaroo Rat (SKR) Core Reserve and Other Habitat Conservation Plans (HCP), Stephens' Kangaroo Rat Habitat Conservation Plan, Lake Mathews Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan and Natural Community Conservation Plan, and El Sobrante Landfill Habitat Conservation Plan)
The project site is located on a previously developed/improved site within an urbanized area and will not impact an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or State habitat conservation plan directly, indirectly and cumulatively. Therefore, the project will have **no impact** on the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or State habitat conservation plan.
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#### 5. CULTURAL RESOURCES.

Would the project:

| a. Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in § 15064.5 of the CEQA Guidelines? | ☐ | ☒ | ☒ | ☒ |

**5a. Response:** *(Source: GP 2025 FPEIR Table 5.5-A Historical Districts and Neighborhood Conservation Areas and Appendix D, Title 20 of the Riverside Municipal Code)*

This Project will be located on a site where no historic resources exist as defined in Section 15064.5 of the CEQA Guidelines. Therefore, **no impacts** directly, indirectly and cumulatively to historical resources will occur.

| b. Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archeological resource pursuant to § 15064.5 of the CEQA Guidelines? | ☐ | ☒ | ☒ | ☒ |

**5b. Response:** *(Source: GP 2025 FPEIR Figure 5.5-1 - Archaeological Sensitivity and Figure 5.5-2 - Prehistoric Cultural Resources Sensitivity, Appendix D – Cultural Resources Study)*

This Project will be located on a site where no archeological resources exist as defined in Section 15064.5 of the CEQA Guidelines. Therefore, **no impacts** directly, indirectly and cumulatively to archeological resources will occur.

| c. Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature? | ☐ | ☒ | ☒ | ☒ |

**5c. Response:** *(Source: General Plan 2025 Policy HP-1.3)*

This Project will be located on a site where no paleontological resources exist as defined in Section 15064.5 of the CEQA Guidelines. Therefore, **no impacts** directly, indirectly and cumulatively to paleontological resources will occur.

| d. Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries? | ☐ | ☒ | ☒ | ☒ |

**5d. Response:** *(Source: GP 2025 FPEIR Figure 5.5-1 - Archaeological Sensitivity and Figure 5.5-2 - Prehistoric Cultural Resources Sensitivity)*

This Project will be located on a site where no human remains exist as defined in Section 15064.5 of the CEQA Guidelines. Therefore, **no impacts** directly, indirectly and cumulatively to human remains will occur.

#### 6. GEOLOGY AND SOILS.

Would the project:

| a. Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving: | ☐ | ☒ | ☒ | ☒ |

**6i. Response:** *(Source: General Plan 2025 Figure PS-1 – Regional Fault Zones & General Plan 2025 FPEIR Appendix E – Geotechnical Report)*

Seismic activity is to be expected in Southern California. In the City of Riverside, there are no Alquist-Priolo zones. The project site does not contain any known fault lines and the potential for fault rupture or seismic shaking is low. Compliance with the California Building Code regulations will ensure that **no impacts** related to strong seismic ground will occur directly, indirectly and cumulatively.

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

**6ii. Response:** *(Source: General Plan 2025 FPEIR Appendix E – Geotechnical Report)*

The San Jacinto Fault Zone located in the northeastern portion of the City, or the Elsinore Fault Zone, located in the.
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<td>southern portion of the City’s Sphere of Influence, have the potential to cause moderate to large earthquakes that would cause intense ground shaking. Because the proposed project composes with California Building Code regulations, impacts associated with strong seismic ground shaking will have no impact directly, indirectly and cumulatively.</td>
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#### iii. Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?

Fill in the appropriate box indicating whether the impact is no impact, less than significant, significant, or severe.

#### 6iii. Response: *(Source: General Plan 2025 Figure PS-1 – Regional Fault Zones, Figure PS-2 – Liquefaction Zones, General Plan 2025 FPEIR Figure PS-3 – Soils with High Shrink-Swell Potential, and Appendix E – Geotechnical Report)*

The project site is located in an area with the potential for moderate liquefaction. Compliance with the California Building Code regulations will ensure that impacts related to seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction, are reduced to less than significant impact levels directly, indirectly and cumulatively.

#### iv. Landslides?

Fill in the appropriate box indicating whether the impact is no impact, less than significant, significant, or severe.

#### 6iv. Response: *(Source: General Plan 2025 FPEIR Figure 5.6-1 – Areas Underlain by Steep Slope, Appendix E – Geotechnical Report, Title 18 – Subdivision Code, Title 17 – Grading Code, and Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan SWPPP)*

The project site and its surroundings have generally flat topography and are not located in an area prone to landslides per Figure 5.6-1 of the General Plan 2025 Program Final PEIR. Therefore, there will be no impact related to landslides directly, indirectly and cumulatively.

#### b. Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?

Fill in the appropriate box indicating whether the impact is no impact, less than significant, significant, or severe.

#### 6b. Response: *(Source: General Plan 2025 FPEIR Figure 5.6-1 – Areas Underlain by Steep Slope, Figure 5.6-4 – Soils, Table 5.6-B – Soil Types, Figure 5.6-18 – Subdivision Code, Title 17 – Grading Code, and SWPPP)*

Erosion and loss of topsoil could occur as a result of the project. State and Federal requirements call for the preparation and implementation of a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) establishing erosion and sediment controls for construction activities. The project must also comply with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) regulations. In addition, with the erosion control standards for which all development activity must comply (Title 18), the Grading Code (Title 17) also requires the implementation of measures designed to minimize soil erosion. Compliance with State and Federal requirements as well as with Titles 18 and 17 will ensure that soil erosion or loss of topsoil will be less than significant impact directly, indirectly and cumulatively.

#### c. Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?

Fill in the appropriate box indicating whether the impact is no impact, less than significant, significant, or severe.

#### 6c. Response: *(Source: General Plan 2025 Figure PS-1 – Regional Fault Zones, Figure PS-2 – Liquefaction Zones, General Plan 2025 FPEIR Figure PS-3 – Soils with High Shrink-Swell Potential, Figure 5.6-1 - Areas Underlain by Steep Slope, Figure 5.6-4 – Soils, Table 5.6-B – Soil Types, and Appendix E – Geotechnical Report)*

Compliance with the City’s existing codes and the policies contained in the General Plan 2025 help to ensure that impacts related to geologic conditions are reduced to less than significant impacts level directly, indirectly and cumulatively.

#### d. Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property?

Fill in the appropriate box indicating whether the impact is no impact, less than significant, significant, or severe.

#### 6d. Response: *(Source: General Plan 2025 FPEIR Figure 5.6-4 – Soils, Figure 5.6-5 – Soils with High Shrink-Swell Potential, Appendix E – Geotechnical Report, and California Building Code as adopted by the City of Riverside and set out in Title 16 of the Riverside Municipal Code)*

Compliance with the applicable provisions of the City’s Subdivision Code- Title 18 and the California Building Code with regard to soil hazards related to the expansive soils will be reduced to a less than significant impact level for this project directly, indirectly and cumulatively.

#### 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?

Fill in the appropriate box indicating whether the impact is no impact, less than significant, significant, or severe.

#### 6e. Response: *(Source: General Plan 2025 FPEIR Figure 5.6-4 – Soils, Table 5.6-B – Soil Types)*

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<td>The proposed project will be served by sewer infrastructure. Therefore, the project will have no impact.</td>
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7. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS.

Would the project:

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

7a. Response:

Projects that are consistent with the projections of employment and population forecasts identified by the SCAG are considered consistent with the AQMP growth projections, since these forecast numbers were used by SCAG’s modeling section to forecast travel demand and air quality for planning activities such as the RTP, the SCAQMD’s AQMP, RTIP, and the Regional Housing Plan. This project is consistent with the projections of employment and population forecasts identified by the SCAG that are consistent with the General Plan 2025 “Typical Growth Scenario.” However, due to the size and scope of the proposed project, a Climate Change Analysis was commissioned by the applicant to determine if the project related impacts (both construction and operational) would produce GhG emissions that would have a significant direct, indirect or cumulative impact on the environment. Thus, a less than significant impact is expected directly, indirectly and cumulatively.

| b. Conflict with any applicable plan, policy or regulation of an agency adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases? | ☐ | ☐ | ☑ | ☐ |

7b. Response:

The SCAQMD supports State, Federal and international policies to reduce levels of ozone depleting gases through its Global Warming Policy and rules and has established an interim Greenhouse Gas (GhG) threshold. As indicated in Question A, above, the project would comply with the City’s General Plan policies and State Building Code provisions designed to reduce GhG emissions. In addition, the project would comply with all SCAQMD applicable rules and regulations during construction of the operational phase and will not interfere with the State’s goals of reducing GhG emission to 1990 levels by the year 2020 as stated in AB 32 and an 80 percent reduction in GhG emissions below 1990 levels by 2050 as stated in Executive Order S-3-05. Based upon the prepared Climate Change Analysis for this project and the discussion above, the project will not conflict with any applicable plan, policy or regulation related to the reduction in the emissions of GhG and thus a less than significant impact will occur directly, indirectly and cumulatively in this regard.

8. HAZARDS & 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? | ☐ | ☐ | ☑ | ☐ |


The project involves the construction of a vehicle fuel station with vehicle wash facilities and a convenience store. The proposal in and of itself will not pose a significant hazard to the public or environment through the routine transport, use or disposal of hazardous materials. However, the construction facilitated by this proposal has the potential to create a hazard to the public or environment through the routine transportation, use, and disposal of construction related hazardous materials as the project would include the delivery and disposal of hazardous materials such as fuels, oils, solvents, and other materials. These materials are typical of materials delivered to construction sites. Oversight by the appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, and compliance by the new development with applicable regulations related to the handling, storage and disposal of hazardous materials will cause the project to have a less than significant impact directly, indirectly and cumulatively.

| b. Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment? | ☐ | ☐ | ☑ | ☐ |
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**Please refer to Response 8b. above.** Furthermore, compliance with existing regulations would ensure that the public would not be exposed to any unusual or excessive risks related to hazardous materials as a result of this project. As such, impacts associated with the upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment would be a **less than significant impact** directly, indirectly and cumulatively.

- c. Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?
  - No

| 8c. Response: (Source: General Plan 2025 Public Safety and Education Elements, GP 2025 FPEIR Table 5.7-D - CalARP RMP Facilities in the Project Area, Figure 5.13-2 – RUSD Boundaries, Table 5.13-D RUSD Schools, Figure 5.13-3 AUSD Boundaries, Table 5.13-E AUSD Schools, Figure 5.13-4 – Other School District Boundaries, California Health and Safety Code, Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, California Building Code) |

The proposed project does not involve any emission or handling of any hazardous materials, substances or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing school because the proposed project is located approximately 0.4 miles from the nearest existing school (Arizona Middle School & Orenmaa Elementary School). Therefore, the project will have **no impact** regarding emitting hazardous emissions or handling hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school directly, indirectly or cumulatively.

- d. Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?
  - No

| 8d. Response: (Source: General Plan 2025 Figure PS-5 – Hazardous Waste Sites, GP 2025 FPEIR Tables 5.7-A – CERCLIS Facility Information, Figure 5.7-B – Regulated Facilities in TRI Information and 5.7-C – DTSC EnviroStor Database Listed Sites) |

A review of hazardous materials site lists compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 found that the project site is not included on any such lists. Therefore, the project would have **no impact** to creating any significant hazard to the public or environment directly, indirectly or cumulatively.

- e. For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?
  - No

| 8e. Response: (Source: General Plan 2025 Figure PS-6 – Airport Safety Zones and Influence Areas, RCALUCP and March Air Reserve Base/March Inland Port Comprehensive Land Use Plan (1999), Air Installation Compatible Use Zone Study for March Air Reserve Base (August 2005)) |

The project site is not located within any airport land use plan area or compatibility zone. Therefore, the project will have **no impact** resulting in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area directly, indirectly or cumulatively.

- f. For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?
  - No

| 8f. Response: (Source: General Plan 2025 Figure PS-6 – Airport Safety Zones and Influence Areas, RCALUCP) |

Because the proposed project is not located within proximity of a private airstrip, and does not propose a private airstrip, the project will not expose people residing or working in the City to excessive noise levels related to a private airstrip and would have **no impact** directly, indirectly or cumulatively.

- g. Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?
  - No
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#### 8g. Response: *(Source: GP 2025 FPEIR Chapter 7.5.7 – Hazards and Hazardous Materials, City of Riverside’s EOP, 2002 and Riverside Operational Area – Multi-Jurisdictional LHMP, 2004 Part 1, and OEM’s Strategic Plan)*

The project will be served by existing, fully improved streets, as well as on-site circulation. All streets have been designed to meet the Public Works and Fire Departments’ specifications. Any street closing will be of short duration so as not to interfere or impede with any emergency response or evacuation plan. Therefore, the project will have a **less than significant impact** directly, indirectly and cumulatively to an emergency response or evacuation plan.

#### h. Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?

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#### 8h. Response: *(Source: General Plan 2025 Figure PS-7 – Fire Hazard Areas, GIS Map Layer VHFSZ 2010, City of Riverside’s EOP, 2002, Riverside Operational Area – Multi-Jurisdictional LHMP, 2004 Part 1/Pt 2 and OEM’s Strategic Plan)*

The proposed project is located in an urbanized area where no wildlands exist and the property is no located within a Very High Fire Severity Zone (VHFSZ) or adjacent to wildland areas or a VHFSZ; therefore **no impact** regarding wildland fires either directly, indirectly or cumulatively from this project will occur.

### 9. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY.

**Would the project:**

#### a. Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?

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#### 9a. Response: *(Source: GP 2025 FPEIR Table 5.8-A – Beneficial Uses Receiving Water and Project Specific Hydrology Study and/or Water Quality Management Plan prepared by IW Consulting Engineers, Inc.)*

The project site is currently consists of a portion of a vacant pad with close to 100 percent of pervious surface. Upon construction of the project, the impermeable area of the project site will greatly increase. However, a preliminary WQMP has been submitted and approved by the Public Works Department for this project to ensure that water quality standards are not violated. During the construction phase, a final approved WQMP will be required for the project, as well as coverage under the State’s General Permit for Construction Activities, administered by the Santa Ana RWQCB. Storm water management measures will be required to be implemented to effectively control erosion and sedimentation and other construction-related pollutants during construction. Given compliance with all applicable local, state, and federal laws regulating surface water quality, the proposed project as designed is anticipated to result in a **less than significant impact** directly, indirectly or cumulatively to any water quality standards or waste discharge.

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#### b. Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?

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#### 9b. Response: *(Source: General Plan 2025 Table PF-1 – RPU Projected Domestic Water Supply (AC-FT/YR), Table PF-2 – RPU Projected Water Demand, Table PF-3 – Western Municipal Water District Projected...*
### ISSUES (AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION SOURCES):

<p>| The proposed project is located within the Arlington Water Supply Basin. The project is required to connect to the City’s sewer system and comply with all NPDES and WQMP requirements that will ensure the proposed project will not substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level. Therefore, there will be <strong>no impact</strong> to groundwater supplies and recharge either directly, indirectly or cumulatively. |</p>
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<td>The project is subject to NPDES requirements; areas of one acre or more of disturbance are subject to preparing and implementing a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) for the prevention of runoff during construction. Erosion, siltation and other possible pollutants associated with long-term implementation of projects are addressed as part of the Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) and grading permit process. Therefore, the project will have a <strong>less than significant impact</strong> directly, indirectly or cumulatively to existing drainage patterns.</td>
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<td>Within the scope of the project is the installation of storm water drainage system, specifically as described within the project description portion of this project. As the storm water drainage system will be installed concurrently with the construction of this project, the storm water drainage system will be adequately sized to accommodate the drainage created by this project. The project is expected to generate the following pollutants: sediment/turbidity, nutrients, trash and debris, oxygen demanding substances, bacteria and viruses, oil &amp; grease, and pesticides. These expected pollutants will be treated through the incorporation of the site design, source control and treatment control measures specified in the project specific WQMP. Therefore, as the expected pollutants will be mitigated through the project site design, source control, and treatment controls already integrated into the project design, the project will not create or contribute runoff water exceeding capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff and there will be a <strong>less than significant impact</strong> directly, indirectly or cumulatively.</td>
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Activities (SWPPP). As stated in the Permit, during and after construction, best management practices (BMPs) will be implemented to reduce/eliminate adverse water quality impacts resulting from development. Furthermore, the City has ensured that the development does not cause adverse water quality impacts, pursuant to its Municipal Separate Storm System (MS4) permit through the project’s WQMP.

The proposed development will increase the amount of impervious surface area in the City. This impervious area includes paved parking areas, sidewalks, roadways, and building rooftops; all sources of runoff that may carry pollutants and therefore has the potential to degrade water quality. This development has been required to prepare preliminary BMP’s that have been reviewed and approved by Public Works. Final BMP’s will be required prior to grading permit issuance. The purpose of this requirement is to insure treatment BMP’s are installed/constructed as part of the project so that the pollutants generated by the project will be treated in perpetuity. Therefore, impacts related to degrading water quality are less than significant directly, indirectly and cumulatively.

9g. Response: *(Source: General Plan 2025 Figure PS-4 – Flood Hazard Areas, and FEMA Flood Hazard Maps)*
A review of National Flood Insurance Rate Map (Map Number 06065C0715G, Zone X, effective Date August 28, 2008) and Figure 5.8-2 – Flood Hazard Areas of the General Plan Program FPEIR, shows that the project is not located within or near a 100-year flood hazard area. There will be no impact caused by this project directly, indirectly or cumulatively as it will not place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area.

9h. Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows?
The project site is not located within or near a 100-year flood hazard area as depicted on General Plan 2025 Program FPEIR Figure 5.8-2 – Flood Hazard Areas and the National Flood Insurance Rate Map (Map Number 06065C0715G, Zone X, Effective Date August 28, 2008). Therefore, the project will not place a structure within a 100-year flood hazard area that would impede or redirect flood flows and no impact will occur directly, indirectly or cumulatively.

9i. Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam?
The project site is not located within or near a flood hazard area as depicted on General Plan 2025 Program FPEIR Figure 5.8-2 – Flood Hazard Areas and the National Flood Insurance Rate Map (Map Number 06065C0715G, Zone X, Effective Date August 28, 2008) or subject to dam inundation as depicted on General Plan 2025 Program FPEIR Figure 5.8-2 – Flood Hazard Areas. Therefore, the project will not place a structure within a flood hazard or dam inundation area that would expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam and therefore no impact directly, indirectly or cumulatively will occur.

9j. Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?
Tsunamis are large waves that occur in coastal areas; therefore, since the City is not located in a coastal area, no impacts due to tsunamis will occur directly, indirectly or cumulatively. Additionally, the proposed project site and its surroundings have generally flat topography and is within an urbanized area not within proximity to Lake Mathews, Lake Evans, the Santa Ana River, Lake Hills, Norco Hills, Box Springs Mountain Area or any of the 9 arroyos which transverse the City and its sphere of influence. Therefore, no impact potential for seich or mudflow exists either directly, indirectly or cumulatively.

10. LAND USE AND PLANNING:
Would the project:

a. Physically divide an established community?
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<td>b. Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?</td>
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**10b. Response:** *(Source: General Plan 2025, General Plan 2025 Figure LU-10 – Land Use Policy Map, Table LU-5 – Zoning/General Plan Consistency Matrix, Figure LU-7 – Redevelopment Areas, Title 19 – Zoning Code, Title 18 – Subdivision Code, Title 7 – Noise Code, Title 17 – Grading Code, Title 20 – Cultural Resources Code, Title 16 – Buildings and Construction and Citywide Design and Sign Guidelines)*  

The proposal involves an amendment to the Municipal Code (Title 19) to rezone approximately 1.2 acres from the R-1-7000-SP – Single Family Residential and Specific Plan (Riverwalk Vista) Overlay Zones to the CG-SP – Commercial General and Specific Plan (Riverwalk Vista) Overlay Zones. The proposed rezoning will facilitate the proposed commercial development. The proposed vehicle fuel station will be compatible in architectural style and design with the surrounding development and will be consistent, or conditioned to be consistent, with the Citywide Design Guidelines. The proposed vehicle fuel station is generally consistent with applicable development standards of the proposed CG Zone. Where variances are proposed, they can be supported based on the findings contained in the case record. Based on the above-referenced information, the proposed project would not result in significant adverse environmental impacts. Thus, **less than significant** impacts will result from this Project.

c. Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan?

**10c. Response:** *(Source: General Plan 2025, General Plan 2025 – Figure LU-10 – Land Use Policy Map, Table LU-5 – Zoning/General Plan Consistency Matrix, Figure LU-7 – Redevelopment Areas, enter appropriate Specific Plan if one, Title 19 – Zoning Code, Title 18 – Subdivision Code, Title 7 – Noise Code, Title 17 – Grading Code, Title 20 – Cultural Resources Code, Title 16 – Buildings and Construction and Citywide Design and Sign Guidelines)*  

The project site is located within an urbanized area and will not impact an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or State habitat conservation plan directly, indirectly and cumulatively. Therefore, the project will have **no impact** on the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or State habitat conservation plan.

### 11. 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? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

**11a. Response:** *(Source: General Plan 2025 Figure – OS-1 – Mineral Resources)*  

The formational material that underlies the project site is the rock products formation. This formation does not contain recoverable mineral resources or economic value. The loss of known mineral resources valuable locally or regionally would not occur because of the project and no further analysis is required. Therefore, the project will have **no impact** on mineral resources directly, indirectly or cumulatively.

- 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? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

**11b. Response:** *(Source: General Plan 2025 Figure – OS-1 – Mineral Resources)*  

The GP 2025 FPEIR determined that there are no specific areas with the City of Sphere Area which have locally-important mineral resource recovery sites and that the implementation of the General Plan 2025 would not significantly preclude the ability to extract state-designated resources. The proposed project is consistent with the General Plan 2025. Therefore,
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**12. NOISE.**

Would the project result in:

a. Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?

b. Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?

c. A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?

d. A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?

**12a. Response:** *(Source: General Plan Figure N-1 – 2003 Roadway Noise, Figure N-2 – 2003 Freeway Noise, Figure N-3 – 2003 Railway Noise, Figure N-5 – 2025 Roadway Noise, Figure N-6 – 2025 Freeway Noise, Figure N-7 – 2025 Railroad Noise, Figure N-8 – Riverside and Flabob Airport Noise Contours, Figure N-9 – March ARB Noise Contours, Figure N-10 – Noise/Land Use Noise Compatibility Criteria, FPEIR Table 5.11-I – Existing and Future Noise Contour Comparison, Table 5.11-E – Interior and Exterior Noise Standards, Appendix G – Noise Existing Conditions Report, Title 7 – Noise Code)*

Per Implementation Tool N-1 of the General Plan 2025 Noise Element, this project has been reviewed to ensure that noise standards and compatibility issues have been addressed. The project meets the City’s noise standards as set forth in Title 7 of the Municipal Code, is compliant with the Noise/Land Use Noise Compatibility Criteria Matrix (Figure N-10) of the Noise Element, and therefore does not require an acoustical analysis. Therefore, impacts are **less than significant** on the exposure of persons to or the generation of noise levels in excess of established City standards either directly, indirectly or cumulatively.

**12b. Response:** *(Source: General Plan Figure N-1 – 2003 Roadway Noise, Figure N-2 – 2003 Freeway Noise, Figure N-3 – 2003 Railway Noise, Figure N-5 – 2025 Roadway Noise, Figure N-6 – 2025 Freeway Noise, Figure N-7 – 2025 Railroad Noise, Figure N-8 – Riverside and Flabob Airport Noise Contours, Figure N-9 – March ARB Noise Contours, FPEIR Table 5.11-G – Vibration Source Levels For Construction Equipment, Appendix G – Noise Existing Conditions Report)*

Construction related activities although short term, are the most common source of groundborne noise and vibration that could affect occupants of neighboring uses. Compliance with the City’s noise standards related to groundborne vibration and groundborne noise levels will result in the project to be **less than significant** directly, indirectly and cumulatively.

**12c. Response:** *(Source: General Plan Figure N-1 – 2003 Roadway Noise, Figure N-2 – 2003 Freeway Noise, Figure N-3 – 2003 Railway Noise, Figure N-5 – 2025 Roadway Noise, Figure N-6 – 2025 Freeway Noise, Figure N-7 – 2025 Railroad Noise, Figure N-8 – Riverside and Flabob Airport Noise Contours, Figure N-9 – March ARB Noise Contours, Figure N-10 – Noise/Land Use Noise Compatibility Criteria, FPEIR Table 5.11-I – Existing and Future Noise Contour Comparison, Table 5.11-E – Interior and Exterior Noise Standards, Appendix G – Noise Existing Conditions Report, Title 7 – Noise Code)*

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**12d. Response:** *(Source: FPEIR Table 5.11-J – Construction Equipment Noise Levels, Appendix G – Noise Existing Conditions)*

The primary source of temporary or periodic noise associated with the proposed project is from construction activity and maintenance work. Construction noise typically involves the loudest common urban noise events associated with building demolition, grading, construction, large diesel engines, truck deliveries and hauling. Both the General Plan 2025 and
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Municipal Code Title 7 (Noise Code) limit construction activities to specific times and days of the week and during those specified times, construction activity is subject to the noise standards provided in the Title 7. Considering the short-term nature of construction and the provisions of the Noise Code, the temporary and periodic increase in noise levels due to the construction which may result from the project are considered **less than significant** directly, indirectly and cumulatively.

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 expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?

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d. **12e. Response:** *(Source: General Plan 2025 Figure N-8 – Riverside and Flabob Airport Noise Contours, Figure N-9 – March ARB Noise Contour, Figure N-10 – Noise/Land Use Noise Compatibility Criteria, RCALUCP, March Air Reserve Base/March inland Port Comprehensive Land Use Plan (1999), Air Installation Compatible Use Zone Study for March Air Reserve Base (August 2005))*

The proposed project is not located within an airport land use plan or within two miles of a public airport of public use airport and as such will have **no impact** on people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels either directly, indirectly or cumulatively.

f. For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?

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d. **12f. Response:** *(Source: General Plan 2025 Figure PS-6 – Airport Safety Zones and Influence Areas, RCALUCP, March Air Reserve Base/March Inland Port Comprehensive Land Use Plan (1999) and Air Installation Compatible Use Zone Study for March Air Reserve Base (August 2005))*

Per the GP 2025 Program FPEIR, there are no private airstrips within the City that would expose people working or residing in the City to excessive noise levels. Because the proposed project consists of development anticipated under the General Plan 2025, is not located within proximity of a private airstrip, and does not propose a private airstrip, the project will not expose people residing or working in the City to excessive noise levels related to a private airstrip and would have **no impact** directly, indirectly or cumulatively.

13. **POPULATION AND HOUSING.**

Would the project:

a. Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?

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d. **13a. Response:** *(Source: General Plan 2025 Table LU-3 – Land Use Designations, FPEIR Table 5.12-A – SCAG Population and Households Forecast, Table 5.12-B – General Plan Population and Employment Projections – 2025, Table 5.12-C – 2025 General Plan and SCAG Comparisons, Table 5.12-D - General Plan Housing Projections 2025, Capital Improvement Program and SCAG’s RCP and RTP)*

The project involves the construction of a vehicle fuel station and associated zoning designation changes that may directly induce population growth, and may involve additional infrastructure that could indirectly induce population growth. The General Plan 2025 Final PEIR determined that Citywide, future development anticipated under the General Plan 2025 Typical scenario would not have significant population growth impacts. Because the proposed project is consistent with the General Plan 2025 Typical growth scenario and population growth impacts were previously evaluated in the GP 2025 FPEIR the project does not result in new impacts beyond those previously evaluated in the GP 2025 FPEIR; therefore, the impacts will be **less than significant** both directly and indirectly.

b. Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?

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d. **13b. Response:** *(Source: CADME Land Use 2003 Layer)*

The project will not displace existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere because the project site is currently vacant and has no existing housing that will be removed or affected by the proposed project.
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### 13c. Response: *(Source: CADME Land Use 2003 Layer)*

The project will not displace existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere because the project site is currently vacant and has no existing housing that will be removed or affected by the proposed project. Therefore, there will be no impact on existing housing either directly, indirectly or cumulatively.

## 14. PUBLIC SERVICES.

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. Fire protection?

Adequate fire facilities and services are provided by Station 12 located at 10692 Indiana Avenue to serve this project. In addition, with implementation of General Plan 2025 policies, compliance with existing codes and standards, and through Fire Department practices, there will be less than significant impacts on the demand for additional fire facilities or services either directly, indirectly or cumulatively.

### b. Police protection?

Adequate police facilities and services are provided by West Neighborhood Policing Center to serve this project. In addition, with implementation of General Plan 2025 policies, compliance with existing codes and standards, and through Police Department practices, there will be less than significant impacts on the demand for additional police facilities or services either directly, indirectly or cumulatively.

### c. Schools?

Adequate school facilities and services are provided by Alvord School District to serve this project. In addition, with implementation of General Plan 2025 policies, compliance with existing codes and standards, and through Alvord School District impact fees used to offset the impact of new development, there will be less than significant impacts on the demand for school facilities or services either directly, indirectly or cumulatively.

### d. Parks?

Adequate park facilities and services are provided in the La Sierra South Neighborhood to serve this project. In addition, with implementation of General Plan 2025 policies, compliance with existing codes and standards, and through Park, Recreation and Community Services practices, there will be less than significant impacts on the demand for additional park facilities or services either directly, indirectly or cumulatively.

### e. Other public facilities?

Adequate park facilities and services are provided in the La Sierra South Neighborhood to serve this project. In addition, with implementation of General Plan 2025 policies, compliance with existing codes and standards, and through Park, Recreation and Community Services practices, there will be less than significant impacts on the demand for additional park facilities or services either directly, indirectly or cumulatively.
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**Riverside Public Library Service Standards**

Adequate public facilities and services, including libraries and community centers, are provided in the La Sierra South Neighborhood to serve this project. In addition, with implementation of General Plan 2025 policies, compliance with existing codes and standards, and through Park and Recreation and Community Services and Library practices, there will be **no impacts** on the demand for additional public facilities or services either directly, indirectly or cumulatively.

### 15. RECREATION.

a. Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?

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**15a. Response:** *(Source: General Plan 2025 Figure PR-1 – Parks, Open Spaces and Trails, Table PR-4 – Park and Recreation Facilities, Figure CCM-6 – Master plan of Trails and Bikeways, Parks Master Plan 2003, FPEIR Table 5.14-A – Park and Recreation Facility Types, and Table 5.14-C – Park and Recreation Facilities Funded in the Riverside Renaissance Initiative, Table 5.14-D – Inventory of Existing Community Centers, Riverside Municipal Code Chapter 16.60 - Local Park Development Fees, Bicycle Master Plan May 2007)*

The project is consistent with the adopted General Plan 2025 and will pay applicable Park Development Impact Fees to the City of Riverside Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department therefore this project will have **no impact** directly, indirectly or cumulatively.

b. Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?

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**15b. Response:**

The project will not include new public recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities; therefore, there will be **no impact** directly, indirectly or cumulatively.

### 16. TRANSPORTATION/Traffic

Would the project result in:

a. Conflict with an applicable plan, ordinance or policy establishing measures of effectiveness for the performance or policy establishing measures of effectiveness for the performance of the circulation system, taking into account all modes of transportation including mass transit and non-motorized travel and relevant components of the circulation system, including but not limited to intersections, streets, highways and freeways, pedestrian and bicycle paths, and mass transit?

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**16a. Response:** *(Source: General Plan 2025 Figure CCM-4 – Master Plan of Roadways, FPEIR Figure 5.15-4 – Volume to Capacity (V/C) Ratio and Level of Service (LOS) (Typical 2025), Table 5.15-D – Existing and Future Trip Generation Estimates, Table 5.15-H – Existing and Typical Density Scenario Intersection Levels of Service, Table 5.15-1 – Conceptual General Plan Intersection Improvement Recommendations, Table 5.15-J – Current Status of Roadways Projected to Operate at LOS E or F in 2025, Table 5.15-K – Freeway Analysis Proposed General Plan, Appendix H – Circulation Element Traffic Study and Traffic Study Appendix, SCAG’s RTP, and Traffic Impact Analysis prepared by LSA)*

Roadway capacity is adequate to accommodate the projected traffic volumes of the proposed project. As determined by the City Traffic Engineer and a Traffic Impact Analysis prepared for the proposed project the proposed project will operate better than the required LOS D. Therefore, the increase in traffic in relation to the existing traffic load and capacity of the street system is **less than significant** directly, indirectly or cumulatively.

b. Conflict with an applicable congestion management program, including but not limited to level of service standards and travel demand measures, or other standards

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established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways?

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Roadway capacity is adequate to accommodate the projected traffic volumes of the proposed project. As determined by the City Traffic Engineer and a Traffic Impact Analysis prepared for the proposed project the proposed project will operate better than the required LOS D. In addition, the project is consistent with the Riverside County’s Congestion Management Program (CMP) and its Transportation Demand Management/Air Quality components. Therefore, increase in traffic in relation to the existing traffic load and capacity of the street system is less than significant directly, indirectly and cumulatively.

c. Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks?

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16c. Response: *(Source: General Plan 2025 Figure PS-6 – Airport Safety Zones and Influence Areas, RCALUCP, March Air Reserve Base/March Inland Port Comprehensive Land Use Plan (1999) and Air Installation Compatible Use Zone Study for March Air Reserve Base (August 2005)*

The project will not change air traffic patterns, increase air traffic levels or change the location of air traffic patterns. It is not located within an airport influence area. As such, this project will have no impact directly, indirectly or cumulatively on air traffic patterns.

d. Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?

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16d. Response: *(Source: Project Site Plans, Lane Striping and Signing Plans and Traffic Impact Analysis prepared by LSA, dated August 16, 2103)*

The proposed project is compatible with adjacent existing uses. As well, it has been designed so as not to cause any incompatible use or additional or any hazards to the surrounding area or general public. As conditioned, the project will have a less than significant impact on increasing hazards through design or incompatible uses directly, indirectly or cumulatively.

e. Result in inadequate emergency access?

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The project has the potential during construction to obstruct lanes of travel that may have an impact on emergency access. However, the project has been conditioned to require at least one lane of travel to be open and available at all times. This will eliminate any impact to emergency access.

f. Conflict with adopted policies, plans or programs regarding public transit, bicycle, or pedestrian facilities, or otherwise decrease the performance or safety of such facilities?

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The project, as designed, does not create conflicts with adopted policies, plans or programs supporting alternative transportation (e.g. bus turnouts, bicycle racks). As such, the project will have no impact directly, indirectly or cumulatively on adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation.
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**17a. Response:** *(Source: General Plan 2025 Figure PF-2 – Sewer Facilities Map, FPEIR Figure 5.16-5 – Sewer Service Areas, Table 5.16-K - Estimated Future Wastewater Generation for the City of Riverside’s Sewer Service Area, Table 5.16-L - Estimated Future Wastewater Generation for the Planning Area Served by WMWD, Figure 5.8-1 – Watersheds, Wastewater Integrated Master Plan and Certified EIR)*

All new development is required to comply with all provisions of the NPDES program and the City’s Municipal Separate Sewer Permit (MS4), as enforced by the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB). Therefore, the proposed project would not exceed applicable wastewater treatment requirements of the RWQCB with respect to discharges to the sewer system or stormwater system within the City. Because the proposed project is required to adhere to the above regulations related to wastewater treatment the project will have a **less than significant** impact.

b. Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?

| Response: *(Source: General Plan 2025 Table PF-1 – RPU PROJECTED DOMESTIC WATER Supply (AC-FT/YR), Table PF-2 – RPU Projected Water Demand, Table PF-3 – Western Municipal Water District Projected Domestic Water Supply (AC-FT/YR), RPU, FPEIR Table 5.16-G – General Plan Projected Water Demand for RPU Including Water Reliability for 2025, Table 5.16-I - Current and Projected Water Use WMWD, Table 5.16-J - General Plan Projected Water Demand for WMWD Including Water Reliability 2025, Table 5.16-K - Estimated Future Wastewater Generation for the City of Riverside’s Sewer Service Area & Table 5.16-L - Estimated Future Wastewater Generation for the Planning Area Served by WMWD, Figure 5.16-4 – Water Facilities and Figures 5.16-6 – Sewer Infrastructure and Wastewater Integrated Master Plan and Certified EIR.)*

The project will not result in the construction of new or expanded water or wastewater treatment facilities. The project is consistent with the Typical Growth Scenario of the General Plan 2025 where future water and wastewater generation was determined to be adequate (see Tables 5.16-E, 5.16-F, 5.16-G, 5.16-H, 5.16-I and 5.16-K of the General Plan 2025 Final PEIR). Therefore, the project will have **no impact** resulting in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or the expansion of existing facilities directly, indirectly or cumulatively.

c. Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?

| Response: *(Source: FPEIR Figure 5.16-2 - Drainage Facilities)*

The proposed increase in impervious surface area will generate increased storm water flows with potential to impact drainage facilities and require the provision of additional facilities. However, the Subdivision Code (Title 18, Section 18.48.020) requires drainage fees to be paid to the City for new construction. Fees are transferred into a drainage facilities fund that is maintained by Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District. This Section also complies with the California Government Code (section 66483), which provides for the payment of fees for construction of drainage facilities. Fees are required to be paid as part of the conditions of approval/waiver for filing of a final map or parcel map.

General Plan 2025 Policies PF 4.1 and PF 4.3 require the City to continue to routinely monitor its storm drain system and to fund and improve those systems as identified in the City’s Capital Improvement plan. Implementation of these policies will ensure that the City is adequately served by drainage systems. The General Plan 2025 also includes policies and programs that will minimize the environmental effects of the development of such facilities. Therefore, the project will have **less than significant** on existing storm water drainage facilities that would not require the expansion of existing facilities directly, indirectly or cumulatively.

d. Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed?

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The project will not exceed expected water supplies. The project is consistent with the General Plan 2025 Typical Growth Scenario where future water supplies were determined to be adequate (see Tables 5.16-E, 5.16-F, 5.16-G, 5.16-H, 5.16-I and 5.16-J of the General Plan 2025 Final PEIR). Therefore, the project will have no impact resulting in the insufficient water supplies either directly, indirectly or cumulatively.

e. 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? | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ |

f. Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project’s solid waste disposal needs? | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ |

17e. Response: (Source: FPEIR Figure 5.16-5 - Sewer Service Areas, Figure 5.16-6 - Sewer Infrastructure, Table 5.16-K - Estimated Future Wastewater Generation for the City of Riverside’s Sewer Service Area, Table 5.16-L - Estimated Future Wastewater Generation for the Planning Area Served by WMWD, and Wastewater Integrated Master Plan and Certified EIR)

The project will not exceed wastewater treatment requirements of (Regional Water Quality Control Board). The project is consistent with the General Plan 2025 Typical Growth Scenario where future wastewater generation was determined to be adequate (see Table 5.16-K of the General Plan 2025 Final PEIR). Further, the current Wastewater Treatment Master Plan anticipates and provides for this type of project. Therefore, no impact to wastewater treatment directly, indirectly or cumulatively will occur.

g. Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste? | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ |

17f. Response: (Source: FPEIR Table 5.16-A – Existing Landfills and Table 5.16-M – Estimated Future Solid Waste Generation from the Planning Area)

The project is consistent with the General Plan 2025 Typical Build-out Project level where future landfill capacity was determined to be adequate (see Tables 5.16-A and 5.16-M of the General Plan 2025 Final PEIR). Therefore, no impact to landfill capacity will occur directly, indirectly or cumulatively.

17g. Response: (Source: California Integrated Waste Management Board 2002 Landfill Facility Compliance Study)

The California Integrated Waste Management Act under the Public Resource Code requires that local jurisdictions divert at least 50% of all solid waste generated by January 1, 2000. The City is currently achieving a 60% diversion rate, well above State requirements. In addition, the California Green Building Code requires all developments to divert 50% of non-hazardous construction and demolition debris for all projects and 100% of excavated soil and land clearing debris for all non-residential projects beginning January 1, 2011. The proposed project must comply with the City’s waste disposal requirements as well as the California Green Building Code and as such would not conflict with any Federal, State, or local regulations related to solid waste. Therefore, no impacts related to solid waste statutes will occur directly, indirectly or cumulatively.
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<td>a. Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or an endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?</td>
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<td>Potential impacts related to habitat of fish or wildlife species were discussed in the Biological Resources Section of this Initial Study, and were all found to be less than significant. Additionally, potential impacts to cultural, archaeological and paleontological resources related to major periods of California and the City of Riverside’s history or prehistory were discussed in the Cultural Resources Section of this Initial Study, and were found to be less than significant.</td>
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<td>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)?</td>
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<td>Because the project is consistent with the General Plan 2025, no new cumulative impacts are anticipated and therefore cumulative impacts of the proposed project beyond those previously considered in the GP 2025 FPEIR are less than significant.</td>
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<td>c. Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?</td>
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<td>Effects on human beings were evaluated as part of the aesthetics, air quality, hydrology &amp; water quality, noise, population and housing, hazards and hazardous materials, and traffic sections of this initial study and found to be less than significant for each of the above sections. Based on the analysis and conclusions in this initial study, the project will not cause substantial adverse effects, directly or indirectly to human beings. Therefore, potential direct and indirect impacts on human beings that result from the proposed project are less than significant.</td>
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### Staff Recommended Mitigation Measures

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<td>Prior to issuance of grading and/or building permits.</td>
<td>Building &amp; Safety Division Public Works Department</td>
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<td><strong>MM Air 2:</strong> To reduce construction related particulate matter air quality impacts of projects the following measures shall be required:                                                                                   1. the generation of dust shall be controlled as required by the AQMD;</td>
<td>Prior to issuance of individual grading and/or building permit.</td>
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<td>4. the contractor shall prepare and maintain a traffic control plan, prepared, stamped and signed by either a licensed Traffic Engineer or a Civil Engineer. The preparation of the plan shall be in accordance with Chapter 5 of the latest edition of the Caltrans Traffic Manual and the State Standard Specifications. The plan shall be submitted for approval, by the engineer, at the preconstruction meeting. Work shall not commence without an approved traffic control plan.</td>
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