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Notice of Preparation of Environmental Impact Report-Indian Street Commerce Center
(RIV 215 PM R32.59)

Ms. Descoteaux

We have completed our initial review for the above said project located east of Interstate 215 (I-215). Approximately one-half mile westerly of Perris Boulevard bounded by Indian Street to the east. Project proposes approximately 446,350 square feet of light industrial uses within an approximately 19.64 acre site.

As the owner and operator of the State Highway System (SHS), it is our responsibility to coordinate and consult with local jurisdictions when proposed development may impact our facilities. Under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), we are required to make recommendations to offset associated impacts with the proposed project. Although the project is under the jurisdiction of the City of Moreno Valley due to the Project's potential impact to State facilities it is also subject to the policies and regulations that govern the SHS.

Traffic Study

- A Traffic Impact Study (TIS) is necessary to determine this proposed project's near-term and long-term impacts to the State facilities and to propose appropriate mitigation measures. The study should be based on Caltrans' *Guide for the Preparation of Traffic Impact Studies (TIS)* which is located at the following website:
  http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/offices/ocp/igr_ceqa_files/tisguide.pdf
  Minimum contents of the traffic impact study are listed in Appendix "A" of the TIS guide.

- Traffic Impact further away from the project is typically not required because a project's potential impacts to the SHS dissipate to less than significant levels as traffic disperses throughout the transportation system.

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- The data used in the TIS should not be more than 2 years old.

- The geographic area examined in the traffic study should include as a minimum all regionally significant arterial system segments and intersections, including State highway facilities where the project will add over 100 peak hour trips. State highway facilities that are experiencing noticeable delays should be analyzed in the scope of the traffic study for projects that add 50 to 100 peak hour trips.

- Traffic Analysis Scenarios should clearly be exhibited as exiting, existing + project, existing + project + cumulative, and existing + project + cumulative + ambient growth.

- Caltrans endeavors that any direct and cumulative impacts to the State highway system be eliminated or reduced to a level of insignificance pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) standards.

- The LOS for operating State highway facilities is based upon Measures of Effectiveness (MOE) identified in the Highway Capacity Manual (HCM). Caltrans endeavors to maintain a target LOS at the transition between LOS "C" and LOS "D" on State highway facilities; however, Caltrans acknowledges that this may not always be feasible and recommends that the lead agency consult with Caltrans to determine the appropriate target LOS. If an existing State highway facility is operating at less than this target LOS, the existing MOE should be maintained. In general, the region-wide goal for an acceptable LOS on all freeways, roadway segments, and intersections is "D". For undeveloped or not densely developed locations, the goal may be to achieve LOS "C".

- Clearly indicate LOS with and without improvements.

- It is recommended that the Synchro Analysis includes all intersections from the Project site to the proposed study areas. A PHF of 0.92 in urban areas is recommended to be used in the Synchro Analysis.

- All freeway entrance and exit ramps where a proposed project will add a significant number of peak-hour trips that may cause any traffic queues to exceed storage capacities should be analyzed. If ramp metering is to occur, a ramp queue analysis for all nearby Caltrans metered on-ramps is required to identify the delay to motorists using the on-ramps and the storage necessary to accommodate the queuing. The effects of ramp

metering should be analyzed in the traffic study. For metered freeway ramps, LOS does not apply. However, ramp meter delays above 15 minutes are considered excessive.

- Proposed improvements should be exhibited in preliminary drawings that indicate the LOS with improvements.

- Please submit a hard copy of all Traffic Impact Analysis documents and an electronic Synchro Analysis file.

Multimodal Accessibility:

Caltrans encourages the provision of multimodal transportation options for road users in order to mitigate congestion and reduce vehicle miles traveled, which in turn reduces greenhouse gas emissions and our State's effect on climate change. This is reflected in our mission, to "provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability". Caltrans therefore seeks to reduce vehicle trips associated with proposed new local development and recommends appropriate mitigation measures that address the transportation impacts of such development. These measures may include the planning and provision of access for the circulation of bicycles, pedestrians, and transit users.

Under Deputy Directive 64-R2: Complete Streets- Integrating the Transportation System (10/17/2014), Caltrans employees have been advised to:

- Collaborate with local and regional partners to plan, develop, and maintain effective bicycle, pedestrian, and transit networks.
- Encourage local agencies to include bicycle, pedestrian, and transit elements in regional and local planning documents, including general plans, transportation plans, and circulation elements.
- Promote land uses that encourage bicycle, pedestrian, and transit travel.
- Promote awareness of bicycle, pedestrian, and transit needs to develop an integrated, multimodal transportation system.
- Maximize bicycle, pedestrian, and transit safety and mobility through each project's life cycle.

Drainage/Hydrology

All existing tributary areas, area drainage patterns and runoff volumes having an impact to adjacent I-215 drainage facilities must be identified and analyzed in a project hydrology study. With regard to any on-site detention area proposed, basin calculations should be included to verify that the basin volume is sufficient to detain necessary runoff flows.

We appreciate the opportunity to offer comments concerning this project. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Talvin Dennis at (909) 806-3957 or myself at (909) 383-4557 for assistance.

Sincerely,

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NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR), INDIAN STREET COMMERCE CENTER PROJECT

Dear Ms. Descoteaux:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) received the above named document dated March 10, 2016. The letter states that the City of Moreno Valley will coordinate the preparation of an EIR for the Indian Street Commerce Center Project.

DTSC is currently working with the Air Force, US EPA, and the Santa Ana Water Board to address groundwater contamination east of the March Air Reserve Base. As the project site is located above a portion of the contaminated groundwater, DTSC recommends that the EIR address this issue for the protection of human health and the environment.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (714) 484-5458.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Indian Street Commerce Center Project; APN: 316-210-019, -020, -057, -077
Location: Westerly of Perris Blvd., and bounded by Indian St. to the East
Description: Preparation of EIR

Dear Ms. Descoteaux:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the above-referenced project. The subject Project requires water and sewer service from EMWD. Detail of the proposed development requires a submittal to EMWD by the project proponent. Upon receipt of submittal, EMWD will review further and provide requirements for obtaining service which include but are not limited to:

1. Review of the project within the context of existing infrastructure.
2. Evaluation of the project's preliminary design and points of connection.
3. Formal Application for Service detailing applicable fees and deposits to proceed with EMWD approved service connections.

To begin the submittal process the project proponent may contact EMWD's New Business Department at:

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Again, EMWD appreciates the opportunity to comment on this project.

Sincerely,

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March 10, 2016

To: Responsible and Trustee Agencies/Interested Organizations and Individuals

Subject: NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT-
INDIAN STREET COMMERCE CENTER PROJECT

The City of Moreno Valley will be coordinating the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed Indian Street Commerce Center Project (the Project). In summary, the Project proposes approximately 446,350 square feet of light industrial uses within an approximately 19.64-acre site. As currently proposed, 357,080 square feet, or approximately 80 percent of the Project building area would be allocated for distribution warehouse uses; the remaining 89,270 square feet, or approximately 20 percent of the Project building area would be assigned to manufacturing. Supporting office uses would also be incorporated in the building design. The proposed Indian Street Commerce Center Project (Project), including all facilities proposed within the Project site, on- and off-site supporting improvements, and associated discretionary actions, is the Project that will be considered in the EIR.

The Project site is located within the southern portion of the City of Moreno Valley, in western Riverside County. The Project site is located approximately one-half mile westerly of Perris Boulevard and is bounded by Indian Street to the east. Grove View Road (alignment) comprises the Project site northerly boundary. March Air Force Base is located approximately one-third mile westerly of the Project site.

This letter is a request for environmental information that you or your organization believes should be addressed in the EIR. Due to time limits, as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), your response should be sent at the earliest possible date, but no later than April 13, 2016. Comments and questions may be directed to:

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Contact Person: Julia Descoteaux

The City has also scheduled a public scoping meeting for Wednesday, March 30, 2016. The meeting will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Sincerely,

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VIA US MAIL AND E-MAIL

RE: Comments on Notice of Preparation and Initial Study for Indian Street Commerce Center Project (Assessor's Parcel Numbers 316-210-019; 316-210-020; 316-210-057; and 316-210-077)

Greetings:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Notice of Preparation (NOP) and Initial Study (IS) prepared for the proposed Indian Street Commerce Center Project (the "Project"). Please accept these comments on behalf of the Sierra Club and concerned area residents.

The Project proposes development of 446,350 square feet of light industrial uses on a 19.64-acre site. As proposed, 357,080 square feet would be dedicated for distribution warehouse uses and 89,270 square feet would be dedicated to manufacturing. The site is presently vacant and undeveloped. The site is located in the southern portion of the City approximately one-half mile west of Perris Boulevard and is bounded by Indian Street to the east and Grove View Road (alignment) to the north. March Air Reserve Base is located approximately one-third mile west of the Project site.

The IS indicates that the Project may result in or cause potentially significant effects related to: Air Quality; Biological Resources; Cultural Resources/Tribal Cultural Resources; Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions/Global Climate Change; Hazards and Hazardous Materials; Hydrology/Water Quality; Noise; and Transportation/Traffic.

The IS does not address whether the site contains any farmland of local importance. This should be evaluated in an EIR. If present, the cumulative loss of agricultural land should also be evaluated in an EIR.

Health risk impacts from the Project should be modeled along all proposed truck routes for the Project, not merely receptors within 1,000 feet of the Project site. The "source" aka trucks, will pass closer to homes and schools if they travel north from the site. It would be preferable if the Project were developed with curb cutouts and other means to deter trucks from traveling north passed residences on Indian

Avenue or Perris Boulevard, and were instead directed south to Harley Knox and I-215. Cumulative health risk impacts should be quantified. Health risk impacts should be weighted to account for children at the nearby schools.

Potential impacts to raptors, including loss of foraging land, and potential impacts to burrowing owl should be evaluated in the EIR.

A small number of ornamental pines and Chinaberry trees exist in the southwesterly portion of the Project site. What is the history of these trees/ do they have any historical value? The EIR should disclose how and why these trees came to be present onsite and if they have any historic or cultural value.

Impacts to geology/soils should be considered in the EIR. The IS states, "The Project Geotechnical Study indicates that soils within the Project site have a low expansion potential, but would require attention during Project design and maintenance." (IS p. 3-18) The issues that "require attention" should be disclosed and addressed in the EIR.

The Project should be conditioned to install the maximum supported amount of PV. There should be no alternative condition regarding purchasing an equivalent amount of electricity from a utility provider that receives its energy from renewable sources.

With respect to hydrology and water quality, cumulative runoff and flooding impacts to the PV Storm Drain Channel should be considered in the EIR.

The evaluation of traffic impacts should include consideration of impacts to alternate routes and city streets if traffic on highways becomes too congested. Regional and cumulative traffic impacts, and impacts to I-215, SR-60, I-91, and I-10 should be considered.

The statement that regional VMT and vehicular source emissions are reduced because: "Distribution warehouse uses proposed by the Project act to reduce truck travel distances and truck trips within the region by consolidating and reducing requirements for single-delivery vendor truck trips," is unsupported by any evidence. The EIR should consider regional VMT for the Project based on actual trip lengths, likely with a substantial portion travelling to/from the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach.

Any EIR prepared for this Project should address potential blighting effects from an oversupply of logistics warehousing in the City from development of this Project, as well as impacts from failing to maintain a mix of industry in the City. The EIR should consider alternatives such as developing the entire Project, not just 20%, as manufacturing. The EIR should also consider an alternative that develops the site as research and development or office and support commercial activities.

While a Water Supply Assessment may not be required pursuant to the Water Code, Project impacts to water supply should nevertheless be assessed in the EIR given drought conditions and the continuing application of use restrictions pursuant to Executive Order.

Cumulative impacts should be thoroughly considered in the EIR. With respect to traffic, air quality, health risks, biological resources, traffic noise, and other effects, cumulative projects considered should include nearby Moreno Valley and Perris Projects, including, but not limited to, the World Logistics Center, Optimus Logistics Center 1 and Optimus Logistics Center 2. The cumulative impact assessment should not be limited to an arbitrary radius but instead should consider those projects likely to combine with the Project resulting in cumulative effects. The cumulative projects considered for the assessment of traffic may appropriately be greater in scope than other assessments.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

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RE: SCH# 2016031036 Indian Street Commerce Center Project, City of Moreno Valley, Riverside County, California

Dear Ms. Descoteaux:

The Native American Heritage Commission has received the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the project referenced above. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Pub. Resources Code § 21000 et seq.), specifically Public Resources Code section 21084.1, states that a project that may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an historical resource is a project that may have a significant effect on the environment. (Pub. Resources Code § 21084.1; Cal. Code Regs., tit.14, § 15064.5 (b) (CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.5 (b)). If there is substantial evidence, in light of the whole record before a lead agency, that a project may have a significant effect on the environment, an environmental impact report (EIR) shall be prepared. (Pub. Resources Code § 21080 (d); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15064 subd.(a)(1) (CEQA Guidelines § 15064 (a)(1)). In order to determine whether a project will cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource, a lead agency will need to determine whether there are historical resources with the area of project effect (APE).

CEQA was amended significantly in 2014. Assembly Bill 52 (Gatto, Chapter 532, Statutes of 2014) (AB 52) amended CEQA to create a separate category of cultural resources, "tribal cultural resources" (Pub. Resources Code § 21074) and provides that a project with an effect that may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource is a project that may have a significant effect on the environment. (Pub. Resources Code § 21084.2). Public agencies shall, when feasible, avoid damaging effects to any tribal cultural resource. (Pub. Resources Code § 21084.3 (a)). **AB 52 applies to any project for which a notice of preparation or a notice of negative declaration or mitigated negative declaration is filed on or after July 1, 2015.** If your project involves the adoption of or amendment to a general plan or a specific plan, or the designation or proposed designation of open space, on or after March 1, 2005, it may also be subject to Senate Bill 18 (Burton, Chapter 905, Statutes of 2004) (SB 18). **Both SB 18 and AB 52 have tribal consultation requirements**. If your project is also subject to the federal National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. § 4321 et seq.) (NEPA), the tribal consultation requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (154 U.S.C. 300101, 36 C.F.R. § 800 et seq.) may also apply.

The NAHC recommends consultation with California Native American tribes that are traditionally and culturally affiliated with the geographic area of your proposed project as early as possible in order to avoid inadvertent discoveries of Native American human remains and best protect tribal cultural resources. Below is a brief summary of portions of AB 52 and SB 18 as well as the NAHC's recommendations for conducting cultural resources assessments. **Consult your legal counsel about compliance with AB 52 and SB 18 as well as compliance with any other applicable laws.**

AB 52

AB 52 has added to CEQA the additional requirements listed below, along with many other requirements:

1. Fourteen Day Period to Provide Notice of Completion of an Application/Decision to Undertake a Project: Within fourteen (14) days of determining that an application for a project is complete or of a decision by a public agency to undertake a project, a lead agency shall provide formal notification to a designated contact of, or tribal representative of, traditionally and culturally affiliated California Native American tribes that have requested notice, to be accomplished by at least one written notice that includes:
   - **a.** A brief description of the project.
   - **b.** The lead agency contact information.
   - **c.** Notification that the California Native American tribe has 30 days to request consultation. (Pub. Resources Code § 21080.3.1 (d)).
   - **d.** A "California Native American tribe" is defined as a Native American tribe located in California that is on the contact list maintained by the NAHC for the purposes of Chapter 905 of Statutes of 2004 (SB 18). (Pub. Resources Code § 21073).

2. Begin Consultation Within 30 Days of Receiving a Tribe's Request for Consultation and Before Releasing a Negative Declaration, Mitigated Negative Declaration, or Environmental Impact Report: A lead agency shall begin the consultation process within 30 days of receiving a request for consultation from a California Native American tribe that is traditionally and culturally affiliated with the geographic area of the proposed project. (Pub. Resources Code § 21080.3.1, subds. (d) and (e)) and prior to the release of a negative declaration, mitigated negative declaration or environmental impact report. (Pub. Resources Code § 21080.3.1(b)).
   - **a.** For purposes of AB 52, "consultation shall have the same meaning as provided in Gov. Code § 65352.4 (SB 18). (Pub. Resources Code § 21080.3.1 (b)).

3. Mandatory Topics of Consultation If Requested by a Tribe: The following topics of consultation, if a tribe requests to discuss them, are mandatory topics of consultation:
   - **a.** Alternatives to the project.
   - **b.** Recommended mitigation measures.
   - **c.** Significant effects. (Pub. Resources Code § 21080.3.2 (a)).

4. Discretionary Topics of Consultation: The following topics are discretionary topics of consultation:
   a. Type of environmental review necessary.
   b. Significance of the tribal cultural resources.
   c. Significance of the project's impacts on tribal cultural resources.
   d. If necessary, project alternatives or appropriate measures for preservation or mitigation that the tribe may recommend to the lead agency. (Pub. Resources Code § 21080.3.2 (a)).

5. Confidentiality of Information Submitted by a Tribe During the Environmental Review Process: With some exceptions, any information, including but not limited to, the location, description, and use of tribal cultural resources submitted by a California Native American tribe during the environmental review process shall not be included in the environmental document or otherwise disclosed by the lead agency or any other public agency to the public, consistent with Government Code sections 6254 (r) and 6254.10. Any information submitted by a California Native American tribe during the consultation or environmental review process shall be published in a confidential appendix to the environmental document unless the tribe that provided the information consents, in writing, to the disclosure of some or all of the information to the public. (Pub. Resources Code § 21082.3 (c)(1)).

6. Discussion of Impacts to Tribal Cultural Resources in the Environmental Document: If a project may have a significant impact on a tribal cultural resource, the lead agency's environmental document shall discuss both of the following:
   a. Whether the proposed project has a significant impact on an identified tribal cultural resource.
   b. Whether feasible alternatives or mitigation measures, including those measures that may be agreed to pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21082.3, subdivision (a), avoid or substantially lessen the impact on the identified tribal cultural resource. (Pub. Resources Code § 21082.3 (b)).

7. Conclusion of Consultation: Consultation with a tribe shall be considered concluded when either of the following occurs:
   a. The parties agree to measures to mitigate or avoid a significant effect, if a significant effect exists, on a tribal cultural resource; or
   b. A party, acting in good faith and after reasonable effort, concludes that mutual agreement cannot be reached. (Pub. Resources Code § 21080.3.2 (b)).

8. Recommending Mitigation Measures Agreed Upon in Consultation in the Environmental Document: Any mitigation measures agreed upon in the consultation conducted pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.3.2 shall be recommended for inclusion in the environmental document and in an adopted mitigation monitoring and reporting program, if determined to avoid or lessen the impact pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21082.3, subdivision (b), paragraph 2, and shall be fully enforceable. (Pub. Resources Code § 21082.3 (a)).

9. Required Consideration of Feasible Mitigation: If mitigation measures recommended by the staff of the lead agency as a result of the consultation process are not included in the environmental document or if there are no agreed upon mitigation measures at the conclusion of consultation, or if consultation does not occur, and if substantial evidence demonstrates that a project will cause a significant effect to a tribal cultural resource, the lead agency shall consider feasible mitigation pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21084.3 (b). (Pub. Resources Code § 21082.3 (e)).

10. Examples of Mitigation Measures That, If Feasible, May Be Considered to Avoid or Minimize Significant Adverse Impacts to Tribal Cultural Resources:
    a. Avoidance and preservation of the resources in place, including, but not limited to:
       i. Planning and construction to avoid the resources and protect the cultural and natural context.
       ii. Planning greenspace, parks, or other open space, to incorporate the resources with culturally appropriate protection and management criteria.
    b. Treating the resource with culturally appropriate dignity, taking into account the tribal cultural values and meaning of the resource, including, but not limited to, the following:
       i. Protecting the cultural character and integrity of the resource.
       ii. Protecting the traditional use of the resource.
       iii. Protecting the confidentiality of the resource.
    c. Permanent conservation easements or other interests in real property, with culturally appropriate management criteria for the purposes of preserving or utilizing the resources or places.
    d. Protecting the resource. (Pub. Resource Code § 21084.3 (b)).
    e. Please note that a federally recognized California Native American tribe or a nonfederally recognized California Native American tribe that is on the contact list maintained by the NAHC to protect a California prehistoric, archaeological, cultural, spiritual, or ceremonial place may acquire and hold conservation easements if the conservation easement is voluntarily conveyed. (Civ. Code § 815.3 (c)).
    f. Please note that it is the policy of the state that Native American remains and associated grave artifacts shall be repatriated. (Pub. Resources Code § 5097.991).

11. Prerequisites for Certifying an Environmental Impact Report or Adopting a Mitigated Negative Declaration or Negative Declaration with a Significant Impact on an Identified Tribal Cultural Resource: An environmental impact report may not be certified, nor may a mitigated negative declaration or a negative declaration be adopted unless one of the following occurs:
    a. The consultation process between the tribes and the lead agency has occurred as provided in Public Resources Code sections 21080.3.1 and 21080.3.2 and concluded pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.3.2.
    b. The tribe that requested consultation failed to provide comments to the lead agency or otherwise failed to engage in the consultation process.
    c. The lead agency provided notice of the project to the tribe in compliance with Public Resources Code section 21080.3.1 (d) and the tribe failed to request consultation within 30 days. (Pub. Resources Code § 21082.3 (d)).

    This process should be documented in the Cultural Resources section of your environmental document.

The NAHC's PowerPoint presentation titled, "Tribal Consultation Under AB 52: Requirements and Best Practices" may be found online at: http://nahc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/AB52TribalConsultation_CalEPAPDF.pdf

SB 18

SB 18 applies to local governments and requires local governments to contact, provide notice to, refer plans to, and consult with tribes prior to the adoption or amendment of a general plan or a specific plan, or the designation of open space. (Gov. Code § 65352.3). Local governments should consult the Governor's Office of Planning and Research's "Tribal Consultation Guidelines," which can be found online at: https://www.opr.ca.gov/docs/09_14_05_Updated_Guidelines_922.pdf

Some of SB 18's provisions include:

1. Tribal Consultation: If a local government considers a proposal to adopt or amend a general plan or a specific plan, or to designate open space it is required to contact the appropriate tribes identified by the NAHC by requesting a "Tribal Consultation List." If a tribe, once contacted, requests consultation the local government must consult with the tribe on the plan proposal. **A tribe has 90 days from the date of receipt of notification to request consultation unless a shorter timeframe has been agreed to by the tribe.** (Gov. Code § 65352.3 (a)(2)).
2. No Statutory Time Limit on SB 18 Tribal Consultation. There is no statutory time limit on SB 18 tribal consultation.
3. Confidentiality: Consistent with the guidelines developed and adopted by the Office of Planning and Research pursuant to Gov. Code section 65040.2, the city or county shall protect the confidentiality of the information concerning the specific identity, location, character, and use of places, features and objects described in Public Resources Code sections 5097.9 and 5097.993 that are within the city's or county's jurisdiction. (Gov. Code § 65352.3 (b)).
4. Conclusion of SB 18 Tribal Consultation: Consultation should be concluded at the point in which:
    - **a.** The parties to the consultation come to a mutual agreement concerning the appropriate measures for preservation or mitigation; or
    - **b.** Either the local government or the tribe, acting in good faith and after reasonable effort, concludes that mutual agreement cannot be reached concerning the appropriate measures of preservation or mitigation. (Tribal Consultation Guidelines, Governor's Office of Planning and Research (2005) at p. 18).

Agencies should be aware that neither AB 52 nor SB 18 precludes agencies from initiating tribal consultation with tribes that are traditionally and culturally affiliated with their jurisdictions before the timeframes provided in AB 52 and SB 18. For that reason, we urge you to continue to request Native American Tribal Contact Lists and "Sacred Lands File" searches from the NAHC. The request forms can be found online at: http://nahc.ca.gov/resources/forms/

NAHC Recommendations for Cultural Resources Assessments

To adequately assess the existence and significance of tribal cultural resources and plan for avoidance, preservation in place, or barring both, mitigation of project-related impacts to tribal cultural resources, the NAHC recommends the following actions:

1. Contact the appropriate regional California Historical Research Information System (CHRIS) Center (http://ohp.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=1068) for an archaeological records search. The records search will determine:
    - **a.** If part or all of the APE has been previously surveyed for cultural resources.
    - **b.** If any known cultural resources have been already been recorded on or adjacent to the APE.
    - **c.** If the probability is low, moderate, or high that cultural resources are located in the APE.
    - **d.** If a survey is required to determine whether previously unrecorded cultural resources are present.

2. If an archaeological inventory survey is required, the final stage is the preparation of a professional report detailing the findings and recommendations of the records search and field survey.
    - **a.** The final report containing site forms, site significance, and mitigation measures should be submitted immediately to the planning department. All information regarding site locations, Native American human remains, and associated funerary objects should be in a separate confidential addendum and not be made available for public disclosure.
    - **b.** The final written report should be submitted within 3 months after work has been completed to the appropriate regional CHRIS center.

3. Contact the NAHC for:
    - **a.** A Sacred Lands File search. Remember that tribes do not always record their sacred sites in the Sacred Lands File, nor are they required to do so. A Sacred Lands File search is not a substitute for consultation with tribes that are traditionally and culturally affiliated with the geographic area of the project's APE.
    - **b.** A Native American Tribal Consultation List of appropriate tribes for consultation concerning the project site and to assist in planning for avoidance, preservation in place, or, failing both, mitigation measures.

4. Remember that the lack of surface evidence of archaeological resources (including tribal cultural resources) does not preclude their subsurface existence.
    - **a.** Lead agencies should include in their mitigation and monitoring reporting program plan provisions for the identification and evaluation of inadvertently discovered archaeological resources per Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, section 15064.5(f) (CEQA Guidelines section 15064.5(f)). In areas of identified archaeological sensitivity, a certified archaeologist and a culturally affiliated Native American with knowledge of cultural resources should monitor all ground-disturbing activities.
    - **b.** Lead agencies should include in their mitigation and monitoring reporting program plans provisions for the disposition of recovered cultural items that are not burial associated in consultation with culturally affiliated Native Americans.
    - **c.** Lead agencies should include in their mitigation and monitoring reporting program plans provisions for the treatment and disposition of inadvertently discovered Native American human remains. Health and Safety Code section 7050.5, Public Resources Code section 5097.98, and Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, section 15064.5,

subdivisions (d) and (e) (CEQA Guidelines section 15064.5, subds. (d) and (e)) address the processes to be followed in the event of an inadvertent discovery of any Native American human remains and associated grave goods in a location other than a dedicated cemetery.

Please contact me if you need any additional information at gayle.totton@nahc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Re: Pechanga Tribe Comments on the Notice of Preparation for the Draft Environmental Impact Report, Indian Street Commerce Center Project, PA16-0002, P16-003

Dear Ms. Descoteaux;

These comments are written on behalf of the Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians (hereinafter, "the Tribe"), a federally recognized Indian tribe and sovereign government. The Tribe formally requests, pursuant to Public Resources Code §21092.2, to be notified and involved in the entire CEQA environmental review process for the duration of the above referenced project (the "Project"). If you have not done so already, please add the Tribe to your distribution list(s) for public notices and circulation of all documents, including environmental review documents, archeological reports, and all documents pertaining to this Project. The Tribe further requests to be directly notified of all public hearings and scheduled approvals concerning this Project. Please also incorporate these comments into the record of approval for this Project.

The Tribe submits these comments concerning the Project's potential impacts to cultural resources in conjunction with the environmental review of the Project and to assist the City in developing appropriate avoidance and preservation standards for potential tribal cultural resources that the Project may impact. The Pechanga Tribe asserts that the Project area is in an area associated with the *Payómkawichum* (Luiseño) Ancestral Origin Landscape as evidenced by the existence of *Payómkawichum* place names, a Traditional Cultural Property (TCP), several large village complexes, *tóota yixélval* (rock art, pictographs, petroglyphs), and an extensive artifact record in the vicinity of the Project. This culturally sensitive area is affiliated with the Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians because of the Tribe's cultural ties to this area.

Given the sensitivity of the area, inadvertent discoveries are foreseeable impacts and should be appropriately mitigated for within the confines of the Project. The identification of surface

resources during an archaeological survey should not be the sole determining factor in deciding whether mitigation measures for inadvertent discoveries are required. The cultural significance of the area should play a large part in determining whether specifications concerning unanticipated discoveries should be included. Additionally, the Tribe believes that the potential for inadvertent discoveries increases because of the known resources in the area and the possible cultural resources located on the Project surface. The CEQA Guidelines state that lead agencies should make provisions for inadvertent discoveries of cultural resources (CEQA Guidelines §15064.5). As such, it is the position of the Pechanga Tribe that an agreement specifying appropriate treatment of inadvertent discoveries of cultural resources be executed between the Project Applicant/Developer and the Pechanga Tribe.

The Tribe requests to be involved and participate with the City in assuring that an adequate environmental assessment is completed, and in developing all monitoring and mitigation plans and measures for the duration of the Project. In addition, given the sensitivity of the Project area, it is the position of the Pechanga Tribe that professional Pechanga tribal monitors be required to be present during all ground-disturbing activities conducted in connection with the Project.

The Tribe believes that adequate cultural resources assessments and management must always include a component which addresses inadvertent discoveries. Every major State and Federal law dealing with cultural resources includes provisions addressing inadvertent discoveries (See e.g.: CEQA (Cal. Pub. Resources Code §21083.2(i); 14 CCR §1506.5(f)); Section 106 (36 CFR §800.13); NAGPRA (43 CFR §10.4). Moreover, most state and federal agencies have guidelines or provisions for addressing inadvertent discoveries (See e.g.: FHWA, Section 4(f) Regulations - 771.135(g); CALTRANS, Standard Environmental Reference - 5- 10.2 and 5-10.3). Because of the extensive presence of the Tribe's ancestors within the Project area, it is not unreasonable to expect to find vestiges of that presence. Such cultural resources and artifacts are significant to the Tribe as they are reminders of their ancestors. Moreover, the Tribe is expected to protect and assure that all cultural sites of its ancestors are appropriately treated in a respectful manner. Therefore, as noted previously, it is crucial to adequately address the potential for inadvertent discoveries.

Further, the Pechanga Tribe believes that if human remains are discovered, State law would apply and the mitigation measures for the permit must account for this. According to the California Public Resources Code, § 5097.98, if Native American human remains are discovered, the Native American Heritage Commission must name a "most likely descendant," who shall be consulted as to the appropriate disposition of the remains. Given the Project's location in Pechanga territory, the Pechanga Tribe intends to assert its right pursuant to California law with regard to any remains or items discovered in the course of this Project.

The Tribe reserves the right to fully participate in the environmental review process, as well as to provide further comment and consult on the Project's impacts to cultural resources and potential mitigation for such impacts.

The Pechanga Tribe looks forward to working together with the City of Moreno Valley in protecting the invaluable Pechanga cultural resources found in the Project area. Please contact me at 951-770-8113 or at eozdil@pechanga-nsn.gov so we can begin consultation on the proposed Project. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Planning Specialist

cc Pechanga Office of the General Counsel

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Ladies and Gentlemen: Re: TR 37060 and PA 16-0009

The District does not normally recommend conditions for land divisions or other land use cases in incorporated cities. The District also does not plan check city land use cases, or provide State Division of Real Estate letters or other flood hazard reports for such cases. District comments/recommendations for such cases are normally limited to items of specific interest to the District including District Master Drainage Plan facilities, other regional flood control and drainage facilities which could be considered a logical component or extension of a master plan system, and District Area Drainage Plan fees (development mitigation fees). In addition, information of a general nature is provided.

The District has not reviewed the proposed project in detail and the following comments do not in any way constitute or imply District approval or endorsement of the proposed project with respect to flood hazard, public health and safety or any other such issue:

1. This project would not be impacted by District Master Drainage Plan facilities nor are other facilities of regional interest proposed.

2. This project is located within the limits of the District's Sunnymead Area Drainage Plan for which drainage fees have been adopted; applicable fees should be paid by cashier's check or money order only to the Flood Control District or City prior to issuance of grading permits. Fees to be paid should be at the rate in effect at the time of issuance of the actual permit.

GENERAL INFORMATION

This project may require a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit from the State Water Resources Control Board. Clearance for grading, recordation or other final approval should not be given until the City has determined that the project has been granted a permit or is shown to be exempt.

If this project involves a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) mapped floodplain, then the City should require the applicant to provide all studies, calculations, plans and other information required to meet FEMA requirements, and should further require that the applicant obtain a Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) prior to grading, recordation or other final approval of the project, and a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) prior to occupancy.

If a natural watercourse or mapped floodplain is impacted by this project, the City should require the applicant to obtain a Section 1602 Agreement from the California Department of Fish and Game and a Clean Water Act Section 404 Permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, or written correspondence from these agencies indicating the project is exempt from these requirements. A Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification may be required from the local California Regional Water Quality Control Board prior to issuance of the Corps 404 permit.

Very truly yours,

HENRY OLIVO
Engineering Project Manager

c: Riverside County Planning Department
Attn: Kristi Lovelady

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From: Daniel McCarthy
To: Julia Descoteaux
Subject: NOP for Indian Street Commerce Center Porject EIR
Date: Tuesday, March 15, 2016 10:32:26 AM

Julia,

We received the NOP for the proposed Indian Street Commerce Center Project EIR. Thank you for the opportunity to review and respond. The project is located outside of the Tribe's ancestral territory, therefore we refer you to other tribes with ancestral territories that do include the project location.

Thank you,
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RE: SCAG Comments on the Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Indian Street Commerce Center Project [SCAG NO. IGR8801]

Dear Ms. Descoteaux,

Thank you for submitting the Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Indian Street Commerce Center Project ("proposed project") to the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) for review and comment. SCAG is the authorized regional agency for Inter-Governmental Review (IGR) of programs proposed for federal financial assistance and direct development activities, pursuant to Presidential Executive Order 12372. Additionally, SCAG reviews the Environmental Impact Reports of projects of regional significance for consistency with regional plans pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and CEQA Guidelines.

SCAG is also the designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency under state law, and is responsible for preparation of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) including the Sustainable Communities Strategy ((SCS) pursuant to Senate Bill (SB) 375. As the clearinghouse for regionally significant projects per Executive Order 12372, SCAG reviews the consistency of local plans, projects, and programs with regional plans.[1] Guidance provided by these reviews is intended to assist local agencies such as local jurisdictions and project proponents to take actions that help contribute to the attainment of the regional goals and policies in the RTP/SCS.

SCAG staff has reviewed the Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Indian Street Commerce Center Project in Riverside County. The proposed project includes construction of approximately 446,350 square feet of light industrial uses within an approximately 19.64-acre site. As currently proposed, 357,080 square feet would be allocated for distribution warehouse use and the remaining 89,270 square feet would be assigned to manufacturing. Supporting office uses would also be incorporated in the building design.

When available, please send environmental documentation to SCAG's *office in Los Angeles or by email to sunl@scag.ca.gov* providing, at a minimum, the full public comment period for review. If you have any questions regarding the attached comments, please contact the Inter-Governmental Review (IGR) Program, attn.: Lijin Sun, Senior Regional Planner, at (213) 236-1882 or sunl@scag.ca.gov. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ping Chang

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Acting Manager, Compliance and Performance Monitoring

[1] Lead agencies such as local jurisdictions have the sole discretion in determining a local project's consistency with the 2016 RTP/SCS for the purpose of determining consistency for CEQA. Any "consistency" finding by SCAG pursuant to the IGR process should not be construed as a determination of consistency with the 2016 RTP/SCS for CEQA.

The Regional Council consists of 86 elected officials representing 191 cities, six counties, six County Transportation Commissions, one representative from the Transportation Corridor Agencies, one Tribal Government representative and one representative for the Air Districts within Southern California.

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COMMENTS ON THE NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE INDIAN STREET COMMERCE CENTER PROJECT [SCAG NO. IGR8801]

CONSISTENCY WITH RTP/SCS

SCAG reviews environmental documents for regionally significant projects for their consistency with the adopted RTP/SCS. For the purpose of determining consistency with CEQA, lead agencies such as local jurisdictions have the sole discretion in determining a local project's consistency with the RTP/SCS.

2016 RTP/SCS GOALS

The SCAG Regional Council adopted the 2016 RTP/SCS in April 2016. The 2016 RTP/SCS seeks to improve mobility, promote sustainability, facilitate economic development and preserve the quality of life for the residents in the region. The long-range visioning plan balances future mobility and housing needs with goals for the environment, the regional economy, social equity and environmental justice, and public health (see http://scagrtpscs.net/Pages/FINAL2016RTPSCS.aspx). The goals included in the 2016 RTP/SCS may be pertinent to the proposed project. These goals are meant to provide guidance for considering the proposed project within the context of regional goals and policies. Among the relevant goals of the 2016 RTP/SCS are the following:

SCAG 2016 RTP/SCS GOALS	
RTP/SCS G1:	*Align the plan investments and policies with improving regional economic development and competitiveness*
RTP/SCS G2:	*Maximize mobility and accessibility for all people and goods in the region*
RTP/SCS G3:	*Ensure travel safety and reliability for all people and goods in the region*
RTP/SCS G4:	*Preserve and ensure a sustainable regional transportation system*
RTP/SCS G5:	*Maximize the productivity of our transportation system*
RTP/SCS G6:	*Protect the environment and health for our residents by improving air quality and encouraging active transportation (e.g., bicycling and walking)*
RTP/SCS G7:	*Actively encourage and create incentives for energy efficiency, where possible*
RTP/SCS G8:	*Encourage land use and growth patterns that facilitate transit and active transportation*
RTP/SCS G9:	*Maximize the security of the regional transportation system through improved system monitoring, rapid recovery planning, and coordination with other security agencies**
	**SCAG does not yet have an agreed-upon security performance measure.*

For ease of review, we encourage the use of a side-by-side comparison of SCAG goals with discussions of the consistency, non-consistency or non-applicability of the goals and supportive analysis in a table format. Suggested format is as follows:

SCAG 2016 RTP/SCS GOALS		
	Goal	Analysis
RTP/SCS G1:	*Align the plan investments and policies with improving regional economic development and competitiveness*	*Consistent: Statement as to why;* *Not-Consistent: Statement as to why;* *Or* *Not Applicable: Statement as to why;* *DEIR page number reference*
RTP/SCS G2:	*Maximize mobility and accessibility for all people and goods in the region*	*Consistent: Statement as to why;* *Not-Consistent: Statement as to why;* *Or* *Not Applicable: Statement as to why;* *DEIR page number reference*
etc.		etc.

2016 RTP/SCS STRATEGIES

To achieve the goals of the 2016 RTP/SCS, a wide range of land use and transportation strategies are included in the 2016 RTP/SCS. Technical appendances of the 2016 RTP/SCS provide additional supporting information in detail. To view the 2016 RTP/SCS, please visit: http://scagrtpscs.net/Pages/FINAL2016RTPSCS.aspx. The 2016 RTP/SCS builds upon the progress from the 2012 RTP/SCS and continues to focus on integrated, coordinated, and balanced planning for land use and transportation that the SCAG region strives toward a more sustainable region, while the region meets and exceeds in meeting all of applicable statutory requirements pertinent to the 2016 RTP/SCS. These strategies within the regional context are provided as guidance for lead agencies such as local jurisdictions when the proposed project is under consideration.

DEMOGRAPHICS AND GROWTH FORECASTS

Local input plays an important role in developing a reasonable growth forecast for the 2016 RTP/SCS. SCAG used a bottom-up local review and input process and engaged local jurisdictions in establishing the base geographic and socioeconomic projections including population, household and employment. At the time of this letter, the most recently adopted SCAG jurisdictional-level growth forecasts that were developed in accordance with the bottom-up local review and input process consist of the 2020, 2035, and 2040 population, households and employment forecasts. To view them, please visit http://www.scag.ca.gov/Documents/2016GrowthForecastByJurisdiction.pdf. The growth forecasts for the region and applicable jurisdictions are below.

	Adopted SCAG Region Wide Forecasts			Adopted City of Moreno Valley Forecasts		
	Year 2020	Year 2035	Year 2040	Year 2020	Year 2035	Year 2040
Population	19,663,000	22,091,000	22,138,800	213,700	255,200	256,600
Households	6,458,000	7,325,000	7,412,300	60,000	72,800	73,000
Employment	8,414,000	9,441,000	9,871,500	48,000	64,400	83,200

MITIGATION MEASURES

SCAG staff recommends that you review the Final Program Environmental Impact Report (Final PEIR) for the 2016 RTP/SCS for guidance, as appropriate. SCAG's Regional Council certified the Final PEIR and adopted the associated Findings of Fact and a Statement of Overriding Considerations (FOF/SOC) and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) on April 7, 2016 (please see: http://scagrtpscs.net/Pages/FINAL2016PEIR.aspx). The Final PEIR includes a list of project-level performance standards-based mitigation measures that may be considered for adoption and implementation by lead, responsible, or trustee agencies in the region, as applicable and feasible. Project-level mitigation measures are within responsibility, authority, and/or jurisdiction of project-implementing agency or other public agency serving as lead agency under CEQA in subsequent project- and site- specific design, CEQA review, and decision-making processes, to meet the performance standards for each of the CEQA resource categories.

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Notice of Preparation of a CEQA Document for the
Indian Street Commerce Center Project

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) staff appreciates the opportunity to comment on the above-mentioned document. The SCAQMD staff's comments are recommendations regarding the analysis of potential air quality impacts from the proposed project that should be included in the draft CEQA document. Please send the SCAQMD a copy of the CEQA document upon its completion. Note that copies of the Draft EIR that are submitted to the State Clearinghouse are not forwarded to the SCAQMD. Please forward a copy of the Draft EIR directly to SCAQMD at the address in our letterhead. **In addition, please send with the Draft EIR all appendices or technical documents related to the air quality and greenhouse gas analyses and electronic versions of all air quality modeling and health risk assessment files. These include original emission calculation spreadsheets and modeling files (not Adobe PDF files). Without all files and supporting air quality documentation, the SCAQMD will be unable to complete its review of the air quality analysis in a timely manner. Any delays in providing all supporting air quality documentation will require additional time for review beyond the end of the comment period.**

Air Quality Analysis

The SCAQMD adopted its California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Air Quality Handbook in 1993 to assist other public agencies with the preparation of air quality analyses. The SCAQMD recommends that the Lead Agency use this Handbook as guidance when preparing its air quality analysis. Copies of the Handbook are available from the SCAQMD's Subscription Services Department by calling (909) 396-3720. More recent guidance developed since this Handbook was published is also available on SCAQMD's website here: http://www.aqmd.gov/home/regulations/ceqa/air-quality-analysis-handbook/ceqa-air-quality-handbook-(1993). SCAQMD staff also recommends that the Lead Agency use the CalEEMod land use emissions software. This software has recently been updated to incorporate up-to-date state and locally approved emission factors and methodologies for estimating pollutant emissions from typical land use development. CalEEMod is the only software model maintained by the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA) and replaces the now outdated URBEMIS. This model is available free of charge at: www.caleemod.com.

The Lead Agency should identify any potential adverse air quality impacts that could occur from all phases of the project and all air pollutant sources related to the project. Air quality impacts from both construction (including demolition, if any) and operations should be calculated. Construction-related air quality impacts typically include, but are not limited to, emissions from the use of heavy-duty equipment from grading, earth-loading/unloading, paving, architectural coatings, off-road mobile sources (e.g., heavy-duty construction equipment) and on-road mobile sources (e.g., construction worker vehicle trips, material transport trips). Operation-related air quality impacts may include, but are not limited to, emissions from stationary sources (e.g., boilers), area sources (e.g., solvents and coatings), and vehicular trips (e.g., on- and off-road tailpipe emissions and entrained dust). Air quality impacts from indirect sources, that is, sources that generate or attract vehicular trips should be included in the analysis.

The SCAQMD has also developed both regional and localized significance thresholds. The SCAQMD staff requests that the Lead Agency quantify criteria pollutant emissions and compare the results to the recommended regional significance thresholds found here: http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/ceqa/handbook/scaqmd-air-quality-significance-thresholds.pdf. In addition to analyzing regional air quality impacts, the SCAQMD staff recommends calculating localized air quality impacts and comparing the results to localized significance thresholds (LSTs). LSTs can be used in addition to the recommended regional significance thresholds as a second indication of air quality impacts when preparing a CEQA document. Therefore, when preparing the air quality analysis for the proposed project, it is recommended that the Lead Agency perform a localized analysis by either using the LSTs developed by the SCAQMD or performing dispersion modeling as necessary. Guidance for performing a localized air quality analysis can be found at: http://www.aqmd.gov/home/regulations/ceqa/air-quality-analysis-handbook/localized-significance-thresholds.

In the event that the proposed project generates or attracts vehicular trips, especially heavy-duty diesel-fueled vehicles, it is recommended that the Lead agency perform a mobile source health risk assessment. Guidance for performing a mobile source health risk assessment ("*Health Risk Assessment Guidance for Analyzing Cancer Risk from Mobile Source Diesel Idling Emissions for CEQA Air Quality Analysis*") can be found at: http://www.aqmd.gov/home/regulations/ceqa/air-quality-analysis-handbook/mobile-source-

toxics-analysis. An analysis of all toxic air contaminant impacts due to the use of equipment potentially generating such air pollutants should also be included.

In addition, guidance on siting incompatible land uses (such as placing homes near freeways) can be found in the California Air Resources Board's *Air Quality and Land Use Handbook: A Community Perspective*, which can be found at the following internet address: http://www.arb.ca.gov/ch/handbook.pdf. CARB's Land Use Handbook is a general reference guide for evaluating and reducing air pollution impacts associated with new projects that go through the land use decision-making process.

Mitigation Measures

In the event that the project generates significant adverse air quality impacts, CEQA requires that all feasible mitigation measures that go beyond what is required by law be utilized during project construction and operation to minimize or eliminate these impacts. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15126.4 (a)(1)(D), any impacts resulting from mitigation measures must also be discussed. Several resources are available to assist the Lead Agency with identifying possible mitigation measures for the project, including:

- Chapter 11 of the SCAQMD *CEQA Air Quality Handbook*
- SCAQMD's CEQA web pages at: http://www.aqmd.gov/home/regulations/ceqa/air-quality-analysis-handbook/mitigation-measures-and-control-efficiencies.
- CAPCOA's *Quantifying Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Measures* available here: http://www.capcoa.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/11/CAPCOA-Quantification-Report-9-14-Final.pdf.
- SCAQMD's Rule 403 – Fugitive Dust, and the Implementation Handbook for controlling construction-related emissions
- Other measures to reduce air quality impacts from land use projects can be found in the SCAQMD's Guidance Document for Addressing Air Quality Issues in General Plans and Local Planning. This document can be found at the following internet address: http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/planning/air-quality-guidance/complete-guidance-document.pdf.

SCAQMD Recommendation for Truck Trip Rates for High Cube Warehouse Projects

SCAQMD recommends the use of truck trip rates from the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) for high cube warehouse projects located in SCAQMD (i.e. 1.68 average daily vehicle trips per 1,000 s.f. and 0.64 average daily truck trips per 1,000 s.f.). Consistent with CEQA Guidelines, the EIR may use a non-default trip rate if there is substantial evidence indicating another rate is more appropriate for the air quality analysis.

For high cube warehouse projects, the SCAQMD staff has been working on a Warehouse Truck Trip Study to better quantify trip rates associated with local warehouse and distribution projects, as truck emission represent more than 90 percent of air quality impacts from these projects. Details regarding this study can be found online here: http://www.aqmd.gov/home/regulations/ceqa/air-quality-analysis-handbook/high-cube-warehouse

Data Sources

SCAQMD rules and relevant air quality reports and data are available by calling the SCAQMD's Public Information Center at (909) 396-2039. Much of the information available through the Public Information Center is also available via the SCAQMD's webpage (http://www.aqmd.gov).

The SCAQMD staff is available to work with the Lead Agency to ensure that project emissions are accurately evaluated and mitigated where feasible. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at jcheng@aqmd.gov or call me at (909) 396-2448.

Sincerely,

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To: Reviewing Agencies

Re: Indian Street Commerce Center Project
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Attached for your review and comment is the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the Indian Street Commerce Center Project draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

Responsible agencies must transmit their comments on the scope and content of the NOP, focusing on specific information related to their own statutory responsibility, within 30 days of receipt of the NOP from the Lead Agency. This is a courtesy notice provided by the State Clearinghouse with a reminder for you to comment in a timely manner. We encourage other agencies to also respond to this notice and express their concerns early in the environmental review process.

Please direct your comments to:

Julia Descoteaux
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with a copy to the State Clearinghouse in the Office of Planning and Research. Please refer to the SCH number noted above in all correspondence concerning this project.

If you have any questions about the environmental document review process, please call the State Clearinghouse at (916) 445-0613.

Sincerely,

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Lead Agency Moreno Valley, City of

Type NOP Notice of Preparation

Description The project proposes approx. 446,350 sq. ft. of light industrial uses within an approx. 19.64-acre site. As currently proposed, 357,080 sq. ft., or approx. 80 percent of the Project building area would be allocated for distribution warehouse uses; the remaining 89,270 sq. ft., or approx. 20 percent of the Project building area would be assigned to manufacturing uses.

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City Moreno Valley **State** CA **Zip** 92553

Project Location

County Riverside
City Moreno Valley
Region
Cross Streets Indian Street/Grove View Road
Lat / Long 33° 51' 44.1" N / 117° 14' 17.82" W
Parcel No. 316-210-019, -+020, -057, -077
Township 3S **Range** 3W **Section** 31 **Base** SB

Proximity to:

Highways I-215
Airports March Air Reserve Base
Railways BNSF
Waterways
Schools Various
Land Use Present Use: Vacant/Zoning: Industrial (I)/General Plan Designation: Business Park/Light Industrial (BP/LI)

Project Issues Air Quality; Archaeologic-Historic; Biological Resources; Drainage/Absorption; Noise; Toxic/Hazardous; Traffic/Circulation; Water Quality; Cumulative Effects

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Reviewing Agencies Resources Agency; Colorado River Board; Department of Parks and Recreation; Department of Water Resources; Department of Fish and Wildlife, Region 6; Native American Heritage Commission; Caltrans, Division of Aeronautics; California Highway Patrol; Caltrans, District 8; Air Resources Board; Regional Water Quality Control Board, Region 7

Date Received 03/14/2016 **Start of Review** 03/14/2016 **End of Review** 04/12/2016

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Appendix C

Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

Mail to: State Clearinghouse, P.O. Box 3044, Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 (916) 445-0613
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SCH # 2016031036

Project Title: Indian Street Commerce Center Project

Lead Agency: City of Moreno Valley — Contact Person: Julia Descoteaux
Mailing Address: 14177 Frederick Street — Phone: (951) 413-3209
City: Moreno Valley — Zip: 92553 — County: Riverside

Project Location: County: Riverside — City/Nearest Community: Moreno Valley, CA
Cross Streets: Indian Street/Grove View Road — Zip Code: 92552
Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 117 ° 14 ' 17.83 " N / 33 ° 51 ' 44.1 " W — Total Acres: 19.64
Assessor's Parcel No.: 316-210-019, -020, -057, -077 — Section: 31 — Twp.: 3S — Range: 3W — Base: San Bern
Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: I-215 — Waterways: None
Airports: March Air Reserve Base — Railways: BNSF — Schools: Elem1;Mid1;HS2;Priv1

Document Type:

CEQA: ☒ NOP ☐ Early Cons ☐ Neg Dec ☐ Mit Neg Dec
☐ Draft EIR ☐ Supplement/Subsequent EIR (Prior SCH No.) ____ Other: ____
NEPA: ☐ NOI ☐ EA ☐ Draft EIS ☐ FONSI
Other: ☐ Joint Document ☐ Final Document ☐ Other: ____

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Local Action Type:

☐ General Plan Update ☐ General Plan Amendment ☐ General Plan Element ☐ Community Plan
☐ Specific Plan ☐ Master Plan ☐ Planned Unit Development ☒ Site Plan
☐ Rezone ☐ Prezone ☐ Use Permit ☐ Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)
☐ Annexation ☐ Redevelopment ☐ Coastal Permit ☐ Other: ____

Development Type:

☐ Residential: Units ____ Acres ____
☐ Office: Sq.ft. ____ Acres ____ Employees ____
☐ Commercial: Sq.ft. ____ Acres ____ Employees ____
☒ Industrial: Sq.ft. 446,350 Acres 19.64 Employees ____
☐ Educational: ____
☐ Recreational: ____
☐ Water Facilities: Type ____ MGD ____
☐ Transportation: Type ____
☐ Mining: Mineral ____
☐ Power: Type ____ MW ____
☐ Waste Treatment: Type ____ MGD ____
☐ Hazardous Waste: Type ____
☐ Other: ____

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

☐ Aesthetic/Visual
☐ Agricultural Land
☒ Air Quality
☒ Archeological/Historical
☒ Biological Resources
☐ Coastal Zone
☒ Drainage/Absorption
☐ Economic/Jobs
☐ Fiscal
☐ Flood Plain/Flooding
☐ Forest Land/Fire Hazard
☐ Geologic/Seismic
☐ Minerals
☒ Noise
☐ Population/Housing Balance
☐ Public Services/Facilities
☐ Recreation/Parks
☐ Schools/Universities
☐ Septic Systems
☐ Sewer Capacity
☐ Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading
☐ Solid Waste
☒ Toxic/Hazardous
☒ Traffic/Circulation
☐ Vegetation
☒ Water Quality
☐ Water Supply/Groundwater
☐ Wetland/Riparian
☐ Growth Inducement
☐ Land Use
☒ Cumulative Effects
☐ Other: ____

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Present Use: Vacant/ Zoning: Industrial (I)/ General Plan Designation: Business Park/Light Industrial (BP/LI)

Project Description: *(please use a separate page if necessary)*

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