



COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT

## City of Lancaster Initial Study

1. **Project title and File Number:** Tentative Tract Map No. 60367
2. **Lead agency name and address:** City of Lancaster  
Development Services Department  
Community Development Division  
44933 Fern Avenue  
Lancaster, California 93534
3. **Contact person and phone number:** Monique Garibay, Planner  
(661) 723-6100
4. **Location:** 30± gross acres located north of Lancaster Boulevard and west of 40<sup>th</sup> Street East (APNs: 3150-021-019, -020, -022, -025, and -026) (see Figure 1)
5. **Applicant name and address:** Royal Investors Group, LLC  
Kris Pinero  
9595 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 708  
Beverly Hills, CA 90212
6. **General Plan designation:** UR (Urban Residential)
7. **Zoning:** R-7,000 (Single Family Residential, minimum lot size 7,000 square feet) and R-10,000 (Single Family Residential, minimum lot size 10,000 square feet)
8. **Description of project:**

The proposed project consists of a subdivision of 30± gross acres into 109 single-family residential lots. A storm water basin would be located at the northwest corner of the development. Access to the subdivision would be provided from Lancaster Boulevard, 40<sup>th</sup> Street East, and Kettering Street and all streets within the subdivision would be private. A meandering sidewalk and landscaping would be provided along 40<sup>th</sup> Street East and Lancaster Boulevard along the project frontage.



**Figure 1, Project Location Map**

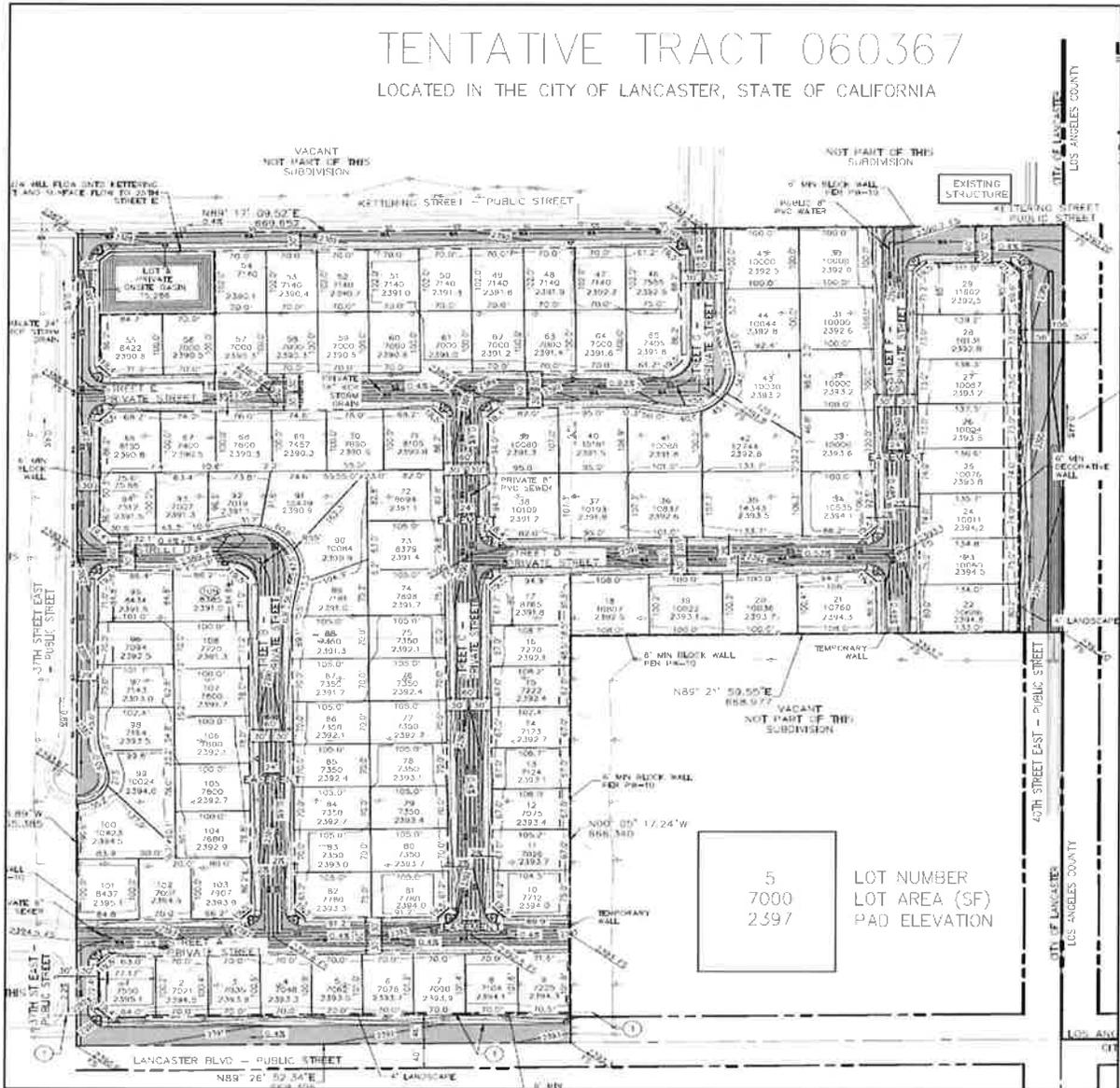


Figure 2, Conceptual Site Plan

**9. Surrounding land uses and setting:**

The project site is currently undeveloped. Table 1 provides the zoning and the land uses of the properties adjacent to the site. The property immediately surrounding the project site is predominantly vacant with a solar facility to the south and concrete business to the north. The property to the east is located in unincorporated Los Angeles County is vacant with the further east development with single family residences on large lots. The Lancaster Baptist Church and West Coast Bible College is located at the southeast corner of 40<sup>th</sup> Street East and Lancaster Boulevard. Tierra Bonita Park and Elementary School are located along 30<sup>th</sup> Street East just north of Lancaster Boulevard. Larger residential subdivisions are also located further west and south of the project site.

**Table 1  
 Zoning/Land Use Information**

Direction	Zoning		Land Use
	City	County	
North	R-7,000, R-10,000	N/A	Concrete Business, Vacant
East	N/A	A-2-5	Vacant
South	RR-2.5, R-10,000	N/A	Solar Facility, Vacant, Bus Facility
West	R-7,000	N/A	Vacant

**10. Other public agencies whose approval is required (e.g. permits, financing approval, or participation agreement.)**

Approvals from other public agencies for the proposed project include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District (AVAQMD)
- Los Angeles County Fire Department
- Los Angeles Waterworks District 40
- Southern California Edison
- Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County

**11. Have California Native American tribes traditionally and culturally affiliated with the project area requested consultation pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.3.1? If so, is there a plan for consultation that includes, for example, the determination of significance of impacts to tribal cultural resources, procedures regarding confidentiality, etc.?**

In accordance with Assembly Bill (AB) 52, the City sent letters to a total of nine tribes and eleven individuals that had either directly contacted the City for notification or were identified on a list from the Native American Heritage Commission. These letters were sent via certified,

return receipt mail on October 14, 2020. These letters included copies of the site plan, cultural resources report, and aerial photograph. Table 2 identifies the tribes, individuals to whom the letter was directed, and the date the letter was received.

The Quechan Indian Tribe, San Manuel Band of Mission Indians and the Fernandefio Tataviam Band of Mission Indians responded to the City's letter. The Quechan Indian tribe had no comments and deferred to the comments of other tribes. The San Manuel Band of Mission Indians requested specific mitigation measures to be included. These measures have been included in the cultural resources section. The Fernandefio Tataviam Band of Mission Indians asked for a copy of the geotechnical report, cultural resource assessment report, and grading plans for review. All available documents have been provided and the City/applicant will address any concerns of the tribes. None of the tribes identified specific tribal cultural resources.

**Table 2**  
**Tribal Notification**

<b>Tribe</b>	<b>Person/Title</b>	<b>Date Received</b>
Kern Valley Indian Community	Robert Robinson/ Chairperson	October 22, 2020
Fernandefio Tataviam Band of Mission Indians	Jairo Avila/ Tribal Historic and Cultural Preservation Officer	October 19, 2020
Fernandefio Tataviam Band of Mission Indians	Rudy Ortega/ Tribal President	October 19, 2020
Quechan Tribe of the Fort Yuma Reservation	Jill McCormick/ Historic Preservation Officer	October 20, 2020
Morongoband of Mission Indians	Robert Martin/ Chairperson	October 19, 2020
Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians – Kizh Nation	Andrew Salas/ Chairman	October 17, 2020
Serrano Nation of Mission Indians	Wayne Walker/ Chairperson	October 20, 2020
Serrano Nation of Mission Indians	Mark Cochrane/ Co-Chairperson	October 17, 2020
San Fernando Band of Mission Indians	Donna Yocum/ Chairperson	October 23, 2020
San Manuel Band of Mission Indians	Jessica Mauck/ Director of Cultural Resources	October 17, 2020
Tubatulabals of Kern Valley	Robert Gomez/ Chairperson	November 4, 2020

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.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Aesthetics	<input type="checkbox"/>	Agriculture and Forestry Resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	Air Quality
<input type="checkbox"/>	Biological Resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cultural Resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	Energy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Geology/Soils	<input type="checkbox"/>	Greenhouse Gas Emissions	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hazards & Hazardous Materials
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hydrology/Water Quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	Land Use/Planning	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mineral Resources
<input type="checkbox"/>	Noise	<input type="checkbox"/>	Population/Housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Services
<input type="checkbox"/>	Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tribal Cultural Resources
<input type="checkbox"/>	Utilities/Service Systems	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wildfire	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mandatory Findings of Significance

DETERMINATION: On the basis of this initial evaluation:

I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.

I find 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.

I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.

I find 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 effects that remain to be addressed.

I find 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.

  
 Monique Garibay, Planner

7/13/21  
 Date

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 Use. 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 measures 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) This is only a suggested form, and lead agencies are free to use different formats; however, lead agencies should normally address the questions from this checklist that are relevant to a project's environmental effects in whatever format is selected.
- 9) 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.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
I. <u>AESTHETICS</u> . Except as provided in Public Resources Code Section 21099, would the project:				
a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?			X	
b) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings with a state scenic highway?			X	
c) In non-urbanized areas, substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality or public views of the site and its surroundings? (Public views are those that are experienced from publicly accessible vantage point). If the project is in an urbanized area, would the project conflict with applicable zoning and other regulations governing scenic quality?			X	
d) Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views of the area?			X	

- a. The City of Lancaster General Plan identifies five scenic areas in the City and immediately surrounding area (LMEA Figure 12-1). Views of these scenic areas are not generally visible from the project site or the immediately surrounding roadways. However, views of the open desert and mountains surrounding the Antelope Valley are available from the project site and roadways. With implementation of the proposed project, these views would not change and would continue to be available from the roadways and project site. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant.
- b. The project site does not contain any rock outcroppings, or historic buildings. The project does contain ornamental trees and the remains of a former homestead and irrigation systems. Removal of these resources would be noticeable; however, the project site is not located along a State scenic highway. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant.
- c. The proposed project is consistent with the zoning code as it pertains to this use and zone. Additionally, the City of Lancaster adopted Design Guidelines on December 8, 2009 (updated March 30, 2010). These guidelines provide the basis to achieve quality design for all development within the City. Development of the proposed project would change the visual character of the project site from vacant desert to a residential subdivision of 109 lots. The new development would conform to design standards for subdivisions, the intent of the design guidelines, and would be compatible with nearby developments. Prior to the issuance of building

permits for the project, the elevations of the models would be subject to review by the Architectural and Design Commission to ensure that the elevations are consistent with the design guidelines and City's vision for the look of the community. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant.

- d. Currently, no light is currently generated on the project site. Light generated in the area is primarily from vehicles headlights, street lights, lighting from the industrial use to the north, security lighting from the solar facility, and from the Lancaster Baptist Church/West Coast Bible College. The light generated from the project site would be in the form of motor vehicles, street lights, and residential lighting. The proposed street lights within the development would be directed downward onto the project site. Additionally, the proposed project would not introduce substantial amounts of glare as the development would be constructed primarily from non-reflective materials. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant.

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<p>II. <u>AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY RESOURCES.</u> 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 Department 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 forest carbon measurement methodology provided in Forest Protocols adopted by the California Air Resources Board. Would the project:</p>				
<p>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?</p>				X
<p>b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?</p>				X
<p>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))?</p>				X
<p>d) Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?</p>				X
<p>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?</p>				X

- a. The California Department of Conservation, Division of Land Resource Protection, Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program (FMMP), tracks and categorizes land with respect to agricultural resources. Land is designated as one of the following and each has a specific definition: Prime Farmland, Farmland of Statewide Importance, Unique Farmland, Farmland of Local Importance, Grazing Land, Urban and Built-Up Land, and Other Land.

The maps for each county are updated every two years. The Los Angeles County Farmland Map was last updated in 2018. Based on the 2018 map, the project site is designated as Other Land.

Other Land is defined as “land not included in any other mapping category. Common examples include low density rural developments; brush, timber, wetland, and riparian areas not suitable for livestock grazing; confined livestock, poultry or aquaculture facilities; strip mines, borrow pits; and water bodies smaller than forty acres. Vacant and nonagricultural land surrounded on all sides by urban development and greater than 40 acres is mapped as Other Land.” As the project site is not designated as farmland of importance by the State nor is it currently utilized for agricultural purposes, no impacts to agricultural resources would occur.

- b. The project site is split-zoned between R-7,000 and R-10,000, which do not allow for agricultural uses. The property to the south, north, and west of the project site is zoned a mix of RR-2.5, R-10,000 and R-7,000. The property to the east is located in unincorporated Los Angeles County and is zoned A-2-5. While both the RR-2.5 and A-2-5 allow for agricultural uses, the property zoned RR-2.5 is developed with a solar facility and the property zoned A-2-5 is vacant. Additionally, the project site and surrounding area are not utilized for agricultural uses nor are they subject to a Williamson Act contract. Therefore, no impacts would occur.
- c-d. According to the City of Lancaster’s General Plan, there are no forests or timberlands located within the City of Lancaster. Therefore, the proposed project would not result in the rezoning of forest or timberland and would not cause the loss of forest land or the conversion of forest land to non-forest land. Therefore, no impacts would occur.
- e. See responses to Items IIa-d.

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III. <u>AIR QUALITY</u> . Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management district or air pollution control district may be relied upon to make the following determinations. Would the project:				
a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?				X
b) 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?			X	
c) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?		X		
d) Result in other emissions (such as those leading to odors) adversely affecting a substantial number of people?			X	

- a. Development proposed under the City’s General Plan would not create air emissions that exceed the Air Quality Management Plan. The project site is designated as UR and zoned R-7,000 and R-10,000. Residential subdivisions are a permitted use under these zones. As such, any emissions associated with the proposed project have already been accounted for and the proposed project would not conflict with or obstruct the implementation of the Air Quality Management Plan and no impacts would occur.
- b. The project site is within the boundary of the Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District (AVAQMD) and therefore, is subject to compliance with the thresholds established by the AVAQMD. These thresholds were provided in the AVAQMD’s *California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and Federal Conformity Guidelines document*, dated August 2016. These thresholds have been summarized below in Table 3.

**Table 3**  
**AVAQMD Air Quality Thresholds**

<b>Criteria Pollutant</b>	<b>Annual Threshold (tons)</b>	<b>Daily Threshold (pounds)</b>
Greenhouse Gases (CO <sub>2</sub> e)	100,000	548,000
Carbon Monoxide (CO)	100	548
Oxides of Nitrogen (NO <sub>x</sub> )	25	137
Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC)	25	137
Oxides of Sulfur (SO <sub>x</sub> )	25	137
Particulate Matter (PM <sub>10</sub> )	15	82
Particulate Matter (PM <sub>2.5</sub> )	12	65

Construction of the proposed project would generate air emissions associated with grading, use of heavy equipment, construction worker vehicles, etc. However, the emissions are not anticipated to exceed the established thresholds identified above due to the size and the type of proposed project.

The proposed project would generate approximately 1,104 daily vehicle trips according to the City's Traffic Engineer. These trips would generate air emissions; however, the amount of emissions from the estimated vehicle trips would not be sufficient to create or significantly contribute towards violations of air quality standards. Therefore, emissions associated with the occupancy of the proposed subdivision would be less than significant.

- c. The closest sensitive receptor is the Lancaster Baptist Church and West Coast Bible College located at the southeast corner of 40<sup>th</sup> Street East and Lancaster Boulevard. Single family residences are located within a quarter mile of the project site. The trips associated with the proposed project would generate emissions; however, the amount of traffic generated by the project is not sufficient to create or contribute considerably to violations of air quality standards on either a localized or regional basis. Therefore, substantial pollutant concentrations would not occur and impacts would be less than significant.

However, since the construction of the proposed project would result in the disturbance of the soil, it is possible individuals could be exposed to Valley Fever. Valley Fever or coccidioidomycosis, is primarily a disease of the lungs caused by the spores of the *Coccidioides immitis* fungus. The spores are found in soils, become airborne when the soil is disturbed, and are subsequently inhaled into the lungs. After the fungal spores have settled in the lungs, they change into a multicellular structure called a spherule. Fungal growth in the lungs occurs as the spherule grows and bursts, releasing endospores, which then develop into more spherules.

Valley Fever is not contagious, and therefore, cannot be passed on from person to person. Most of those who are infected would recover without treatment within six months and would have a life-long immunity to the fungal spores. In severe cases, especially in those patients with rapid

and extensive primary illness, those who are at risk for dissemination of disease, and those who have disseminated disease, antifungal drug therapy is used.

Nearby sensitive receptors as well as workers at the project site could be exposed to Valley Fever from fugitive dust generated during construction. There is the potential that cocci spores would be stirred up during excavation, grading, and earth-moving activities, exposing construction workers and nearby sensitive receptors to these spores and thereby to the potential of contracting Valley Fever. However, implementation of Mitigation Measures 10 and 11 (see Geology and Soils) which requires the project operator to implement dust control measures in compliance with AVAQMD Rule 403, and implementation of Mitigation Measure 1, below, which would provide personal protective respiratory equipment to construction workers and provide information to all construction personnel and visitors about Valley Fever, the risk of exposure to Valley Fever would be minimized to a less than significant level.

### Mitigation Measures

1. Prior to ground disturbance activities, the project operator shall provide evidence to the Development Services Director that the project operator and/or construction manager has developed a "Valley Fever Training Handout", training, and schedule of sessions for education to be provided to all construction personnel. All evidence of the training session materials, handout(s) and schedule shall be submitted to the Development Services Director within 24 hours of the first training session. Multiple training sessions may be conducted if different work crews will come to the site for different stages of construction; however, all construction personnel shall be provided training prior to beginning work. The evidence submitted to the Development Services Director regarding the "Valley Fever Training Handout" and Session(s) shall include the following:
  - A sign-in sheet (to include the printed employee names, signature, and date) for all employees who attended the training session.
  - Distribution of a written flier or brochure that includes educational information regarding the health effects of exposure to criteria pollutant emissions and Valley Fever.
  - Training on methods that may help prevent Valley Fever infection.
  - A demonstration to employees on how to use personal protective equipment, such as respiratory equipment (masks), to reduce exposure to pollutants and facilitate recognition of symptoms and earlier treatment of Valley Fever. Where respirators are required, the equipment shall be readily available and shall be provided to employees for use during work. Proof that the demonstration is included in the training shall be submitted to the county. This proof can be via printed training materials/agenda, DVD, digital media files, or photographs.

The project operator also shall consult with the Los Angeles County Public Health to develop a Valley Fever Dust Management Plan that addresses the potential presence of the *Coccidioides* spore and mitigates for the potential for *Coccidioidomycosis* (Valley Fever). Prior to issuance of permits, the project operator shall submit the Plan to the Los Angeles County Public Health for review and comment. The Plan shall include a program to

evaluate the potential for exposure to Valley Fever from construction activities and to identify appropriate safety procedures that shall be implemented, as needed, to minimize personnel and public exposure to potential *Coccidioides* spores. Measures in the Plan shall include the following:

- Provide HEP-filters for heavy equipment equipped with factory enclosed cabs capable of accepting the filters. Cause contractors utilizing applicable heavy equipment to furnish proof of worker training on proper use of applicable heavy equipment cabs, such as turning on air conditioning prior to using the equipment.
- Provide communication methods, such as two-way radios, for use in enclosed cabs.
- Require National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)-approved half-face respirators equipped with minimum N-95 protection factor for use during worker collocation with surface disturbance activities, as required per the hazard assessment process.
- Cause employees to be medically evaluated, fit-tested, and properly trained on the use of the respirators, and implement a full respiratory protection program in accordance with the applicable Cal/OSHA Respiratory Protection Standard (8 CCR 5144).
- Provide separate, clean eating areas with hand-washing facilities.
- Install equipment inspection stations at each construction equipment access/egress point. Examine construction vehicles and equipment for excess soil material and clean, as necessary, before equipment is moved off-site.
- Train workers to recognize the symptoms of Valley Fever, and to promptly report suspected symptoms of work-related Valley Fever to a supervisor.
- Work with a medical professional to develop a protocol to medically evaluate employees who develop symptoms of Valley Fever.
- Work with a medical professional, in consultation with the Los Angeles County Public Health, to develop an educational handout for on-site workers and surrounding residents within three miles of the project site, and include the following information on Valley Fever: what are the potential sources/ causes, what are the common symptoms, what are the options or remedies available should someone be experiencing these symptoms, and where testing for exposure is available. Prior to construction permit issuance, this handout shall have been created by the project operator and reviewed by the project operator and reviewed by the Development Services Director. No less than 30 days prior to any work commencing, this handout shall be mailed to all existing residences within a specified radius of the project boundaries as determined by the Development Services Director. The radius shall not exceed three miles and is dependent upon the location of the project site.
- When possible, position workers upwind or crosswind when digging a trench or performing other soil-disturbing tasks.
- Prohibit smoking at the worksite outside of designated smoking areas; designated smoking areas will be equipped with handwashing facilities.

- Post warnings on-site and consider limiting access to visitors, especially those without adequate training and respiratory protection.
  - Audit and enforce compliance with relevant Cal OSHA health and safety standards on the job site.
- d. Construction of the proposed project is not anticipated to produce significant objectionable odors. Construction equipment may generate some odors, but these odors would be similar to those produced by vehicles traveling Lancaster Boulevard and 40<sup>th</sup> Street East. Most objectionable odors are typically associated with industrial projects involving the use of chemicals, solvents, petroleum products and other strong-smelling elements used in manufacturing processes, as well as sewage treatment facilities and landfills. These types of uses are not part of the proposed project. Odors may also be generated by typical residential activities (e.g., cooking, etc.). However, these odors are considered to be normal odors associated with residential development and less than significant. Therefore, impacts associated with odors would be less than significant.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
IV. <u>BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES</u> . 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?		X		
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?				X
c) Have a substantial adverse effect on State or federally protected wetlands (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?				X
d) Interfere substantially with 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?				X
e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?				X
f) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?				X

- a. A biological resource survey was prepared for the project site by Mark Hagan and documented a report titled "Biological Resource Assessment of TTM 60367 Lancaster, California" and dated July 27, 2020". This report documented the findings of both a literature review and a field survey.

The field survey was conducted for the entire project site by a line transect survey on July 16 and 17, 2020 to inventory biological resources. The 16 line transects were walked in all directions.

The east-west line transects were approximately 660 feet long and spaced 75 feet apart. The north-south line transects were approximately 1,280 feet long and 75 feet apart.

The project site was characteristic of an old, abandoned agricultural field. A total of twenty-three plant species were observed during the line transect survey, with rabbit brush being the most common perennial shrub species in the study area. The plant species are identified in Table 4. No special-status plant species or suitable habitat were observed within the project site.

**Table 4  
 Observed Plant Species**

Four-wing saltbush/ <i>Atriplex canescens</i>	Gilia/ <i>Gilia minutiflora</i>	Foxtail barley/ <i>Hordeum leporinum</i>
Allscale/ <i>Atriplex polycarpa</i>	Desert straw/ <i>Stephanomeria pauciflora</i>	Red brome/ <i>Bromus rubens</i>
Silverscale/ <i>Atriplex argentea</i>	Spotted buckwheat/ <i>Eriogonum maculatum</i>	Cheatgrass/ <i>Bromus tectorum</i>
Arrow scale/ <i>Atriplex phyllostegia</i>	Goldfields/ <i>Lasthenia californica</i>	Red stemmed filaree/ <i>Erodium cicutarium</i>
Rabbit brush/ <i>Chrysothamnus nauseosus</i>	Pineapple weed/ <i>Matricaria discoidea</i>	Tansy mustard/ <i>Descurainia sophia</i>
Turkey mullein/ <i>Eremocarpus setigerus</i>	Clasping peppergrass/ <i>Lepidium perfoliatum</i>	Tumble mustard/ <i>Sisymbrium altisissimum</i>
Fiddleneck/ <i>Amsinckia tessellata</i>	Russian thistle/ <i>Salsola iberica</i>	Ornamental tree
Desert dandelion/ <i>Malacothrix glabrata</i>	Schismus/ <i>Schismus</i> sp.	

A total of twenty-two animal species, or their sign were observed onsite. Table 5 provides a list of all animal species observed on the project site. No desert tortoises, burrowing owls or their sign were observed within the study site. However, California ground squirrel burrows observed during the survey along with the existing irrigation stand pipes could provide potential cover sites for burrowing owls. One inactive bird nest was observed within a large rabbit brush during the field survey. No desert kit foxes or their sign were observed during the field survey. No suitable Mohave ground squirrel habitat was present within the project site. No species status animal species were observed on-site.

However, it is possible that nesting birds or burrowing owls could be present at the time that construction starts. In order to ensure that any impacts to either nesting birds or burrowing owls remain less than significant, mitigation measures have been identified. With implementation of these measures, impacts would be less than significant.

**Table 5  
 Observed Animal Species**

Rodents/ Order: Rodentia	Rock dove/ <i>Columba livia</i>	Grasshopper/ Order: Orthoptera
Kangaroo rat/ <i>Dipodomys</i> sp.	Hummingbird/ Family: Trochilidae	Dragonfly/ Order: Odonata
California ground squirrel/ <i>Citellus beecheyi</i>	Common raven/ <i>Corvus corax</i>	Bee/ Order: Hymenoptera
Black-tailed jackrabbit/ <i>Lepus californicus</i>	Say's phoebe/ <i>Sayornis saya</i>	Black widow/ <i>Latrodectus</i> sp.
Desert cottontail/ <i>Sylvilagus auduboni</i>	House finch/ <i>Carpodacus mexicanus</i>	Spider/ Order: Araneida
Coyote/ <i>Canis latrans</i>	Darkling beetle/ <i>Coelocnemis californicus</i>	Cabbage white butterfly/ <i>Pieris rapae</i>
Mourning dove/ <i>Zenaida macroura</i>	Harvester ants/ Order: Hymenoptera	Beetle, red/black/ Order: Coleoptera
Ants, small, black/ Order: Hymenoptera		

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2. No burrowing owls were identified on the project site; however, it is possible that they could occupy the site prior to the start of construction. Burrowing owl protocol surveys shall be conducted on the project site in accordance with the procedures established by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife prior to the start of construction/ground disturbing activities. If burrowing owls are identified using the project site during the surveys, the applicant shall contact the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) and appropriate mitigation/management procedures shall be followed. At a minimum, the following shall occur:
  - If burrowing owls are identified during the non-nesting season, a qualified biologist shall install one-way gates to relocate the owl to a suitable nearby property. Upon confirmation that the burrow is empty, the burrowing shall be collapsed.
  - In the event that a breeding pair or female owl with offspring are present at a burrow, a buffer zone of at least 50 feet shall be established around the burrow until the offspring have fledged and left the burrow. No work shall occur within the buffer zone. The specific buffer zone shall be established in coordination with CDFW.
  
3. A nesting bird survey shall be conducted within 30 days prior to the start of construction/ground disturbing activities. If nesting birds are encountered, all work shall cease until either the young birds have fledged or the appropriate permits are obtained from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW). If active bird nests are identified using the project site during the survey, the applicant shall contact the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to determine the appropriate mitigation/management requirements.

Impact to nests will be avoided by delay of work or establishing a buffer of 500 feet around active raptor nests and 50 feet around other migratory bird species nests.

- b. No natural drainages or riparian habitat are present on the project site. Therefore, no impacts to 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 would occur.
- c. There are no State or federally protected wetlands on the project site as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Therefore, no impacts would occur.
- d. While some animal species may move across the project site, the area is highly fragmented, contains many man-made barriers (e.g., subdivisions, streets, etc.) and does not connect two larger areas of habitat. The project site is not part of an established migratory wildlife corridor. Therefore, no impacts would occur.
- e. The proposed project would not conflict with any local policies or ordinances, such as a tree preservation policy, protecting biological resources. The proposed project would be subject to the requirements of Ordinance No. 848, Biological Impact Fee, which requires the payment of \$770/acre to offset the cumulative loss of biological resources in the Antelope Valley as a result of development. Therefore, no impacts would occur.
- f. There are no Habitat Conservation Plans, Natural Community Conservation Plans, or other approved local, regional, or State habitat conservation plans which are applicable to the project site. The West Mojave Coordinated Habitat Conservation Plan only applies to federal land, specifically land owned by the Bureau of Land Management. In conjunction with the Coordinated Management Plan, a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) was proposed which would have applied to all private properties within the Plan Area. However, this HCP was never approved by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife nor was it adopted by the local agencies (counties and cities) within the Plan Area. As such, there is no HCP that is applicable to the project site and no impacts would occur.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
V. <u>CULTURAL RESOURCES</u> . Would the project:				
a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource pursuant to §15064.5?			X	
b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resources pursuant to §15064.5?		X		
c) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of dedicated cemeteries?				X

a-c. A cultural resource survey was conducted for the project site by Hudlow Cultural Resource Associates and the results documented in a report entitled "A Phase I Cultural Resource Survey for APNs 3150-021-019, -020, -022, -023, -024, -025, and -026, 40<sup>th</sup> Street East and Lancaster Boulevard, City of Lancaster, California" and dated August 2020. The report includes a records search and a pedestrian survey of the project site.

A records search was conducted at the South Central Coastal Information Center on August 26, 2020. A total of 14 cultural resource surveys have been conducted within a half mile radius of the project area, two of which addressed the project site. Ten cultural resources have been previously recorded within a half mile of the project site; four of the sites were prehistoric and six were historic. Four of the ten sites (two historic and two prehistoric isolates) were located within the project site and were not re-identified during the current survey.

On July 10, 2020, a field survey was conducted by walking parallel pedestrian transects spaced approximately 15 meters apart. Three cultural resources were identified during the survey including a sump/pond (R-1), remains of an agricultural water system (R-2), and remains of a small homestead (R-3). These resources are described below.

- R-1: An agricultural sump/pond measuring approximately 137' x 100'. This feature has an earthen berm and is overgrown with weeds.
- R-2: This resource is the remains of the agricultural water system. These lines run underground in both an east-west direction and a north-south direction with above ground standpipes.
- R-3 is the remains of a small homestead on the western edge of the parcel. The homestead consists primarily a concrete block that has been heavily tagged with graffiti, fence posts, a set of wooden steps, and a large underground cistern. Some architectural remains, including wall boards, are present; however, no intact foundation or roofing elements are present. Some

domestic artifacts, including both food cans and bottles, are present, which suggest that the homestead dates to the 1930s. Most of the artifacts are broken and disintegrated, except a few intact bottles.

The historic resources identified above are not eligible for listing under the California Register of Historic Resources under any of the criteria. As such, impacts to these resources would be less than significant. No human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries, were discovered on the project site. Therefore, no impacts would be anticipated to occur.

In addition to the cultural resources that were identified during the field study, it is possible that previously unknown resources could be encountered during the course of construction-related activities. Additionally, tribes contacted during the AB 52 process requested that mitigation measures be included as part of the project to ensure the proper handling and treatment of any cultural resources encountered on the project site. These measures have been included and are identified below. With incorporation of these measures, impacts would be less than significant.

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4. In the event that cultural resources are discovered during project activities, all work in the immediate vicinity of the find (within a 60-foot buffer) shall cease and a qualified archaeologist meeting Secretary of Interior standards shall be hired to assess the find. Work on the other portions of the project outside of the buffered area may continue during this assessment period. Additionally, the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians Cultural Resources Department and the Fernandefio Tataviam Band of Mission Indians shall be contacted regarding any pre-contact and/or historic-era finds and be provided information after the archaeologist makes his/her initial assessment of the nature of the find, so as to provide Tribal input with regards to significance and treatment.
5. If significant pre-contact and/or historic-era cultural resources, as defined by CEQA are discovered and avoidance cannot be ensured, the archaeologist shall develop a Monitoring and Treatment Plan, the drafts of which shall be provided to San Manuel Band of Mission Indians Cultural Resources Department and the Fernandefio Tataviam Band of Mission Indians for review and comment. The archaeologist shall monitor the remainder of the project and implement the Plan accordingly.
6. If human remains or funerary objects are encountered during any activities associated with the project, work in the immediate vicinity (within a 100-foot buffer of the find) shall cease and the County Coroner shall be contacted pursuant to State Health and Safety Code §7050.5 and that code enforced for the duration of the project.
7. The San Manuel Band of Mission Indians Cultural Resources Department and Fernandefio Tataviam Band of Mission Indians shall be contacted regarding any pre- contact and/or historic-era cultural resources discovered during project implementation, and provided information regarding the nature of the find, so as to provide Tribal input with regards to significance and treatment. Should the find be deemed significant, as defined by CEQA, a cultural resources Monitoring and Treatment Plan shall be created by the archaeologist, in coordination with both tribes, and all subsequent finds shall be subject to this Plan. This

Plan shall allow for a monitor to be present that represents both tribes for the remainder of the project, should the tribes elect to place a monitor on-site.

8. Any and all archaeological/cultural documents created as a part of the project (isolate records, site records, survey reports, testing reports, etc.) shall be supplied to the applicant and Lead Agency for dissemination to San Manuel Band of Mission Indians Cultural Resources Department and the Fernandeano Tataviam Band of Mission Indians. The Lead Agency and/or applicant shall, in good faith, consult with San Manuel Band of Mission Indians Cultural Resources Department and the Fernandeano Tataviam Band of Mission Indians throughout the life of the project.
9. The applicant shall work with the Fernandeano Tataviam Band of Mission Indians shall to ensure that potential cultural resources issues have been satisfactorily addressed prior to the issuance of any construction related permits.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
VI. <u>ENERGY</u> . Would the project:				
a) Result in potentially significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources, during project construction or operation?				X
b) Conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficient?				X

a. Project construction would consume energy in two general forms: 1) the fuel energy consumed by construction vehicles and equipment and 2) bound energy in construction materials, such as asphalt, steel, concrete, pipes, and manufactured or processed materials such as lumber and glass. Fossil fuels used for construction vehicles and other energy-consuming equipment would be used during site clearing, grading, and construction. Fuel energy consumed during construction would be temporary and would not represent a significant demand on energy resources. In addition, some incidental energy conservation would occur during construction through compliance with State requirements that equipment not in use for more than five minutes be turned off. Project construction equipment would also be required to comply with the latest EPA and CARB engine emissions standards. These emissions standards require highly efficient combustion systems that maximize fuel efficiency and reduce unnecessary fuel consumption.

Substantial reductions in energy inputs for construction materials can be achieved by selecting building materials composed of recycled materials that require substantially less energy to produce than non-recycled materials. The project-related incremental increase in the use of energy bound in construction materials such as asphalt, steel, concrete, pipes and manufactured or processed materials (e.g., lumber and gas) would not substantially increase demand for energy compared to overall local and regional demand for construction materials.

The proposed project would consume energy for interior and exterior lighting, heating/ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC), refrigeration, electronics systems, appliances, and security systems, among other things. The proposed project would be required to comply with Title 24 Building Energy Efficiency Standards, which provide minimum efficiency standards related to various building features, including appliances, water and space heating and cooling equipment, building insulation and roofing, and lighting. Implementation of the Title 24 standards significantly reduces energy usage. Furthermore, the electricity provider is subject to California's Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS). The RPS requires investor owned utilities, electric service providers, and community choice aggregators (CCA) to increase procurement from eligible renewable energy resources to 33 percent of total procurement by 2020 and to 50 percent of total procurement by 2030. Renewable energy is generally defined as energy that comes from

resources, which are naturally replenished within a human timescale such as sunlight, wind, tides, waves, and geothermal heat.

The project would adhere to all Federal, State, and local requirements for energy efficiency, including the Title 24 standards, as well as the project's design features and as such the project would not result in the inefficient, wasteful, or unnecessary consumption of building energy.

- b. In 1978, the California Energy Commission (CEC) established Title 24, California's energy efficiency standards for residential and non-residential buildings, in response to a legislative mandate to create uniform building codes to reduce California's energy consumption, and provide energy efficiency standards for residential and non-residential buildings. The 2016 standards went into effect on January 1, 2017 and substantially reduce electricity and natural gas consumption. Additional savings result from the application of the standards on building alterations such as cool roofs, lighting, and air distribution ducts.

The California Green Building Standards Code (California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 11), commonly referred to as the CALGreen Code, is a statewide mandatory construction code that was developed and adopted by the California Building Standards Commission and the California Department of Housing and Community Development. CALGreen standards require new residential and commercial buildings to comply with mandatory measures under five topical areas: planning and design; energy efficiency; water efficiency and conservation; material conservation and resource efficiency; and environmental quality. An updated version of both the California Building Code and the CALGreen Code went into effect on January 1, 2020.

In 2014, Lancaster created Lancaster Choice Energy (LCE), allowing residents and businesses in Lancaster to choose the source of their electricity, including an opportunity to opt up to 100% renewable energy. SCE continues to deliver the electricity and provide billing, customer service and powerline maintenance and repair, while customers who choose to participate in this program would receive power from renewable electric generating private-sector partners at affordable rates.

The City of Lancaster adopted the Zero Net Energy (ZNE) Home Ordinance in February 2017. The ZNE Ordinance mandates all builders to install a solar system equal to two watts per square foot for each home built. Developers have three options available to comply with the City's ZNE requirement: a solar component, mitigation fees in lieu of a solar component, or a combination of both. The houses constructed as a result of the proposed project would comply with all of these regulations and would not conflict or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency. This ordinance was made obsolete when the CalGreen Code went into effect on January 1, 2020.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>VII. GEOLOGY AND SOILS.</b> Would the project:				
a) Directly or indirectly cause potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:				
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.				X
ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?			X	
iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?				X
iv) Landslides?				X
b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?			X	
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?				X
d) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial direct or indirect risks to life or property?			X	
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?				X
f) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?				X

- a. The project site is not identified as being in or in proximity to a fault rupture zone (LMEA Figure 2-5). According to the Seismic Hazard Evaluation of the Lancaster East and West Quadrangles, the project site may be subject to intense seismic shaking (LMEA pg. 2-6). However, the

proposed project would be constructed in accordance with the seismic requirements of the Uniform Building Code (UBC) adopted by the City, which would render any potential impacts to a less than significant level. The site is generally level and is not subject to landslides (SSHZ).

Liquefaction is a phenomenon in which the strength and stiffness of a soil is reduced by earthquake shaking or other events. This phenomenon occurs in saturated soils that undergo intense seismic shaking typically associated with an earthquake. There are three specific conditions that need to be in place for liquefaction to occur: loose granular soils, shallow groundwater (usually less than 50 feet below ground surface) and intense seismic shaking. In February 2005, the California Geologic Survey updated the Seismic Hazard Zones Map for Lancaster (SSHZ). Based on these maps, the project site is not located in an area at risk for liquefaction. No impacts would occur.

- b. The project site is rated as having a moderate risk for soil erosion (USDA SCS Maps) when cultivated or cleared of vegetation. The proposed project consists of a 109-lot residential subdivision. Construction of the subdivision would result in grading and disturbance of the entire site. As such, there remains a potential for water and wind erosion during construction. The proposed project would be required, under the provisions of the Lancaster Municipal Code (LMC) Chapter 8.16, to adequately wet or seal the soil to prevent wind erosion. Additionally, the following mitigation measure shall be required to control dust/wind erosion. With implementation of the mitigation measures, impacts would be less than significant.

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- 10. The applicant shall submit a Dust Control Plan to the Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District (AVAQMD) for review and approval in accordance with Rule 403, Fugitive Dust, prior to the issuance of any grading and/or construction permits. This plan shall demonstrate adequate water or dust suppressant application equipment to mitigate all disturbed areas.
  - 11. Signage shall be displayed on the project site in accordance with AVAQMD Rule 403 (Appendix A).
- c. Subsidence is the sinking of the soil caused by the extraction of water, petroleum, etc. Subsidence can result in geologic hazards known as fissures. Fissures are typically associated with faults or groundwater withdrawal, which results in the cracking of the ground surface. According to Figure 2-3 of the City of Lancaster's Master Environmental Assessment, the project site is not known to be within an area subject to fissuring, sinkholes, or subsidence or any other form of geologic unit or soil instability. The closest fissuring and sinkholes are located around Lancaster Boulevard and 20<sup>th</sup> Street West, approximately 6 miles to the west. For a discussion of potential impacts regarding liquefaction, please refer to Section Item VII.a. Therefore, no impacts would occur.
  - d. The soil on the project site is characterized by a low shrink/swell potential (LMEA Figure 2-3). A soils report for the proposed project shall be submitted to the City by the project developer prior to grading and the recommendations of the report shall be incorporated into the development of the proposed project. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant.

- e. The proposed project would be tied into the sanitary sewer system. No septic or alternative means of waste water disposal are part of the proposed project. Therefore, no impacts would occur.
- f. Development of the project site would not directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource, site, or geologic feature. Therefore, no impacts would occur.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
VIII. <u>GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS</u> . Would the project:				
a) Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?			X	
b) Conflict with an applicable plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?			X	

a-b. The proposed project consists of a 109-lot residential subdivision. As discussed in Item III.b., the proposed project would generate air emissions during construction and operational activities, some of which may be greenhouse gases. These emissions are anticipated to be less than the thresholds established by AVAQMD due to the size of the project and therefore would not prevent the State from reaching its greenhouse gas reduction targets. Once the development is operational, it would generate emissions, primarily from vehicles and other activities associated with the residential uses, including yard maintenance, heating/cooling maintenance, etc. however, the development would require to comply with the requirements of the City’s Net Zero Energy Ordinance, Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance, and other requirements which increase the efficiency of buildings and reduce air emissions. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant.

The proposed project would also be in compliance with the greenhouse gas goals and polices identified in the City of Lancaster General Plan (LMEA p.7-2 to 7-15) and in the City’s adopted Climate Action Plan. Therefore, impacts with respect to conflicts with an agency’s plans, policies, and regulations would be less than significant.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
IX. <u>HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.</u> Would the project:				
a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?			X	
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?			X	
c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?				X
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?		X		
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 or excessive noise for people residing or working in the project area?				X
f) Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?				X
g) Expose people or structures, either directly or indirectly, to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires?			X	

a-b. The proposed project consists of a 109-lot residential subdivision. Typical construction materials would be utilized during development of the subdivision. Occupants of the subdivision would typically utilize household cleaners (e.g., cleanser, bleach, etc.), fertilizer, and potentially limited use of common pesticides. These uses would be similar to other residential development in the area. The proposed project is not located along a hazardous materials transportation corridor (LMEA p. 9.1-14 and Figure 9.1-4). Development of the project site would involve the

demolition of the existing irrigation system (including the standpipes) and the removal of the remains of the former homestead. However, these structures are made of concrete and therefore, would not expose individuals or the environment to asbestos containing materials or lead based paint. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant.

- c. The project site is located within a quarter mile of an existing or proposed school. Specifically, Lancaster Baptist School and West Coast Baptist College are located approximately 0.2 miles southeast of the project site. However, the proposed project is not anticipated to emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous/ acutely hazardous materials. Therefore, no impacts would occur.
- d. A Phase I Environmental Site Assessment was prepared for the proposed project by Partner Engineering and Science, Inc. The results of the study are documented in a report entitled "Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Report, Proposed Residential Development, East Lancaster Boulevard and 40<sup>th</sup> Street East Lancaster, California 93534" and dated July 23, 2020.

As part of the environmental site assessment, a site visit was conducted on July 21, 2020. No hazardous materials/waste were observed at the subject site. No evidence of environmental concerns, including hazardous material disposal, sewage discharge, wells, septic systems, underground or above ground (UST/AST) storage tanks, or stressed vegetation, was observed on the project site.

The subject property was utilized for agricultural purposes from 1928 to 1968. It is unknown if pesticides and/or herbicides were applied to the crops grown on the property; however, there is a potential for soil contamination in excess of regulatory thresholds allowed for residential development. A mitigation measure has been identified requiring soil sampling and testing to assess the presence or absence of elevated concentrations of agricultural chemicals. In the event that elevated levels are identified, the soil would be removed and disposed of or remediated in accordance with applicable regulations. With implementation of the mitigation measure, impacts would be less than significant.

In addition to the survey of the project site, a regulatory database records search was conducted for the project site and the immediately surrounding properties by EDR. The project site and the properties within the required search distances were not identified in any hazardous materials database; therefore, no impacts would occur.

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- 12. Phase II soil sampling and testing shall be conducted on the project site to determine the presence or absence of elevated agricultural chemicals. If elevated levels of these chemicals are identified above regulatory levels for residential uses, the site shall be remediated in accordance with the recommendations of the report and all applicable regulations prior to the issuance of any construction related permits.
- e. The proposed project is not located within an airport land use plan or within two miles of a public/private airport. The nearest airfield, Air Force Plant 42, is located approximately 4.5 miles south of the project site. General William Fox Airfield, is located approximately 9 miles

northwest of the project site. Therefore, no safety hazards for people residing in the project area would be anticipated and no impacts would occur.

- f. The traffic generated by the proposed project is not expected to block the roadways and improvements that have been conditioned as part of the project would ensure that traffic operates smoothly. Therefore, the proposed project would not impair or physically block any identified evacuation routes and would not interfere with any adopted emergency response plan. Impacts would not occur.
- g. The surrounding properties are either vacant or are developed with single family residential tracts. It is possible that the vacant lands could be subject to a grass fire. However, single-family homes are built according to California Building Standards Code which includes standards for fire safety of buildings. The project site is also located approximately .5 miles east of Los Angeles County Fire Station No. 117, located at 44851 30<sup>th</sup> Street East which would serve the project site in the event of a fire. Therefore, potential impacts from wildland fires would be less than significant.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
X. <u>HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY.</u> Would the project:				
a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade surface or ground water quality?			X	
b) Substantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that the project may impede sustainable groundwater management of the basin?			X	
c) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river or through the addition of impervious surfaces, in a manner which would:				
i) Result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site			X	
ii) Substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site			X	
iii) Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff			X	
iv) Impede or redirect flood flows			X	
d) In flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zones, risk release of pollutants due to project inundation?			X	
e) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan?			X	

- a. The NPDES program establishes a comprehensive storm water quality program to manage urban storm water and minimize pollution of the environment to the maximum extent practicable. The reduction of pollutants in urban storm water discharge through the use of structural and nonstructural Best Management Practices (BMPs) is one of the primary objectives of the water

quality regulations. BMPs that are typically used to management runoff water quality include controlling roadway and parking lot contaminants by installing oil and grease separators at storm drain inlets, cleaning parking lots on a regular basis, incorporating peak-flow reduction and infiltration features (grass swales, infiltration trenches and grass filter strips) into landscaping and implementing educational programs. The proposed project would incorporate appropriate BMPs during construction, as determined by the City of Lancaster Development Services Department. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant.

The proposed project consists of 109 single-family residences lots. Single family residences are not a use that would normally generate wastewater that violates water quality standards or exceeds waste discharge requirements. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant.

- b. The proposed project would not include any groundwater wells or pumping activities. All water supplied to the proposed project would be obtained from the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40 (LACWD). Therefore, the proposed project would not deplete groundwater supplies or interfere with groundwater recharge and impacts would be less than significant.
- c. Development of the proposed project would increase the amount of surface runoff as a result of impervious surfaces associated with the roadways and residences. The proposed project would be designed, on the basis of a hydrology study, to accept current flows entering the property and to handle the additional incremental runoff from the developed sites. Therefore, impacts from drainage and runoff would be less than significant.
- d. The project site is not located within a coastal zone. Therefore, tsunamis are not a potential hazard. The project site is relatively flat and does not contain any enclosed bodies of water and is not located in close proximity to any other large bodies of water. Therefore, the proposed project would not be subject to inundation by seiches or mudflows. No impacts would occur.

The project site is designated as Flood Zone X-Shaded per the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Panel No. 060672 (2008) (06037C0450F). Flood Zone X-Shaded is located outside of the 100-year flood zone but within the 500-year flood zone. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant.

- e. The proposed project is residential in nature. As such, the proposed project would not conflict or obstruct the implementation of the applicable water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan. For additional information see responses X.a through X.c. Impacts would be less than significant.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
XI. <u>LAND USE AND PLANNING.</u> Would the project:				
a) Physically divide an established community?				X
b) Cause a significant environmental impact due to a conflict with any land use plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?				X

- a. The proposed project consists of the construction and occupancy of a 109-lot residential subdivision. The project site is located to the north of Lancaster Boulevard and to the west of 40<sup>th</sup> Street East on vacant land. The proposed project would not block a public street, trail or other access route or result in a physical barrier that would divide the community. Therefore, no impacts would occur.
- b. The proposed project is consistent with the City’s General Plan and must be in conformance with the Lancaster Municipal Code. The proposed project will be in compliance with the City-adopted Uniform Building Code (UBC) and erosion control requirements (Section VII). Additionally, as noted Section IV, the project site is not subject to and would not conflict with a habitat conservation plan or natural communities conservation plan. Therefore, no impacts would occur.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>XII. MINERAL RESOURCES.</b> 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?				X
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?				X

a-b. The project site does not contain any mining or recovery operations for mineral resources and no such activities have occurred on the project site in the past. According to the LMEA (Figure 2-4 and page 2-8), the project site is not designated as Mineral Reserve 3 (contains potential but presently unproven resources). Additionally, it is not considered likely that the Lancaster area has large, valuable mineral and aggregate deposits. Therefore, no impacts to mineral resources would occur.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
XIII. <u>NOISE</u> . Would the project:				
a) Generation of a substantial temporary or permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the vicinity of the project in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?		X		
b) Generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?				X
c) For a project located within the vicinity of a private airstrip or 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?				X

- a. The City’s General Plan (Table 3-1) establishes an outdoor maximum CNEL of 65 dBA for residential uses. Table 8-11 of the LMEA provides the existing roadway noise levels adjacent to the project site. The current noise levels along Lancaster Boulevard between 30<sup>th</sup> Street East and 40<sup>th</sup> Street East is 60.4 dBA and the noise levels along 40<sup>th</sup> Street East between Avenue I and Lancaster Boulevard is 55.8 dBA. This is consistent with the standards of the General Plan. While this noise level is consistent with the standards of the General Plan additional features of the proposed project (e.g., landscaping, block walls, etc.) would ensure that the project remains in compliance with the General Plan. Therefore, potential noise impacts associated with traffic from the proposed development and operational activities would be less than significant.

Construction activities associated with earth-moving equipment and other construction machinery would temporarily increase noise levels for adjacent land uses. The closest noise sensitive receptor is located at the southeast corner of 40<sup>th</sup> Street East and Lancaster Boulevard, approximately 0.2 miles away. It is possible that construction noise would be audible at this location. However, all construction activities would occur in accordance with the City’s noise ordinance with respect to days of the week and time of day and mitigation measures have been identified to reduce the noise generated by construction activities to the extent feasible. With incorporation of these measures, construction noise would still be audible but would not exceed established standards and impacts would be less than significant.

Mitigation Measures

13. Construction operations shall not occur between 8 p.m. and 7 a.m. on weekdays or Saturday or at any time on Sunday. The hours of any construction-related activities shall be restricted to periods and days permitted by local ordinance.
  14. The on-site construction supervisor shall have the responsibility and authority to receive and resolve noise complaints. A clear appeal process to the owner shall be established prior to construction commencement that will allow for resolution of noise problems that cannot be immediately solved by the site supervisor.
  15. Electrically powered equipment shall be used instead of pneumatic or internal combustion powered equipment, where feasible.
  16. Material stockpiles and mobile equipment staging, parking and maintenance areas shall be located as far away as practicable from noise-sensitive receptors.
  17. The use of noise producing signals, including horns, whistles, alarms, and bells shall be for safety warning purposes only.
  18. No project-related public address or music system shall be audible at any adjacent receptor.
  19. All noise producing construction equipment and vehicles using internal combustion engines shall be equipped with mufflers, air-inlet silencers where appropriate, and any other shrouds, shields, or other noise-reducing features in good operating condition that meet or exceed original factor specifications. Mobile or fixed "package" equipment (e.g., arc-welders, air compressors, etc.) shall be equipped with shrouds and noise control features that are readily available for the type of equipment.
- b. It is not anticipated that construction of the proposed project would require the use of machinery that generates ground-borne vibration as no major subsurface construction (e.g., parking garage) is planned. No ground mounted industrial-type equipment that generates ground vibration would be utilized once the project is constructed and operational. Therefore, no impacts associated with ground-borne vibration/noise are anticipated.
  - c. The project is not within close proximity to an airport or a frequent overflight area and would not experience noise from these sources. Therefore, no impacts would occur.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>XIV. POPULATION AND HOUSING.</b> Would the project:				
a) Induce substantial unplanned 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)?			X	
b) Displace substantial numbers of existing people or housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				X

- a. The proposed project would result in an incremental increase in population growth; however, this increase was anticipated in both the City’s General Plan and in SCAG’s most recent Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS). Additionally, while it is likely that individuals involved in the construction of the proposed project or residing at the proposed project would come from the Antelope Valley any increase in population would contribute, on an incremental basis, to the population of the City. As such, impacts would be less than significant.
- b. The project site is currently vacant. No housing or people would be displaced necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere. Therefore, no impacts would occur.

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<b>XV. PUBLIC SERVICES.</b>				
a) 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:				
Fire Protection?			X	
Police Protection?			X	
Schools?			X	
Parks?			X	
Other Public Facilities?			X	

- a. The proposed project may increase the need for fire and police services during construction and operation; however, the project site is within the current service area of both these agencies and the additional time and cost to service the sites is minimal. The proposed project would not induce substantial population growth and therefore, would not increase the demand on parks or other public facilities. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant.

Construction of the proposed project may result in an incremental increase in population (see Item XIV) and may increase the number of students in the Eastside Union School District and the Antelope Valley Union High School District. Proposition 1A, which governs the way in which school funding is carried out, predetermines by statute that payment of developer fees is adequate mitigation for school impacts. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant.

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XVI. <u>RECREATION</u> . Would the project:				
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?			X	
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?			X	

a-b. The proposed project would generate additional population growth and would contribute on an incremental basis to the use of the existing park and recreational facilities. However, the applicant would be required to pay park fees which would offset the impacts of the existing parks. The development of the proposed project would not require the construction of new recreational facilities or the expansion of existing ones. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant.

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XVII. <u>TRANSPORTATION</u> . Would the project:				
a) Conflict with a program, plan, ordinance, or policy addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadway, bicycle and pedestrian facilities?				X
b) Would the project conflict or be inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.3, subdivision (b)?				X
c) Substantially increase hazards due to a geometric design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?				X
d) Result in inadequate emergency access?				X

a. The proposed project would not conflict with or impede any of the General Plan policies or specific actions related to alternative modes of transportation (Lancaster General Plan pgs. 5-18 to 5-24.) Therefore, no impacts would occur.

b. In July 2020, the City of Lancaster adopted standards and thresholds for analyzing projects with respect to vehicle miles traveled (VMT). A series of screening criteria were adopted and if a project meets one of these criteria, a VMT analysis is not required. These criteria are: 1) project site – generates fewer than 110 trips per day; 2) locally serving retail – commercial developments of 50,000 square feet or smaller; 3) project located in a low VMT area – 15% below baseline; 4) transit proximity; 5) affordable housing; and 6) transportation facilities.

The project site is located within a low VMT area; specifically, this area has a VMT which is at least 15% below the Antelope Valley Planning Area (AVPA) threshold. As such, a VMT analysis is not required and no impacts would occur.

Additionally, the project is estimated to generate approximately 1,104 new vehicle trips per day according to the City Traffic Engineer. This amount of traffic can be adequately handled by the existing street network and no impacts are anticipated.

c. Street improvements are required as part of the conditions of approval and would ensure that traffic flows smoothly in the vicinity of the project site. No hazardous conditions would be created by these improvements. Therefore, no impacts would occur.

d. The project site would have adequate emergency access from 37<sup>th</sup> Street East and Kettering Street. Therefore, no impacts would occur.

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<b>XVIII. TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES.</b> Would the project:				
a) Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource, defined in Public Resources Code Section 21074 as either a site, feature, place, cultural landscape that is geographically defined in terms of the size and scope of the landscape, sacred place, or object with cultural value to a California Native American tribe, and that is:				
i) Listed or eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources, or in a local register of historical resources as defined in Public Resources Code Section 5020.1(k), or			X	
ii) A resource determined by the lead agency, in its discretion and supported by substantial evidence, to be significant pursuant to criteria set for in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Section 5024.1. In applying the criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resource Code Section 5024.1, the lead agency shall consider the significance of the resource to a California Native American tribe.			X	

- a. No specific tribal cultural resources have been identified either through the sacred lands file search conducted by the Native American Heritage Commission or by any of the Native American tribes with cultural affiliations to the area. Mitigation measures have been requested by the tribes to identify procedures and proper handling of any cultural resources which may be discovered during the course of construction. These mitigation measures have been included in the cultural resources section of this initial study. As such, impacts would be less than significant.

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<b>XIX. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS.</b> Would the project:				
a) Require or result in the relocation or construction of new or expanded water, wastewater treatment or storm water drainage, electric power, natural gas, or telecommunications facilities, the construction or relocation of which could cause significant environmental effects?			X	
b) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project and reasonably foreseeable future development during normal, dry and multiple dry years?			X	
c) 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?			X	
d) Generate solid waste in excess of State or local standards, or in excess of the capacity of local infrastructure, or otherwise impact the attainment of solid waste reduction goals?			X	
e) Comply with federal, state, and local management and reduction statutes and regulations related to solid waste?			X	

- a. The proposed project would be required to connect into the existing utilities such as electricity, natural gas, water, wastewater, telecommunications, etc. These services already exist in the general area. Connections would occur on the project site or within existing roadways or right-of-ways. Connections to these utilities are assumed as part of the proposed project and impacts to environmental resources have been discussed throughout the document. As such, impacts would be less than significant.
- b. The Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40 has not indicated any problems in supplying water to the proposed project from existing facilities. No new construction of water treatment or new or expanded entitlements would be required. Therefore, water impacts would be less than significant.

- c. The proposed project would discharge directly to the Districts' Trunk B Extension Trunk Sewer located in Lancaster Boulevard, west of 40<sup>th</sup> Street East. This 15-inch diameter trunk sewer has a design capacity of 1.6 million gallons per day (mgd) and conveyed a peak flow of 0.3 mgd when last measured in 2018. The project's wastewater would be treated at the Lancaster Water Reclamation Plant upon connection which has a design capacity of 18 mgd and currently processes an average flow of 14.3 mgd. The expected wastewater flow from the proposed project is 30,420 gallons per day. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant.
  
- d-e. Solid waste generated within the City limits is generally disposed of at the Lancaster Landfill located at 600 East Avenue F. This landfill is a Class III landfill which accepts agricultural, nonfriable asbestos, construction/demolition waste, contaminated soil, green materials, industrial, inert, mixed municipal, sludge, and waste tires. It does not accept hazardous materials. Assembly Bill (AB) 939 was adopted in 1989 and required a 25% diversion of solid waste from landfills by 1995 and a 50% diversion by 2005. In 2011, AB 341 was passed which requires the State to achieve a 75% reduction in solid waste by 2030. The City of Lancaster also requires all developments to have trash collection services in accordance with City contracts with waste haulers over the life of the proposed project. These collection services would also collect recyclable materials and organics. The trash haulers are required to be in compliance with applicable regulations on solid waste transport and disposal, including waste stream reduction mandated under AB 341.

The proposed project would generate solid waste during construction and operation, which would contribute to an overall impact on landfill service (GPEIR pgs. 5.9-20 to 21); although the project's contribution is considered minimal. However, the existing landfill has capacity to handle the waste generated by the project. Additionally, the proposed project would be in compliance with all State and local regulations regulating solid waste disposal. Therefore, impact would be less than significant.

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XX. <u>WILDFIRE</u> . If located in or near state responsibility areas or lands classified as very high fire hazard severity zones, would the project:				
a) Substantially impact an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?				X
b) Due to slope, prevailing winds, and other factors, exacerbate wildlife risks, and thereby expose project occupants to, pollutant concentrations from a wildfire or the uncontrolled spread of a wildfire?				X
c) Require the installation or maintenance of associated infrastructure (such as roads, fuel breaks, emergency water sources, power lines or other utilities) that may exacerbate fire risk or that may result in temporary or ongoing impacts to the environment?				X
d) Expose people or structures to significant risks, including downslope or downstream flooding or landslides, as a result of runoff, post-fire slope instability, or drainage changes?				X

a. See Item IX.f.

b-d. The project site is not located in or near state responsibility areas or lands classified as very high fire hazard severity zones. The project site is located within the service boundaries of Fire Station No. 117, located at 44851 30<sup>th</sup> Street East, which can adequately serve the project site. Other fire stations are also located in close proximity to the project site which can provide service if needed. Additionally, the proposed project would be constructed in accordance with all existing and applicable building and fire codes. Therefore, no impacts would occur.

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<u>XXI. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE.</u>				
a) Does the project have the potential to substantially 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, substantially reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?		X		
b) Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? (“Cumulative 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)?			X	
c) Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?		X		

a-c. The proposed project consists of the subdivision of approximately 30 acres into 109 individual lots for single family residences in the R-7,000 and R-10,000 zones. Several other residential projects are currently undergoing review within approximately one mile of the project site (Table 6). These subdivisions are also required to be in accordance with the City's zoning code, General Plan, and were accounted for in the EIR prepared for the City's General Plan. Each of these subdivisions are subject to environmental review and appropriate mitigation measures included as needed.

Cumulative impacts are the change in the environment, which results from the incremental impact of the project when added to other closely related past, present and reasonably foreseeable projects.

The proposed project would not create any impacts with respect to: Agriculture and Forestry Resources, Energy Resources, Land Use/Planning, Mineral Resources, Transportation and Wildfire. The project would create impacts to other resource areas and mitigation measures have identified for Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology/Soils, Hazards/Hazardous Materials, and Noise. Many of the impacts generated by projects are site

specific and generally do not influence the impacts on another site. All projects undergo environmental review and have required mitigation measures to reduce impacts when warranted. These mitigation measures reduce environmental impacts to less than significant levels whenever possible. All impacts associated with the proposed project are less than significant with the exception of air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils (soil erosion), hazards/hazardous materials, and noise. Impacts associated with these issues are less than significant with the incorporation of the identified mitigation measures. Therefore, the project's contribution to cumulative impacts would not be cumulatively considerable.

**Table 6**  
**Related Projects List**

<b>Case No.</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>APNs</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Status</b>
TTM 82298	Lancaster Boulevard and 30 <sup>th</sup> Street East	3150-005-015 & -039	10 acres	25-lot residential subdivision	Under Review
TTM 83315	SEC of 30 <sup>th</sup> Street East and Nugent Street	3150-028-005	26 acres	103-lot residential subdivision	Under Review
TTM 62485	SWC of 30 <sup>th</sup> Street East and Nugent Street	3150-027-025 & -008	9 acres	33-lot residential subdivision	Under Review

List of Referenced Documents and Available Locations\*:

BRR:	Biological Resource Assessment of TTM 60367 Lancaster, California, Mark Hagan, July 27, 2020	DSD
CRS:	A Phase I Cultural Resource Survey for APNs 3150-021-019, -020, -022, -023, -024, -025, and -026, 40 <sup>th</sup> Street East and Lancaster Boulevard, City of Lancaster, California, Hudlow Cultural Resource Associates, August 2020	DSD
ESA:	Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Report, Proposed Residential Development, East Lancaster Boulevard and 40 <sup>th</sup> Street East, Lancaster California 93534, Partner Engineering and Science, Inc, July 23, 2020	DSD
FIRM:	Flood Insurance Rate Map	DSD
GPEIR:	Lancaster General Plan Environmental Impact Report	DSD
LACSD:	County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, September 18, 2020	DSD
LGP:	Lancaster General Plan	DSD
LMC:	Lancaster Municipal Code	DSD
LMEA:	Lancaster Master Environmental Assessment	DSD
SSHZ:	State Seismic Hazard Zone Maps	DSD
TRA	Traffic CEQA Form, October 13, 2020	DSD
USGS:	United States Geological Survey Maps	DSD
USDA SCS:	United States Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service Maps	DSD

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